

Post-16 and post-19

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I always thought I might fail english gcse I suppose at the time I didn't know how that would affect what I did next. I really liked maths and was good at that and computing so I thought I could just do that. I broke my collarbone at the start of my GCSES and I couldn't write or do games lessons. I was really fed up about the games! My mum was worried I would do something daft at school and damage myself further. I talked with one of the TAs. She made me realise I could reset myself with English and it was not too late. There were some aspects of it I could do and she made me want to try rather than switch off! She did say if I try now I will not have to do it again that helped me focus!! I think the TAs at KLB are good at keeping you motivated and they help you to be resilient and keep trying even when you really don't get it! They do really believe in you which makes you want to do the work! I passed my English GCSE!! All my family were really pleased!! I also found when I was studying my 4 A-levels skills I had learnt from the TAs helped me believe in myself I knew I could do it!!

I did not want to go to any of the GCSE support after school. But my mum thought the English homework club might be useful. One of the Tas talked to me in tutor She said” I had really grown and she didn't recognise me ‘ I was very pleased about that! She then came and collected me and some other boys at the end of the day and took us to the English GCSE drop in class. I don't think I would have gone if she had not come and collected me! I went along and did my homework there were teachers to ask if you were stuck and they gave you chocolate for going! It also meant you did not need to do any English homework at home! I actually now think the English drop in support is a good idea. I did my homework on my own but there was help if I needed it.

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The story of two brothers, 2022 leavers