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Overview	From a love of ICT to becoming an IT Infrastructure Engineer, read more of Harj's insights and inspirational words here.	From engaging with Careers Fairs to working for Lloyds Bank, read more of Davina's insights and inspirational words here.	From feeling supported to a career supporting others as a deputy manager in a residential home for children and young people. Read more of Levi's insights and inspirational words here.
Current success	<p>“Since leaving Colton Hills I have gained 10+ years in the IT World. I started in an IT Support role working in many schools, both primary and secondary, across Wolverhampton and Staffordshire. After 4 years in this role, I became a Technical Escalations Engineer in which most of the technical queries would come to myself. I then</p>	<p>“When I left Colton Hills, I was working at McDonald's but due to lockdown had stopped. I was successful in getting myself a job in Lloyd's Banking Group where I deal with customers day to day. I also work with customers from Halifax and Bank of Scotland as these are subsidiaries of Lloyd's. I help customers with</p>	<p>“Since leaving Colton Hills I went on to study Psychology. I'm now a deputy Manager in a residential home working with children & young people with emotional & behavioural difficulties.”</p>



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	<p>moved to another company supporting large firms in the Media and Law sectors. Here I was support lead for 2 of the biggest contracts that we had, both of them multi-million-pound companies with 1000+ users.</p> <p>I am currently working as an IT Infrastructure Engineer for a financial services company and training to be a Database Analyst. Colton Hills allowed me to build this platform by achieving good results in IT.”</p>	<p>financial difficulty and customers going through life events.</p> <p>I find the job very rewarding as I deal with customers from different walks of life and I enjoy helping people.</p> <p>I’m looking to further progress in my career as I aim to be a financial advisor and working in Lloyd’s can help me get to that stage.”</p>	
Fondest memory of Colton Hills	“My fondest memory of Colton Hills is enjoying my IT Lessons with Miss Sandhu (now Mrs Johal). This allowed me to build a strong and solid foundation to build my career.”	“My fondest memory was building relationships with my teachers. When you build that relationship, you find it a lot easier to ask them for support and it makes the	“I have so many fond memories of Colton Hills, too many to choose from!”



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		experience a lot more enjoyable.”	
How did Colton Hills help you on your journey?	“I feel that Colton Hills helped me to understand the journey and route in which I wanted my career to go down. I was interested in IT since a very young age and IT lessons with Miss Sandhu and Mr Kumar really helped me make my decision.”	“I had a lot of support from certain members of staff who helped me gain an idea of the different options I had available. I also feel like the whole school experience prepares you for life once you leave.”	“Colton Hills helped me a lot and I’m really grateful for the support network I had. I had so many positive role models who truly wanted the best outcome for me. Staff at Colton Hills saw potential in me and were consistent in helping me achieve my goals.”
What advice would you give current Colton Hills students?	“I would advise students to really concentrate and strive, especially in lessons in which they feel will help them down the line, always have fun and talk to your friends but make sure that you get your work done too. You don’t want to be that person 10 years down the line who didn’t get	“My advice would be to enjoy the time you have at school, even though a few may hate the idea of going to school, it will be your best years and you have a massive amount of support from the teachers. Take advantage of the opportunities	“When reflecting on my time at Colton Hills, I didn’t really understand the importance of education. Fast forward 7 years, I now understand education sets you up for life and you can never stop learning. My advice for



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	<p>any qualifications and didn't get the dream job and all of your friends around you are driving nice cars and going on holidays. Work hard and focus and you will reap the rewards."</p>	<p>they offer, for example the Careers Events, they can help you gain an idea of what you'd like to do. Also explore your options early on, don't wait until they ask and once you have an idea, I know members of staff will be more than happy to support you."</p>	<p>students at Colton Hills is to continue to push, you can achieve and become anything you desire. No dream is too big!"</p>
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