

# Valley College

## Newsletter Autumn Term 1 21-22



Welcome to the first newsletter for the academic year 2021-22, and my first newsletter as Head of Valley College.

### **Curriculum**

The Autumn Term has been busy and learners and staff have enjoyed being on site and learners have settled well into their PACE groups.

There has been a big emphasis on PACE (Preparation for Adulthood, Citizenship and Employment) to ensure all opportunities are maximized to incorporate this.

Valley College has benefitted from the facilities it has as a result of being situated on Ewood Campus, further enhancing the PACE ethos in a number of areas. Learners have been able to learn and rehearse work skills in the specialist provisions at the College which include: Catering kitchen; Conference Room and Café – hospitality training outlet; The Den – retail training outlet, Trust grounds, before being placed in real world work placements.

Typically, all College learners are on weekly work placement within the Trust or the wider community. However, due to **Covid pandemic restriction** access to many placements has been reduced over the past year. Throughout the Autumn term leaders have been actively re-engaging with placement providers and rebuilding learner confidence in readiness to resume the full placement offer.

### **Hello Yellow Day**

Valley College took part in Hello Yellow Day for Young Minds on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. The Learners took part in a range of well-being activities across the day. Thank you for all donations made in total we raised £380.37 for Young Minds. A special thanks to Sarah McGranaghan for organizing this event.

### **COVID**

On return to College a Risk Assessment was put in place reflecting the current government guidance in relation to COVID. We continue to promote good hygiene and regular handwashing across the day. A polite reminder to continue testing using the LFT kits twice weekly which government guidance states includes the half term and the evening before they return to the setting. Please contact College should you require additional testing kits.

### **Communication**

We value the importance of communication between home and college and thank you for your continued support with this. Please remember should you wish to contact a member of the Leadership Team the structure for this academic year is as follows:

Executive Principal: Mrs Louise Parrish

Head of Valley College: Miss Kelly Morgan

Assistant Head of Valley College: Mrs Eileen Melling

Business Admin Lead for Valley College: Mrs Sue Johnson

### **Dates for Diaries: Autumn 2**

*Return to Valley College: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021*

I hope you all have a wonderful half term and I look forward to welcoming the learners back to College in Autumn 2 Term.

*Miss K Morgan*

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