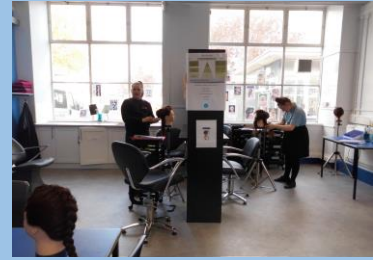


Victory Park Academy



KS3 and KS4 June Newsletter

Hello from the Head Teacher. Just wanted to say a big thankyou to all the staff, parents, pupils, volunteers and Agency professionals that have worked really hard to promote Victory Park Academy and its vision. I want you all to take note of our success in the short amount of time since we have moved into our new facilities at Wentworth and how well our young people are doing and thriving in a safe and vibrant learning community. Imagine what we can achieve together in the next Academic year. Well done.



Subject awards.

Congratulations to all the students who were awarded a subject certificate last half term.

English	7
Maths	4
Health & Social care	3
Science	4
Sports Science	5
Food Technology	3
Hair and Beauty	1
PE	4
ICT	2
Art	2
Princes Trust	5
Enrichment/Intervention	6
Student of the Week	5

Art

Over three days in May, Ellie and Chloe created their final pieces for their GCSE Art qualification. They had worked for the previous two months researching and experimenting with different idea and materials. They showed a lot of dedication and perseverance to complete their work and both pieces look impressive. Well done girls!



Key dates.

Dates	Activity
25/06/19	Colchester Zoo
28/06/19	Year 11 Leaving Celebration.
17/07/19	Adventure Island – After lesson 2.
18/07/19	Sports Day
WC 15/07/19	Enrichment Activities after Lunch Time for all Year groups across the academy.
Every Tuesday for Summer 2.	OP Sensor Students – Horse Riding activity – 11.30am – 13.00pm
Every Monday for Summer 2.	Self Defence – Yr 7,8,9 (11.15pm-12.15pm)
23/07/19	End of year Celebration for all year groups

Attendance.

A well done to the 10 pupils who achieved 100% attendance last half term.

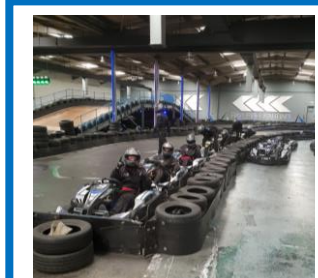
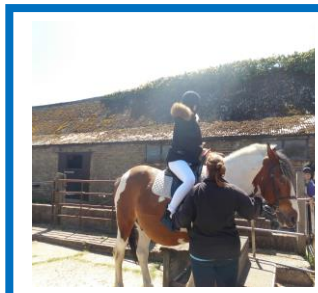


Alternative learning

The Alternative Learning programme has provided our pupils with fantastic opportunities to try different activities that are alternative and life enhancing. Many of our pupils are experiencing the various activities for the first time in their lives. It has been wonderful to see the pupils in action, smiling and talking positively about their learning. It has helped them develop in confidence and self-worth and has provided them with success and satisfaction in learning new skills, being sociable and interested in a number of leisure activities. For our community it has provided an additional layer of enrichment and improved relationships between pupils and staff. It has provided diversion for pupils away from negative mind sets and behaviours and enabled them to look at leisure time and activities differently and positively.

Moving forward this programme will no doubt have an impact on our students growing up to have a more responsible and mature understanding of freedom and self-worth, and therefore being able to exercise it effectively and maturely in their lives.

Siobhan Taylor.



Thriftwood.

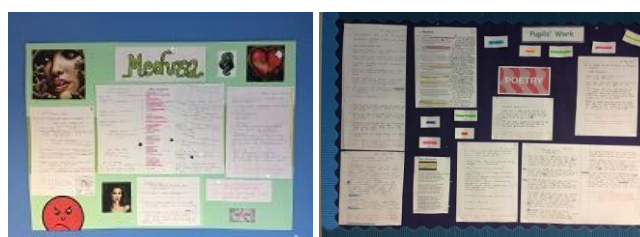


A successful day on the Vertical Assault Course at Thriftwood. This comprises of a number of obstacles vertically and reaching a height of around 35 feet and overcoming their fear of heights. Teamwork is necessary for belaying and all develop new levels of confidence and self-esteem.

Well done to Victory Park pupils

English- Year 10- Summer Term- Topic: Poetry

Year 10 have studied the social and historical context of the First World War and armed with this knowledge plus their revision of poetic techniques closely analysed two war poems. We then looked at a contemporary poet, Carol Ann Duffy who uses the myth of Medusa to portray feelings of anger and jealousy. Pupils enjoyed learning about the myth of Medusa and comparing it with the ideas in the poem. Jolie Burgess' confidence in identifying poetic techniques increased, Tyrece Blackwell's overall engagement in lessons grew, Regan Humphrey's understanding of the poems improved and Michael Gorman started to analyse language with some support.



The Sonnet form was explored and a Shakespeare poem was analyzed in terms of structure and its non-conventional approach to traditional love Sonnets during that era. Currently, we are studying 'Out of the Blue' a contemporary poem about the horrific 9/11 attacks in 2001. Many pupils had heard about it but were not sure of the details, this led to discussions about the London attacks which happened a few years later.

Poems hold a wealth of interesting information, it's not just metaphors and similes! Pupils have been able to openly talk about a variety of topics in relation to the poems so far and feel proud to have their work up in the classroom on display.

I am really pleased with pupil engagement this term as well as their ability in terms of understanding and analysing a variety of poems.



This month at Thriftwood the children have done lots of different activities including: an assault course; abseiling and axe throwing. The children's favourite activity was axe throwing with lots of smiling faces and laughter. The children worked really well as a team and demonstrated a lot of resilience when things didn't always go to plan.

Well done to all the Primary pupils and staff who organized a traditional Afternoon tea. The children have enjoyed inviting parents/carers in this half term for afternoon tea, they made scones and sandwiches for them to try and showed them their work. We look forward to hosting more events like this in the future.

I mogen enjoyed playing a game with one of our KS3 friends.

Some fantastic math's work.

The children have been enjoying their trips to the libraries and being able to bring a book back to school. The children have even been caught reading on the minibus back from the library; on the way to Thriftwood and in their free time.

The children worked together to make resources for the role play area... Within minutes the shop was open!