



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

29th November 2024

Meet our Employability Pathway Curriculum Lead



Jackie left school not knowing what she wanted to do. After completing a year of Art and Design at Barnsley College, she then went on to begin her career as a painter and decorator at the age of 17. She began working for a company who wanted to establish their own training centre, their focus was to help disengaged school learners in school and offer them a qualification within construction. 21 years later, she's delivered different programmes including e2e Programme and Intermediate Labour Market /Transitional Labour Market programmes in the Barnsley and Wakefield areas.

She's worked alongside the local councils and other training providers to deliver Apprenticeship courses at Level 2 in Multi-skills and General Building Operative, by refurbishing properties within the South Yorkshire area. Her main focus is helping people who haven't had the best start in Education to achieve their goals.

Fun facts about Jackie:

- She has two border terriers (Asher and Douglas)
- She and her stepdaughter are members of a kickboxing club that they attend once a week to train
- She and her partner are members of English Heritage/Scotland Heritage and enjoy going for walks and visiting old castles
- She enjoys going out to concerts and festivals
- She enjoys traveling and seen different parts of the world

Employability

Shahryar and Lewis W have been enrolled on a construction qualification. We are proud of both of them for working so hard in the department.

Communication and Wellbeing

Keiran delivered a talk in the library tutor group where he discussed his experiences in the Army Cadets.

The Army Cadets' aim is to "inspire young people between 12 and 18 years old to challenge their limits, grow their abilities and go further in life. Being a cadet will give you the opportunity to take part in a huge range of exciting and adventurous military themed activities, there's something for everyone."

Keiran said "It has made me more confident and helped me with my mental health and I have become more focused".



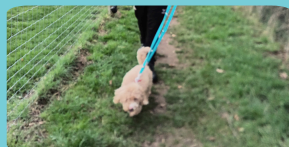
Student Voice

Our next Student Voice meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th December 2024. Students and staff will be discussing the curriculum at College. All students are encouraged to share anything they wish to be discussed at the meeting with the Student Voice Reps or staff.

Transition

Ethan J has been doing his work experience at RSPCA in Bawtry and is doing amazingly well. The staff there are very impressed with him and he is now walking some of the dogs independently.

Ethan has completed a volunteer application form in preparation for his next steps when leaving college, as he hopes to become a part time volunteer at RSPCA.



Thank You!

A huge thank you goes to Karl, Anne and our amazing catering students for providing cakes, buns, mince pies and more for all our college and Trust events this week. A special shout out must also go to Beth for her delicious shortbreads!

Mount Pleasant Christmas Fayre

The Enterprise team have spent 2 days this week working at the Mount Pleasant Christmas Fayre. This year seemed to be the busiest one yet, but we do say this every year.

A huge thank you to those staff members that came to visit us on Sunday.



On Monday, three learners joined the team, Faye, Regan and Molly. This was part of their work experience and they worked incredibly well. We were blown away by how hard they worked and in such a busy environment. It was fantastic to see customer's asking how they could sign thank you to both Regan and Molly.

A special thank you goes to Helen Cota for being our designated driver and making sure all learners were brought to the venue and returned safely in time for their taxis, and to Annette for always supporting us and swinging by to check on learners.

The grand total raised this year is £1838.35

English

A huge congratulations to Matthew Biggs on his change of job role to Trainee Tutor. We are so proud of what you are achieving. You deserve this!



Work Experience

Alistair did really well at work experience this week at Asda. He can rotate stock on the shelves well and makes sure each shelf is neat. Well Done Alistair!

Over the last two weeks Zara P has been thinking about what she wants to do for work experience and preparing for transition. Zara had support from Michelle in the careers team to find a work experience placement. This Wednesday, Zara started her work experience placement in the college gym as a Trainee Gym Instructor. Zara said she loved her first day and she has lots of ideas to get working on!