

NOTICES

Dear parents,

Letter from Principal, Shaun McInerney

This has been another year of great opportunities for our students. We started the year being awarded the ICT Innovation Award at the Education Business Awards; two Year 12 students were invited to Hong Kong in November to share our educational model, students organised an inspiring #iwill campaign, a conference to chart ways to have a social impact through the digital world.

We have had students do Model United Nations conference, visit Wellington College as part of our Global Social Leaders project, debate at the US Embassy in London and many more. Students presented at the Academies Show where they launched their product, 'Thanks!' which is an innovative digital app for rewards in schools which is being launched as a commercial product for other schools in the new school year.

Our response was a successful bid to the Edge Foundation to establish the Studio DEN: Digital Entrepreneurship Network. This has enabled us to employ Enda Carey as our full time Sector Skills Champion. Enda has over 20 years' experience in the games and digital sector and is working to enable our own students and young people from across Merseyside to develop and publish their own digital products.

This year we say farewell to four Studio staff, Stephen Doherty who is leaving us to take up a post in Beijing; Kaylie Lewis who leaves us for Dubai, Mark Jopson who has secured a promotion and Jenny Sheehan who is returning to university to pursue postgraduate studies. We thank them for their enthusiasm and skill over the last years – particularly Ste and Mark who have been with us since the start of our Studio journey.

We look forward to our students' success on results day in August. Year 13 students can collect their results on Thursday 17th August from 9am. GCSE results day is on Thursday 24th August from 9am. Year 11 students will be able to finalise their enrollment for Sixth form too.

I wish you a wonderful summer and encourage you to take advantage of all that is on offer around the city and beyond. Education, after all is not the unique preserve of a school, but is all around us so let's keep our youngsters learning over the next 6 weeks.

Thank you for your continued support through this year and have a restful Summer break.

Shaun McInerney
Principal

Term Dates 2017-18

Autumn Term 2017

Start of Term: Tuesday 5th September 2017

Half Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2017.

Term Ends: Thursday 21st December 2017

Inset Day: Friday 22nd December 2017



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Year 12 get an insight into Tech

Year 12s went to a Northern stars event this term. The aim of the trip was for them to assess and support the potential for tech firms in the North West.

Northern Stars is a pitch competition for early-stage businesses looking to raise their profile and seek investment.

They also attended the Liverpool business Expo at the docks.

The students had a great time getting an insight into the business side of tech and learned a lot.



Annual Showcase was another success

This term we held our annual Studio Showcase to exhibit the talented work of our students in game & app design, art, graphics photography and film.

As well as parents of the students, The Studio Showcase was attended by a number of high profile partners from the digital sector, all interested in viewing the excellent work produced.

During The Showcase, guests were given the opportunity to explore all areas of what the Studio offers to students. There were projects on display covering a range of digital sectors including 3D Modelling, Cyber Crime Animations, Graphics, Photography and many more.

One of the highlights of the project was Niall and Joshua in Year 10 who have created a project called MPCP, an extension for the Chrome browser built around educating people around Cyber Security.

This event was a great opportunity for the students to network with local leading businesses who could potentially be future employers.

It was massive success and we would like to thank all of those who attended, as well as students and staff for creating such a wonderful event.



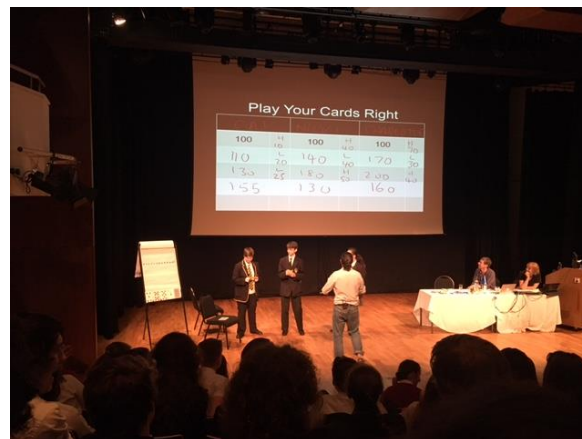
Year 10 Show Off Their Maths Skills

Maths Inspiration' is a national programme featuring interactive lectures for teenagers.

Our year 10 students attended the 'Playing for Real' event, an interactive lecture focusing on the maths behind different games, and exploring how a combination of good strategy, logic, and an understanding of probability can help you to win in a variety of situations.

The students were very keen to volunteer to take part in the different activities and had a wonderful afternoon exploring maths in new ways.

They will definitely take the skills they learnt at the event back to the classroom! You can view more photos on the website.



The Studio Supports Can Cook Campaign

This term we partnered with local social enterprise Can Cook to support the Share Your Lunch Campaign. The aim was to raise £10,000 to banish 'holiday hunger' amongst young people this summer.

Can Cook will provide a nutritious, free meal, worth £2, every weekday during the six week summer break for children who are entitled to Free School Meals during term time.

The campaign also raises awareness of hunger in Liverpool and provides support to find solutions to food poverty in the city.

We couldn't be happier to support such an amazing cause. You can see the progress of this campaign on our website.

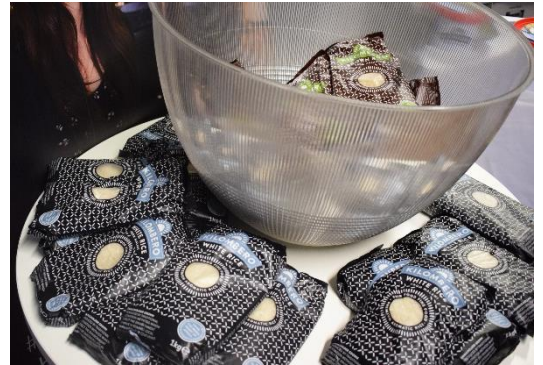


Year 12 Send Malawian Children to School

Year 12 organised the 90kg Rice Challenge to raise funds for education for children in Malawi.

The premise of the challenge is to sell 90kg of rice to send a Malawian rice farmer's child to secondary school for a year.

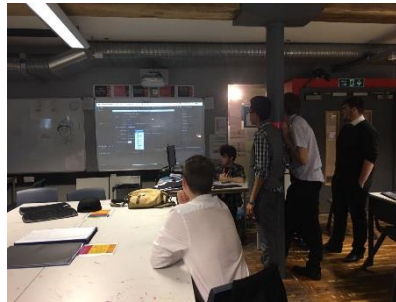
The group of students sold 90 bags of rice and will order another 90kg to sell next year.



Studio welcome back past student

We were delight to welcome back a past student, Johnny Price this term.

Johnny secured a full time job at one of our partners, Nova last summer and came back to show our students the amazing work he has been doing, and also taught our students to animate!



We are so proud to see our past students go on to amazing things!

Mental health and wellbeing workshop

Students took part in a workshop with Sheila McMahon this term.

Sheila is a Qualified Counsellor and Author and spoke to the students about mental health and wellbeing.

It was a fascinating talk and the students learnt a lot from it.

