

James has Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita, which means he has limited movement in some of his joints, including those affecting his hands. He learned to write and draw with his mouth, which was very difficult. James is studying for a diploma in Art and Design at Barnsley College as he is interested in pursuing a career in graphic design or game design.

James said: "I think it is brilliant that the college has adapted to cater for disabled people and would definitely recommend it. I struggled a bit at first, but there were people prepared to help and I have made lots of friends. There are certain things that I can't do, but I just find a way around it."



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Laura O'Neil found out she was dyslexic while studying at Barnsley College. She has now completed a BA Hons degree at Huddersfield University and is working in the HR department for Deborah Services Ltd. Laura is also studying for her Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) exams. When she finishes all her exams she is hoping to take on more of an HR Advisor role.

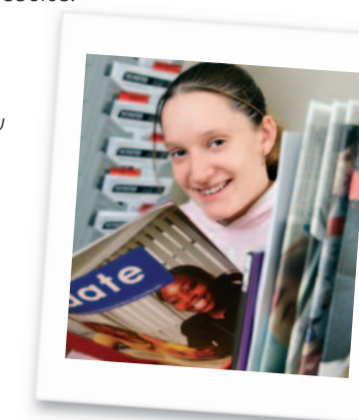
Her advice to others is: "Believe in yourself and be determined to achieve."

This is Stephenie Pickets, just completing the first year of a Hairdressing Apprenticeship NVQ Level 2 and specialising in colouring techniques and cutting at Leslie Frances (Training) Ltd.



Young mum Kayleigh, 17, has remained focused on her ambition to become a Youth Worker through some tough times. She is currently studying a Skills for Life course at Barnsley College, which covers first aid, health and safety, IT and cooking. She hopes to progress onto the Health and Social Care course.

Kayleigh said: "People always say you can't get an education if you have a child, but I think if you put your mind to it then you can do anything you want to do. I have just started a placement at the Youth Service as part of my course and I plan to go on to university."



Kelly joined the family garage business when she left school. Kelly wanted to gain a motor vehicle apprenticeship qualification and Independent Training Services

delivered this. Kelly overcame the barriers of working in a predominantly male environment to become the youngest female qualified MOT tester in Yorkshire. Kelly is now undertaking a further qualification in customer services with ITS Ltd. Kelly was a runner up in the 2006 COLA Awards for achievers across South Yorkshire.

Matteo Siderri came to Barnsley from Italy in 2002 when he was 16. Despite technical and language barriers, Matteo constantly achieved the highest grades available. In his final year, Matteo performed challenging pieces on the drums to support other students and was awarded the college's Mundella Award for Music.



In December 2003 Samantha started a Level 2 Apprenticeship in Business Administration with Protocol Skills. Her good performance was soon noticed and she was quickly employed by the Yorkshire Training Partnership. Despite various personal setbacks Samantha worked hard to complete her Apprenticeship and then Advanced Apprenticeship, way ahead of schedule.



A group of successful learners on the Increased Flexibility Programme seen here collecting their Hairdressing NVQ Level 1 certificates from the Dimensions Training Solutions Barnsley Hairdressing Academy, supported by their teacher and Dimensions tutor. Successful achievers included Rebecca Upperdine, Sara Hardcastle, Lucy Homer and Nicola Higgs.



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Contacts and Websites  
Learning providers

Penistone Grammar School  
[www.barnsley.org/penistone-grammar/](http://www.barnsley.org/penistone-grammar/)  
Tel: 01226 762114  
Deame Valley College  
[www.deame-coll.ac.uk](http://www.deame-coll.ac.uk)  
Tel: 01709 513333

Support services  
Aim Higher  
[www.aimhigher.co.uk](http://www.aimhigher.co.uk)  
Opportunities and services available for young people with disabilities  
[www.ater16.org.uk](http://www.ater16.org.uk)

Pupil and Student Support  
01226 773570  
01226 773581  
01226 773595  
EMA Help and Support  
[www.direct.gov.uk/ema](http://www.direct.gov.uk/ema)  
Tel: 080 810 16219

Learning Pays  
[www.learningpays.org](http://www.learningpays.org)  
Care to Learn  
0845 600 2809  
[www.dfes.gov.uk/caretolearn/](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/caretolearn/)

Careers for the Future  
[www.careersforthefuture.com](http://www.careersforthefuture.com)  
SKILL (National Bureau for Students with Disabilities)  
Telephone 0800 068 2422  
Tel: 0800 328 5050  
[www.skill.org.uk](http://www.skill.org.uk)

Barnsley Youth Information and Support Service  
Tel: 01226 299222  
Department for Work and Pensions (Barnsley)  
01226 777 222

Learning, training and employment support  
Barnsley Connexions Centre  
01226 205686  
[www.ypzone.co.uk](http://www.ypzone.co.uk)

Connexions Direct for information on careers and learning opportunities  
0800 800 13219  
[www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com)  
[www.connexions.org.uk](http://www.connexions.org.uk)

Directions Directory (Work based learning)  
[www.lscdirections.co.uk](http://www.lscdirections.co.uk)  
[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)  
Training vacancies and college courses  
[www.barnsleyaps16.com](http://www.barnsleyaps16.com)

Jobcentre Plus  
[www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk)  
01226 263 0000  
Jobs4u  
[www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u/](http://www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u/)

Volunteering support  
Millennium Volunteers Barnsley  
[www.mvonline.gov.uk](http://www.mvonline.gov.uk)  
01226 289237  
Barnsley Young Volunteer Agency  
Tel: 01226 249468

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- Continue to apply for courses.
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- Make sure your Personal Adviser knows about your plans.
- Look out for vacancies in your local paper; ask family and friends.
- Find out what vacancies are available at Lifetime Recruitment Services on 0800 138 4569 or visit [www.lifetime-vacancies.co.uk](http://www.lifetime-vacancies.co.uk)
- Continue to revise for GCSEs.
- Prepare your Curriculum Vitae.