

Retail and Enterprise



Mark's story

“I would recommend Derwen College to others. I learnt a lot and had a lot of fun, but most of all, it got me ready for work!”

Mark was a Retail and Enterprise student at Derwen College, where he learnt the skills that helped prepare him for work.

At College, Mark learnt how to print and label stock in the Garden Centre, as well as how to use the till and talk to customers in a professional manner.

Mark's favourite part of the Retail and Enterprise pathway was the external work placements he had at local shops.

“I most enjoyed the external work experience at Co-op, Spar and Nightingales [charity shop], that also helped me to use the bus and train.”

After graduating, Mark was offered part-time paid work by Coed-y-Dinas shop. “I impressed the team there so much that I was offered employment after College.”

Mark works two days a week at Coed-y-Dinas, and enjoys putting the garden furniture together. He has a great team of co-workers and is enjoying his new job.

Mark is now in shared supported living, enjoying his independence. “We take it in turns to cook and do our shopping together. I come home some weekends, whenever I want to catch up with family.”

