

16th February 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

We have had another wonderful term with many Studio highlights.

Year 10 students have experienced the latest in VR and music technology and are now working on a cybercrime project launched by the Chief Inspector of Merseyside Police. They have visited the Harry Potter experience and a team are preparing to enter the US Embassy debating Championships next month in London. Year 11 have had external workshops on a range of important issues to support their intense preparation for exam success. We have had students roleplaying at the Model United Nations Conference at UWC Atlantic College and our 3 teams of Global Social Leaders have been working diligently on social impact enterprises that launch this term. Sixth formers have been on a plethora of university visits, and Historians are currently in London exploring the Tudors. All Year 12s were immersed in their future destinations for 2 days through our Build My Future event last month. These are just a few examples of the opportunities our students enjoy due to the dedication of our Studio team who go the extra mile to support them.

We are more than half way through our school year so I wanted to draw to your attention several dates and ways in which we can work closely together for the remainder of the year.

Year 11 Sixth Form Curriculum Options evening on Thursday 2nd March, 5.30-7.30pm.

All Year 11s and parents/carers are invited to our curriculum evening to learn about the exciting courses we have on offer. We offer some unique courses so **you should ensure you attend this evening**, even if you are also looking at other colleges. This event is also open to students from other schools who are considering joining the Studio Sixth Form so please invite any prospective students who might benefit to come along.

Year 11 and 13 students receiving unconditional offers from colleges and universities

Please be aware that some colleges and universities are indicating they will accept students with unconditional offers. This can sometime lead to students taking an unwise decision to ease off their studies. Please discuss this with your son or daughter and make them aware that their qualifications are not just about their next steps; they are about the whole of their future career so they need to do as well as they possibly can at the end of this year.

Year 10/Year 9 accelerated students are doing the Reconnect Project

Our Studio Futures theme this term has been: *What's the best use of technology?* Our theme next term is: *How can I be a digital leader?* We are going to learn about the digital world and encourage our students to use technology responsibly by doing the Reconnect Project. I have enclosed a letter about this project for Year 10 (and Year 9 accelerated) students. Please read this carefully as it will require support at home and I would like to thank you in advance for this.

Presentation of Learning meetings

Next half term you will receive your child's KPI report. This is their reflections on how their skills are developing to gain employment in the digital and creative sector. In advance of this please take the time to sit with your son or daughter and talk about their career aspirations and their skills development. You will be able to discuss this, along with their academic progress, with their coach at the next Presentation of Learning event which are listed below. Please put this in your diary and

make an appointment with your coach ahead of time as it is the most important way of you showing your support your child's learning. I look forward to seeing you there.

- **POL for Year 11 and 13: Tuesday 4th April 2017, 4.30 – 8.00pm**
- **POL Year 10 and 12: Tuesday 16th May 2017 4.30 – 8.00pm**

Attendance

Congratulations to those students who have maintained 100% attendance this term and to those with over 97% or with rapidly improving attendance. You should be aware of your son or daughter's attendance. If you are not please contact their coach to find out. If they have less than 97% attendance please put a plan in place to make sure they are in school every day and only stay at home when absolutely necessary because of a significant illness. Please make a special effort for the rest of the year and ensure you do not book holidays during term time so we can ensure the best chance of success for all our students. We are currently running a lottery reward system for attendance and punctuality and giving prizes of £100 cash as a reward for making a special effort to be in every day, on time.

Parents' Advisory Groups

Our parents' advisory group meets three times a year to discuss areas of school policy to help us improve what we are doing and ensure we are aligning expectations at home and school. These have been very useful in the past and I would encourage you to get involved in these through this year. Please confirm your attendance at the school office: admin@thestudio-liverpool.co.uk

The remaining dates for 2016/17 are:

- **Tuesday 7th March 2016 5.30pm-6.30pm**
- **Tuesday 13th June 5.30pm-6.30pm**

CPD Days

The next CPD day for this year is **Monday 19th June**. Students will not be required in school on this day unless asked to come in for exams or revision.

Contact Details

If you change any of your contact details during the school year (address, phone numbers, email) please let the school office know by email: admin@thestudio-liverpool.co.uk

Half term is a good opportunity for a change of pace and to ensure students are up to date in all their courses so please support them to do this over the coming week.

Yours sincerely

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Principal