**Tommy Davis, Hove store**

My name is Tommy, I'm 19 years old and live at home with my mum who is blind and suffers from neuropathy. I have been a carer since I was 13 years old and have a very close relationship with my mum. I am a very family-oriented person and highly motivated. I strive for success in all parts of my life whilst maintaining a positive mindset. I passed my driving test 2 years ago but this summer i had saved up enough to buy myself a car. In July this year i finished my A levels but due to the pandemic i wasn’t able to sit my exams.

Before starting the Kickstart programme, i hadn't had any full-time employment. i had some experience in events as i worked at festivals as bar staff. i also completed a term with the construction company Laing O'Rourke where i worked in all aspects of construction including 3D design, accounting and managerial roles. This is my first real employment which I’m thoroughly enjoying.

Prior to Kickstart i would have described myself as very committed and outgoing, driven by my goals and ambitions. I'm very enthusiastic about my work ethic even before my job here at Tesco. I've had to multitask both my home life and my education which sometimes puts a lot of pressure on me. This has allowed me to have the patience needed for high pressured situations.

Tesco has allowed me to thrive in my first real employment since leaving college. I'm a very bubbly talkative person so i enjoy chatting with all the customers, this has improved my confidence as well as my customer service. I'm enjoying learning about retail and how supermarkets work. I’ve been welcomed with open arms by all the staff in Hove and this helped me quickly settle in and feel comfortable in the job. I’m excited to come into work everyday.

My ambitions in life are to strive in my career by keeping highly motivated and dedicated. My plan is to get a working visa in Australia so that i can travel and work at the same time to gain experience working in different professions as well as learning about new cultures. i want to be financially stable so that i can feel stable and secure for myself and my family.