



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

June 14th 2024



Meet our Chair of Governors - Tony Baxter

"The governing body is an important part of the college. We support and challenge the leadership team to ensure our students and staff have the best experiences and outcomes possible in a safe and nurturing environment. I was a Governor of Doncaster School for the Deaf from 2005 and a College Governor from 2015. I have been chair since 2017. My son William is deaf with SEN. His transition through preschool, school and college into a confident, happy and empowered adult inspired me to be a governor."

- Tony Baxter

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

It is that time of year when the Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions take place. So far we have had a Silver practice expedition, with Ethan L, Denny, Dylan and Ellis taking part, followed by a Bronze expedition which Brogan, Keiran S, Tyler D, Kian, Tommy P, Lewis M and Tom B passed with flying colours.

The groups have been walking along the River Don and in the Finningley area. Although the weather has not been wonderful, they have successfully used their map skills. Students have also developed planning, shopping, campcraft and cooking skills, though the most important aspects are teamwork and resilience.

We were pleased to welcome Hayley Singleton to our college recently. Hayley is the regional director of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. She was impressed with the work we are doing (we currently have around forty participants) and she promised to come back next term to present our students with their certificates.

As usual, thanks go to the staff from all areas of the College whose time, organisation and effort make this possible.

Animal Care update

The newest introduction to Animal Care is our colony of African Pigmy Dormice. They're very cute, furry and friendly!

Safeguarding Team Update

We are pleased to inform you that Hannah Turford has accepted the role of Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead & Student Welfare Officer. She will be starting with us in September.

Bobbie's Commemoration service



We are holding a commemoration for Bobbie on Wednesday 10th July at 4pm in Eastfields. Everyone is welcome and we will be inviting guests from the community who knew Bobbie to remember her. After the commemoration has finished, we invite you to visit the garden area in the quadrant of the main building which will be renamed 'Bobbie's Garden' in her honour.

Therapy Support

Our new friendship group is working well. On a Wednesday afternoon a small group of deaf students meet with peers to build confidence and find similarities within each other.

Congratulations Lorna

Congratulations to Lorna Lond who has now completed her teaching qualification - PGCE.



Sophie scores!

Sophie Hudson's cricket team won their match this week, away to Elsecar. Sophie hit a boundary! And they won 290/3 to 313/2.



Welcome to the team

Luke Langer is the newest member of staff joining our team. Luke joins us as an Educational Support Worker and has already settled in well, thank you all for making him feel welcome.