



# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

18th October 2024

## Meet our Residential Manager



Chris Brawn has worked for the CSCSD for 19 years. During his time here, he has undertaken several roles including residential support, educational support, Communication Support Worker and Residential Manager. He has also been involved in foreign projects for the college.

He has passed level 6 BSL, has a level 5 in operational management and is studying level 5 management in health and social care.

Chris' aims are for the residential students to have a home from home. A safe, fun, relaxing and fulfilling environment.

Some facts about Chris:

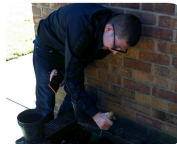
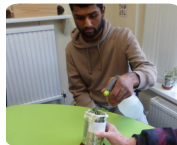
- He has four daughters and three grandchildren.
- He's visited Chernobyl and Pripyat.
- He enjoys writing and has won a flash fiction competition in the Writer's Forum.
- He enjoys drawing.
- He has a 'lockdown' pond of which his grandchildren joke he loves more than them.

## Sensory Gardening

Students have been learning all about what plants need to grow and thrive. They have grown their own pots of salad leaves from seed, and enjoyed exploring different mediums such as soil, grit and water. They have interacted with different textures in nature, such as earth, seeds, bulbs and leaves.

Students have potted up houseplants and distributed them around Glenville, brightening up the building. They have taken ownership of specific plants and are enjoying caring for them each week, taking pride in their tutor group plants.

Students have begun to learn about propagation and are experimenting with different techniques. They are looking forward to exploring this further.



## Student Voice

Evie has put her name forward to be the 'Accessibility and Communication' Leader of the Student Voice Team. Evie said "As accessibility, it would be mainly from a physical/wheelchair point of view but include all access needs such as visual, deaf, autism, etc. And for communication it would be about making sure everyone has a way to communicate, whatever that looks like, including Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), and raising awareness - including everyone in college to contribute." Well done Evie!



## Therapy

We would like to welcome Phil, who will be joining us in the Speech Therapy Team on his University placement every Wednesday and Thursday up until Christmas. He joins our other Speech Therapy student Eloise, and you may see them both around site.



We are sad to be losing our Speech Therapist Martha this week. Martha is moving on to work in Early Years settings in Sheffield, and will be greatly missed by us. Good luck Martha, thank you for all your hard work and support this year.



## Careers

We've got a new employer; RSPCA. Ethan J will be starting his work experience there next week. If you have any blankets, towels, newspapers or pet foods you would like to donate, please drop them in at reception and Ethan will take them with him to work.

There is only one week to go until the Your Future, Your Choice event! Please note: there is no parking on site for the 1-3pm slot. Anyone arriving after 3:30pm may park in the college car park.

## Thank you Alistair!



Alistair has been a fantastic help to staff in setting up Darley Lodge. A big thank you goes out to him from the team.

## CSW Meeting

There has been a positive meeting with the CSWs in order to build links between them and the English and Maths team. Lots of good practice was shared and there are plans to meet on a regular basis moving forward.

## Hair and Beauty

The hair and beauty and HESS students and staff will be temporarily moving out of the salon while there is some work being done. This will be a 4 week change and then they will be moving back in. This change will come into effect after half-term.

## Decorating Complete

The generous decorating carried out in our residential building by Bagnalls is complete. It will make a big difference to staff and students who work and live in the environment.

## Good Luck Jack!



Jack Botterill will be leaving college for pastures new after completing 8 years of service! We wish him all the best in his new venture and thank him for his hard work and dedication over the years. He will be missed by both staff and students alike. Good Luck Jack! .