



Principal's Update



24th April 2026



Meet one of our Pastoral Support Workers

Bethany has always aspired to work in education since she was very young and it was her autistic brother who inspired her to begin her journey to where she is today. She initially volunteered at a SEN school for experience, where in turn she was employed as an apprentice in 2021 as a teaching assistant. She successfully achieved her teaching assistant degree in July 2023. She progressed to being employed at Yorkshire Rose College in January 2024, initially as the only Pastoral Support Worker. She says she endeavours to support and encourage people whenever she can, to be the best they can be. Bethany says her greatest achievement is being able to support young adults to build their confidence and independence.

Fun facts about Bethany:

- Her favourite film is Wicked and she hopes to one day see it on Broadway.
- She loves driving.
- She has a French Bulldog called George (named after George Michael).
- She loves going to Bridlington with her family.
- She takes a part time creative writing course after work and hopes to one day write and publish her own book.

Careers

Last week, a group of students visited North Bridge Depot Council and the visit was excellent. The staff were very helpful and supportive throughout the visit. They took the time to show us different departments and explain the work that takes place there. It was clear they are keen to support and recruit young people in the future, which is really encouraging for our students.

All of the students were engaged during the visit and listened carefully to the staff. They arrived on time and behaved very well throughout the visit. They also offered mock interviews and feedback for students, which is a really valuable opportunity. This will help students build confidence and prepare for future employment.

Buddy the Otter

This week, Sam B has given Buddy to Jade Clifton, saying, "Jade is a newer member of the team, yet she has fitted in as though she has been here for years. She is attentive to students' needs while also giving them the space and opportunity to learn independently. Jade takes a proactive approach to her role, and I see her growing in confidence every day. Well done, Jade!"



Manchester Marathon

Last weekend, Helen C ran her first ever Manchester Marathon in 4 hours 48 minutes, supporting Cancer Research UK. Helen said, "I was so nervous and excited at the start. I wasn't sure if I could do it or not. It was brilliant and an amazing experience. The weather was beautiful. It was lovely to hear lots of people were calling my name and cheering me on. My brother ran the last 6 miles with me and rang a school bell to get me more cheers. It was a wonderful feeling and I was so happy crossing the finish line. I enjoyed every second of it."

Well done Helen!



Staff Appreciation



Jasmin would like to nominate Hannah Roberts, saying, "I would like to say thank you to Hannah for supporting me in the training sessions I have delivered this week. She has sat through all of the sessions I have delivered, let me use her laptop to connect to the screen and helped with handing out the resources. Her support is always greatly appreciated!"

Yorkshire Wildlife Park 10K 2026

On 26th April, a group of determined runners will be taking on the Yorkshire Wildlife Park 10K, pushing themselves every step of the way to raise vital funds for The Carr Fenton Foundation.

If you would like to donate, please use the following link:
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/cffywp10k>

The money raised from this challenge will go directly towards the development of an outdoor classroom, a dedicated space designed to enrich learning beyond the four walls of a traditional classroom. Access to an outdoor classroom will have a lasting impact on our students. It will create inclusive learning opportunities, support physical and mental wellbeing, and help learners build confidence, teamwork skills, and a deeper connection to their education. For many students, this space will offer a calm, inspiring setting where they can thrive.

By supporting this event, you're not just backing a 10K run, you're helping to create a meaningful learning environment that will benefit students for years to come.

Every donation, big or small, will make a real difference.
Thank you for your support.

Student Celebration

A huge congratulations to Chloe C for passing her driving theory test this week! This is a massive achievement and a great step forward toward getting on the road. All that hard work and preparation has clearly paid off. Well done, Chloe!