

College Alumni Page

At Norton College Worcester we are extremely proud of the progress our students make with us. We are also proud of the progression they make when they leave us and move onto positive destinations and Adulthood.

Often ex-students keep in touch with us and like to share their journeys to inspire our students of tomorrow.

Taylor

My name is Taylor, and I attended Norton College Worcester for 2.5 years from the age of 14 years.

Prior to starting at Norton college, I attended various schools with varying levels of success. I had a very disruptive home life, and I ended up at the age of 11 becoming LAC.

When I joined Norton College felt I was behind in my studies and had not achieved my potential. Thanks to Norton College's close nit environment, 1:1 teaching and relationships with staff, I was able to learn the GCSE curriculum and passed English, Maths, Chemistry, Biology and statistics alongside other vocational qualifications.

This allowed me to enter 6th form college, and I am now at King Edward VI college in Stourbridge studying Sociology, Politics and Law. I am predicted AAB, and I am in the process of applying for Oxford / Cambridge to study Law in September 2025.

Anthony

My name is Anthony and I attended Norton College Worcester from 2018 till 2021. Prior to attending Norton, I was in a local mainstream high school, where I struggled to access any form of education or social development. During my time in a mainstream provision, I would be disruptive, constantly get in to trouble, only attending school on a part time timetable and failed to make any real academic progress.

When I moved to Norton College, I felt welcomed and understood for the first time. I benefited from the 1:1 teaching, flexibility built into my timetable, support from helpful staff and social skills gained from trips out.

From Norton College I gained multiple qualifications including Btecs, GCSEs and external vocational qualifications. The benefit of passing these recognised qualifications has allowed me to move on in adult life and gain full time employment.

I am really grateful for all the help and support I received from Norton College. If it wasn't for Norton, then I would not be where I am today. I have a full-time job, a car and excellent prospects for the future.

Nathan

Hello, my name is Nathan. I attended Norton college from the age of 14 to 18. During this time I was classed as Looked after to the local authority.

Previous to joining Norton College Worcester, I had attended 10 different schools where I missed out on a large part of my academic and social skills. During this time I struggles to engage, as I was not used to being in school and would get kicked out for my disruptive behaviour.

When I joined Norton College, I thought it would be the same as every other school I had attended and would be let down with false promises. Ian Hardicker would always welcome me each day, make me feel valued and turned out to be a person (amongst other staff) whom I grew to respect and fully trust.

The caring ethos at Norton College allowed me to find myself, build healthy relationships and find alternative opportunities to learn. The difference Norton College made in my life is massive and has allowed me to learn skills to support me in adult life.

I now work full time for Worcester Children's first as a 'participation development mentor. I support young people of all ages and from all backgrounds to prepare for adult life. The skills I pass onto these young people are skills I learnt at Norton College, and this allows us to benefit the next generation.