

RIVER TEES HOSPITAL SCHOOL INSPIRING ALUMNI WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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“A series of life-changing events severely impacted my mental health, revealing struggles in mainstream education compounded by undiagnosed neurodevelopmental issues. After somehow completing Key Stage 3 at Acklam Grange School, I was referred to Hospital School due to impulsive behaviour, frequent truancy, low mood and difficulty focusing during tasks.

I began Year 10 at Hospital School in November 2023, initially reluctant and doubted by my parents, but was diagnosed with ADHD after a full assessment in April 2025. By Year 11 at Hospital School, I achieved a major personal and educational breakthrough, becoming highly motivated, forging strong friendships and leading months of revision sessions to boost others’ grades. My transformation was undeniable; my parents witnessed a remarkable change in me at home, and my attendance soared from 51% to 90% by the end of Year 11.

As the GCSE exams approached, I made a conscious effort to attend every revision session after school and during holidays, supporting other pupils with their coursework. During exams, I showed real resilience and used my time wisely to complete every question.

Thanks to the ongoing support and encouragement from my teachers at Hospital School, I surpassed most of my predicted grades. I genuinely couldn’t believe my results. Without Hospital School, I don’t think I would have gained any GCSEs, and for that, I’ll be forever grateful.”

**Achieved 8 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above
(including Grade 6 in English Language, Grade 7 in English Literature,
Art & Design, Hospitality & Catering and Sport & Fitness)**

Isabelle spoke to Schools North East for an article entitled, Inspiring journeys lead to GCSE triumph at River Tees Hospital School on results day and said, ‘I now want to do something like this, in education or as a social worker, as I want to help children like me.’

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