



## STUDENT SUCCESS AT HAVERING SIXTH FORM COLLEGE: JOANNE GATES

Joanne Gates joined the College in 2008 to study Health and Social Care, having achieved 9 GCSEs at Kingswood School. She lives in Romford with her family for whom she is a young carer. This is her story:

'I decided to study Double Award Health and Social Care as it gave me the opportunity to participate in work experience, allowing me to put theories and skills, learnt in the classroom into practice.

As well as studying Double Health and Social Care and Psychology A Level at Havering Sixth Form College, I am also a young carer for my mum, dad and sister. I help clean, cook dinner and wash clothes. I help my mum get my sister ready for school each morning and make sure my mum and dad take their medication every day. I also attend Barnardo's Havering 'Young Carers Group' where I can meet other Young Carers. Recently, I have been doing speeches at the Grosvenor Hotel and the Royal Albert Hall to raise awareness of Young Carers and how much support and guidance they receive. So far we have raised thousands of pounds for Barnardo's and I hope to do more.

None of this would have been possible without the support given to me by Havering Sixth Form College and my tutors and I am extremely happy that I chose a wonderful College to attend. '