

How an Apprenticeship helped Jade get a head start with her career



Jade Smith is aged 18. She left school with GCSEs in Art, Leisure & Tourism and Beauty Therapy. She went to Connexions and they organised an interview with R W Rechere, a South London based training company that offers courses to young people who require additional support and guidance to overcome barriers to learning and help them achieve qualifications and employment.

Jade says:

"It was just what I wanted," says Jade. "R W Rechere offered the training I wanted in beauty with the opportunity to practice on paying customers when we have done some basic training."

Learning the basics

Jade was enrolled on the Entry to Employment course, a 22-week training programme where she learned to carry out techniques such as manicures, pedicures and related

complimentary treatments as well as learning essential health and safety and codes of conduct.

She completed the course with flying colours and decided to carry on with her training, if her training provider could be persuaded to offer her an Apprenticeship.

Thrilled

"I enjoyed the work, and especially the practical sessions, so I was thrilled to be offered the opportunity to progress onto a full Apprenticeship with the company."

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