

My Journey to University

I first met my foster carers almost 8 years ago and have been through Primary school, High school, College and now University with their support.

When I first went to High school, I was kind of surprised how hard and challenging it was. Now I realise it was because I had never really had a full week's attendance at school until I was with my foster carers.

I was doing rather well in my studies for High school and eventually when I reached year 11, I achieved 7 GCSE's and I have got to be honest, my maths and science were very easy but my English and my other choices were very difficult. I had trouble with English language so it was a great feeling when I eventually passed it!

I have always been interested in gaming and animations, so I decided this is what I wanted to do in the future. I was accepted onto the course I wanted, which was Animation and Game design, at Clarendon College in September 2018.

Then my college life began and boy was that something! I made great friends, had amazing lecturers and a brilliant time altogether! My first year I got to learn a ton of software and meet a great bunch of people.

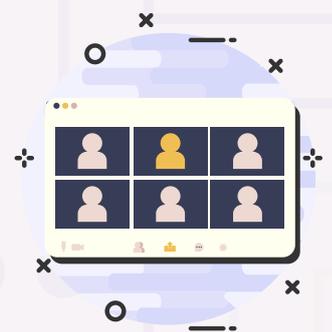
My second year was a lot harder but I was also enjoying the amount of practical work I was given as I was able to hone in on my skills and therefore improve at creating better models and produce better coding as well.



As I approached the end of college, I had to think about my next steps. The gaming industry is very popular and competitive, and the next obvious step was University which would hopefully open up opportunities as well as further my knowledge, skills and experience in this field.

I was really happy I got the grades I needed to get into university and enrolled at Staffordshire University in September 2020 on the 'Computer Game Design' course.

At the moment, due to COVID-19, all my lessons are virtual which actually I prefer. I have already made new friends online who have the same interests as me. I have met all my lecturers who seem really supportive. I have been given some tasks to do which I will look forward to doing!



So for any other foster children out there I didn't have the best start to my education but with hard work and my foster carers support and encouragement I achieved 100% attendance at school, college, GCSE's, BTEC and hopefully a degree in the next few years.

Try hard, never give up and you will be amazed at what you can achieve!

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