



Di Lack, Autism Co-ordinator

Luke Hutchings, L3 Ext Diploma in Production of Arts

A Journey through transition....

- *Previously attended Samuel Whitbread ASC Unit*
- *Visit to Bedford College in Year 11 to see what was available*
- *Met with Di Lack, Autism Co-ordinator to discuss the course that I was interested in with my mum.*
- *Di Lack supported me at my interview*
- *Had an 'individual Student Experience day' where I was buddied with another ASC student already on the course.*

- *Summer I had the opportunity to come in for coffee morning sessions to meet new students*
- *TA support which I have been central to the decision making on when to scale down support.*
- *Mentoring from Di Lack, in the first term when I started and access whenever I need to speak with her over concerns.*
- *1:1 study skills to help me with organising my assignments and making sure I understand the assignment briefs.*
- *Access to 'The Haven' ASC space in College house at breaks and lunchtimes – have a laugh!!*

- *Social trips – bowling, making friends and feeling comfortable with those I am with.*

And in my own words....

I'm Luke Hutchings, and I'm currently in my first year on the level 3 BTEC in Production Arts and Stage Management. I have really enjoyed my time at college, I feel I can be myself and there's no need to hide behind a mask. Although moving from school to college was difficult I managed, by telling myself that I could do well and that I would always have people around me that I could talk to and support me. For me making friends was my biggest worry, but I needn't have worried, people at college are more mature and more understanding of those with difficulties

My support at college, has been brilliant. I feel that the additional support team and Di lack the Autism Co-ordinator, speak my language, they are always encouraging and are confident that their students will succeed.