

## Jim's story

**Jim was 14 and has moderate learning difficulties but had made fantastic progress with developing his learning skills within a mainstream school.** He is on target for achieving the outcomes agreed for his Plan. He still needed some support with his English, maths and communication skills but was keen to start looking at his options post-16. He wasn't sure what he wanted to do and was worried that he would not be able to find work in an increasingly competitive job market. The school's specialist careers advisor, together with other support workers called a review with Jim and his parents. His parents were equally unsure whether Jim would be able secure employment. But the Careers Advisor explained that there was dedicated programme, Supported Internships which combined directed work experience with an employer, with study at an FE College.

Jim is now 17. He has been undertaking his Supported Internship, helped by a Job Coach with an employer in the hospitality sector. He's made excellent progress. The opportunity to develop his English, maths and communication skills, backed by study at College and to learn job-related skills within a work setting, has boosted his confidence no end. His employer is impressed too and is about to offer him a job.

