



Testimonials from Sandwell Academy

I discovered Startright when one of my Year 9 students was referred to them via the local PRU.

I arranged a visit and had a meeting with Mark Neville and Stephen Grice at their premises in Smethwick to find out more about the scheme and what they had to offer. I was infected by Mark and Stephen's enthusiasm, determination and downright **can do attitude** to help young people.

They understand that some young people need that bit of extra support and help to find their way in the world, and work exceptionally hard to get excellent results.

They provide written reports on students' progress and keep us informed about attendance on a weekly basis. They also prepare students for transition to other local training providers, colleges and apprenticeships.

I feel the students develop team work skills, problem solving and excellent communication skills with all levels of people, this is an amazing opportunity that the students could draw on for employment opportunities, and it will stand them in good stead for their futures.

I can highly recommend this scheme to others with no hesitation.

By Sandra Caddick - Director of Careers, Guidance and Industrial Links