

# adult learners week

John Corker Age: 31

## Level 2 Hairdressing

### John's Experience:

"Before starting my course I worked as a forklift truck driver for 10 years, at first I enjoyed it but then I felt I was stuck in a job for the rest of my life that bored me and I had no further prospects. When I was made redundant I saw an opportunity to really turn my life around.

I have always been a fairly creative person and I knew I wanted a career that would keep me interested and always thinking of new ideas and designs. Whilst I was unemployed the Job centre told me of an opportunity to gain some skills in the Hair and Beauty industry and I felt I had nothing to lose in trying it and could create the exciting career I was looking for.

I was quite apprehensive about going back into education after such a long time, I was worried about how the younger students would react to me joining in at first I thought it would feel very alien to be in this world of energetic young learners and I thought I wouldn't make any friends which just isn't the case.

As an older learner it was difficult to get back into the swing of things writing assignments and generally taking all the information in, I wasn't sure how I would feel being told how to do something.

Now I just appreciate the Academy and the course. I see the importance of learning and gaining skills in something I love to do, I ask more relevant questions than what I would have done as a younger learner. I have paid more attention and I respect the time and effort my tutor has put into my learning that day.



Michael John Academy has been a fantastic place to learn in. I feel I have gained people skills as well as Barbering through the support of my tutor Nicki and the team. The Job centre programme has opened doors to a brand new career for me and I couldn't be happier, through doing this course I have gained the confidence to believe I can do what I want to do and be as successful as I choose.

I believe I can now control my own future. I hope to one day have my own string of salons and maybe even follow in Michael John's footsteps and build it into a fantastic training centre for all."

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