



Alumni - Sammiyah Shafiq



My name is Sammiyah and I am a deaf. I left Wodensborough Ormiston Academy in 2014 with qualifications in Art, Textiles, Childcare, English, Maths, Science. As an **Alumni student** I am sharing my career journey with you.

My post 16 destination was **Sandwell College** where I completed my Level 2 and 3 in Art.

From here I moved to **Walsall College** to study Level 2 Beauty Therapy fulfilling one of my dream goals.

I have overcome many barriers throughout my career journey but eventually, I found a job at **SignHealth**. I now work with deaf staff and clients **with mental health needs**. I have 5 years experience and have achieved an NVQ Level 3 in Health and Social Care.

I also work with **Deaf World**, a charity supporting deaf and hard-of-hearing young people aged 11–25 in the West Midlands.

Deaf World empowers young people to take ownership of decisions that affect their lives through education, training, leisure, and social activities. Programmes help young people develop confidence, life skills, and independence through activities such as residential trips, cultural projects, governance, international youth exchanges, and employment or training opportunities.

I have gained invaluable experience from both of my jobs and grown in confidence. I have developed skills that allow me to support and inspire others in the deaf community.

I am looking forward to sharing my story and support Wodensborough as an Alumni student.