



Principal's Update



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Meet one of our tutors



As a teenager, Geo was very passionate about crimes and how people think, so she completed an undergraduate degree in Criminology and Psychology followed by a master's in Forensic Psychology. After this, she decided crimes were too much for her and began work as a teaching assistant for a while in a SEND school where she found her passion for teaching, especially Maths, so she went back to school once again to become a teacher before starting here at Yorkshire Rose College.

Fun facts about Geo:

- She enjoys traveling and her favourite country is Italy – she has been there 4 times and doesn't plan to stop anytime soon.
- She loves reading – her favourite series is The Mortal Instruments by Cassandra Claire.
- She likes to challenge herself to make extravagant meals, so her family and friends are always well fed.

Animal Care

We're delighted to introduce four new arrivals to our Animal Care Unit, all of whom have been rescued from nearby:

- Daphne – Lionhead rabbit
- Harvey – Netherland Dwarf rabbit
- Jake the Snake – Rat snake
- Maisy – Crested Gecko

Sadly, when they arrived, these animals were in terrible condition and had clearly experienced a difficult start in life. Our dedicated staff and students have been working incredibly hard to provide them with the care, patience and attention they need to recover and thrive. We're already seeing some fantastic improvements in their condition and behaviour, and it's wonderful to watch their progress day by day.

These new arrivals are also providing our Animal Care students with a valuable opportunity to gain hands-on experience in rehabilitation, welfare and compassionate animal care. We can't wait to share their progress with you and hopefully find the perfect name for our new crested gecko!



Buddy the Otter

This week, Penny has given Buddy to Gwen Spencer, saying, "Gwen consistently demonstrates a willingness to support both students and staff across the college. She is always happy to step in and provide 1:1 support, ensuring that students receive the help they need to succeed. Gwen is incredibly proactive in communicating her availability to the timetabling team and regularly offers her support to help meet the ever-changing needs of both students and staff. Her positive attitude, flexibility, and genuine willingness to help ensure that colleagues and learners alike receive the support they need, wherever it is required. Thank you, Gwen, for your flexibility, teamwork, and continued commitment to putting our students first."



Staff Appreciation



Alison A would like to nominate Abi Burdis, saying, "Abi helped me recently in dealing with a student who was heightened and distressed. She was not only supportive of me but really calm with the student. She explained things clearly and remained friendly and professional throughout the incident. Although she didn't know the student particularly well, she was able to communicate with them fantastically and build up a level of trust normally only developed after a longer period of time working with them. I want to say a big thank you to her."



Carol S would like to nominate Dan Baker, saying, "I would like to thank Dan Baker for his help on Thursday morning. He took the time to help me inflate the self regulation bouncing balls for our students in Glenville. This helps them to self regulate. So a massive thank you from all in Glenville."

Sustainability Conference



Steph Domokos and Lesley Barrett attended the Sustainability Conference hosted through Doncaster Chamber on the 8th October. Lesley and Steph are part of the sustainability committee within college and this event provided valuable insight into sustainability priorities and initiatives being developed across the region. The conference offered an opportunity to gain a better understanding of local environmental goals, future developments, and ways organisations can contribute to creating a more sustainable Doncaster. The information shared will help inform our own sustainability awareness and future practice within the college.

Tourette's Talk

This week, ex-student Ethan L visited college to speak to key staff members about his experience of having Tourette's syndrome, how it impacts him and what has helped him over the years. He explained how we can support other students who have Tourette's in college. Ethan spoken confidently and proudly of his achievements during and after college, and thanked staff for the support he received while he was here. Those who attended reported how useful the talk was, and how proud they were of Ethan. He has expressed a wish to come back and deliver this again to others.