



Kimberley

When we first met Kimberley she was 25 and she had never had paid employment before. She had completed work placements that hadn't led anywhere and she was currently on jobseekers. We watched Kim develop throughout the 12 weeks and saw her confidence in herself grow. We praised her hard work ethic, her easy going nature and her positivity. We were astounded that nobody had ever given her a job as we could see how much she could bring to a company. We thought maybe her literacy and spelling issues could have held her back at the application stage.

Throughout the course she had problems in her home life which meant some days she chose between paying rent or buying food. We encouraged Kim to gain a placement at Marks and Spencers. They expected a lot from her but they gave a lot back, from fantastic training to providing lunch and snacks in the canteen every day. She worked at the Widnes branch for two weeks, kept her head down, worked hard and it paid off. Two days after she returned from her work placement they rang to offer her a contract.

That was in April 2014. She has since continued to grow within the company and from signing a part time temporary contract, she is now on a permanent contract doing full time hours. Her whole life has changed around and she is now the breadwinner in her household meaning that her and her partner have a much brighter future together.

WELL DONE KIM!