

CHERISE RAMSEY

Cherise joined the Learning for Living and Work (LflW) department at Barnsley College in September 2015 having previously attended Greenacre School. Cherise really enjoyed her time at Greenacre which made her feel quite anxious about the move to college.

Cherise said: *“I thought about how I was going to miss everyone at school and it made me feel a bit sad to leave.”*

Such feelings did not last long and Cherise soon felt at ease in her new environment.

“I knew lots of students as they went to Greenacre with me and all the staff were so friendly. They told jokes to make me laugh and I was happy to be at College.”

Supporting the student journey

Cherise has a severe learning difficulty and needed support with maths and English but this did not hinder her from achieving numerous qualifications including Employability up to and including Level 1. In addition, Cherise also completed work placements in Crumbs Café where she became a valued member of the team and learned a lot about working life.

Alongside her academic and work related experiences, Cherise took part in Animal Care sessions at Wigfield Farm. As a keen animal lover, these sessions sparked a great interest in the possibility of progressing to an Animal Care course in the future.

During taster sessions at Wigfield Farm, Cherise was able to develop a greater understanding of what would be involved in an Animal Care course and get used to the practicalities of studying at the farm, such as getting to and from the site.

“I love going to Wigfield Farm and working with the animals. When I went on a taster there I knew straight away that I wanted to go there all the time.”

Next steps

Cherise was offered a place on an Animal Care course.