



Principal's Update



27th March 2026

For his final week, Tommy P has once again put together the whole update himself. Take a look below at all his hard work!

Meet one of our Work Coaches



Lisa joined the college, as a Work Coach in December 2025 following 12 years working in vocational rehabilitation. She strongly believes that with the right support everyone should be able to overcome barriers and achieve their goals. In particular, she enjoys helping young people to become independent and resilient through developing skills and working through challenges. Her passion for understanding people also lead her to study a Psychology degree with the Open University, graduating in 2025 with a first-class honours. Since starting at the college, she has enjoyed supporting students during work experience in a wide range of industries. She says no day is ever the same, mucking out on the ranch one day to hair and beauty retail the next.

Fun facts about Lisa:

She played clarinet in an orchestra for Prince Charles...now the king - although she adds not very well!

She loves Yorkshire puddings with jam.

She likes playing squash and pickleball (hates losing, but she says it happens a lot).

She is married with 2 children and a step-daughter - soon to make her a granny!

After a stopover in Kuala Lumpur, she would like to explore Malaysia more.

She has been lucky enough to fulfil a dream of travelling on the Orient Express.

Women in Business Conference



A message from Tracey about the Women in Business Conference that took place earlier this week:

"Earlier this week I attended the women in business conference, and it was truly lovely to be in a room full of inspiring women. It was a wonderful opportunity to pause, listen, and reflect on the powerful stories and journeys shared around life and leadership. I also wanted to acknowledge our amazing deputy, Lisa, who took part in a panel discussion. There wasn't a dry eye in the room as Lisa shared both personal and professional experiences with such bravery and grace. Thank you, Lisa, for representing us so beautifully."

Buddy the Otter



This week, Lizzy has given Buddy to Laura Marigliano, saying, "I have passed our Otter onto Laura because she does a very challenging job with a smile and a friendly attitude. She needs to have an awareness of every staff member, student and session what they offer and any potential clashes and challenges."

Work Experience

Jacob would like to give a big thank you to Tommy P for all the help he has provided while doing his work experience on the Principal's Update. Jacob said, "Tommy has been a great help with the update and I'm really impressed with the progress he's made over the past few weeks."

Staff Appreciation



Julie H would like to nominate Vicky Shirt, saying, "I'd like to recognise Vicky for all her hard work and support. When there are issues with student engagement, she always does what she can to support us and find the best outcome for the student. She's always willing to look below the surface and figure out what the underlying issues are and how to solve them. Vicky also does what she can to make it easy to work with her by being so respectful of our time and by appreciating that we're experienced staff with our own knowledge. Vicky always makes us feel supported no matter the circumstances, which is an excellent trait and helpful when you're dealing with a variety of scenarios." Jasmin and Hannah would like to nominate all staff for their support with the students on the non-accredited route for English and Maths, saying, "We appreciate staff accommodating us in their lessons and allowing us to take students to work with them in outreach sessions. Thanks to staff, we have been able to add lots of evidence to our students' portfolios!"

Wins of the Week



Well done to Harley-James Bailey-Walmsley for achieving the most Wins of The Week this half-term. Staff are proud of how much he has achieved this term. We hope he enjoys his treat from the Café.

Knife Crime Presentation



Although the chances of our students becoming a victim of knife crime are extremely small, it is important that they understand the issues involved and how to avoid it. This week, a group of our students put on three presentations for their peers. Kane, Aiden, Cameron, Lincoln and Kieran E put on a play showing how a simple post on social media led to a tragedy. This took a lot of courage to stand up and perform in front of an audience, and they deserve to be congratulated. Also, a big thank you to Laura and Vicky for translating for the DEC students.

New Baby



We would like to send our heartfelt congratulations to one of our tutors, Isabelle, who has recently had a baby girl called Harper. Congratulations!

Yorkshire Rose College Jobs Fair

Yorkshire Rose College proudly hosted its first on-site Jobs Fair, bringing together a wide range of employers and support services to inspire and guide students as they consider their future career paths.

The event welcomed representatives from various industries, offering students the opportunity to explore potential career options, learn about different sectors, and gain valuable insight into the world of work. Support services were also on hand to provide advice on employability skills and training pathways.

Students engaged positively throughout the afternoon, showing enthusiasm and curiosity as they spoke with employers. They asked thoughtful and appropriate questions, demonstrating a growing awareness of the opportunities available to them and the steps needed to achieve their goals. Staff praised the students for their professionalism and engagement, highlighting the event as a successful step in preparing learners for life beyond college.

Rose College hopes will become a regular opportunity for students to connect with employers and plan confidently for their futures. We would like to thank all the employers for giving up their valuable time to speak with our young people.

Feedback from students:

"I thought it was ace, loads of variety of stalls and not to mention the kind and lovely people that attended."

"It was good."

"Liked talking to the employers."

"Really good!"

Feedback from employers:

"It's a brilliant idea!"

"A useful place to meet students and provide information about the different opportunities we provide."

"Brilliant session with lots of engaged students."

"It's a great thing for college to have events like these."

"Really enjoyed yesterday, can't believe how busy it was!"

