

News from Faculty Lead for Creative Arts & Food Technology - Mrs Sam Bailey-Price

I would like to say well done to all our Year 11 students who are currently completing their GCSE Art & Design/Photography and BTEC Level 2 in Home Cooking Skills qualifications.

This is a very busy and stressful time of year for our Year 11 students in all subjects and qualifications. They are currently working on their Externally Set Assignment for their GCSE Art & Design which will culminate in a 10 hour unaided controlled assessment next term. Once complete, students will only have a few weeks left in which to finish their coursework in a bid to get the grades they deserve.

The BTEC Level 2 portfolios are almost complete. Students are required to make a 2

course meal as part of the qualification assessments process. There have been some successes and some almost disasters in the kitchen but on the whole this has been a positive experience with many students on the way to gaining the BTEC qualification.

The faculty is aiming to hold an exhibition at the end of the school year to show off and celebrate the fabulous work which has been created by the students across our Centres. When a venue has been secured information and invites will be circulated to students and their parents/carers. The art work below shows different forms of drawing created by students in Years 10 and 11 from both our Tuition and Weston Centres.

Student Art Gallery



Kyle Year 11, Weston



Tom Year 10, Weston



Leila Year 11, Weston



Lily Year 10, Tuition

Student Absence

This is a polite reminder that if your child is not able to attend a Centre, for example due to illness, that you must telephone your child's Centre allowing enough time for any transport that has been organised, to be cancelled. This is particularly important if your child arrives by taxi. Also, for every day that a child is absent from the Centre parents/carers are reminded that they must ring daily with a valid reason for the absence.

Truancy sweeps with the local Police take place on a regular basis and attendance is monitored by Education Welfare at the Local Authority.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance please contact our Student and Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Kim Lawrence.

Term 3

8th February 2018

NEWSLETTER

A few words from our Vice Principal - Mr Tony Hill

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Welcome to the Term 3 edition of our parent/carer newsletter. It has been a busy start to the New Year with this term passing by very quickly!

Students have been working hard across all our Centre's: Primary, Year 7 & 8, Weston, REAP/CME and Tuition with students making good progress in all our settings.

Year 11 students are at present working towards their GCSEs and also completing applications for college and apprenticeships.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns regarding your young person, it is very important that we work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. I hope that you have an enjoyable half-term break. Term 3 starts on Monday 19th February.

Best Wishes
Tony Hill
Vice Principal

Management Committee - Parent Representative Vacancy

The Management Committee is looking for two volunteers willing to serve as a parent / carer representative on the Management Committee (the equivalent of a Governing Body). We do not ask for a huge commitment from you just a willingness to attend meetings regularly. Our Committee meets six times a year, once a term, for approximately two hours and meetings are usually held on a Wednesday at our Nailsea site.

Our Members are passionate about ensuring that the highest standards of education, care and support are offered to our children and young people and as such you would join a Committee of professional, enthusiastic and dedicated individuals committed to securing the best

possible outcomes for our students. Attendance at meetings is subject to a satisfactory DBS clearance.

If you are interested in joining the Committee or you would like some further information please contact Anna Chapman, PA to the Principal and Clerk to the Management Committee on 01934 425522 or by email to:

Anna.Chapman@voyagelearningcampus.org.uk

Further information can also be found on our website at the following location:

www.voyagelearningcampus.org.uk/about-us/management-committee

Important dates for your diary

Last Day of Term	Friday 9th February 2018
First Day of Next Term	Monday 19th February 2018
Next Inset Days	Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th July 2018



News from Assistant Vice Principal Mrs Alyson Mitchard - Primary

We have had a very exciting start to Term 3. We started the term with a visit from Steven Jenkins, a Welsh international footballer, who volunteers for a charity called 'Show Racism the Red Card'. Steve came and ran a workshop for each class which involved lots of discussions, games and activities where he explained to the children what racism was, the meaning of inappropriate racist words and that we should never judge anyone by their appearance. All the children got involved and asked lots of interesting questions. They all came away buzzing about the topic.



At the beginning of this term we had our attendance reward trip to Pizza Express in Bristol for students whose attendance was 95% or more. They got to work with a pizza Chef who showed them how to make a margherita pizza the professional way. They all came back with their own very professional looking pizza which the majority enjoyed for their lunch. They were all impressed with the pizza chef's ability to make a pizza in 30 seconds!



This term our PE focus is dance and every Thursday each class has a dance lesson with a professional dance teacher. The dance teacher is focusing on teaching the children a routine with the aim that some of the children would like to perform in the North Somerset Dance Competition.

It was great to see so many of you at this term's 'Saturday Morning Family Breakfast' enjoying a bacon roll or croissant. Thank you for giving up your time on a Saturday to join us. We enjoy every opportunity we get to welcome you into the school and to spend time catching up with you. We look forward to seeing you all at our fortnightly coffee mornings for a coffee and a chat.



News from Assistant Vice Principal Mrs Nicola Young - Tuition

Term three has flown by within Tuition. Our Year 11 students have been working exceptionally hard to complete their mock GCSE exams. GCSE preparation can be particularly challenging and I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents for supporting and encouraging the students at this difficult time.

This week all students have been taking part in online safety awareness - completing activities to improve their knowledge of keeping safe when using the internet. Additional information can be found at www.saferinternet.org.uk.

We have several new students who have joined us recently and I would like to extend a warm welcome to them and their families. Congratulations should also be extended to Cameron, Jack, Chloe and Chris who have received end of term prizes for great work. Additional prizes were awarded to Clayton and Lauren for improved attendance. Keep focused everyone and keep striving to gain those raffle tickets!

News from Assistant Vice Principal Mr Peter Williams - Year 9, 10 & 11

It was good to welcome everybody back after the Christmas break. This term seems to have flown by for both staff and students. In preparation for the summer GCSEs, the Year 11 students have sat their mock exams in the Centre. These exams help the students prepare for the real thing and many staff and students have said that they found the experience very useful.

I would like to thank both parent/carers and students for working with us and the changes to the timetable during the mock exams; your continued support is gratefully appreciated.

Alongside preparing for their exams many of the Year 11 students have been awarded a place on college courses for next year. Those Year 11 students who have not been awarded places are awaiting interviews where we are sure that they will be successful.

I would like to congratulate all the students who are maintaining a Work Experience placement each week. This is a valuable insight into the world of work and has enabled us to get the students on an apprenticeship programme when they leave us.

Continuing our Citizenship/PSHE programme of visits we had a representative from the Weston

Mercury come in to explain how the news is reported. We were looking forward to a visit from our local MP, Mr John Penrose, to explain how Parliament and government works. Unfortunately he had to cancel at the last moment, but has asked us to arrange another time for him to come in.

We also have a speaker from the Guide Dog Association and workers from the Gemini Project, which helps young people with social and emotional issues, booked to come in.

This term the theme for Year 9 Enrichment has been fitness and healthy lifestyle. They have all made short term and long term goals to improve their own health and wellbeing.

As a part of this they have been going to a climbing wall in Bristol and it is possible that there might be a flag with the VLC logo on it on top of Mount Everest within the next 5 years!

Finally I would like to thank all the parents/carers who came to the review afternoon on January 17th. Your attendance made this the most successful review afternoon we have had and we look forward to continuing working with you to help your young person fulfil their potential.

News from Lead Teacher Miss Ashlee Copeland - Year 7 & 8

The New Year at Key Stage 3 has got off to a flying start and overall student attendance is excellent.

Science

Students have participated in a number of experiments, including Paper Chromatography, where they saw the chemical separation of coloured dyes, using 'Skittles' sweets. Other projects included diffusion, making crystals and causing chemical reactions to create gases. Students have found these topics engaging and enjoyable.

English

Students have been learning about Shakespeare this term. Whilst Group A has been reading 'The Tempest' Group B has been studying 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

Swimming and Sport

Students have enjoyed their weekly swimming sessions at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre. Please continue to ensure that your child brings their swimming kit to school on Monday mornings.

Despite the cold weather students continue to enjoy daily football, and other outdoor games, on our Multi Use Games Area.

I always like to take this opportunity to thank you for working with us in order to support your child. It is vital that we all work together, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

