

RIVER TEES HOSPITAL SCHOOL INSPIRING ALUMNI WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

“Before Hospital School, I didn’t leave my house. I had a panic attack when I left my front garden, and I was in and out of hospital. I had a visit around River Tees Hospital School, and I didn’t buy it for a second. I didn’t think there was anything that could help me at all.

I came back on a 1:1 basis. At first, I only came in for a cup of tea to speak to one of the teachers. A few weeks later, I started English lessons. My two teachers were the best things that ever happened to me. They gave me the confidence and courage to do my GCSEs and everything I’ve achieved since. Soon after that, I did 1:1 Maths too and the teacher was the exact same.

The school’s mental health support system was better than any therapy I’ve ever been to. They gave me so much courage and helped my anxiety more than anyone ever could.

After a year, I joined lessons with other people my age, which was the scariest thing in the world for me. The school supported me so well, and that is where I met my best friend, who I still adore to this day. I sat my GCSEs, and the school made all my nerves go away.

Since leaving this school, I’ve started an early year’s apprenticeship, where I take care of children from 0-7 years old. I would’ve never had the courage to fulfill my dreams without this school and the teachers who supported me through every trauma I went through, no matter how big or how small it was.”

Ruby Heeley
2020 – 2023



Achieved: 7 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above
(including Grade 5 in English Language, Grade 4 in English Literature & Grade 3 in Maths)

Studied: NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator)

PROFESSION: CHILDCARE PRACTITIONER