



WORKING WITH THE NEXT GENERATION OF DIGITAL ENTREPRENEURS

June 2015 NOTICES

Dear parents, **Letter from Principal, Shaun McInerney**

It is a great pleasure to write to you with news of our recent Ofsted visit which as you know happened on 13th and 14th May. The report is now publicly available both on the Ofsted website and our own school site. I would encourage you to read it and share it with friends and family. The report vindicates the approach to education we have embarked on together over the last two years and is a testament to the dedication, creativity and vision of a talented team of teachers and support staff who have all worked to create a learning environment in which your sons and daughters are thriving.

The inspection team have made many heart-warming comments and observations about how committed and motivated our students are. This, and the tremendous support they get from teachers and administrative staff, left them in no doubt that the learning behaviour of students and support they receive is 'Outstanding'.

Inspectors commended us on the quality of teaching which was 'Good' with outstanding practice evident in many areas. They were very impressed with our dynamic curriculum model and how well we work together with our Governors, industry partners and the Northern Schools Trust to ensure students are well prepared for their next steps.

The inspectors recognised the way in which we transform the lives of our students, offering them something more than they've had before and enabling them to feel an integral part of something significant – the creation of new models of learning that are more relevant and purposeful than those they replace. The most important thing the inspectors observed was that this is motivating our students to succeed and create their own futures within this dynamic sector.

Your support, as parents, was a central factor in the judgements the inspectors reached. They said we, 'engage well with parents who, as a consequence, are overwhelmingly supportive'. Thank you to all of you who completed the online survey and to one parent in particular who wrote an email to the inspectors to express how we have built her son's confidence. Your support really makes a difference.

Most of all, I would like to thank you for having the foresight to trust us to bring out the very best in your children by putting them at the center of everything we do.

Yours,
Shaun McInerney
Principal
@LPSPrincipal

Student Reports

Please find enclosed your son/daughter's latest academic report. Teachers spend a lot of time ensuring their feedback is carefully considered so please take the time to go through this with your son or daughter so they can identify areas for improvement.

Presentation of Learning

Thursday 18th June from 3pm – 7pm This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's personal coach to review their report and areas for improvement. Please ensure you attend. If you would like to speak with a specific subject teacher please let the office know and we can arrange for a meeting or phone call to resolve specific issues. A separate letter with a reply slip is within this mailing.

Parent Advisory Group

Next meeting is Wednesday 1st July, 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Please confirm your attendance with the school office via s.gibson@thestudio-liverpool.co.uk

End of School Year Celebrations

It is incredible to think how fast the last two years have gone as our attention turns to end of year festivities. I would like to invite the parents of all Year 11 and Year 13 students, our first cohort, to a special celebration on **Thursday 25th June**. This will take place in the school from 5.30pm – 7pm. **Please RSVP at:** www.studiocelebration.eventbrite.co.uk

STEAMco Inspires Creativity

On Friday 24th April The Studio welcomed STEAMco to Liverpool for a series of creativity seminars and workshops. The launch event invited four local primary schools to attend a series of sessions focusing on topics ranging from robotics and aquaponics, to storytelling and coding, whilst teachers and parents were invited to a series of education seminars.

Primary school students from Four Oaks, Kensington Primary, Monksdown Primary and St Vincent were hosted in The Studio's programming suite by Learning Coach for Computing Mr Sillitoe. Students as young as 8 were invited to take part in the coding sessions to learn the coding language 'Scratch'.



Shop Direct UX Lab Visit

As part of Project Based Learning two student teams from The Studio were invited to meet with their mentors at Shop Direct Headquarters to make use of the User Experience laboratory.

Students were able to put their website designs to the test and used the observation lab to observe as testers used the websites for the first time.

Kate Rylance, Senior UX Researcher at Shop Direct said: "It takes resilience, tenacity and an understanding of being unbiased to put your own work in front of a real-life representative target audience in a UX Lab and I am more than impressed with the team's enthusiasm and professionalism in doing so."

Austria Ski Trip

On Friday 3rd April a group of students and staff from The Studio travelled to Walgrain in Austria for the first ever Studio ski trip. After travelling by coach and ferry for 26 hours, the group arrived in Salzberg to perfect weather, ready to be fitted for their skis, boots and helmets.

PE Teacher Natalie Faulkner said: "The ski trip was a truly incredible experience. The students were an absolute credit and we could not have been luckier with the weather!"



Change to School Day

After significant consultation with the Parents Advisory group, the Student Manifesto and our colleagues at the UTC we have decided to change the school day to 9am - 4pm from September. This is to enable students who travel a long way to reach home earlier. We remain committed to a 9 to 5 day as it mirrors the world of work and will supervise students to do independent study between 4pm-5pm if they wish. Students may also be asked to take advantage of extra support during this time. Buses will leave at 4pm with minibus shuttles to Liverpool stations from 4pm-5pm.

Outstanding Features

Our first Ofsted report can be viewed in full on The Studio website at www.thestudioliverpool.uk/Ofsted

"Senior leaders and staff have successfully created a vibrant, caring learning community where aspiration abounds and the individual can flourish."

"The Studio's work to keep students safe is outstanding. The pastoral care of students is exceptional and has an immeasurably positive impact on many students' lives."

Paul Crowley Art Exhibition



Students from The Studio experienced a taste of life as an exhibiting artist as their artwork was commissioned for a law firm's city centre launch party. The students used a variety of mediums to create the pieces of art, including paint and pencil, which featured many of Liverpool's iconic landmarks including the Liver Buildings and Radio City Tower.

Gill Durnan, art teacher at The Studio said:

"Our students have repeatedly demonstrated themselves to be wonderfully creative individuals and opportunities such as this provide a great platform for people from the wider community to engage with our talented artists."

Sharing Coding Skills

On Saturday 16th May The Studio hosted the fifth CoderDojo session. Each coding class was hosted by current students at The Studio, who were able to use their skills and knowledge with the next generation of digital natives.

Learning Coach for Computing Mr Sillitoe attended the event and said:

"It's inspiring to see my current students using the skills they have learnt at The Studio to teach the next generation of young people how to code. Being able to share such complex knowledge in a way that is easy to understand is not an easy task! We are extremely proud of our students for what they are achieving every month at CoderDojo."



US Embassy Debate Team

Last term four students took part in the annual Benjamin Franklin Fellowship Debate Competition at the US Embassy in London. They were invited to attend the debate to answer the questions: 'Should there be online voting in the general election?' and 'Is there such thing as a just war?'

The Studio team gave an impressive performance winning both heats, but fell short of the final by just three points. Chris Challinor, teacher of History at The Studio, said:

"Our pupils were fantastic in terms of their organisation, arguments put forward and their justification of views. We are very proud of them for winning their first two heats and being given an honourable mention for finishing 3rd in our first attempt in the competition!"



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The Festival of Code

From 28th July – 2nd August 10am – 2pm, the Festival of Code is taking over The Studio to invite young people up to the age of 18 to work together to improve their coding skills.

Throughout the week attendees will be challenged to invent a unique idea to create a website, app, game, algorithm or hardware hack using open data.

Teams will then be invited to take centre stage at the Festival centre in Birmingham alongside coders from across the United Kingdom, joining thousands of digital makers who love sharing knowledge and developing skills together.

Registrations can be made online using the link below:
www.thestudioliverpool.uk/festival-of-code

Studio Student Showcase

Since January students at The Studio have been working closely with industry mentors as part of the Project Based Learning Programme. On the last day of term students held an exhibition to showcase their finished work to parents, partners and their peers. Parents and partners were invited to vote for their favourite IoT product, film, game and business idea, with two winners being chosen from each pathway.

Supported by the University of Teeside, the winning teams will be given the opportunity to attend an experience day to gain further insight into their chosen pathway.

Ten students were also selected as 'Ones to Watch' for their ongoing commitment and hard work. Congratulations to Adam C, Shaun M, Dan P, Sam M, Peter L, Victoria H, Aminah M, Ella D, Cavan O and Jack M for being selected as the first group of 'Ones to Watch' at The Studio.



YEAR 11 PROM

Thursday 25th June, 7pm – 11.30pm
at CONSTELLATIONS, 35–39 Greenland Street, Liverpool, L1 0BS
£28 (Pay at student services)

For more info email l.france@lifesciencesutc.co.uk

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Term Dates 2015

Summer Term 2015

PD Day: Friday 19th June 2015 (School not open to students except those with exams)

Staff Meeting: Wednesday 1st July 2015 (Students leave school at 3pm)

End of Term: Friday 17th July 2015

Term Dates 2015 – 2016

Start of Term: Wednesday 2nd September 2015 (Year 12 and Year 10)

Start of Term: Thursday 3rd September 2015 (Year 11 and Year 13)

Half Term: 26th – 30th October 2015

Further Notices

Year 10 students will have some exams this half-term and will be advised of the dates in due course.

Sign off process for year 11 and year 13 students

Students have a clear sign-off process and until this is complete all students are expected to turn up to The Studio every day. If you have any queries about this please contact your child's coach. The documents are on the website should you wish to look at them.

For pupils there will be a celebration assembly on Thursday 25th June from 11am – midday followed by a lunch. Year 11 and 13 pupils will be free to leave at 1.30pm that day.



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