

Where Are They Now?



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Year left Winterhill: 2013

Currently: Studying at RCAT

What have you been up to since leaving Winterhill?

When I left Winterhill, I enrolled onto a two-year Level 3 Health and Social Care course at Rotherham College of Arts and Technology (RCAT). I passed this course and then made the decision to go back to College to do a Level 3 course in Childcare and Education, which is what I am currently studying. This will lead to a career as an Early Years Practitioner.

Why did you choose to study this after leaving Winterhill?

I chose to study Health and Social Care originally because I felt this was the best way to further my education and to gain the skills I needed to go into the career that I wanted to go into at the time, even though I later changed career path.

What does the course involve?

I am currently studying Childcare and Education and this involves going to college for three days a week, and then being on a work placement for the remaining two days. Whilst on placement, I interact with children of different ages, and meet their care and educational needs. Whilst at College, I learn about different subjects that interlink and make up the child's needs from both a care and an educational angle.

What are your plans for the future?

My plans for the future are to qualify as an Early Years Practitioner and to work with children and to help shape their future.

Any tips for current Winterhill students?

Don't be afraid to follow your career goals. You are allowed to change your mind if you feel that you didn't make the right choices.

School is more important than you think and there is no shame in wanting to better yourself.