

Martina Moravcikova

Martina should know a bit about Worthing College. She was an ESOL and Public Services Level 2 student at Bolsover Road and experienced the move to the new site at the Warren in 2013 where she finished her studies with a Triple Grade Distinction at Level 3 in the same subject and was awarded the title of Public Services Student of the Year 2014.

This was a far cry from her early experiences of education in her home country of Slovakia. There Martina really struggled as she suffers from Dyslexia and Dyscalculia which makes both English and Maths subjects extremely difficult to grasp and makes learning much harder as most courses require skills in either of these two areas. She found it impossible to learn properly at school as she could not cope with studying lots of different subjects at once.

She moved to the UK in 2008 with her mother and sister and inevitably struggled at school because of the language difficulties.

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Then, fortunately she found Worthing College and, as far as she is concerned, it changed her life. Martina is an unashamed lover of learning. She thoroughly enjoyed every minute of her time at Worthing College and even though she is now doing an apprenticeship in Level 2 Childcare at neighbouring Northbrook, she confesses that sometimes she wishes she was still here; in fact she says she would be happy to carry on learning forever.

The best thing about Worthing College? “The teachers, the atmosphere and the student group” she says. She had a “brilliant time” at

both sites but was very impressed with the new campus, loving the bigger building, the new classrooms and the Learning Zones.

Martina says her secret is just “hard work!” She listened to the teachers, developed a work ethic and did everything as best as she possibly could. It certainly worked; and now Martina is looking forward to the possibility of becoming a pre-school teacher. She volunteered to work in the nursery at Worthing College and is now working at St Matthews Pre-school in Worthing as part of her apprenticeship.

University in the future? “I would love to go to university if that were possible so I could go on to be a teacher and help change other children’s lives.” So who knows, Martina’s educational adventure may not be drawing to a close just yet. Watch this space.

