



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

20th December 2024

Meet our Curriculum Manager for Independence



Sam has worked in Higher Education for over 20 years, initially in student residences, then as a teacher, and now in a curriculum development role to support future generations. With a background in care, she strongly believes in breaking down barriers to communication. This belief fuels her passion for her job and allows her to witness the positive impact of creating the right environment for students.

The Independence team is committed to empowering individuals and ensuring they feel safe and heard. They are continually developing and seeking opportunities to excel.

Fun Facts about Sam:

- She enjoys walking and spending time at her caravan in Cleethorpes.
- She has two Chihuahuas named Lexi and Luna.
- She likes attending concerts and reliving her youth by listening to 90's dance music.
- A favourite destination of hers is Benidorm!

Independence

Three of our Deaf learners, Plamen, Ryan, and Tyler, successfully travelled independently by train this week. They all demonstrated their ability to use public transportation, including bus and train journeys. This achievement will greatly benefit them, as they will now be able to travel to their work placements in the new year and maintain contact with their friends after leaving college.

Student Voice

The Student Christmas Party was well received this week with students showing their best dance moves, taking part in karaoke, arts and crafts and enjoying all the delights that were on offer! **Well done to all the students??** and a big thank you to all the staff that helped make it happen!



Work Experience

Jamie is working in 'Your Shop' at Refurnish in Conisbrough and is doing so well, his placement has been extended. Jamie has been working on the tills and serving customers. Well done Jamie!

Employability

Over the last half term, Jenna has been focussing on her nail technician skills. Jenna has been doing really well and both her teachers and her family agree they are proud of her.



Well done Brogan for your work in sports. You have worked hard in the class this term and are on track to achieve your qualification by the end of the academic year!

Careers

Students can come down to the library on Tuesday afternoons between 12pm and 1pm to receive careers advice from Michelle.



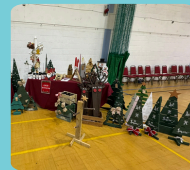
Christmas Fair

What a fantastic time we had at our Christmas Fair yesterday!

There was something for everyone – from the exciting raffle and tombola to the fun "Guess the Weight of the Cake" challenge! We also had some amazing biscuit decorating and so much more!

A huge thank you to everyone who came and joined in the festive fun with us. Your support made the event extra special. All funds raised will go back into the college, helping to create even more opportunities for our students.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Widgit Training

Therapy

Thanks to everyone who came along to the Widgit Online training this term to learn more about the symbol making tool and how to use it to support our students. If anyone missed these sessions and wants to know more please get in touch with Lauren.

Driving Theory

Every Thursday, Chris D's tutor group work on Driving Theory in their tutor group time. Last week Andrii, Ellis, Ryan, Vhon and Mohammad worked together and passed a practical driving theory test with 49 right out of 50!!



New Starter

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new starter, Kaiden Lee, our new Pastoral Support Worker.