



Principal's Update



11th September 2026



Meet our Events and Deaf Engagement Coordinator

Vanisha started at the college as an Educational Support Worker (ESW) before moving into her current role as Events and Deaf Engagement Coordinator. She has always wanted to build a career in events and marketing, something she has dreamed about since Year 8. She is now getting closer to that goal by gaining experience, getting involved in events and doing what she has always been passionate about. Vanisha also has two Deaf parents, so she has grown up within the Deaf community and feels that she can bring her own experiences and understanding of the Deaf community into her role. She helps organise events across the college, making sure students are involved, engaged and, most importantly, having fun!

Fun facts about Vanisha:

- Vanisha volunteers at CODA (Children of Deaf Adults) Camp every year and says it is one of the best things she has ever done.
- She has been bitten by a 150-year-old tortoise in Zanzibar while trying to feed it!
- She has recently been on her very first solo trip to Barcelona and is already so excited for her next one!
- Vanisha loves music so much that she has to have it playing while she brushes her teeth in the morning! Her favourite genres are Afrobeats, Reggae and Dancehall.

Buddy the Otter

This week, Michael has given Buddy to Emma Sylvester, saying, "Emma deserves Buddy the Otter this week as she is consistently exceptional and has done a fantastic job with leading on student induction this year. Emma always goes the extra mile for our students as well as always supporting staff as much as possible at all times!"



Recycled Fashion Show

Last week, our students took on a fun enrolment challenge: each Tutor Group had to create a wearable outfit using only recycled materials they could find around college. The results were so impressive that we simply had to host another fashion show to showcase their creativity, teamwork, and innovation! We've included some photos of their creations in this update so you can enjoy some of the incredible creations for yourself. We think they're absolutely fantastic, and we hope you do too!



Staff Celebration



We are delighted to congratulate Lesley Barrett on successfully completing her teaching qualification. This achievement reflects her commitment to professional development and her dedication to supporting students to achieve their individual goals and aspirations. Well done, Lesley on this fantastic achievement!

Fundraising

Over Summer, multiple fundraising activities took place:



In July, a dedicated team from The Carr Fenton Foundation took on Tough Mudder Yorkshire, raising £1080! Well done everyone!



A massive congratulations goes to Annette and Adam from Careers, who took part in a kayaking challenge alongside Doncaster Junior Lawyer Division and raised £724.68!

Save the date!



Our annual Christmas Lights Switch-On will be taking place on 28th November this year from 4pm – 8pm. We are excited for the stalls, music, entertainment and Santa's Grotto. Please keep an eye out as we share more information and the ticket release.

Jeans for Genes Day

We are taking part in Jeans for Genes Day on Tuesday 15th September! We would love for staff and students to come into college wearing jeans on the day to show their support for the charity. We are asking everyone who takes part to bring in a £1 donation to help support the charity. It would be great to see as many staff and students getting involved as possible!