

Case Study

Marcus Potter

Project: ESF NEETS (My Future)

Location: Norfolk

Job outcome: Started BTEC in Computing

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Marcus Potter College Student

Marcus had faced big chanllenges throughout school as he has Aspergers Syndrom and Crohns Disease. Despite this he managed to finishe school and complete his GCSEs. However Marcus did not yet feel able to progress to college or work as he needed to continue with developing his skills around meeting new people to keep him interacting.

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It was at this point that he joined the My Future course which used robots and robotics at its heart. As Marcus struggled to understand instruction clearly the course was delivery was adapted to suit his needs and he received a lot of support from the other students.

Marcus really enjoyed the course and stood out as a hard worker. He really enjoyed the challenge of group and team working even though he found the social interaction difficult. However he developed personally by trying new things and taking small steps, but he successfully completed the programme.

His confidence has been improved dramatically and he is able to present to groups and is a lot happier meeting new people. He enjoyed working with and developing the robots so much that his mood changed for the better and his body language is very positive.

The programme has really helped Marcus to be able to go outside his comfort zone, so much so that he has now enrolled onto a college course and is going to study a BTEC in computing. "I really enjoyed the course and meeting new people."