



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

15th November 2024

Meet our Careers Manager



Suzie is our Careers Manager and is responsible for ensuring students have access to careers advice, employers and work experience opportunities. Suzie has worked at Doncaster Deaf Trust for 21 years in a range of roles, but has been focused on careers education for the last few years.

Suzie is passionate about supporting young people to make informed choices about their future, whilst supporting them to challenge their own perceptions of what is possible for them to achieve. She believes every person has a contribution to make to society and we all do this differently.

Fun facts about Suzie:

- She likes the outdoors and enjoys learning about the natural environment
- She loves walking her Border Terrier, Bonnie.
- She has two footballing boys and spends most weekends on the side of the football pitch in all weathers.
- She enjoys going to the theatre and is looking forward to seeing Northern Ballet's A Christmas Carol this December.
- She is currently renovating the 253 year old house that she lives in.
- She and her husband are directors of their own building company.

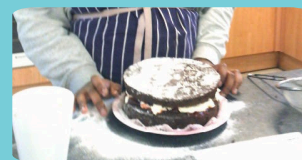
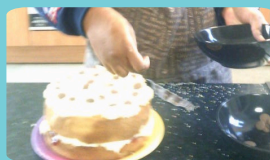
Poppy Appeal

Through the sale of handmade poppies, Andrea, one of our Work Coaches, and Marie, one of our Transition Coordinators, have raised £75 for the Poppy Appeal. Next year, Andrea will be making more poppies, as they were very popular. A big thank you goes to Andrea for this kind contribution.



Communication and Wellbeing

A fantastic moment happened in Sensory baking this week, Emmanuela was able to get the spatula out at the correct time to scrape the cake bowl independently, she then accepted hand over hand support to pipe the top of her cake. Staff member Teresa was overwhelmed with how far Emmanuela has come within this sensory session! Well done, Emmanuela!



Student Voice

Our Student Voice Chair, Keiran, and Deputy Chair, Crystal, joined the College Governors meeting this week to share an update on all the exciting things that have been happening across college. They conducted themselves in a professional, calm and mature manner. Well done Keiran and Crystal!

Employability

Steph has started her Level 2 Hairdressing qualification and her Level 3 Health Education Social Studies qualification. She's going to be a very busy lady!

All of the Hair and Beauty students are working really hard and have had a fantastic start to the year. They've also managed the big change of the salon move well! Change can be very difficult, but all the staff and students have worked hard to make their temporary environment modern and welcoming.



Motivated Mondays

Motivated Mondays are back! Michelle is keen to chat with students about all things careers. Students can find Michelle in the Library on Monday lunchtimes.



Therapy

Our new changing place in Carr Fenton is now fully in action with the arrival of the changing plinth this week.



Work Experience

Sonia Hardwick, the Careers and Enterprise Coordinator from Doncaster Council visited this week. Sonia's role is to oversee and support, where required, the careers offered at college. Sonia was pleased with the work of the team and feels the careers offer at CSCD is great!

Sonia has also kindly donated a sewing machine to the lodge. We are very grateful to be able to give our learners the opportunity to learn new skills and create fantastic craft products.

Bike Maintenance

As part of the curriculum offer, we deliver a Bike Maintenance course. Through this course, staff and students have the opportunity to take their bikes in for servicing and maintenance.



This week the students in Bike Maintenance serviced Therapy Manager, Lauren Woodcock's son's bike and swapped the brakes and bell over to suit him as he is left handed. They cleaned the bike up and sprayed over some scuffed paint. It looks fantastic. Lauren said "Thank you to Kieran and his students. Particular shout out to Kai B for his hard work on this."

Well done Hannah!

A big well done goes to Hannah Roberts who has recently achieved her Level 2 award in Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

