



Principal's Update



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Meet one of our Tutors

Liz has worked at Yorkshire Rose College for 25 years – she says she can't believe how fast it has flown. She began her career as a childminder, classroom assistant and support worker specialising in early years. She then began working in Darley and Greenaway Lodge as a support worker when there were approximately about a 100 residential students. She moved on to become a classroom assistant and then a tutor, completing her teaching qualification in 2007. She enjoys working with young people and says the ultimate reward is watching them grow and develop and know I have played a part in that.

Fun facts about Liz:

- She has 3 children – 2 girls and a boy.
- She has a very close and loving extended family who she goes away with regularly.
- She has 2 sisters and a brother – her sisters are her best friends!
- She loves travelling, some of her favourites being Sorrento and Barbados.
- She was once on Calendar talking about her hearing loss.
- She has a crazy dog called Paddy who is obsessed with her.
- She likes keeping fit and plays pickleball and netball.
- She likes socialising with friends and doing fun activities in her free time.

Staff celebration

Congratulations and a huge thank you to Janice Brown on reaching the remarkable milestone of 25 years of service. Your dedication and commitment to supporting residents within the residential lodges, alongside your valuable contributions to the College, have made a lasting difference to the lives of many students and colleagues over the years.



Thank you for everything you have contributed throughout your career, and congratulations on this outstanding achievement.

Buddy the Otter

This week, Laura has given Buddy to Vanisha Topiwala, saying, "Vanisha is smashing her new role planning exciting events and it is wonderful to see. She is bursting with enthusiasm, creativity, and determination. Always with her positive attitude she works tirelessly to ensure our students have the very best experience and really cares about making a difference. She is just ace!"



Careers

We would like to welcome Tara Coleman and Gavin Barker to our Careers and Transition team. Tara is our newest Work Coach, having joined us in late August and she's taking it in her stride. Tara has been shadowing other Work Coaches on student interviews and placements and last week started leading on these herself. Gavin has a new and exciting role within the team as Employment Support and Internship Coach, watch this space to hear more about this fantastic new opportunity coming to Yorkshire Rose College.



A message from one of our students

Reagan is a 4th year student who would like to share his views on college:

"This college is lovely. The first thing I like about this college is the staff, they are kindhearted, supportive and accept that I am gay, also the students that I make friends with, are familiar, funny and also accept that I am gay. For 3 years I always came to this college for 4 days but now I have reduce to 3 days! This is better for me because I can have more time at home and spend more time with my family and dogs. I am looking forward to seeing what will happen at college this year."

Student Voice Vote

This week, our students took part in voting for their Student Voice representatives. Before heading to the polling stations, students watched video presentations from the candidates standing for election. In these videos, each student shared why they wanted to represent their pathway, helping voters make informed decisions about who they wished to support. The experience also gave students valuable insight into how voting works in real-life government elections. To measure the impact of the session, students were asked questions both before and after voting, allowing us to see how their understanding of the voting process had developed. A fantastic opportunity to promote student leadership, democracy, and active participation. We look forward to announcing the results!



New staff starter



We would like to welcome Troy to the college. Troy has started in the trades department as a trades technician. He will be working with students to support them in the construction department and he will support with prepping materials in the joinery department. We are really excited to have him on board. Please say 'hello' and 'welcome' when you see him!