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To whom it may concern

Mel Lowe has worked with this school since 2005.

Initially, Mel took 2 of our pupils on two week work placements, to work in his Landscaping Company, as part of their Work Experience. He then got involved in our Work Related Learning Programme by taking pupils for one day a week for 2 years. These placements were always extremely beneficial to our pupils as some of the pupils' behaviour could be challenging.

In 2006, school set up a Horticulture programme as part of Work Related Learning. Mel was extremely helpful in advising and working on the set up of the site. He has since become an invaluable part of the programme. For the last 2 years, the school has employed Mel to tutor a group of students for 4 hours every week as part of their work towards an NVQ level 1 in Horticulture.

Also, the school has employed Mel to improve the Horticulture area by laying the foundation for a container, laying paths, building raised beds and composting bays and completing other jobs around the Horticulture area.

Throughout the last 5 years, Mel has been a pleasure to work with. He is punctual and reliable with an excellent ability to communicate with challenging pupils. He is an enthusiastic and creative member of our allotment project and will always complete jobs in a professional and pleasant manner. He is always willing to go that extra mile to complete a task.

Gill Povey

Work Related Learning Coordinator

