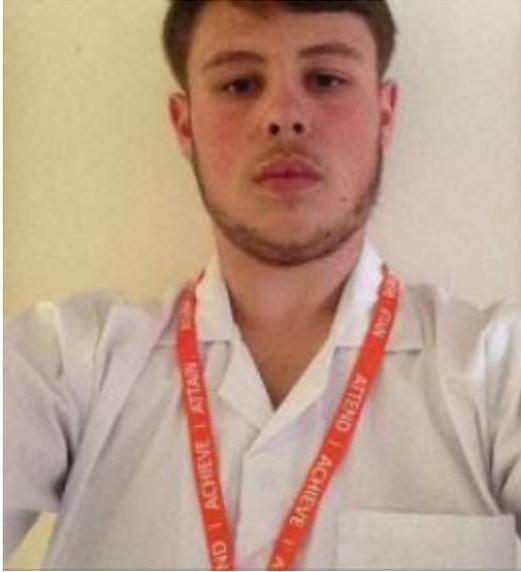


## 12 months on for Jay



12 months after leaving the Hundred of Hoo Academy, we spoke with Jay Bowman as a follow up to his original article. You can read Jay's article from last year via this link:

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Thank you to Jay for updating us and answering our questions on his experiences of the last year:

- **Where did you go after leaving The Hundred of Hoo Academy?**

After I Left the Hundred of Hoo, I went to Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) at the Medway Campus at Dockside to study nursing.

- **What qualifications and grades did you need to qualify for this?**

I needed to have a minimum of Merit, Merit and Merit, Pass at Level 3 as I did BTEC's for A-level only. Additionally, I needed to have a minimum of a 4(C) in English and Maths. However, the overall qualifications that are required for entry to the course are best accessed on the individual university website.

- **What personal attributes do you need for this?**

You need to be relaxed under-pressure, be able to communicate effectively with others and to listen to information being given

- **It's been an unexpected year for everyone, what has the effect of the pandemic on your forward route? What has been different from what you had expected?**

Due to the pandemic, one aspect of the nursing degree is that instead of being in university for all lessons, the university has been implementing a virtual learning approach to support students.

- **What positive things have you learnt? How have you dealt with challenges?**

It is important to establish a good communication network with friends to help deal with challenges. I have been able to effectively improve my understanding of how to use the virtual learning platform (Blackboard).

- **What are your hopes and aspirations for the coming 12 months?**

To complete all the required hours for placements in the future. Additionally, I would like to pass my overall assignments that I have in the upcoming 12 months.

- **Anything else you'd like to tell us about?**

In relation to the course itself, many people think that the course is just for females, but it is a profession that many males are able to join, which is very rewarding as you do not go into nursing for the money; you go into that career to help others and give something back to the community.