



‘Creating the best version of you today, for success tomorrow’

Originally from Askern, I attended Campsmount Academy for 7 years which unlocked the opportunity for me to go to university; something that no other family member had done before. In a way, this gave me both a sense of responsibility but also a sense of pride.

Although, I cannot say that every day has been a bed of roses as a teenager growing up in a modern society, I can honestly say that my experiences at Campsmount taught me the importance of respect, integrity and the value of others, but perhaps most importantly the academy taught me to respect and value myself and my local community. The environment at Campsmount was safe and positive and I felt enabled, appreciated and inspired. This led me to a true love of learning which I personally might not have expected but consequently gave me the confidence, abilities, resilience and perseverance to grow, not only as an individual but also as part of a team of students.

I am particularly grateful for the fact that I was able to study a wide range of subjects which opened me up to new experiences such as learning a new language. I felt that I always wanted to reach my true potential and achieve the best version of myself but that was only ever truly achieved because of the wonderful encouragement and support I experienced from teachers and all members of staff at Campsmount. At times when I have faced personal difficulties, I was always fully supported by the pastoral team who were kind, providing care and advice. The skills I learned at Campsmount I went on to apply to all areas of my life, including team sports, hobbies, and part time work as a waitress in a restaurant. I also achieved a silver in the DoE award which I later appreciated was funded and wholeheartedly supported by the academy. Failures to achieve were never considered to be failures but an opportunity to learn, develop and grow and through this rather than feeling discouraged I felt motivated, enthusiastic, and ambitious to learn.

I was asked to speak at the academy presentation evening and although nervous as I suspect most people would be, I felt confident enough and also empowered to voice my words in such a public domain due to role models that I found in fellow students. This was not only a proud moment for myself but I am sure for my family, friends and staff members who had given me life skills and confidence in order to complete a goal almost certainly unthinkable a few years earlier.

I personally felt that Campsmount was not only about education, but it was also about providing opportunities for each and every individual, regardless of background. I am not the only success story that has come out of Askern, some of my friends were supported with apprenticeship placements and training opportunities. I felt we were treated with respect and therefore we treated each other with more respect.

The high expectations and standards given to me by Campsmount have not only set me a standard for my further education at university but also I suspect, for my life as an adult.

In summary, Campsmount to date has made me a student in education, a student in life and hopefully a success of whatever I choose to be and achieve.