

EMMIE JAMES

Emmie joined Learning for Living and Work (LfLW) in September 2016.

Prior to coming to College she was pleased that secondary school were able to meet her physical needs but had concerns she had not achieved everything that she could have academically.

Emmie said: *"I didn't feel good when I left school, because I didn't achieve any GCSEs. I was worried about my future at College because I didn't think I would achieve high enough grades."*

Emmie needn't have worried and it quickly became clear that LfLW had a very capable student who needed nurturing to develop her confidence and challenging academically.

Supporting the student journey

Emmie was able to integrate herself well into College life, making friends and forming excellent working relationships with staff. As time progressed, Emmie's 'wicked' sense of humour came to the fore but never once did this affect her work in a negative way.

"They (LfLW staff) supported me in class by breaking my work down for me. They also helped me see my capabilities and gave me confidence."

Whilst in LfLW, Emmie achieved Entry Level 3 qualifications in maths and English, as well as Level 1 in Employability Skills. In addition, Emmie completed a work placement in which she acted as an advocate for students in the department.

Next steps

Emmie's determination to succeed became something of a trademark and with support she successfully applied to study a Business and Management course within College.

Emmie's success has continued into her new course of study in Business and Management. In 2018/19, Emmie passed her main qualification at Level 1 and Functional Skills maths and English at Level 1; something she is justly proud of.

Emmie is already looking to the future and will be progressing onto a Level 2 course in Business and Management in 2019/20.

"I felt really confident when leaving LfLW but never imagined I would go on to achieving a distinction in every unit on the Business course."