Doncaster School for Deaf Children

Headteacher's Update

19th October 2026

Meet Seon Anderson, our Specialist Teaching Assistant

- I worked in mainstream schools for years as a Deaf Instructor and Communication Support Worker. In April, I started my new job as a Specialist Teaching Assistant at Doncaster School for Deaf Children.
- I'm a Liverpool FC fan! My family is from Liverpool, but I'm from London. Somehow, I ended up in Doncaster with my wife, Hannah, and our four crazy kids!
- I studied at Doncaster Deaf College in 2001 and I'm proud to have played for Doncaster Deaf Football Club for 18 years as its longest-serving player.
- I've played football for over 27 years and still love it. I don't know when to retire or stop! Maybe I'll keep playing until my legs give up.
- I love going on family adventures and travelling around the UK. We enjoy visiting new places, exploring both the countryside and cities, and making special memories together. Some of our favourite places to visit are Bamburgh Castle, Belton House, Burghley House, Fountains Abbey, Bolton Abbey and Kew Gardens.

Black History Month

Secondary pupils took part in an assembly celebrating Black History Month with the theme "Honouring Our Community." They learned about the contributions of Black and Mixed Heritage people in Britain, including civil rights leader Dr Paul Stephenson, author Malorie Blackman, vicar Eve Pitts, artist Lubaina Himid, and Paralympian Ade Adepitan. Pupils also explored a National Gallery portrait featuring Deaf couple Kevin and Georgina Buckle. Kevin was the first Black deaf presenter on BBC See Hear! and later completed a PhD at York University, while Georgina gained an education degree and now works as a Teaching Assistant in a mainstream school with a Deaf unit.

Boggledy Books Book Fair

Pupils enjoyed visiting the Boggledy Books book fair and choosing from a wide range of picture books, novels, factual texts and activity books. Popular choices included Bluey books for primary pupils and Halloween-themed books for secondary pupils. More than 120 books were purchased by pupils and staff, earning 12 free books for the school library. The event was a great success and continues to be a popular highlight of the school calendar.

Signing Shakespeare Workshop

Years 8–11 pupils enjoyed a Signing Shakespeare workshop with the University of Birmingham, exploring scenes from Macbeth through BSL, Sign Supported English and Visual Vernacular. The session brought Shakespeare's work to life and showcased some impressive acting skills from both pupils and staff.

Harvest Festival

We were delighted to welcome the team from Resurrection Doncaster to lead our annual Harvest Festival assembly. Their engaging and interactive presentation helped pupils reflect on gratitude, community spirit and supporting those in need. We are grateful for their continued support and contribution to this important event.

Careers Advice

Year 10 and Year 11 pupils have recently had the opportunity to meet with the Foundation's Careers Adviser, Michelle Agate, to discuss their future aspirations and career pathways. During these sessions, pupils explored post-16 education options, including a range of college courses and providers, helping them to make informed decisions about their next steps. They also discussed potential work experience placements, giving pupils valuable opportunities to gain real-world experience, develop workplace skills and build confidence as they prepare for life beyond school.

Headteacher News

What a fabulous half term we have had! There has been some fantastic learning taking place across the curriculum, both in the classroom and through a variety of outdoor learning experiences. Our new staff and pupils have embraced school life wholeheartedly, and it has been wonderful to see how warmly everyone has welcomed them into our school community. Staff are now looking forward to a very well-earned break, while pupils are excited to finish the half term with a Halloween party organised especially for them by our School Council. A fantastic way to round off such a busy and enjoyable half term!