



## Newsletter - Winter Term 2018

### Message from Principal

This year has seen a number of changes which we believe will improve our students' educational experience with us and help them to achieve more.

We have introduced Science GCSE in Year 11 and reviewed our Humanities and ICT curriculum. A uniform has also been introduced in Key Stage 4 to create a more professional and unified appearance for our students.

In Key Stage 5, students have begun their action plans and future planning and we have already held our first corporate event with KPMG (see below for more details).

We have also welcomed a number of new staff and volunteers onto the team who bring a large amount of teaching and other professional experience, allowing us to offer a range of innovative projects to broaden our students' experiences.

It has been a pleasure to meet parents and carers at our progress and careers events this term and I look forward to seeing you again next term.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish all our students and families a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

**Martin Nirsimloo**  
Principal

### KS5 Students of the Term

Tyler Culzac	Ekram Chowdhury
Mima Radeva	Harrison Wall
Tyler Wynne	Perry Johnson
Cameron Jarvis	

#### -- We're here to help! --

We're open from 8am to 4pm daily. If you require assistance, please feel free to contact us as follows:

**Tel**

020 3727 6300 (Reception)

**Email**

[admissions@southquaycollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@southquaycollege.org.uk)

### Exam Reminder

KS4 students should wear full uniform for all exams. All belongings, coats etc. and hats will need to be handed in to staff in the cloakroom. Students are permitted to bring a clear, unlabelled bottle of water into the exam.

- **Wed 12 Dec - Functional Skills Maths**
- **Wed 19 Dec - Functional Skills English**

On Wednesday, students will sit **two** exams. During the break between the exams, a light lunch will be served.

After the second exam, KS4 students will be dismissed. The KS5 student committee will host a Christmas celebration for KS5 students.

### Futures made at Information Evening

On 29 Nov 2018, an Information Evening was organised for both KS4 and KS5 to provide students the chance to speak to a range of education providers about their post-16 options.

Organisations included Street League, New City College, Access Creative College, LMP Education, and Brooke House Sixth Form College.

Students were also able to pick up their GCSE revision packs and find out more information about how the exams work.



*Student Michael pictured speaking to Access Creative College*



*Students Mark and Nana speaking to Brooke House Sixth Form College*

You can find more information on our website [www.southquaycollege.org.uk](http://www.southquaycollege.org.uk)  
 You can also follow us on social media for updates @SouthQuayEd



## Auditing Giants, KPMG, Run Workshops

On 14 Nov 2018, KPMG ran a series of workshops with our KS5 students in relation to Diversity and Inclusion within the workplace. They also advised students on their future careers and how to stay motivated on their job hunt.

Vishnupriya Chhabra, KPMG Assistant Manager, said: "It was an amazing experience! The students were really nice and a big thank you to all the teachers for such great co-ordination!"

The workshop was organised through the college's contact at the organisation Volunteering Matters who connect businesses like KPMG with volunteering opportunities.



*KPMG and SQC staff pose for a group photo*



*Our Principal seen speaking to students*

## Jack Petchy Award Winner

The Jack Petchey Foundation award is to recognise the positive contributions young people make to society. The winner receives a framed certificate and badge, membership to the foundation's Achievers community and £250 credit to be spent on the school. The winner for this term is:

**Rhys - KS4**

## Safeguarding at SQC

The Designated Safeguarding Officer for South Quay College is **Karin Compton**, Director of SEND/DSL/LAC, who can be contacted specifically regarding safeguarding concerns

by email on:

**[karin.compton@southquaycollege.org.uk](mailto:karin.compton@southquaycollege.org.uk)**

Our Safeguarding Deputies include:

- Dioan Wright -
- Dorothy Irving -

## Dedicated KS5 Music Studio Opens

We're glad to announce that we now have a dedicated music studio for both year groups. We value that students can be creative in many forms.

Darren Bailey, our Media Teaching Assistant, works with students on producing tracks as well as guiding them through software.



*Darren Bailey in the studio*

## KS5 Students Network at Skills London Exhibition

On 23 Nov 2018, KS5 Students visited the London ExCel Centre to attend the Skills London event. The exhibition is a showcase of organisations including colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers who had opportunities available for young people.



*Students networking with Childcare Learning Group*

# Arts & Crafts Activities

The college runs Arts & Crafts activities for the students of both KS4 and KS5. Here's a showcase of some of the work students have produced:



(from top) student Peter painting Jar, canvasses by student Perry, Completed tealight jars

## Careers Advice

At SQC, we want our students to progress so they can take on the working world with ease. In addition to the support students receive from their tutors and Student Journey Leads, we provide advice on careers in person, online and on social media:

### In person

- Our Careers Hub is open **Mon-Fri at 11.30am-1.00pm**. Please visit reception to reserve a time

### Online

- Visit [www.southquaycollege.org.uk/careers-work-related-learning](http://www.southquaycollege.org.uk/careers-work-related-learning)

### Social Media - @SouthQuayEd

- Our **Instagram story highlights** features CV tips which you can screenshot and keep on your phone

Visit [@SouthQuayEd](https://www.instagram.com/SouthQuayEd) on Instagram and on our Profile you'll find our highlights.

We're also on Facebook and Twitter!

Feel free to follow for further updates including job and apprenticeship opportunities.



## Parent Governor Vacancy

South Quay College is looking to appoint a **parent governor** to work with the senior leaders on strategic planning and decision making for the benefit of the students.

Being a governor can be very rewarding but is also a serious commitment. There is training and support available and we would like to make sure that any parents/carers who are interested have a chance to find out more.

If this is something that interests you, please contact the school office at **020 3727 6300** to make an appointment with the Principal to know more about this role.

## -- Student Journey Leads --

### KS4



Lisa



Jordan

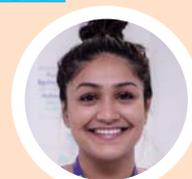


Andrew



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### KS5



Leema



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Ruth

We believe that positive and consistent relationships are very important for creating successful and productive environments. If a person feels safe and able to trust the people around them, it is easier to focus on learning or work. Student Journey Leads (SJLs) work with each student in KS4 and KS5, providing:

- 1:1 coaching and support outside the classroom
- A link between home, school and external agencies
- Additional support with IAG and progression planning

## Personal Training Sessions Project

KS5 students who are studying Level 3 Personal Training and Fitness have teamed up with staff at SQC to build on their work experience within the sector.

The project, which runs for 5 weeks, was organised by Year Here Fellow, Lianna Martin, and supervised by Sports Teacher, Jamie Skipper. The aim is to help the students build their confidence and realise their potential so they can apply for positions as Personal Trainers upon graduation.

The students have been partnered with SQC staff of various needs to be their client. Each client receives an induction where the PT discusses their fitness goals and agrees a plan to follow for a few weeks.

Upon completion of the project and graduation from the program, the students will receive a gym outfit and vouchers for Gym Shark as well as the option of taking on new clients next year.



(from left) Jamie Skipper (Sports Teacher), Geila Ruci (Finance Asst.), Student Mima (Trainee PT)

## Upcoming Events

**Wed 12 Dec**

**Christmas Lunch**

Free but donations welcome for Save the Children

**Mon 4 Mar - Fri 8 Mar**

**Careers Week**

Activities scheduled alongside usual teaching.

**Thu 7 Mar**

**Inspiration evening**

For KS5 students and guests (see below)

## -- Calendar --

(All dates displayed are inclusive)

**End of term - Friday 21st Dec - Students dismissed at 12.30**

**Christmas Holidays** - Mon, 24 December 2018 to Mon, 7 January 2019 (INSET)

### Spring Term

**Tues, 8 January 2019 to Fri, 15 February 2019**

**Half Term holidays** - Mon, 18 February to Fri, 22 February 2019

**Mon, 25 February to Fri, 5 April 2019**

**Easter Holidays** - Mon, 8 April 2019 to Tues, 23 April 2019 (INSET)

### Summer Term

**Wed, 24 April - Fri, 24 May 2019**

**Half Term holidays** - Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May 2019

**Mon, 3 June - Tues, 23 July 2019**