

# CAMBIAN WING COLLEGE ALUMNI EVENT – 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

On 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025, Cambian Wing College hosted our first Alumni event. We invited back our students who left our service years previously for an afternoon cream tea. This was in order to celebrate their achievements since transitioning from college.

The young people spoke to our current students about their experiences such as attending university, obtaining employment, attending further education colleges and living independently or semi-independently.

It was a huge success. Thank you to Tracey Costello Lecturer and Examinations Officer for organising such a tremendous event.



Our past student's achievements

## Chris Illingworth:

Since leaving the Wing he has achieved a degree in Commercial Music from Bath Spa University where he lived in uni halls and in a shared house and completed his exam in Grade 8 Electric Guitar. He now lives in a flat in Bristol and has support sessions which assist with day to day living tasks. Since graduating from university in 2023, he has set up his self-employed business doing photography and videography work, mostly in relation to live music performances.

## Esther Siemaszko:

After leaving the Wing, Esther moved on to attend Sparsholt college, working towards her Level 2 Animal Care and level 3 Conservation courses. Esther lived in supported accommodation whilst attending Sparsholt College. Esther has been undertaking volunteer work since leaving Sparsholt and is working with the Bournemouth Natural Science Society. She is hoping to gain paid employment and is working with a work coach through the National Careers Service.



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## David Grundell:

After leaving the Wing he began a degree course at University of Southampton. He has since completed his degree and is in his last year of this Masters in Chemistry. He is living independently in a shared house. David has passed his road theory test for motor cycling and hopes to achieve his full motorcycle licence soon. David has developed a passion for travelling and has been to Croatia, Poland, Japan, Wales, Italy and Germany. He plans to take a trip to Chile amongst other countries. David works during the summers in the Chemistry labs at the University running experiments to give A level students experience of lab work. He is planning on working in research for a couple of years to enable him to finish a model for Fundamental Particles before progressing on to complete a PHD.



## Joshua Jacobs:

Josh completed the first year of an apprenticeship. He now volunteers in his local community at places like the repair café and toddler daycare. He assists his father in his job as an engineer for commercial equipment and his uncle in building work. He currently lives in supported living and is making strides towards living independently.



## Christian Lteif:

Since leaving Wing, Christian attended BAMB for 2 years, undertaking a level 3 Music Production Course. He then moved on to a business course at Brockenhurst College. He is also running his business sourcing and selling memorabilia online. He plans to go on to university to study Business and Finance

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## Eli Lteif:

Since leaving Wing, Eli attended BAMM for 2 years, undertaking a level 3 Music Production Course. He has passed his driving test and is working as a DJ. He plans to go on to university at the Waterbear College of Music to study Music Production.



## Thomas Bunney:

After leaving the Wing, Thomas moved on to Berkshire College of Agriculture where he has achieved a Distinction in Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Technology and Production. He has just completed his first year in Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology and will be progressing on to Year 2. He hopes to gain a supported internship once he has completed his course at college.



## Sam Marks:

Sam has gained paid employment at Tesco and then became a delivery driver for Asda. He has recently been offered his dream job as a guard on the railway. He plans to move out to live independently once he has started his new job.



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## Steffi Peach:

Steffi moved out into supported living accommodation and has built positive relationships with her support staff. She has made many new friends. She has been for three job interviews for paid employment and is currently a volunteer at a SEND nursery in Salisbury. She has passed her driving theory and plans to take her driving practical test before the end of the year.

## Tristan Kelly:

Whilst at the Wing, Tristan attended Bournemouth and Poole College to study for a Level 2 IT course and then progressed on to a Level 3 Games Design course. He applied to attend universities and received 5 conditional offers. He has since started at Staffordshire University. He is living semi-independently with a support worker coming in to provide some assistance with day-to-day tasks.



## Lewis Burt:

Whilst at CWC, Lewis started at Bournemouth and Poole College. He attended independently and achieved Level 2 Everything Digital and IT, before moving on to a Level 3 Future Tech qualification. He then progressed to an Access to Higher Education course. He applied to university and received an unconditional offer to study Software Engineering at Solent University.

