



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

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Meet our Communication & Wellbeing Curriculum Lead



Emma started her career as a support worker within a residential care home for young people with complex needs and autism. This ignited her passion and journey to make a positive difference, leading to her becoming a teacher and committing to this career for over 25 years before joining CSCD.

Her dedication and values of altruism, including selflessness and honesty, have inspired her career decisions to help every young person succeed. As a Curriculum Lead, she designs, implements and evaluates educational experiences for staff and students. One of her roles is ensuring that programs are high quality and aligned with educational research and best practice. She really enjoys working here at college.

Fun facts about Emma:

- She admires Vivienne Westwood for her bold personality, unconventional style and commitment to fashion.
- She enjoys shopping and visiting places of interest.
- She is a huge Ronan Keating fan, and has been for over 20 years.
- She enjoys watching and reading true crime stories especially about serial killers.

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Last week we had our very first public Christmas lights switch-on. The event was a big success and everyone had a very festive time. A big thank you goes to all the staff who volunteered to help out on the night!



Enterprise

During an Enterprise session, Isabelle and Grace discussed potential products for the onsite shop, deciding to create floral wreaths. Throughout the activity, they demonstrated effective communication skills, collaborated as a team, and developed their crafting abilities. They learned how to successfully wrap wired leaves and flowers to create beautiful wreaths.



Additionally, they considered what customers would be interested in purchasing these products and determined how much they would be willing to pay. Together, they decided on the colours, designs, and price for their wreaths. Their hard work is evident in the finished products, which will be displayed in the Enterprise shop and will be selling for just £5.00.

Therapy

As part of his bespoke therapy module, Will has identified that his creative writing project is a great distraction and therefore a strategy for regulating. Staff have been so amazed by the content that Will was asked if our Therapy manager could listen to him reading a chapter. Will agreed and read slowly and clearly. Lauren was extremely impressed. Well done Will, what a talent!

Independence

Harley followed a recipe and instructions to make a mint aero cheesecake with discreet support and we decided to make a Wicked themed cake topper. Harley was really proud of the finished cheesecake and took it home for her family including her nana who really enjoyed it.



Trip to Pollards

Jamie, Kiki, Amy and Lewis M all enjoyed a trip to Pollards last week. The students learnt about the origins of the coffee they watched being roasted, smelt the flavour profiles of coffee and had a go at guessing what they were.

They watched the coffee being packaged and learnt how the process works from the countries they are grown in, how coffee is grown and dried, then how it's cleaned, processed and roasted.

They were even given the coffee they'd watch roast to bring home with them too!

Student Voice

Our next Student Voice meeting will be on Tuesday 10th December. Students and staff will be discussing the curriculum at College. All students are encouraged to share anything they wish to be discussed at the meeting with the Student Voice Reps or staff.

We are happy to announce the Student Christmas Party will be happening on Wednesday 18th December from 12pm - 3pm for all of our Students. There will be a DJ, Karaoke, Facepainting, Arts and Crafts, a photographer and much more!

Employability

We are so proud of Ruby Ri for going into maths with Hannah this week. Ruby has been working with Hannah since September and this week has built up the courage to come out of animal care and go into the maths classroom. Well done Ruby and keep up the fantastic work!



Darley Lodge

The updates to Darley lodge continued last week with some fantastic new blinds for the lounge, creating a modern feel for our young people.

Deaf Education Centre

On Friday 29th November Rubbena Aurangzeb-Tariq came into the Deaf Education Centre to lead a workshop. Rubbena shared her journey as an artist and as a Deaf role model for our students. Rubbena showed the students how to create a piece of abstract art which is now on display in the DEC! We would love people to come and have a look around!

