

Dear Year 12 Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half term – I wanted to drop you a quick note to share some of the great work Year 12 have been up too over the past few weeks, introduce the team and give you a sense of what is to come. You will also find attached to this letter your child's current Attitude To Learning grade.

## **Introductions**

I am aware there will be some parents I have not had the chance to meet yet so just a quick introduction the Senior Leaders responsible for the Sixth Form – my focus is on the Vocational Programme, Industry and Learning alongside my colleague Sophia Martin who is Vice Principal for Behaviour and Safety and Jayne Voice who is Vice Principal for Teaching and Achievement as well as leading our SEND provision across the college. If your child is new to our Academy then we hope they have enjoyed the first few weeks and if they have already been with his for Year 10 and Year 11 – I hope they're enjoying their new Year 12 classes and learning programme.

Please feel free to contact Sophie or I at the Academy at any time if there is anything we can do to support your child.

Andy Winter is the KS5 Curriculum Lead and is your first point of call of anything related to the Key Stage 5 curriculum, learning and student progress – he is supported by Mark Pendergast, who is our Head of Content along with Alice Smith Allen who leads the Level 2 one year programme. Eric Villacarlos is our specialist lead for all things Digital Learning and Data and the team are supported by Media colleagues including Sam Robertson, Jordi Alborch, Chantelle Callagn, Jason Woolcott, Mickella Durrant-Kirnon and our technicians, Sammy and Kai. You can find contact details for the team on the school website.

## **What have Year 12 been up to this half term?**

We thought it would be useful to give you a half term update on what your child has been up too with their learning as well as the wider Global Academy programme.

After a successful induction – we have spent this term on our 'Media Toolkit and Skills Build' programme for our Digital Design, Level 2 and Content Production pathway. All students are taught / refreshed the basics of all the Adobe production packages before we start specialist production projects after Half Term. Students on the Creative Enterprise pathway have focused on the basics of business and marketing including budgeting, branding and strategy. Alongside this – all students have also started understanding more about social media platforms and

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focused on teamwork and communication competencies in their weekly employability preparation sessions.. We have also had a focus on inclusivity as a community, charity fundraising and Black History Month in our Global Cultural Learning programme. Content Production students have had the chance to visit Global HQ, Digital Design students have visited The Tate and Creative Enterprise + Level 2 students will be going out into industry after Half Term . A lot of students have also taken part in internal projects such as Youths Choice – the school radio station too. All opportunities are shared via weekly Careers Newsletter which is now also sent to parents so there's loads of opportunities to kickstart their career in media! Students who are doing GCSE Retake classes are preparing for the November exam series.

There's a lot happening after Half Term including the launch of the Global industry mentoring programme and launch of our industry workshops on Tuesday and Thursday!

### **How Can I Support my Child?**

Please do encourage students to make the most of their time here at Global Academy by utilising the wide range of industry equipment, experience and knowledge on offer. Staff are always happy to support students with further knowledge and guidance. Students should use Canvas ([www.globalacademy.com/canvas](http://www.globalacademy.com/canvas)) to access all their learning resources and our Siso booking site to hire out equipment and studio spaces for their coursework and passion projects ([www.globalacademy.com/book](http://www.globalacademy.com/book)).

Finally, we are keen to represent industry as much as possible and therefore require a professional industry standard dress code, punctuality and strong attendance from all learners. Details about our minimum expectations can be found on the Global Academy website. Please encourage your child to follow this at all time – **failure to do so may result in your child being sent home from the Academy.**

I look forward to writing to you at the end of Autumn Term in December with another update. We will also share your child's currently working at Grade via a report card in December too. We look forward to being back from Half Term and raring to go on our new projects from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Many thanks,



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