

Sports Development Apprenticeship

Liam Burns from Hadrian Park is employed at Benton Dene Schools

Liam applied for his apprenticeship straight after leaving Monkseaton High School. He had always been interested in sport and plays football and golf. In his role at Benton Dene Schools, he has a timetable of classes which he supports both in the primary and special school. Liam is involved in setting up the equipment such as the trampolines and football goals. He assists in lessons specifically where pupils are struggling or excelling in their sports. Liam is also involved in lunchtime clubs, after school clubs, swimming galas and tournaments.

Liam said,

“I chose an apprenticeship as a career from school as I felt that I wasn’t going to gain confidence in coaching or sport by solely sitting in a classroom environment. Now I am benefitting from ‘hands on’ work experience as well as working towards vocational qualifications. I feel much more independent since starting work and it is rewarding seeing the pupils win at the competitions. They have recently had successes in netball, cross country and football and I am keen to support them further.”

Liam has a number of mentors for his role from within the school and beyond providing him with additional support and experience. He has also undertaken Sports Development CPD and First Aid training to enhance his skills in the role.

Julie Royle, School Business Manager commented,

“Liam has embraced his role as Sports Development Apprentice at Benton Dene Schools with a mature and enthusiastic approach to the role, he has built strong working relationships and enhanced the schools delivery of sport within all of the activities he has been involved in.”



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