
ACORN PARK SCHOOLS
CAREERS PROGRAMME
– FLIGHTPATH CASE
STUDY (STUDENT 1)



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STUDENT 1 PRE-FLIGHTPATH (21/22)

Student 1 lacked confidence pre-flight path- both academically and socially. It was rare that they engaged with an adult unless they were asked direct questions that required only short answers. Student 1 struggled with his academic work. This often led to frustration with himself, staff and peers when he felt overwhelmed. Student 1 lacked motivation to engage in lessons and engage with peers and staff in a positive way.

Reading age: 7y 0m

Spelling age: 9y 3m

FLIGHTPATH DISCUSSION (21/22)

Student 1 was able to communicate, during a flightpath session, that they had a passion for Airsoft combat and that their dream was to work at an airsoft combat base one day.

ACTION

The member of staff who had the discussion with Student 1 knew someone who runs an airsoft and paintball combat base. A work experience day was set up for Student 1 to attend. They were thrilled and motivated to pursue their dream.

They have since engaged in 1 day a week of work experience at Combat Paintball LTD and recently moved to 2 days a week.

SKILLS ACQUIRED

- Communication- confidence has improved greatly (both at school, home and work experience)
- Time management
- Customer service
- Independence
- Operations and systems

THE FUTURE

Student 1 has the offer of a job when he leaves education and they are happy to facilitate a qualification post 16. They are a valued member of their workforce.

Student 1 recently had a meeting about his flightpath and aspirations. They are keen to:

- Live independently
- They want to earn money and pay for their own place
- They want to learn to play the electric guitar

Student 1's reading age has increased by 2 years and they engage in all lessons positively now.