



ADAM CROOKS

AT A GLANCE

COURSE

- Hospitality
- Internship programme

PLACEMENTS

- Morrisons
- Vale Royal Abbey Arms

Adam has secured a paid job at Vale Royal Abbey Arms. Colleagues say he brings so much to the team and brightens up everyone's day. Adam was named College Student Of The Year 2023.

BACKGROUND

Adam started at Petty Pool Vocational College in September 2020 after attending Green Lane Community Special School. He started as a very anxious and overwhelmed individual who was constantly eager to please with moderate learning difficulties.

WORK EXPERIENCE

In Adam's second year at Petty Pool he was chosen to take part in external work placements, one at Vale Royal Abbey Arms and another at Morrisons warehouse working with the staff canteen. Adam flourished in both of these work experiences, he soon learnt the skills he needed to make a good impression and for others to see how well he works. Adam had become so confident in his work placements that he needed little prompts from supporting staff as he had followed instructions well, remembered work routines and what the job role entailed. Both work placements were sad when Adam came to the end of his second year and broke up for summer. Adam had made such a great impression that Vale Royal Abbey Arms wanted to offer Adam a supported internship with themselves for his third year. This was something Adam really wanted and was looking forward to coming back and getting stuck into.

INDEPENDENCE

Adam has shown his dedication to work by working 11-6 outside of his "normal" college hours which he has adapted to really well with the support from his tutor and job coach working in collaboration. Adam is working independently in the workplace, he knows his job role well and has the tools he needs to complete his tasks. He has formed a really good working relationship with all his colleagues, he jokes around with them but knows when he needs to work hard when it is busy, he takes advice from other staff members who provide him with knowledge and guidance from their experience. Adam's team have fed back about how he is using his own initiative at quieter periods, so much so that they are now giving him extra responsibilities and new skills to learn, which Adam is embracing.