

SWINDON NEWSLETTER

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SWINDON SUCCESS CELEBRATED

Swindon have had a fantastic start to the year.

On Wednesday 6th March, both staff and learners were proud to welcome Cllr Kevin Parry and Natalie Stephens from Wiltshire College to our Go Train centre in Swindon to present our successful learners with Kindle Tablets, Phones and Fitness Trackers and some of their certificates.

We are delighted with the success enjoyed by these learners who have achieved so much and are now Work

Fit! The team would like to thank our partners at Swindon JCP for their support.



ADAM'S DOGGED DETERMINATION

Adam is completing our six-week Work Fit + Kit training programme. He is now feeling "ten times more confident" about himself and his future. Adam identified that his love of dogs and being outdoors had the potential for him to start his own dog-care and dog-walking business. In the meantime, he has secured weekend voluntary work starting in April, working both with greyhounds and young children with learning difficulties and disabilities. Adam has also secured a job offer, starting in April - well done!

STAYING POWER THE INGREDIENT FOR SUCCESS

Stewart is on the autism spectrum and suffers from anxiety.

Stewart told us: "I was nervous when I first started the course but got more confidence and I felt really good that I completed all six weeks."

Since finishing with Go Train, Stewart's new found confidence has started him on a learning journey to a new career. Stewart has since achieved his Level 1 Food Hygiene Certificate and is now looking for part time work in hospitality and catering.



AMBER GETS THE GREEN LIGHT

We were delighted to welcome Amber (pictured above) to the centre. She worked extremely hard during her time with us and we were so pleased for her when she secured a position at Sunny Days Nursery in Calne. We wish Amber the best in her new career and look forward to hearing how she is progressing.

"I have been lucky enough to have been offered a nursery job as a before-and-after school club assistant. There is room for progression to be a nursery practitioner.

Go Train has helped me greatly in the six weeks I was with them, not only with acquiring skills and knowledge, but also with building my confidence and motivation.

Go Train gave me the skills I needed to be the best I could be during the application and interview process. They helped me get my foot in the door of the industry I want to work in. It was a great experience being there."

EMILY BLOSSOMS

When Emily came to Go Train, she had anxiety issues and low self-esteem and was nervous being in a group of strangers. She is now feeling confident enough to start voluntary work with TWIGS Community Gardens in Swindon. Emily will be working outdoors, which she is really pleased about as she is hoping to pursue a career in horticulture or garden landscaping. Emily intends to gain her English and Maths GCSEs to help her reach her goals. She has also approached a local employer about the possibility of an apprenticeship or volunteering leading to a job. Emily says: "I am quite excited about what the future could hold for me. If it wasn't for Go Train I would still be sitting at home not sure what do and with no direction. My tutor and the team at the centre have been brilliant and really supportive."



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JAKE SET TO QUALIFY FOR A CONSTRUCTION JOB

Jake came to us with confidence issues, but after only a few weeks he had formed "a great bond" with his tutor and the other learners.

Jake also rediscovered his love of learning and how training can open up new career opportunities for people in so many different areas. From starting out with Go Train he is now embarking on a more specialised career path in construction.

Jake says: "My confidence is much better. I feel I have been able to

come out of my shell more. I now have an interview scheduled to be a part-time bar person and I will also be doing my CSCS course at the end of March. As long as I achieve my CSCS qualification, I have an interview for full-time employment in a construction job.

Coming to Go Train has helped me a lot and I feel like myself again and that I am capable of so much more than I thought before."



MICHAEL ALL SET FOR EARNING WHILE LEARNING

When Michael came to Go Train, he had no idea what his goals were and lacked confidence. Michael's dyslexia was also a barrier for him. Michael's confidence really improved during his time with us and he has now decided to go to college to gain an academic qualification in English. He will be doing some bar work at the same time as he is determined to be learning and earning.

"I am now feeling more confident in myself, and also with my English - and my dyslexia. I was thinking about doing cookery as a career. However, I am now considering teaching, as I like to help others. I now feel I have purpose and direction in my life and am much more positive about the future as a result of the support from my tutor and the training at Go Train." - Michael

CONGRATULATIONS ALL ROUND

It was great to celebrate the success of so many learners in Swindon and also lovely to receive the lovely gifts they left for their tutors and staff at Go Train.

We shall miss you all and look forward to hearing about your success!



ROMANO PUSHES HIMSELF TOWARDS HIS JOB GOALS

Romano progressed well with help from our staff and support from other learners in the group and he made new friends. Romano also discovered how much he enjoys supporting people in return.

Romano says: "I am trying to push myself forwards to prove to myself that I can do it. I am really keen to get back into paid employment and I feel more confident with the support of my tutor in applying for jobs."

RICHARD GAINS WORK EXPERIENCE ON THE WILD SIDE

Richard is volunteering at the Wiltshire Wildfire Trust Wellbeing Programme every Thursday and is seeking further voluntary and part time jobs. He is missing being at Go Train and will be coming in on Mondays to do more

job searching at our Job Club in the afternoon. Richard says: "Thanks Gayle and the team. You have been fantastic. I have a better outlook on life now and the course has been a massive assistance to me."



"Transforming lives by improving skills, preparing for jobs and building careers."