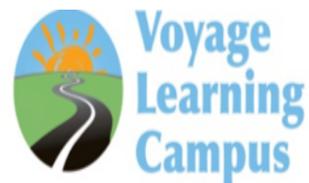


Message from Tania Phillips, Campus Student and Family Liaison Officer

Attendance



School Attendance Target = 95% for all students

As you can see below having time off school can really affect your learning. Here is the effect of not attending the Centre.



Attendance rate in a School year	Days off by the end Of the School year
100%	0
95%	10
90%	20
85%	30
80%	40

Above 95% Attendance
Very good chance of 5 A* - C Grades
94% Attendance
Good chance of 5 A* - C Grades

92% Attendance
Fair chance of 5 A* - C Grades
90% Attendance
Less than 50% chance of 5 A* - C Grades

88% Attendance
Less than 35% chance of 5 A* - C Grades
Less than 85%

Student Absences

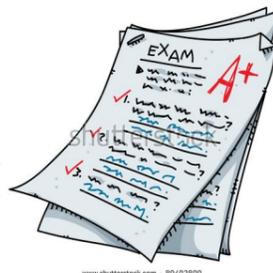
Parents/carers are reminded that when your child is unable to attend school, for example due to illness, please ring the centre to allow enough time for any transport to be cancelled. This is particularly important if a taxi has been booked for your child. Every day that a child is absent from school, parents/carers are reminded that they must ring daily with a valid reason for absence.

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

Exams Reminder

Please take GCSE dates into account when booking holidays for the summer.

GCSE exams start on Monday, 13th May and run until Thursday, 20th June. However, Wednesday, 26th June has been designated as a 'contingency day' by Exams Boards so this day should also be kept clear.



Term 3

Thursday, 14th February 2019

NEWSLETTER

A few words from Acting Principal, Tony Hill

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It has been another busy term and it has been great to see our students enjoying various enrichment activities around the centres and really engaging with topics such as 'Safer Internet Day'.

We may not have had 'The Beast From The East' like last year but the snow on 1st February forced our centres to close and I would like to thank everybody for their cooperation with this.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable half-term and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, 25th February.

Tony Hill

Management Committee - Parent Representative Vacancy

The Management Committee is looking for a volunteer 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 alternating between our three sites in Weston, Milton and Nailsea.

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 Emma Smith, Principal's PA and Clerk to the Management Committee on 01934 425522 or by email to: emma.smith@voyagelearningcampus.org.uk

Adverse Weather Conditions

It is never an easy decision to close the school in times of adverse weather, such was the case on Friday, 1st February due to the snow. We monitor the weather closely and assess the risks on site. Roads to the Campus sites can be dangerous despite extensive gritting, making it difficult for staff and students to get in. North Somerset Council are responsible for Home to School Transport and have to make the decision whether or not to cancel the transport in to school for our students.

School closures will be announced on our school website www.voyagelearningcampus.org. You can also listen to local radio station 'The Breeze 107.7FM' or check the North Somerset 'Disruption' page of their website, www.n-somerset.gov.uk/disruption

Important dates for your diary

Last Day of Term	Friday 15th February
First Day of Term	Monday 25th February
Next Inset Day	Friday 5th April

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

This term students have enjoyed a range of enrichment activities such as Soap Making, Henna Art and Cookery. Students have made a variety of dishes including mug cakes and donuts (recipes provided by fellow students).

We invited a local PCSO to visit at the beginning of February to raise awareness and discuss online safety with students, in advance of 'Safer Internet Day' which was on 5th February 2019. Our students engaged well with this talk.

At the end of this term 'Revealed Projects' will be coming in to meet students in anticipation of starting group work next term. Revealed Projects aims to inspire young people to be confident in who they are and develop skills to build healthy relationships in all aspects of their lives. They provide educational workshops and topics covered will include self-esteem, healthy relationships, sexual relationships and sex and the media, with the aim of enhancing knowledge and awareness around these issues.

Also during this term students have enjoyed trampolining and have learnt skills, including summersaults! Their instructor was very impressed and said sometimes this has taken other students months to learn.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish everybody a very enjoyable end of term break.



News from Acting Head of Centre Ms Kate Angus - Milton (Primary)

It seems that this term has gone by very quickly and we have had a lot of learning to squeeze in. Our topic has been materials and we introduced that with a Super Heroes day where children and staff dressed up and watched Fantastic Four so they could gather ideas about their super powers. Children have been learning about properties of materials and yesterday I found a pair looking for gasses!

We have held a 'Safer Internet Day' and the children explored the benefits and down falls of access to the internet and the implications of sharing information with others. They have watched a virtual reality app which points out all the devices in a house and explains how they can be used safely.

We invited Parents and Carers in on Valentine's Day (14th February) for an afternoon of chat and craft, it was lovely to see everybody having fun and making things.

We have had to say one goodbye this term, but it was a happy goodbye to Harry who has been visiting a mainstream Primary school and has now been given a place there. We are so proud of his achievement and I hope this will encourage others to see it is possible.

It is lovely that the days are now getting longer again and we can start to look forward to warmer weather and being able to plan more activities for the children outside.

News from Assistant Vice Principal, Mrs Nicola Young - Tuition

It has been a busy start to Term 3. Our Year 11 students have been completing their mock GCSE exams; all have shown determination and perseverance during this stressful period which is fantastic. May I extend a warm welcome to our new students whom have joined us in Term 3. Several of our recent starters have increased their individual timetables which is brilliant.

Break time activities help to create an inclusive, friendly environment which is felt by all. Staff and students have been knitting squares to create blankets for the Premature Baby Unit at Bristol Children's Hospital as part of a charity project. Knitting is proven to be relaxing and many of our young people are benefitting from the activity on many levels.

Our reward raffle ticket system has continued to be popular and a special 'congratulations' goes out to Isabella for receiving the most raffle tickets in Term 2, followed closely by Lily in 2nd place and Cameron and Emily who came in joint 3rd. We have seen an improvement in attendance across the whole of Tuition which is fantastic. Please continue to support your young people and encourage them to persevere even when things are very challenging.

In Art, the Year 11 students have started their Externally Set Assignment which forms 40% of their overall GCSE grade. Students are exploring and experimenting with a range of media and processes creating work in preparation for the controlled 10 hours which begins on Tuesday 26th March this concludes the ESA project. It is imperative that students recognise that time is limited therefore any work completed at home would be beneficial.

Year 11 students have twelve weeks remaining before their first GCSE exam; we wish them the very best of luck with exam preparation ahead of the first exam (Biology) on Tuesday 14th May. Six weeks remain until the Art ESA begins and 12 weeks until first exams.

Autism Networking Day

Sound Healing
Presentations

Live Music
Stalls

Tinks Radio
Raffle

**Please Come Along:
Saturday 6th April 2019
11.30-3.30pm
The Campus, Highlands Lane, Weston-Super-Mare**

Pets as Therapy
Autism Book Sales

Art/Animation/Comic Exhibition
& More...