



MELISSA PROVES YOU CAN ACHIEVE IF YOU BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

Havering Sixth Form College student Melissa Emmanuel has proved how belief in yourself can make your dreams come true.

Melissa's ambition was to follow in her parents' footsteps and become a lawyer.

But when she applied to the college in 2007 after sitting GCSEs at Frances Bardsley School for Girls, she was offered a one-year course because her grades were thought not strong enough for her to take AS and A Levels.

Melissa appealed to College Principal Paul Wakeling who saw she had potential and a real determination to do well, so he offered her a Level 3 course combination to include AS Dance, English Literature, Law and General Studies.

With an undeterred commitment and dedication Melissa worked hard and it reaped rewards. She achieved four A Levels - B grades in Law and Dance, and E grades in English Literature and General Studies; she retook her Maths GCSE and passed with a C grade; and she gained Key Skills Level 3 Communication with a Pass, and Key Skills Level 2 ICT with a Pass.

Melissa is now reading Law at Hertfordshire University.

Principal Paul Wakeling said: "I am very proud of Melissa. She has worked hard and deserves her success. I would frequently see her around the College studying during her two years here."

Melissa said: "I loved my time at the College and I wouldn't have done so well if it wasn't for my Law teacher, Karla Parsons – she was fantastic. I did work hard because I knew I had to if I wanted to be successful and I didn't want to let the Principal down as he had given me a chance."

College Careers Co-ordinator Nikki Phelps said: "With the support of the College and her determination to do well for herself, Melissa is now on the road to achieving her goal. This is a fantastic achievement."