



Case Study

D has been attending JY for 5 years, in this time he has grown from a 13 year old boy to a 18 year old young man. D would be referred to as a complex young person who often struggled to engage with his peers socially finding himself in situations whereby his peers struggled to interact with him positively. D struggled in mainstream school and would often, in his earlier years, fail to attend school. D attended JY twice weekly along with attending our Enrichment weeks activities and volunteering for a period at Junior Sessions.

Whilst at JY D would have periods of real positivity being able to ride and engage positively and socially, other times however, would see D being disrespectful to both staff and his peers resulting on occasions with D requiring conversation and input relating to respect, positive behaviour and language. Regardless of how a previous night at JY had gone, D would always return.

Over the years we have been able to develop a good relationship with D, conversing with him about school, family, peers and choices. D had a tendency to self-sabotage rooted in low self esteem and confidence, this would play out in his behaviour and demeanour leading to him struggling to establish himself as a young man.

D required a higher level of input and support in relation to his behaviour and choices often spending his time 1:1 with a JY staff member. D developed a strong relationship in particular to a male volunteer, an awesome role model whom, like D had made some poorer choices at a young age however, had managed to change and develop, so much so is now a Police Officer.

Input from JY along with an increased level of support from school, which D often discussed with us, meant that D went on to secure his GCSE's and moved into A Levels. Another big transition which again required consistent and positive support around. Due to his low self esteem D struggled to engage in A Levels at a high standard however, did manage to attend and secure his grades.

D, moved to university recently, he mad a positive choice to move further afield and re-establish himself in a new place studying something which he knew he would enjoy. D has visited JY a handful of times since being at university to keep us updated on how he is getting on. He knows that if he attends once a week or once every 6 months he is absolutely always welcome, will always receive respect and will always have an ear to listen to him should he need it.