



CELEBRATION FOR SUPPORTED LEARNERS

This year's 'Supported Learners' event was held on 5th May and celebrated the achievements so far of all students who have received and benefited from the College's dedicated support services and staff. All students were awarded certificates in recognition of the 'journeys travelled' by these students and some students were specially commended for their commitment and resultant successes from the supported student programme. Paul Wakeling (Principal) and Cllr. Keith Darvill (Chair of Governors) presented the certificates and congratulated the students on their achievements. Cllr. Keith Darvill also thanked the staff on behalf of all the Governors.

Supported Learner, Daniel Franklin, eloquently expressed his feelings about the College: 'When I first came to the College in September 2006, I was very unsettled, moving around classes and not getting used to the transition. After being referred to the Learning Zone, I started to like college much better and finally got settled into my classes. Whilst getting help with my literacy and numeracy in the Learning Zone I worked with my Learning Facilitator Sylvia who always helped me. With the help of Study Support, I passed my GCSE English and GCSE Maths with a Grade B and C.

More recently, Learning Facilitators have given me support through my advanced level courses and I passed ICT and Leisure with Grade C's (two grades above my target!)

This year I am doing well with my Business Studies by getting a Grade A in my exam when I was only expected to get an E which was all down to the help of my support providers for giving me guidance and resources.

With the help of the Learning Zone, I am now a much more independent learner but have always worked really hard during study support sessions and at home, which is

reflected in my results over the past three years.

For the future, I hope to find a full time job in Central London in the summer and hope to work in Australia in a few years time when I have more experience. My message to all students and especially the newest students is ... **Impossible is nothing, if you put your mind to it!**

