



How Stephen turned a part-time Saturday job into the full-time career he'd always wanted thanks to an Apprenticeship.

Stephen LeFevre is aged 19 and lives in Sutton. He left school at 16 with few qualifications but a determination to find work.

Having worked at Petsville International, a retail pet shop, since he was aged 14, Stephen asked the company if they would consider taking him on full-time once he had left school.

Stephen says:

"I didn't enjoy school one bit, and was bullied too," says Stephen. "I left school with no GCSEs but I had done some tests in Maths and English. I started college, but after just three days I knew that I didn't want to be there, so I asked Petsville if they would take me on full time."

Petsville didn't need much persuading. They recognised that Stephen was committed and determined, and knew that he was hardworking having employed him part time for years.

Training provider

Petsville contacted local training provider Hawk Training, who took Stephen on and now an assessor comes into the shop regularly to work with Stephen on his Apprenticeship portfolio. Currently, he is working towards his NVQ level 2 in Customer Service.

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