



Personalised Education, Trust, and the Beautiful Game

In a world where education often follows a one-size-fits-all approach, Alt-Ed Lincs stands as a beacon of personalised learning. This innovative alternative education provision aims to build brighter future prospects for their learners. One such learner is CC, a remarkable 15-year-old with Autism, ADD, and Cerebral Palsy. Join us as we delve into CC's extraordinary journey and discover how Alt-Ed Lincs, through trust, creativity, and the love for football, has made a profound impact on her life.

For CC, the isolating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and the difficulties of integrating into mainstream school were daunting obstacles to overcome. Severe social anxiety further compounded her struggle, making it challenging for her to find her place in the world. But then, Alt-Ed Lincs stepped in, ready to make a difference. Explaining why she feels comfortable at Alt-Ed Lincs, CC says, "Coming to the centre, I don't really get bad thoughts as such, it's a nice place, calming." On the teaching and learning ethos at Alt-Ed Lincs, she says the staff are "Calm and patient and just let a person do what they need to do!"

Alt-Ed Lincs believes in the power of trust as the foundation for learning. The dedicated team at Alt-Ed Lincs invested many hours in building a safe and nurturing environment for CC. Slowly but surely, she began to blossom, with her self-esteem growing every day. Reflecting on her experience, she shared, "[I had a] sense of just realising that [they] wanted to help me. I went in with the attitude that [they] didn't want to help me because that's what I'd already seen [at other interventions], but when people were being patient, that's when it kind of clicked that [they] were there to support me."

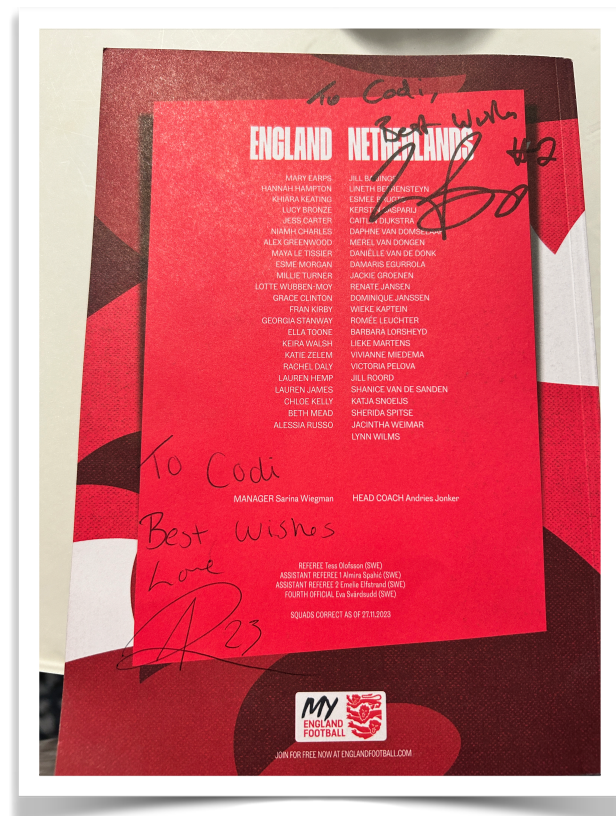
Discovering CC's love for women's football, especially her unwavering support for Arsenal WFC, became a turning point in her educational journey at Alt-Ed Lincs. The passionate teaching staff saw an opportunity to leverage CC's enthusiasm for the 'beautiful game' as a catalyst for her alternative education.

Alt-Ed Lincs crafted a unique curriculum that seamlessly integrated CC's passion for football with traditional academic subjects. While she continued attending her mainstream school some of the week where she followed the national curriculum, Alt-Ed Lincs provided her with the opportunity to explore her love for football. English lessons were transformed into opportunities for CC to create captivating magazine covers and articles and through video projects based around her team, she was able to express her creativity.



Alt-Ed Lincs boasts state-of-the-art media facilities, including a cutting-edge Mac suite and industry-standard software. Recognising CC's potential as a digital artist, she was introduced to the world of Photoshop. Under the expert guidance of her mentors, CC learned various artistic editing techniques, and with time and practice, her artistic skills flourished.

But Alt-Ed Lincs goes beyond teaching skills; they create unforgettable experiences. In a heartwarming gesture, Alt-Ed Lincs presented CC's artwork, featuring her favourite England players, Alessia Russo and Lucy Bronze, to the footballers themselves. Alessia and Lucy graciously posed for a photo with CC's creations and signed one of her programs as a token of appreciation.



This extraordinary act of recognition not only validated her talent but also left an indelible mark on her journey. Explaining how it made her feel, CC said, "Yeah, pretty cool. Not many people can say it. I've told a few people, a few of my mates [were they impressed] yeah!"

CC's time at Alt-Ed Lincs has been transformative. Once plagued by social anxiety, her attendance was unpredictable, with days when the mere thought of stepping foot inside the building overwhelmed her. Through the unwavering support and nurturing environment provided by Alt-Ed Lincs, she is overcoming her fears and emerging more confident. Today, CC boasts 100% attendance, a testament to her newfound resilience and determination.

CC's progress extends beyond her personal growth. In both English and Maths, CC has made tremendous strides. Alt-Ed Lincs has nurtured her academic abilities, helping her build a solid foundation in these core subjects. With each passing day, her confidence in her

academic abilities continues to grow, paving the way for a bright future. She explains, "When you feel like you're doing something well or you're picking something up, it's going to help you."

CC's journey at Alt-Ed Lincs is a testament to the transformative power of personalised education and unwavering support. From battling anxiety to embracing confidence, she has come a long way. With her remarkable turnaround and improved academic performance, and the upcoming 'Independent Living' course, CC's future looks bright. Alt-Ed Lincs continues to be a guiding light, empowering her to believe in herself, chase her dreams, and seize the opportunities that lie ahead.