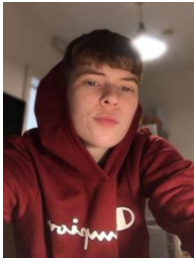




Kayleigh Found Their FutureMe @ NCD



Kayleigh studied Sport at New College Durham. Alongside her further education studies Kayleigh participated in numerous FutureMe activities organised by the college that helped her think about the benefits of higher education and their links to different career options. Kayleigh was supported through the higher education process making a successful application to York St John University studying Sport and Exercise Science.

Kayleigh started her FutureMe journey by taking part in a range of activities aimed at helping students understand what progression options might be available to them. Kayleigh engaged in one-to-one IAG sessions to help inform her future plans and participated in group workshops and visits that included:

- ▶ Introduction to HE Talk
- ▶ HE subject insight sessions
- ▶ HE campus visits
- ▶ Understanding student finance & the HE application process
- ▶ Careers Talks
- ▶ HE progression support
- ▶ Developing new skills and attainment support

Speaking of her experience, Kayleigh said:

"The application clinic at New College Durham were very useful and provided excellent support in helping me with my UCAS application. Through the whole process, I have had a lot of support and guidance from the FutureMe team who reviewed my personal statement and helped me to develop it through constructive feedback.

Alongside the FutureMe team, my lecturers John, Simon and Barry have been very helpful and have aided me with advice and support about the next steps of my educational pathway, when deciding between staying at New College Durham or going to York St Johns, to study a degree in Sport and Exercise Science. The FutureMe team arranged transport for me to visit the University to make sure I was making the correct decision".

FutureMe is the targeted programme of activity delivered in schools and colleges across the North East by the North East Uni Connect Programme (NEUCP). NEUCP is a partnership of all the universities and colleges in the region working together to increase progression to higher education. This work is being carried out as part of the Office for Students' Uni Connect Programme.