



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

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Meet our Positive Behaviour Manager



Vicky started her career as School Secretary at the Yorkshire Residential School for the Deaf, Doncaster in 1990. She left in 1999 after having spent four weeks doing volunteering work in Tunisia, working with handicapped young people. This experience completely changed Vicky's career.

Since leaving in 1999 Vicky has trained in Pastoral Support and Behaviour Management and has worked in Primary Schools in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, a Secondary School in Rawmarsh, Rotherham and (to quote a member of staff who knew Vicky when she worked here before) said 'you have now come back home'.

Vicky has worked in education all her working career and firmly believes every young person, no matter what their background, deserves a chance to achieve their full potential, whatever that may be. There is nothing more rewarding for Vicky than to see a young person, having worked hard, become a successful individual.

Vicky has said to many staff, since being back here 'I started my career here, I'm now going to end my career here'.

Fun Facts about Vicky:

- She enjoys listening to Northern Soul music and going to Northern Soul Nights.
- She has a German Shepherd named Chase (from Paw Patrol), she loves taking him for walks in the countryside and seaside.
- She enjoys spending time in Devon visiting her stepchildren and grandchildren.
- Her niece, Jessica, was a student at this College.

Thank You!

This morning we hosted our maintenance team in our newly refurbished restaurant as a thank you for all their hard work! This has been a long journey to achieve this wonderful teaching and learning resource! What a team!



Christmas Wreaths

On Friday a group of students made Christmas wreaths. The students did an amazing job needing very little help. It was such a happy and chatty session.

There were students that normally struggle to engage in sessions, and students that struggle to talk to others, but in this session every one of the students were fully engaged and talking to each other. It was a lovely atmosphere to be in. All the students were looking at each other's work they were doing and complimenting each other saying how they liked it and how they had done well. They enjoyed the session so much, they have asked if they can do it again.

You could see how relaxed the students were in session, talking, laughing, and having fun, all while learning.

These wreaths are now for sale at £7.50 and will go to the Christmas Market if not sold before.



Therapy

We would like to welcome our new Speech and Language Therapist, Amber, to the team. She will be working full time across college, school and nursery, and has been starting to get to know staff and students across the site this week. Welcome Amber.



Communication and Wellbeing

Saskia has started to engage in a baking skills session. She is being encouraged to choose recipes and is working on measuring and weighing out ingredients precisely. Saskia also had the confidence to showcase her baking skills to the team. Well done Saskia!

Emmanuela has also been engaging in the baking module using different techniques and used the all in one mix to make the cake sponge. For the piping she did hand over hand and used a dolly for the chocolate cake to sprinkle icing sugar on the top. When putting the biscuits around the side she copied a picture and did it independently. Well done Emmanuela!



Work Experience

Oliver B attended his work experience placement independently for the first time this week. Well done Oliver! This is a great achievement.

Student Voice

Student EHCP reviews are now well underway and our Students have been fantastic in sharing their views in advance of their review on our new Student Views document.

Transition

Marie Campbell, one of our Transition Coordinators, has visited Barnsley College, The Ridge, Artworks, Mexborough SMILE centre, Landmarks college, Autism Plus and Doncaster University centre with students and their families over the last few weeks, to support them to make informed choices about their future.

Forest School



Lewis W and Kieran W enjoyed a visit to Cusworth Hall as a part of their forest school communication lesson. We're glad they had a nice time!