



JACK

AT A GLANCE

COURSE

- Hospitality
- Internship programme

PLACEMENTS

- Maple Grove School

Jack now works 4 days a week, travels independently and is very much a key member of the kitchen team at the school.

BACKGROUND

Jack was diagnosed with Autism in 2008 and has moderate learning difficulties. Jack joined Pettypool college and commenced a course in Hospitality for two years before moving onto a supported Internship programme in year three.

WORK EXPERIENCE

In year three Jack commenced his work experience working in the kitchens at the Maple Grove school in November 2021. Jack started by working one day a week, during this time Jack was supported by his Job coach and his working day started at 9.30am and finished at 1.30pm. Jack very quickly established himself in his placement and discussions took place with the employer to increase his attendance by a further day. Jack adapted very quickly to the new work pattern, the support from his job coach was withdrawn over time which resulted in positive discussions with his employer about the possibility of Jack securing a permanent position at the end of his work experience.

INDEPENDENCE

To support Jack with the possible transition to paid employment we commenced travel training, this would allow Jack to become independent and enable Jack to be able to travel from his home in Hooton to his place of work in Chester. The travel training experience was not without its challenges due to the COVID restrictions, staff shortages at the bus company and a change to the timetable however Jack who has Autism was very motivated and was determined to make this work and after a period of training Jack successfully completed his travel training. The outcome of the training provided Jack with some independence and improved his prospects of securing a permanent role at the school.