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NCS LEAVING YEAR? 2016

GCSE OPTIONS? DRAMA, FRENCH, HISTORY, RELIGIOUS STUDIES, BUSINESS STUDIES

CHOICES AFTER GCSE? BIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

DEGREE? BSC HONS SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY (MMU)

DESCRIBE YOUR CAREER SO FAR? I AM DUE TO QUALIFY AS A THERAPIST IN JUNE. THE DEGREE QUALIFICATION ENABLES YOU TO WORK IN A RANGE OF CLINICAL AREAS, SUCH AS WITH ADULTS WHO HAVE HAD A STROKE, INDIVIDUALS WITH A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE A STAMMER (AND MANY MORE!). OVER THE 3-YEAR DEGREE, STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE OVER 500 HOURS ON PLACEMENT, WHEREBY WE MAY WORK IN SOME OF THE AREAS ABOVE. IT IS A MIX OF LEARNING IN LECTURE THEATRES (OR NOWADAYS OVER ZOOM!) AND LEARNING OUT IN THE REAL WORLD.

BEST PART ABOUT YOUR JOB? MANY TAKE THE ABILITY TO SPEAK AND COMMUNICATE WITH LOVED ONES FOR GRANTED. HOWEVER, FOR SOME OF OUR CLIENTS, THEIR ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE HAS BEEN WIPED AT A DROP OF A HAT. YOU BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF THEIR REHABILITATION JOURNEY. THERE REALLY ARE NO WORDS TO DESCRIBE HOW REWARDING IT IS BEING ABLE TO SUPPORT A CLIENT AND THEIR FAMILY TO HAVE A CONVERSATION AGAIN.

WORST PART OF YOUR JOB? MANAGING EXPECTATIONS! SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY IS OFTEN A HARD AND TIME CONSUMING PROCESS FOR BOTH CLIENTS AND THEIR FAMILY. SADLY, IT ISN'T AN OVERNIGHT CURE AND IT DOES REQUIRE A LOT OF HARD WORK AND PRACTICE!

ANY TIPS TO AN 16 YEAR OLD YOU? RESIST ANY PRESSURE TO CONFORM TO YOUR FRIENDS, LIKE CHOOSING TO STUDY A SUBJECT IN COLLEGE JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE. BE YOU, AND YOU'LL FIND THAT WILL LEAD YOU TO SUCCESS.

ANY ADVICE TO OUR CURRENT GENERATION OF LEARNERS?

"IT IS OKAY NOT TO HAVE A CAREER PATH IN MIND. I THINK THERE IS A LOT OF PRESSURE PLACED ON YOUNG LEARNERS THESE DAYS ABOUT THEIR FUTURE CAREERS AND THERE IS AN EXPECTATION TO KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO WITH THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. YOU'RE YOUNG, FOLLOW YOUR INTERESTS AND EVERYTHING WILL BEGIN TO CLICK INTO PLACE."

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BECOMING A SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST VISIT UNIFROG OR WWW.HEALTHCAREERS.NHS.UK

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