



# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

## September 2024



### Welcome back everyone!

I'm excited to share our experiences from our training week and the wellbeing morning we enjoyed as a team. It was a wonderful time for the team to connect, recharge and engage in activities that promote both our personal and professional growth.

As we welcome our new students and our returning students back to our fantastic college, I want to express how thrilled we are to have you all with us this year!

Let's make this a great year!

This academic year our main priorities will be:

- Ofsted readiness
- Continue to improve our provision for our Deaf students
- Focus on behaviour management
- Review and expand the Curriculum offer
- Review and update the College's mission and vision



### Careers

Our returning students spent the first two days of the new term with the Careers and Transition teams, topics covered were; Volunteering, Apprenticeships, NHS Careers, Identifying our own strengths and skills and working on our teamwork and communication skills.

We have two students on Supported Internships this year; Oliver B and Shauna K. They have their first work experience interviews booked for this week and we are excited to see where their supported internships take them.

We will be hosting our first Transition Event 'YOUR FUTURE YOUR CHOICE' on Wednesday 23rd October 1- 6pm.



### Student Voice

Elections for Student Voice Reps will start over the next few weeks. If you are a student interested in being part of the Student Voice team you are welcome to discuss this further with Michael Ibbotson or Lizzy Johnson. We would like to have 5 reps from each Curriculum Pathway supporting the Chair and Deputy Chair, Kieron and Crystal.

### Deaf Provision

Congratulations to Jo R, Helen C & Jemma G who were successful in becoming Communication Support Workers for our new Deaf provision.

Jo has kindly agreed to remain in our café initially to hand over to new Instructor, Rachel Whittaker, who will oversee the training in our café moving forward.



### Cezar, Rhianna & Stephanie start something new!

Cezar will be starting his teacher training. Rhianna has now become an instructor on the wellbeing team. Stephanie is now a Senior Support Worker, working on sensory and communication skills.



### Therapy

Over the summer we have had a new ceiling hoist fitted to create a safe and private changing place for students with significant physical needs. It is located in Carr Fenton near the Animal Care classrooms. A new changing bed for the room is on its way.



# New Starters

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to all of our new starters.



**Samantha Whitehead**

IT Senior Support Worker



**Hannah Turford**

DDSL/Pastoral & Student Welfare Officer



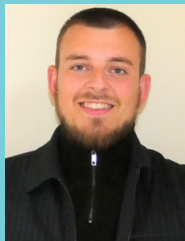
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Data Officer



**Natalie Butler**

Pastoral Support Worker



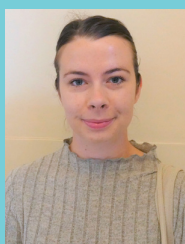
**Morgan Brown**

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Education Support Worker



**Julieanne Robinson**

Land Based Technician



**Rachel Whittaker**

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**Lois Power**

English Tutor



**Fatima Shah**

English Tutor



**Charlotte Hoggard**

Communication Support Worker



**Sara Tunesi**

Instructor



**Annalisa Sung**

Communication Support Worker