Yorkshire Rose College

Principal's Update



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Meet one of our Pastoral Support Workers

Cheryl has worked here at Yorkshire Rose College for just over two years – her first year was as an Educational Support Worker and she now works as part of the pastoral team supporting students. She is a mum to two young men and a Mamar to 2 granddaughters and a grandson all under the age of four so she says life is hectic, but that's how she loves it. She worked as a swimming instructor for 30 years, 2 years at the Dome and 28 years at Thorne Leisure centre where she also taught aqua fit and snorkelling. While there, she also worked in the gym for 15 years working around her swimming sessions.

Fun facts about Cheryl:

- She loves spending time with her family.
- She enjoys going to her caravan for a chilled out break with her husband.
- She enjoys long walks on the beach with her crazy dog, Sparky.

Buddy the Otter

Thsi week, Gwen has given Buddy to Dan Rhodes, saying, "Dan is always there to support both staff and students and goes above and beyond to make people feel welcome, listened to and understood. Thank you for everything you do day in day out and for your dedication to the college."



Work Experience

Big congratulations to Chloe T for completing a fantastic work experience placement! Chloe recently completed her placement at Funky Paws and received amazing feedback. The employer highlighted Chloe's incredible ability to face and overcome challenges, quickly learn new skills, and confidently showcase her own talents.

We are so proud of your positive attitude and hard work, Chloe! Keep shining!

Deaf Education Centre

On Tuesday, Abi had a brilliant opportunity to spend a morning with DEC students, introducing herself and her role as a Family Sign Language Mentor! Students took part in Family Communication Bingo, exploring everyday communication within their families, reflecting on their own experiences. They also took part in Breaking Communication Barriers, working through different scenarios, exploring possible solutions from three perspectives: a Deaf person, a family member and a Family Sign Language Mentor. A wonderful morning of learning, sharing ideas and building connections!

Halloween Party

Our students enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of Halloween-themed fun and excitement at our annual Halloween Party. Our students had an amazing time taking on our scare maze, packed with spooky surprises and tricky tasks to escape the room! The fun didn't stop there, with a fortune teller, witches' hat toss, face painting, and a game of zombie eyeball toss.

A massive thank you to all the students who helped with the setup. It was so lovely to see students getting involved and helping to create such a fun event for their peers. It took a lot of responsibility, teamwork and dedication, and we really appreciate all the time and effort you put in. You should all be so proud of yourselves!

