Communication Specialist College
DONCASTER

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

20th September 2024

Meet our Acting Deputy Principal

Lisa Pyott, originally from Lancashire, moved to South Yorkshire after leaving the Royal Air Force. Lisa has worked in post-16 Further Education for the past 15 years and taught and lead on the subject areas of Business, Catering, Hospitality, Floristry, Travel, Tourism and Aviation.

Lisa says, " I am passionate about education and specialised in SEN after personal experiences of navigating the complexities of the Special Educational Needs processes for my son. I completed a Postgraduate in Autism, and Asperges at Sheffield Hallam University and one of my proudest moments was running the London Marathon for an Autism charity. Mental health and wellbeing are an area I am really dedicated to and helping students reach their full potential and accessing an inclusive educational environment."

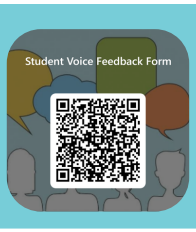
Fun Facts about Lisa:

- Her first job was as a Chef in the Royal Air Force for 15 years.
- She enjoys travelling to new places and exploring.
- She has lived in Cyprus, Northern Ireland and Holland.
- She loves Rugby Union and supports England and Doncaster Knights
- She enjoys Dancing and Karaoke, although says she is not very good at either.

Student Voice Feedback

Students will begin to see the following poster around college:

Students can scan the QR code and share their views, we want to hear from them! There will also be paper forms available soon!



Maths

Maths students have been working on their diagnostics assessments whilst baselines have been taking place. Staff within the Maths department would like to thank all students for their patience.

Independence

Developments have been made in the Independence Curriculum, these include revamped cooking modules and new baking modules.

Motor Vehicle are currently looking at creating RARPA modules to develop students' life skills for car and bike maintenance within the garage environment.

Independent Travel modules have also been revised, these will now run from Module 1 - "Preparing to Travel" to Module 13 - "Complete a Journey by Train Independently".

The Personal Presentation and Healthy Living Curriculums have also been updated.

Thank you to all the staff involved in developing these curriculum areas.

Join our governing board!

Are you passionate about making a difference in our students' lives? We are seeking a Parent Governor and General Governors to join our dedicated board.

If you have skills, knowledge, or experience that can contribute to the success of our college, we would love to hear from you! Your insights and commitment can help shape the future of our college and enhance the educational journey for our students.

Please click below or contact us, if you're interested.
https://www.deaf-trust.co.uk/trust/work-for-us/trustee-and-governor/

Employability

We have two new cars in Motor Vehicle for our students to work on. The staff and students in there are excited to work on something new!

Zara B has settled really well in Catering. Zara already has a job in the industry and is now going to be working towards gaining qualifications that will help her achieve her future goals!

Our new Hair and Beauty students are settling in well to their college course. Tutors, Sophie and Vicky, are excited to get to know the students better and see what they achieve during their time in college.

Therapy

This week our Occupational Therapist, Leah, started her Post-Graduate qualification in Sensory Integration, which will enable her to offer excellent support to our students with sensory processing difficulties. Good luck Leah!

Games Club

Dan Rhodes (staff) has reinstated the gaming club on a Tuesday lunchtime. Ellis J is making an excellent second in command to Dan supporting his peers to access the club.

Careers

Every Monday our Careers Advisor, Michelle, hosts 'Motivated Mondays' in our College Library.

Students are invited to attend to discuss Careers related topics.

Doncaster Futures Fair

Members of the Careers and Transition team attended the Doncaster Futures Fair at the Eco Power Stadium. It was great to see some of our students there.