

James's Journey

From Education to Employment



The beginning...

James began his journey based at Catcote Futures working within 'Taking the Lead' Pathway. This programme of study has a strong focus on developing Independent Living Skills and Using Employability Skills. This programme was personalised and tailored specifically to James and his particular strengths and interests within the Hospitality industry.

James completed work training within our onsite Bistro facility and then transferred these skills to our external training arm in The Vestry Café based inside Christ Church Art Gallery.



Next STEPs...

James progressed well during the first two years of his programme and made the decision to move to STEPs employability pathway based in the town centre. This gave James the opportunity to apply his accumulated skills into 'real life' settings within the community, and continue his journey towards his aspirations for employment and independent living.





Internal Work Placements

James began building his work skills in the Catcote Futures Bistro and progressed to Catcote's external hospitality training venue, The Vestry. These working environments gave James time and opportunity to build his confidence and broaden his work skills before progressing to external work placements.

External Work Placements

James had a very successful work placements as a kitchen assistant in Sheraton Court Care Home and in PAPPA Caffe in the town centre. These placements gave James an insight into a real working environment within the hospitality sector. James worked with his job coach to develop his skills enabling him to apply for paid work. James received some great work references which he used to apply for hospitality jobs.



Official Volunteer

In September 2021 James became an official volunteer at The Vestry café following an application for this position. James continued to 'drop in' at The STEPs programme once a week to update staff on his progress and his impending move into independent living.



Paid Employment !!!

James successfully secured a work placement in Place in the Park and within four weeks was offered paid employment. Congratulations James your perseverance and hard work paid off!

