



Principal's Update



1st May 2026

Meet one of our Work Coaches



Abbey has been working at Yorkshire Rose College for 4 years and says that it is such a privilege to support our young people and she really enjoys her job. Before starting work here at the College, she had various jobs, including: glass collecting, shop work and warehouse work before moving on to work in residential settings, supporting individuals under social services in a semi-independent setting and individuals with ASD. She has completed a Level 2 Health and Social Care Qualification alongside working.

Fun facts about Abbey:

- She enjoys walking, especially up mountains.
- She enjoys camping.
- She has 2 dogs.
- She has 2 tortoises.
- She enjoys crafting.
- She LOVES movies.

Bike Maintenance

A big thank you to Kieran James for looking into purchasing a portable pressure washer for Bike Maintenance and sharing these images. This equipment will be used by our learners to support the upkeep of the bikes, while also helping them to develop greater independence and practical maintenance skills.



Buddy the Otter

This week, Jade has given Buddy to Leanne McGarey, saying, "Leanne consistently demonstrates a welcoming and supportive approach towards new staff, taking the initiative to ensure they feel comfortable and are effectively introduced to procedures and expectations."



Parker's Café

Students have been embedding sustainability in their café sessions in Parker's over the last few weeks. They are now offering used coffee grounds free to customers, with some guidance on how to use them. Mia prepared and packaged the coffee grounds this week, delivering them to staff around college.



Duke of Edinburgh

Last week, Kane, Cameron, Kieran E, Kieran W, Tom B and Liam successfully completed their DofE Silver practice expedition. After taking the train to Thorne, the group walked along the canal and the River Don to Barnby Dun, a trek of six miles. On return to college, the group pitched their tents, did the shopping at ASDA and cooked Bolognese before settling down to a cold night's camping. The next day, after a Full English, they walked in the woods near Bawtry. The students really worked as a team, had fun and most of all supported each other. They should be proud to complete this and look forward to their proper expedition in a couple of months' time.



Staff Appreciation



Dan R would like to nominate both John Oldham and Cam Murray, saying, "I just wanted to put a message out to John Oldham and Cam Murray for all the hard work that they both put into the Duke of Edinburgh days and overnights. I only did the overnight and was very tired but John, Cam and the students walked 20km+, did the overnight, got up and cracked on with another walk with the students. The gents are absolute machines!"



All the staff in Animal Care would like to nominate Vickie McLoughlin, saying, "This is the second year that Vickie has brought her owls in for the animal care students, and they have thoroughly enjoyed the day! Vickie was so patient with everyone who wanted to handle Thora and Noah and answered a plethora of questions from the students about handling, nutrition, and behaviour! Thank you so much for a fantastic day from all the Animal Care Department."



Natalie P and Abi H would like to nominate Chauntelle Rushton, saying, "We would like to say a big thank you to Chauntelle for creating the signage for the new Family Sign Language Room and BSL rooms at Greenaway. We are really looking forward to showing them off to our British Deaf Association visitors, as well as all the children from Nursery, School, and our College students this Wednesday. The signs will be proudly displayed on their doors. Thank you so much, Chauntelle!"

Amy P would like to nominate the whole Motor Vehicle team, saying, "They have supported students in valeting staff cars as part of their MV unit and have truly gone above and beyond.

They made every effort to ensure that all staff who were interested had their vehicle done. The quality of the work has been fantastic, and the effort and commitment shown by both staff and students has been amazing. Many thanks to the team especially at this time of year everyone wants a clean car and mine was sparkling inside and out."