



Principal's Update



8th May 2026

Meet one of our Educational Support Workers



Jaye started working at Yorkshire Rose College as an Educational Support Worker in September 2023 as Agency Staff before moving over permanently in April 2024. Before starting here at the college, she previously owned and ran a pizza takeaway with her husband for two years. She was a stay-at-home mum for 10 years for her two daughters, who are now 12 and 9 years old. Whilst at home, she studied several online courses, including Children and Young People's Mental Health, Counselling Diploma Level 2 and an Introduction to Neuroscience. The last job she worked in before having her children was in elderly residential care. Her main passion in work is in mental health, especially working with teenagers and young adults.

Fun facts about Jaye:

- She is originally from Gloucester and moved to Yorkshire when she was 11 years old.
- She was in a local newspaper at 6 years old promoting Westons Cider because she used to help her dad and Henry Weston with the Shire horses.
- She used to volunteer with an after-school sports club when she finished college at aged 17.
- At school, she used to be on the girls basketball team, did gymnastics and ballet.
- She has been with her husband for 20 years and will have been married for 5 years this July.
- She loves animals and has a lot of pets: 2 dogs, 2 cats, fish, an axolotl and 2 giant African land snails. She has previously owned pets such as a horse, snakes and rats while growing up.

First Aid Course

The HESS and Sports students have started their first aid course with Rachel W. The students are all doing well and Rachel is really impressed with their progress and professionalism so far. Well done everyone!



Portland Games 2026

Earlier this week, the college took a small group of students to take part in the Portland Games. The students who took part were a credit to the college, not only competing to the best of their ability and showing great sportsmanship, but also challenging themselves in the process to overcome personal barriers to take part.



It is with great pride that we inform you that the students not only took part but won the football tournament too. A massive congratulations to Liam, Kane, Bradley, Plamen, Ryan W, Lincoln, Mohammad, Kieran E, Kendal and Hannah C.



The students made us very proud as they worked as a team to support one another and ensure everyone felt included.

A thank you has already been sent to Portland College who did an amazing job of organising the day and making us feel welcome from the moment we arrived.

Work Experience

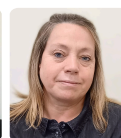
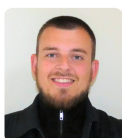
After several weeks of finding Fridays challenging, Cameron successfully attended his first work experience placement and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. During the bus strike, Cameron was initially unsure whether he would be able to attend; however, thanks to the support of Annette from the Careers team, who kindly collected and transported him, he was able to take part. Well done to Cameron for showing such resilience and determination - we are extremely proud of his achievement.



Staff Appreciation



Lauren W would like to nominate Teresa Broadhead, saying, "Thank you to Teresa Broadhead, who received praise from the Vision Impairment Team this week for the excellent support she has provided for Summer in her cooking class. Teresa has worked with the Therapy team to make the kitchen accessible for Summer, to develop a new module to support students with Vision Impairment in the kitchen, and she has produced specialist recipes for Summer using her Pen Friend tool. Teresa consistently goes above and beyond to make sure Summer is supported effectively in the environment"



John N would like to nominate Morgan Brown and Jo Collins, saying, "I would like to thank Morgan and Jo for their support at the Portland Games. They have been brilliant supporting and encouraging the students throughout."



Buddy the Otter

This week, Leanne has given Buddy to Lisa Palmer, saying, "This is for being a great mentor to me since I started here at college. I know if ever I need help I can always rely on Lisa for support, guidance and encouragement. I appreciate everything Lisa does for me."

Blind in Business

A few weeks ago, Mason attended an Employability Skills Workshop with Michelle from Careers. This was hosted by Doncaster Visual Impairment team in partnership with Blind in Business at XP school. This full-day event was aimed at students with vision impairment aged 14-18. The sessions were designed to build confidence and help students to understand how sight loss can be successfully accommodated and supported in the workplace. The charity brought along some fantastic role models who explained their career journey and how they become more resilient to overcome any barriers. Mason fully engaged in all the sessions, including team building, interviewing his peers and presenting to the audience. Mason was also really happy to make connections with other visually impaired young people from local schools. Well done Mason!

Deaf Awareness Week

Please see below a message from our Deaf Education and Inclusion Coordinator,
Hannah Anderson:

“What an eventful week it has been! It has been amazing to see how everything came together in celebration of Deaf Awareness Week.

I would like to thank staff for all their support throughout the week. It was encouraging to hear people saying they liked the idea of creating a booklet to showcase and support what we have to offer in Doncaster, and perhaps even across South Yorkshire.

I also want to applaud everyone involved in making the Business Brunch event run so smoothly, especially the café students. Our students were exceptional. I would give them 10/10 for their manners and professionalism when serving external guests. It was such a delight to see everyone coming together so positively.

It was also wonderful to have Umesh filming with the Yorkshire Rose College and The Carr Fenton Foundation staff who were sharing their experiences in BSL on Tuesday. Everything linked together so well with Umesh Valjee's involvement, and special thanks to Natalie P for organising this and involving the school/nursery/college students too. It was fantastic to see everyone working together to promote awareness and inclusion.

We also had students carousel around activities on Wednesday and they really enjoyed taking part. One activity they especially found interesting was lipreading with no voice. Many students found it challenging, which helped them understand what it can be like for deaf individuals communicating without voice. We received very positive feedback from this.

I am truly proud of our The Carr Fenton Foundation and everything we have achieved together.

Now I can finally relax after such a busy week!

Many thanks again to everyone for all your support.”

