

## Public wellbeing sector

### **Talissa Willers, 18, Chesterfield College**

**Talissa wanted to pursue her ambition to work as a gym manager.**

When Talissa met Higher Futures contact Hayley Snowden at Chesterfield College in June 2007, she said she wanted to gain higher level skills and qualifications to enable her to realise her goal.

Initially unsure of the progression routes open to her, Hayley actively worked with Talissa to help her understand her options, including drawing up an individualised plan, explaining the financial support available and organising meetings with programme and guidance managers.

Talissa decided that the Health-related Exercise and Fitness Foundation Degree would be the best option for her because of the integration of academic and work-based learning and the flexibility to study locally, whilst gaining the confidence, skills and knowledge relevant for employment.



When Talissa decided that she wanted to enter this course in 2007, Hayley worked intensively to support Talissa through the clearing process and ensure that her finances were in place for the start of her studies.

Hayley worked with both Talissa and her parents to ensure that they had a good understanding of all the relevant information and had completed the necessary forms.

**Talissa is now studying full time on the Foundation Degree in Health-related Exercise and Fitness at Chesterfield College.**

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**“The Higher Futures contact has helped me from the start and continues to be a point of contact for me. She has been a massive support and has helped me every step of the way.”**