



Case Study:

Supporting Corey Godber's Career Journey

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Background: Corey Godber is a dedicated learner at ATTFE College who has shown a strong interest in both Animal Care and Art. Initially, Corey was exploring options for Health & Social Care but later chose Childcare as his course of study. However, as with many young people, he found himself questioning his path and considering alternatives, particularly in Animal Care.



Initial Concerns: When Corey and his mother initially expressed interest in attending West Notts College for Animal Care, they faced challenges due to a lack of information on the application process. Corey hadn't applied earlier as they were unsure how to do so, which left him uncertain about his future options. Additionally, Corey had concerns about transitioning to West Notts College mid-academic year, particularly regarding the size of the institution, class sizes, and the idea of starting a new course late in the term.

Our Approach: To help guide Corey through these concerns, our Careers Advisor arranged a one-on-one meeting to discuss his ambitions and explore his best options. We provided Corey with honest feedback, explaining that while West Notts College may not have available spaces at this time, we reached out to Maxine Buttery at West Notts to inquire further.

Understanding his passion for Animal Care, we suggested exploring volunteer opportunities at local veterinary clinics or rescue centres. This would give Corey valuable hands-on experience in the field he's passionate about, while also keeping him engaged with his current Childcare course at ATTFE College. Volunteering will provide a clearer sense of whether a future career in Animal Care is the right path, without needing to immediately switch courses.

Encouragement and Reassurance: In addition to exploring new avenues, Corey was reassured that his current feelings of doubt regarding Childcare are natural, especially at the start of a new course. It's common for students to question their choices early on, but we encouraged him to give the course another go before making any major decisions.

We also discussed the academic requirements for Animal Care at West Notts College, particularly the importance of English and Maths qualifications. This has helped Corey to better understand the challenges he might face but also how he can work towards overcoming these barriers.





Looking Ahead: In line with ATTFE's commitment to individualised support, we proposed a transition process similar to what is done from primary to secondary school, to ease Corey's future move, should he decide to join West Notts College next year. We are awaiting further feedback from West Notts College regarding potential opportunities, and once we hear back, we'll be able to advise Corey on his next steps.

Outcome: Corey left the meeting feeling more confident about giving his current course another chance while also keeping his options open for the future. We remain in touch with him, offering continuous guidance to ensure he stays motivated and on track to reach his goals. Corey's journey exemplifies how personalised career advice and emotional support can make a significant difference in guiding learners toward a fulfilling future.

