



Rachel lands her first paid job

Rachel Ferguson has classic A-T but she hasn't let A-T get in her way of pursuing her dreams and, with much grit and determination, she has overcome every hurdle to get to where she is today. She achieved seven GCSEs at school and has recently graduated from Telford College of Arts and Technology. Rachel passed her three year BTEC level 3 course in Health and Social Care with flying colours.

Rachel was recently interviewed for her college newsletter and had this to say:

"When I started college, the staff centred the whole course around me. They put me in a normal group of students, gave me a reduced timetable, let me have study time after lunch to get on with any work I had, and allowed me to go home at 3pm.

Finishing my course took a lot of effort and I couldn't have completed it without the support of my tutors. As well as supporting me, they also became my friends."

The staff at the college were so impressed with the way that Rachel embraced the course, her determination to be like all the other health students and her resilience in completing her placements. They also recognised that Rachel has an amazing sense of humour which shone through when the wrong bus turned up without a wheelchair lift for a college trip. Determined to go Rachel told her friend and teachers to just 'manhandle her up the steps' which they obligingly did!

Since leaving college Rachel has embarked on her next challenge - her first ever job. She is now employed as a part time website administrator working with the Bridgnorth and Morville Parishes Team Ministry.

Her mother Joy said: "We now have a website administrator in the family! Hopefully this is just the start of an exciting new chapter in her life – I'm so proud of my daughter for landing her first paid job."