



What do you like about being a Residential Childcare Apprentice?

I feel privileged to hold a role supporting children and young people to flourish and develop. I enjoy being part of a warm and supportive environment where the children and young people receive high quality care to help them reach their potential and ensure their needs are met. Due to the nature of the young people being in care it motivates me to support the children and young people in enjoying and progressing in everyday life.

How did you hear about the BTEC Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare Qualification delivered by West Lancashire College?

The Residential Childcare Qualification is a mandatory qualification needed to work in the care sector. I was informed I would be doing the qualification at interview, and I was signed up by Mell Watkins of West Lancashire College. Mell and the college are the designated Assessor and training provider for all of Beacon Reach's Vocational Qualifications.

What have you enjoyed the most whilst completing your Level 3?

Completing the qualification allowed me the opportunity to understand the theory behind the Residential practice, and to reflect on my own practice and experience. I felt this was important as I was new to the sector and this enabled me to thrive in my role. I had regular 1-1 contact with my assessor who made me feel supported and valued and that my qualification was achievable.

Would you recommend studying for the BTEC Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare course with West Lancashire College?

Yes. I felt this qualification has transformed me from someone new to the sector into a dynamic professional in my field of work. The support from my assessor Mell Watkins made this an enjoyable and highly motivational learning experience.

What are your aspirations for the future?

This qualification has driven me to continue in developing myself, and embedding theory into practice and consequently I have enrolled on an MA in Autism. Mell's support, professionalism and kindness have helped me to flourish in a sector that was once daunting. I am now a confident practitioner. Thank you!