

## ■ Blue River a Place for Positive Change

Does Blue River really help to change student's lives? The answer to such a question is a resounding 'Yes' and parents are first to admit the positive changes they see happening within their children.

Here are some encouraging words from the student's guardians which serve to prove that Blue River is on track in delivering positive milestones and impacting students in a positive manner: "My son has improved massively since he first came to Blue River. He now listens to all the advice given to him and takes it on board...Blue River staff co-operate well with Parents and are very understanding. The staff do well to break things down for the student and get to a level where they can understand each other".

In an interview with parents of a different student, the question "how has your child improved as a result of studying at Blue River?" was asked and the parents responded and said that their son had been reading more books since being at Blue River and that his behaviour had improved. Parents even added that more homework should be assigned to students to help them.

Regarding our commitment to having a positive impact on student behaviour and continuing efforts to change students for the better, parents/guardians have commented: "There have been ups and downs, but overall it has been good". One parent continued to say that although it had not been easy, she continued to be grateful for all the support and cooperation she had received from Blue River.

### What Staff have to say about Blue River

When members of the Blue River staff were interviewed they had the following to say about the organisation and their experience:

"I think Blue River is a source of great motivation and support for those who might need it at a

crucial stage in their lives. They are an open hearted organisation paving the path to success for their students - the best thing about Blue River Academy is its willingness to make ideas a reality, support their staff's development and push each student to realise their potential.

### We believe in Young People.

A new student who only recently began to study with us pursuing his dreams and goals was asked how he felt about the opportunity to sit for his higher English paper and he said: "Being given the opportunity to do higher English is a blessing from Blue River, because if I work hard I can achieve a better grade." He thanked all Blue River staff for their hard work and continued to say that he is aiming for a C because it will help him at A-Level where he plans to study Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and Dutch.

We believe in our students and we believe our new student will make it successfully.

## Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

As part of the Blue River curriculum ranging from the arts to history and culture from around the world, Blue River students visited Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and took advantage of their educational and entertaining events and activities.

