

Principal's Update



4th September 2026

Meet one of our Instructors



Steph's first job was at Next as a Sales Assistant before working as a Paralegal managing 'Complex and Unusual' cases for 7 years, dealing with everything from gas explosions to fireworks to stampeding cows. Alongside this, she did a lot of volunteering - working on community wellbeing projects, chairing a resident's association and running community events. She was a Projects Manager for South Yorkshire Housing Association, where she designed and built a community garden in Rotherham. She then worked on the projects team for Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, which involved visiting schools to teach them about nature. Steph joined Yorkshire Rose College in 2024 and loves supporting our students to fulfil their potential.

Fun facts about Steph:

- She has a 16-year-old son and a 12-year-old daughter who she says keep her on her toes.
- She is an avid gardener both indoor and outdoor - most of her free time is spent tending houseplants.
- She loves fungi and herbs and she has been on identification and foraging courses but still feels she knows very little.
- She loves learning about the natural world and says she'll no doubt be learning for the rest of her life!
- There's always a pinecone or the like in her pocket.

Leavers

Congratulations to some of our leavers in getting paid work or an Apprenticeship:

- Ashton H (supported intern) has been offered a job with Royal Mail where he attended his work experience.
- April C started working at Bader School in full-time role on Wednesday 2nd September as a Teaching Assistant.
- Mia B has gained paid work at Glebe Farm, Sniff and Strolls and Forest Schools.
- Thomas N has gained an Apprenticeship with Moorethan Ed.

Buddy the Otter

This week, Carol has given Buddy to Michael Ibbotson, saying, "I would like to nominate Michael Ibbotson, he is a busy man but always makes time to chat and listen. He also has a wicked sense of humor"



Staff Celebration

A belated but very well-deserved congratulations to Kerry Shawcroft on successfully completing her Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training. This is a fantastic achievement that reflects her dedication, hard work, and commitment to professional development. Kerry should be incredibly proud of reaching this milestone - it not only enhances her own skills and knowledge but also has a positive impact on those she supports and works alongside. We celebrate her success and look forward to seeing the continued contributions she will make in the future. Well done, Kerry!



Staff Appreciation

Annette would like to nominate all staff who supported in the two induction days, with special mentions to all the CSWs, Abi Burdis, Kieran James, Jo Robson, Jasmin Smith, Emma Dent, Madeline Hunter, Matthew Biggs, Sam Freeman, Ali Watton, Dan Baker, Theresa Kirby, Sanaa Ahmad, Lindsey Milburn, Becky Smith, Clare Seaton, Kiera Adams, Lesley Barrett, Jade Clifton and Teresa Broadhead.



New Staff Starters

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff that have started this September: Georgiana Diaconescu - Maths Tutor, Molly Baldock - Positive Behaviour and Learning Manager, Alexandra Pritchard - Curriculum, Quality and Exams Administrator, Tara Coleman - Work Coach.

