

# Good News



Monay initially self referred herself to Paington Sec after she did not gain adequate results in her Maths and English GCSE's to be able to enrol with another college to complete the course she had selected in Year 11.

Monay had a lack of knowledge about what she could do instead of going to college and was unsure how to proceed. She wanted to get a job but did not know how to go about this either. Monay had low self confidence and had obviously been affected by not getting onto the course and going in the direction that she had initially planned when she left school.

Monay's end goal was to get onto a Traineeship so that she could complete her Maths and English Functional skill and gain employment. Monay started coming to college to complete her Maths Level 1 training, she was set a timetable and once she settled in she attended regularly. Monay was able to make some new friends in the classroom and this helped to build her confidence and improve her attendance as she was enjoying her lessons.

Monay commented that she enjoyed the fact that the classroom was not like school and she received one to one help from Jo the tutor and was not sat listening to endless lessons but getting on with practical math's in a way that suited her learning needs. Monay also gained confidence from meeting new people particularly adults who were in learning and being able to see that just because she did not gain her GCSE's there were lots of other paths open to her – we covered this in a review and career guidance when looking at which route would be best for her to take. Monay has now transferred onto a Traineeship and is continuing to complete her Maths and English on a weekly basis. She is attending her work place weekly and gaining work based skills from doing this including things such as customer service and working as part of a team as well as learning how to behave in a work setting and using it to look at future opportunities and industries that she would like to work within.

Monay has said that the guidance she received has been the best thing about the programme and being made aware of all of the other options that she could progress through instead of going to college. She has also really benefited from being in college and being treated as an individual with options that relate specifically to her with one to one support.

Monay will be continuing her training and development on the Traineeship programme, hopefully to complete her Math's and English functional skill as well as a Workskills qualification which will help her to apply for full time work in the future.

Whilst on the course Monay was able to achieve a work placement with a local restaurant which she was really excited about and made the decision that she was ready to transfer over to a Traineeship to help her with more work based activities and to complete her Work skills qualification. Monay would not have known this was a route that she could take had she not attended the HOSW programme.



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