

Principal's Update



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Meet our Learning Support Coordinator



Laura joined Yorkshire Rose College in June 2025 as Learning Support Coordinator. She brings with her nearly 10 years of experience from Doncaster College, where she worked as a Curriculum and Timetabling Senior Administrator. Before working in education, Laura gained experience in the building industry, specialising in plumbing and drainage, as well as a short spell in the veterinary field. Outside of work, Laura is a school governor at a local primary school and also helps to run a Community Interest Company called Fashion Fusion, which delivers fully funded community workshops.

Fun facts about Laura:

- She is qualified to install underfloor heating.
- She has two dogs, Phoebe and Enzo, and a guinea pig called Coco.
- She has been with her husband for 29 years and has two teenage daughters, aged 13 and 15.
- Her uncle is deaf and previously attended and boarded at the college, leaving in 1964, making her connection to the college especially meaningful.
- She loves musical theatre and is a huge Take That fan - she's been to every tour with her mum since she was 12.
- In the evenings, she likes to relax by watching serial killer documentaries.

Glenville

Twelve eggs have arrived in Glenville and are now nearly ready to hatch into adorable baby chicks. Each tutor group has taken on the important responsibility of caring for the eggs and sharing updates with the rest of college. Students are keeping a close eye out for any signs of progress - from tiny cracks appearing in the shells to the first glimpse of little beaks breaking through. There is a real buzz of anticipation around Glenville as everyone eagerly awaits the big moment. Stay tuned for next week's update to find out how many chicks have hatched!



Lifewise Visit

This week, several groups of students enjoyed an insightful visit to Lifewise, where they took part in a series of engaging and informative sessions. The talks focused on important real-life topics including knife crime, fire safety, child criminal exploitation, and internet safety.

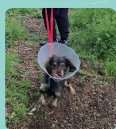
Students had the opportunity to learn about the risks associated with each area and how to stay safe in different situations. They engaged well with the sessions and asked thoughtful questions, showing a good level of understanding.

The visit helped to raise awareness and provided valuable knowledge that students can use in their everyday lives.



Work Experience

Harry A has been working incredibly hard with the rescue dogs at the RSPCA, getting fully involved in the day-to-day kennel life. Not every part of animal care is glamorous, but every part matters. From helping with the deep cleans of the kennels and preparing spaces, to providing toys, enrichment and much needed walks, Harry has been helping to make a real difference to the dogs waiting for their forever homes. Rescue dogs need patience, consistency, kindness and care every single day. Harry has shown all these qualities, and it has been amazing to see such dedication and compassion shown throughout the experience.



Staff Appreciation



Sarah H would like to nominate Chris Monk, saying, "A huge thank you to Chris Monk and his students. We asked for a planter to go in the orange kitchen to grow herbs for students to use during their cooking sessions and within the space of 2 hours they had produced one."



Buddy the Otter

This week, Lisa P has given Buddy to Sam Freeman, saying, "Sam is always there to support students and staff with her wealth of knowledge, her passion and her enthusiasm. She is a pleasure to work with. I know I can rely on her in any situation. She has such a lovely calm way of guiding our students through their progression. She genuinely cares about them and her workmates. Thank you for being you Sam!"

Deaf Awareness Week

Natalie Pollard, our BSL Manager, would like to say thank you to everyone for their amazing support during Deaf Awareness Week, especially during the visits from the British Deaf Association and National Deaf Children's Society. They were very impressed with the work we are doing to ensure all students feel included and supported. They also commented positively on the excellent engagement and confidence shown by our students, as well as the impressive BSL skills demonstrated by staff across the college.



Natalie would also like to give special recognition to Keiran S, a member of our Student Voice, who showed our BDA and NDCS visitors around dedicated areas of our college, including Parker's Café, Animal Care and Hair & Beauty. Keiran represented the college with a positive attitude and professionalism throughout the tour. Thank you!



Deaf Football

We would like to send a big congratulations to Ryan W who has been selected to represent Great Britain Deaf Football under 23s at the World Championships in Serbia. We wish Ryan and his team the best of luck for the competition!