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Rap Therapy success stories – The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy

Ms. S Mansaray: Achievement Co-Coordinator (Head of Year) for Key Stage 3

Reece (Y7)

Reece made a good start in the first term of Year 7, having struggled with his behaviour and attendance at Primary school. It was also identified that Reece did struggle somewhat with his speech, as he has a slight stammer. This often stopped Reece from contributing in class and he felt quite sensitive about this towards the start of his time at the Academy. Reece has hugely grown in confidence as a result of Rap therapy and is much more willing to express his feelings and deal with these in a positive rather than a negative way. Lovely aspects of Reece's personality really shone through in the sessions, including his care and encouragement of other participants on the programme. Reece started Rap Therapy at a crucial time, where his negative old habits from primary school seemed to be re-surfacing; however Rap Therapy helped Reece to get back on the right path and really excel at school. As a participant on the course Reece improved dramatically in terms of the achievement points he collected throughout the weeks, and there was a significant drop in his behaviour points. Reece has finished the programme a much more positive member of the year group and has returned to the Reece from the first term at the Academy. It has been wonderful to see his development as a leader and helper in the year group.

Kind regards,

Mrs Mansaray