

## School Notices

Please come along to see the excellent art work of our KS4 students at the Campus!

Visit the 2018  
**Voyage Learning Campus**  
**KS4 Art Exhibition**  
 12th - 23rd July 2018  
 The Library @ The Campus, Worle  
 Highlands Lane, Weston-super-Mare. BS24 7DX  
 9:30am - 8pm Monday - Saturday  
 10am - 5pm Sundays

### GCSE Results day reminder:

#### Thursday 23rd August

Please could Year 11 students come and pick up GCSE results from our Weston site between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon on Thursday 23rd August.

If students are not present in person on that morning, their results will be posted first class that day.



Term 6

19th July 2018

### NEWSLETTER

## A few words from our Acting Principal - Mr Tony Hill

Dear Parents/Carers

VLC students and staff have been coping well in the unusually hot and sunny weather this term. The "green team" in Tuition have made the most of this by growing a variety of different fruits and vegetables. Primary had a sports week, rather than a sports day, which enabled students to try taster sessions of several different sports. Older students have produced some amazing pieces as part of their art lessons, some of which are being exhibited at the Campus (at the back of Morrison's supermarket) until 23rd July.

With the support of the local fire service, Weston-based students in Years 10 and 11 visited the fire station and had the opportunity to try on clothing and use fire-fighting equipment. Some students were invited to a training day on the beach and had a go in the hovercraft!

Looking forward, Year 11s will have GCSE exam

results available to collect from our Weston site on the morning of Thursday 23rd August (see the back page for more information on this). We wish them all luck with their results and staff will be on hand to assist students with any queries on the day.

I hope you have a lovely summer and I look forward to welcoming all returning students on Tuesday 4th September (Monday 3rd September will be an INSET day).

Best wishes

Tony Hill

Acting Principal



## Young Writers

We know how talented our students are but it is great when that is recognised by the editors at Young Writers.

The following students have been chosen to have their 100 word Stranger Sagas published in a book alongside other young people from across the country:

- ◇ Sean
- ◇ Lewis
- ◇ Owen
- ◇ Chloe

◇ Tyler

◇ Lennon

They have been chosen from over 11000 entries and Young Writers say they are glad to be encouraging young people to enjoy creative writing and help fuel their imaginations.

Both myself and Mrs Dainton are very proud of them and it is a lovely way to end Year 9.

Congratulations!

Miss Magee (Head of Faculty for Literacy)

### Important dates for your diary

Last Day of Term	<b>Friday 20th July 2018</b>
First Day of Next Term	<b>Tuesday 4th September 2018</b>
Next Inset Days	<b>Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th July 2018 &amp; Monday 3rd September 2018</b>



### News from Assistant Vice Principal Mrs Alyson Mitchard - Primary

I cannot believe we are coming to the end of Term 6 and like all the other terms it has been full of hard work and exciting moments.

Our school topic during Term 6 has been "Earth and Space". The children have been learning about the solar system and making paper mache models. They have also been finding out about the phases of the moon using Oreos and creating their own shadow puppets. The work has then linked with "Thrive" as the children have all been designing their own planet which has included them thinking about what they would build and making up a set of rules for everyone who would live there.

Our focus for our Wednesday Special Breakfast has been "We are all good at different things and we all achieve different things". Each Wednesday we have been looking at famous people who have achieved different things. We have looked at what they were good at, what they found difficult, but most importantly what they achieved. This has included Jamie Oliver, Tim Peak, basketball players and other sports people.



This topic finished with a fantastic sports week where all the children got to try a variety of different sports. On the Monday we had a basketball coach come in and give each student a basketball taster session. Our own badminton expert, Miss Poole, gave each student a taster of Badminton and then they got to experience orienteering around the school grounds. The rest of the week involved going out of centre to Bristol to try paddle boarding and Churchill for some Frisbee Golf and dry slope tobogganing. The week ended with our own sports morning with each class working as a team to complete different activities, collecting as many points as they could. Dolphin class got Gold, Turtles got Silver and Penguins got Bronze. However, many sports hero medals were given out for those who showed good sportsmanship.



I would also like to mention that throughout this year, all the staff have been undertaking their "Thrive" practitioner's training. "Thrive" is an intervention which allows us to support children with their emotional health, wellbeing and social skills, all of which are needed for learning to take place. "Thrive" is based on up-to-date brain science and research into child development and helps staff in school to adapt their approach to individual children in order to build self-esteem, well-being and behaviour. On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July all staff will be undertaking their final day of "Thrive" training when they will receive the qualification and become Thrive Practitioners. It is a real achievement. Next year we will be giving you more information about "Thrive" so you can get more involved. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support throughout this year and wish you and your families and enjoyable summer.



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

And so we come to term 6, which seen both goodbyes and welcomes at VLC Weston. The year 11 students have completed their exams and have now officially left school. Many of the students have a place at local colleges and some are going on to start apprenticeships. There was a lovely farewell meal at Frankie and Benny's and staff were sad to see them go.

We have welcomed our new year 8 cohort, who have settled in very well, even though they found it a bit daunting to start with.

The theme for the Year 9 enrichment activities this term has been 'Active lifestyles', and has seen them visiting places such as Ashton Court and Old Down

Country Park.

The whole school descended on Weston Football Club Gym to have an afternoon of football recently. This went very well and due to popular demand will be repeated next year. Who knows, we might even see an ex-VLC student playing in the next World Cup!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Parents and Carers of our students for supporting us throughout the year and I would like to say a special thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard (many giving up their own time) to help the school be as successful as it is. Have a lovely summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.

### News from Lead Teacher Miss Ashlee Copeland - Years 7 & 8

There has been much to celebrate at key stage 3 this year including excellent attendance and a number of successful reintegration programmes.

Our students have enjoyed outings to the Big Pit National Coal Museum in Wales and ice skating at the Tropicana in Weston. We had a presentation from the Police about gangs, and Local PCSOs came in to school to for a discussion about the effects and consequences of bullying and to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol and drugs. We also enjoyed a visit from police dogs with their handlers. Students took an active role in these activities with lots of opportunities to ask questions.

Other highlights this year included our Remembrance Assembly where one of our students, dressed in his cadet uniform, played the 'The Last Post' and the Christmas lunch which students and staff prepared, cooked and ate together. More recently we enjoyed an Activities Day featuring a mini assault course, fashion show and 'donuts on a string'. There have been plenty of occasions for



students to cook and produce art and design alongside the core subjects of English, Maths and Science.

During an art lesson, where students were encouraged to explore their feelings about school, one of our students said 'It's like a hospital. You arrive, get fixed and leave feeling well'. Feelings and emotions have also been at the forefront of 'Theraplay' which takes place every morning before lessons begin.

The 'Bags of Help' tokens collection at Tesco has now finished. We hope to use any funding raised to create a quiet and pleasant space where students can go to calm down if needed.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support throughout the year. We wish you a very enjoyable summer.

### News from Assistant Vice Principal Mrs Nicola Young - Tuition

As we come to the end of this academic year, it is with great pride that I can look back at the many achievements of the students. They have worked so hard and with every changing demand made on us by a new and challenging curriculum. The many values that have been on display throughout the year have particularly come to the fore as we end the term – resilience when tackling a particularly tricky problem whether it is in class or a problem between friends; courage in coping with changes; which all strengthen their character and their ability to make the most of every aspect of school life.

#### Tuition Green Team

This term, we have been busy planting seeds and plants around the school. The Tuition Green team have worked hard in rejuvenating the flower beds with plant pots around the bungalows looking colourful. We have planted a range of vegetable and fruit in our raised planters which include: tomatoes, pumpkin, pepper, butternut squash, cucumber, garden peas, marrow and strawberries. Our herb garden boosts with a rage of key herbs: apple mint, parsley, chives and oregano which will make a wonderful ingredients for classic culinary dishes from homemade salads to pasta dishes.

We look forward to a fruitful harvest with the beautiful weather finally on our side. We are still likely to receive more plants, as we are keen to continue to use the skills learnt from are ongoing gardening workshop.

Our next initiative is to collect used plastic milk carton bottles to construct a living wall. So please keep bringing in used plastic bottles.

To kick start the World Cup each student selected a team from the qualifying 32 countries. In the spirit of the World Cup the students had to cheer various countries in their native language. Luke Price galvanised the staff and students by creating self-portraits along with flags that represented each country. It has been by far the most exhilarating football matches filled with drama and lost in the insanity procession to the knockout rounds with some tremendous moments of brilliance which has left some gripping the edge of their seats. The level of intensity was matched by quality goals, some way more decisive than others.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer.