



Principal's Update



19th June 2026



Meet one of our Transitions Coordinators

Suzanne is originally from Lancashire and moved all around the country due to her parents working in pubs (once even living in a castle!) before moving to Yorkshire in 1997. She currently lives with her partner, 2 daughters and 2 dogs. She worked with SEN students in the same school for 23 years after originally only going to cover 6 months maternity leave. She has worked at Yorkshire Rose College since November 2025. Over the course of her career, she has worked in a variety of roles including office manager, EHCP lead, Post-16 tutor and Transitions Coordinator.

Fun facts about Suzanne:

- She loves to travel and has been known to book a weekend away abroad.
- She is currently in the process of moving house.
- She has a 1957 Volkswagen beach buggy in Italy in Cadbury purple and once had a Lotus Elise.

Careers

Last week, Yorkshire Rose College welcomed back four former students who shared their inspiring career journeys with current learners.

On Monday, Jade spoke passionately about her experience of becoming a business owner. After leaving college, she pursued her ambition of working in the beauty industry and has since successfully established her own nail and tattoo salon, Ink and Polish. Students were fascinated to hear about the challenges and rewards of running a business.

Megan also shared her story, highlighting her journey into education and support work. Now working as a Teaching Assistant at Doncaster School for Deaf Children, Megan explained how she began her career in a nursery setting before gradually developing her skills and experience to progress into her current role.

On Thursday, students were inspired by the journeys of Kayleigh and Beth. Kayleigh now works as a Healthcare Assistant at Doncaster Royal Infirmary. Through her hard work and dedication, she has already achieved a promotion to a Band 3 role.

Beth has secured a role with STRIDE, an organisation that supports neurodiverse and disabled people into employment. She is currently training to become a Job Coach and spoke enthusiastically about helping others achieve their employment goals and gain independence.

We would like to thank Jade, Megan, Kayleigh and Beth for returning to college and sharing their experiences. Also, a big thank you to Chris Brawn for providing sign support on both days.

Parker's Café

Last week, all of the students working in Parker's created their own poster using AI to promote the opportunity for customers to provide their own cup for a discount. English skills were embedded in the planning stages and digital skills in creation.



Staff Appreciation



Hannah T would like to nominate Bethany Westall, saying, "I would like to thank Bethany for her continuous support not only with CREW and Pastoral students, but her prompt responses to students' wellbeing needs and actioning tutorials. Bethany does not stop. Bethany's confidence, strengths and skills have grown so much. Appreciate you Bethany!"



Annette and Suzanne G would like to nominate Abbey Whiteley, saying, "We would like to thank Abbey for all her support over the last few weeks with the PFA work. Not only has she supported the project, she is so passionate and precise and has created some amazing work, her attention to detail is amazing. She has developed forms, adapted it to meet our college values and made it accessible for all. She has helped us brainstorm and come up with new ideas which in turn will support our young people to prepare for adulthood and support their long term aspirations. Abbey has always been actively been involved, coming up with ideas and we and the whole team are extremely grateful"



Buddy the Otter

This week, Lindsey has given Buddy to Sara Tunesi, saying, "Sara you have been such a huge help since I started at college. Even though you have lots to do you always find time to help and support those who need it and can always be relied upon. You genuinely care about the students and colleagues and this shows every day. Thank you for everything!"

BATH BOMB MAKING

Every Saturday & Sunday @ LUSH Doncaster
£5 (depending on availability)
Just Turn Up!

Lush Visit

This week, we had a visit from Lush who gave a talk to our students. They told us about a series of bath bomb making events they are holding every weekend - no booking required! Details can be found on the image on the left.