



PARAGON
GARDENS

Work Experience Case Study

Employer: Paragon Gardens

Jamie's story:

Paragon Gardens provide a range of bespoke gardening services. They employ a range of garden specialists, including qualified horticulturists, engineers, carpenters, electricians and fencers. They provide services across the South West of England. Ravenswood was delighted to partner with them to offer one of our P16 students a two-week work placement.

Jamie had demonstrated a passion for working outside and had undertaken a number of outdoor jobs in school, such as clearing woods, gardening and supporting the caretaker. We were keen to support Jamie in finding a work placement where he could build on these skills in a work environment.

Aims of Jamie's placement:

- To build on his communication skills in a workplace setting
- To learn new skills in horticulture and garden design
- To improve teamworking skills

Jamie's achievements:

Jamie thrived in this setting. With the support of the Paragon team he quickly settled in and became a valuable part of the team. Jamie demonstrated his commitment to the placement by arriving on site everyday at 6am! He worked extremely hard, listened carefully to instructions and completed tasks to a good standard. Due to his hard work and determination to succeed, Jamie was offered an extended placement with the company, working a day a week. This opportunity enabled Jamie to complete his studies at Ravenswood School and gain qualifications. We believe this opportunity to

work with Paragon changed and shaped Jamie's future path and raised his future aspirations. It enabled Jamie to continue in education and gain further experience and qualifications. Jamie is about to complete a three-year course at City of Bristol College.