



From Creative Passion to a Clear Pathway: How Robbie Unlocked His Potential in the Arts

Asset - Robbie brought an incredible natural passion for the creative arts. Like many talented young people, however, knowing how to turn a non-traditional passion into a sustainable career path isn't always obvious.

Spark - As Robbie progressed through school and faced key decisions about his future, he was determined to turn his creative ambition into reality. He had the talent; he simply needed a sounding board to build his self-belief and help draft the roadmap to get there.

Action - That's where his mentor, Zoe, came in. Coming from the same area of Newcastle and having successfully built her own career in the creative industries, Zoe was living proof of what was possible. Through their weekly 1:1 sessions, they explored career routes, discussed options, and worked on building Robbie's confidence.

"I think all these kids need someone to have absolute faith in them, and they all need to realise that they're completely worthwhile and brilliant in themselves. Anyone with enough determination can create something within that, or be brave enough to create their own path. With the right support and people around them saying, 'you should definitely do that,' I think he'll do something exceptional." - **Zoe, MCR Pathways Volunteer Mentor**

Expansion - Today, Robbie moves forward with a clear direction, renewed self-assurance, and the knowledge that his potential is limitless.

"The biggest thing for me was seeing that Zoe had managed to thrive in the arts while being from here. That made me think, this is definitely something worth looking into.

"Getting to know Zoe and seeing her circumstances has made me much more confident in myself. It's made me much more assured in what I can do, and that I don't have to be constrained by what other people think is realistic or possible. There's a lot you can do that you don't realise you can do, and having a mentor can really help unlock that in you." - **Robbie, MCR Pathways Mentored Young Person**