

ABBIE WILLIAMS

Abbie joined Learning for Living and Work (LflW) in September 2017 having not attended any form of formal education since she was in Year 7.

She struggled in noisy environments, found change very difficult to cope with and was easily unsettled and upset.

Abbie said: *“I was home-schooled for five years and came to College with no qualifications. The support and understanding I’ve had from the Learning for Living and Work department has really helped me turn things round.”*

Supporting the student journey

Initially, Abbie attended College on a partial timetable and it took many weeks of sporadic attendance and encouragement for her to feel comfortable enough to begin attending full-time.

Abbie made excellent progress in the department, both in terms of her academic capability and improved social skills. She has bonded well with her peers and has formed friendships with them inside and outside of College.

Next steps

This outstanding progress has allowed Abbie to achieve several qualifications, including Level 1 in Employability Skills, Level 1 Functional Skills maths and Entry Level 3 Functional Skills English. In addition, Abbie has successfully secured a place on a Public Services course for the 2019/20 academic year.

“My self-confidence has increased and I’m looking forward to starting a full-time Public Services course. Eventually, I’d like to be a Prison Officer.”