

REVISED JANUARY 2015

January 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope you have had a good break over the Christmas and New Year period. Last term was wonderful and productive. I want to pay particular tribute to the Year 10s and 12s who have made a terrific start to the Studio and to all our students who continue to act as great ambassadors.

This has been evident through all our open evenings, trips and events this term. We welcomed international speaker Richard Stallman on 9th December for an inspiring and thought provoking evening. Our students visited Berlin, CERN (The European Council for Nuclear Research) in Geneva and two leading national gaming Expos. They launched an App to promote interfaith understanding with our partners Draw and Code and Liverpool Community Spirit and spent the last two days of the term creating 42 demo games in our Studio Digital programme. Students raised £250 for Save the Children on the Christmas Jumper day. They have had Masterclasses from a range of successful digital entrepreneurs and have helped Starship by doing some Market research for their new release. Our “Made in Liverpool” event and the launch of our Retro gaming Mezzanine on 11th December were a real success. These opportunities are impressing Universities and many of our Sixth Formers have received offers for 2015. Students tell us they really enjoy learning in this way and we look forward to another purposeful term. We will aim to send out another letter in February.

Thank you to all of you who came to our Presentation of Learning event on 11th December. We know that really good education only happens in close partnership with parents so thanks to all of you who attended our workshops on revision strategies and age ratings for video games. The feedback from parents was very positive. If you would like to share your views about the Presentation of Learning please drop us an email: s.gibson@thestudio-liverpool.co.uk. Please note that two further Presentation Of Learning events will be held on **Thursday 19th March 2015 at 3.00 – 7.00pm** and **Thursday 18th June 2015 at 3.00 – 7.00pm**. Please note that the latter event will primarily focus on years 10 and 12.

You can look forward to receiving your child’s next report at the end of January. This will be focused on their progress in the CREATE framework which about their employability skills.

While we are almost at full capacity student recruitment for 2015 is a priority this term. We have a series of open evenings planned. These will be held on **Thursday 8th January 2015 at 3.00 – 7.00pm**, **Thursday 29th January 2015 at 3.00 – 7.00pm** and **Thursday 12th February 2015 at 3.00 – 7.00pm**. Please make friends and family aware of these if you feel that they would benefit from attending The Studio.

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As you will be aware our Parents' Advisory group have helped us create a new Parents section of the website which has letters, latest news and updates. We will have another meeting of this group on **Tuesday 24th February 2015 at 5.30-6.30pm**. If you would like to join this group please email Steph on the email above.

Notification of Ofsted Inspection

All new schools are to expect an Ofsted inspection in their 5th term and so we are expecting our Ofsted inspection this term before the Easter break in April 2015.

It would be very helpful if you could respond to the parental questionnaire which will be on our website shortly. This will help us to emphasise how we are working together to get the best out of your child and prepare them well for their next steps.

Once we have been notified of the exact date we will inform all parents.

Kind regards



Shaun McInerney
Principal

THE STUDIO SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES



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CORRECTED DATES:

The recent letter you received dated 3rd December contained some inaccuracies. I apologies for this and have listed the correct dates for 2015 below.

Autumn Term 2014

Ends: Thursday 18th December (not Friday 19th December)

Spring Term 2015

PD Day for staff: Monday 5th January (No school for students this day)

Start for students: Thursday 6th January

Staff Meeting: Thursday 29th January (Students will leave school at 3pm)

February Half term: Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

Staff Meeting: Wednesday 4th March (Students will leave school at 3pm)

PD Day for staff: Tuesday 24th March 2015 (Students will not be in school on this day)

Ends: Wednesday 1st April 2015 (not Thursday 2nd April)

Summer Term 2015

Starts: Monday 20th April

May Day: Monday 4th May

Staff Meeting: Thursday 7th May (Students will leave school at 3pm)

May Half Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

Staff Meeting: Tuesday 2nd June (Students will leave school at 3pm)

PD Day: Friday 19th June (No school for students this day).

Staff Meeting: Wednesday 1st July (Students will leave school at 3pm)

Ends: Friday 17th July 2015

Open Evenings and External Events

Open Evening: Thursday 8th January 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Open Evening: Thursday 29th January 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Open Evening: Thursday 12th February 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Curriculum evening for year 10 and 12 applicants for Sept. 2015

Ideas Factory Workshop: Thursday 26th February 5.30pm-7.30pm

Open Evening: Thursday 26th March 5.30pm-7.30pm

Minecraft@The Studio: Thursday 26th March 5.30pm-7.30pm

To book events please visit website: thestudioliverpool.uk

Coderdojo Coding Club for 11-17 year olds

Saturday 17th January, 21st February, 14th March, 18th April, 16th May, 20th June. Sessions from 9.30am-11.30am.

To book events please visit our website: thestudioliverpool.uk

Exams and Reporting Cycle:

CREATE reports to parents w/b 21st January

Year 12 and 13 Mock exams: 26th January – 6th February

Year 11 Mock exams 23rd February – 6th March

Mock Results Day for Year 11 and 13 students: Thursday 12th March

Academic reports to parents w/b 16th March

Presentation of Learning parents' event: Thursday 19th March 3pm – 7pm

Presentation of Learning parents' event: Thursday 18th June 3pm-7pm