



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

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Meet one of our English Tutors

Jasmin has worked in further education since finishing university and has worked with students in a range of different areas including English, Maths, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), study skills and putting in place exam access arrangements. Before this, whilst at university, she worked as a cook and waitress in local cafés and restaurants and in a local boutique. She joined Communication Specialist College Doncaster just over a year ago and has loved playing her role in the creation of the non-accredited English and Maths route.

Fun facts about Jasmin:

- Her favourite thing to do is travel and learn about new cultures - she says the most interesting place she has been is Kazakhstan.
- She is passionate about languages, being able to speak French and bit of Italian.
- She spent two summers in the south of France working as an au pair. She was 17 when she went for the first time and travelled across the Côte d'Azur alone, which she says is the bravest thing she has done to date.
- She loves music; her favourite genre is Afrobeats, but she did classical singing when she was younger and has a grade 5.
- She spends her free time going shopping, practising yoga and spending time with her baby nephew.

National Apprenticeship Week

Suzanne Wilks from Doncaster Council's ASK team came into college during National Apprenticeship Week to speak to a group of final year students about the different types of apprenticeships and how students can find one. Anyone looking for an apprenticeship can look for vacancies at: www.apprenticeship.service.gov.uk



Michelle in the careers team is always happy to help any students wanting to apply!



Therapy

It has been great to see our new therapy room in action this week with Glenville's aerobic sessions with Nathan.

We are thinking about a name for our new room and would love to hear ideas from our students. If you would like to have your say please use this QR code.

Do you have any name ideas for the new therapy room in college?



Staff Appreciation

John Nugent would like to say a big thank you to Chris, Anita and their students who have made some crates for equipment in the gym, he said, "They have done a smashing job and kept to the colour scheme."



Interactive Health Session



This week, we welcomed staff from 5-19 into the college for an interactive session focused on health. Throughout the session, students engaged in discussions about maintaining a healthy lifestyle and recognising the importance of making positive daily choices. They participated enthusiastically, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their own experiences, which helped create a supportive learning environment. At the end of the session, all students completed an evaluation sheet, providing valuable feedback that will help us plan and improve future sessions.

Glenville Focus Days



Students in Glenville took part in three mornings of focus and learnt about health. Nathan expertly led an aerobics exercise session and explained that any movement is good for your body. The students loved it! It was great to be able to use the new therapy room as well. The students spent the three mornings learning about how food helps our bodies and how important movement and exercise are.

Attendance Intervention Plans



Another month done - we have ended Attendance Intervention Plans for another 15 students in February. Students are being given their Positive Praise postcard and reward (Café voucher) which they can use to get items from the café.

Zones of Regulation



Molly G has worked really hard throughout her Zones journey and completed all steps. She was confident enough to present her personal plan that she has created this term to her tutor group in DEC. She described her emotional triggers, how she displays feelings visually and her self regulation techniques. Molly received applause from her tutor group! Well done Molly!