

I've made it



WESTON
COLLEGE

...as a beauty advisor!

“Being able to learn by working with ‘real’ clients in the Hair and Beauty Centre meant I left College with the confidence and knowledge required to meet customers’ needs.

“Identifying the right product for a customer is extremely rewarding - whether it’s finding the appropriate eye cream or completing a full makeover.”

Alice was impressed with the Hair and Beauty Centre’s facilities, allowing her to relate situations to a ‘real-life’ salon. She applies this valuable experience to her role at Marks & Spencer.

Former school: Haysfield Girls School, Bath

Alice

LEVEL **3**

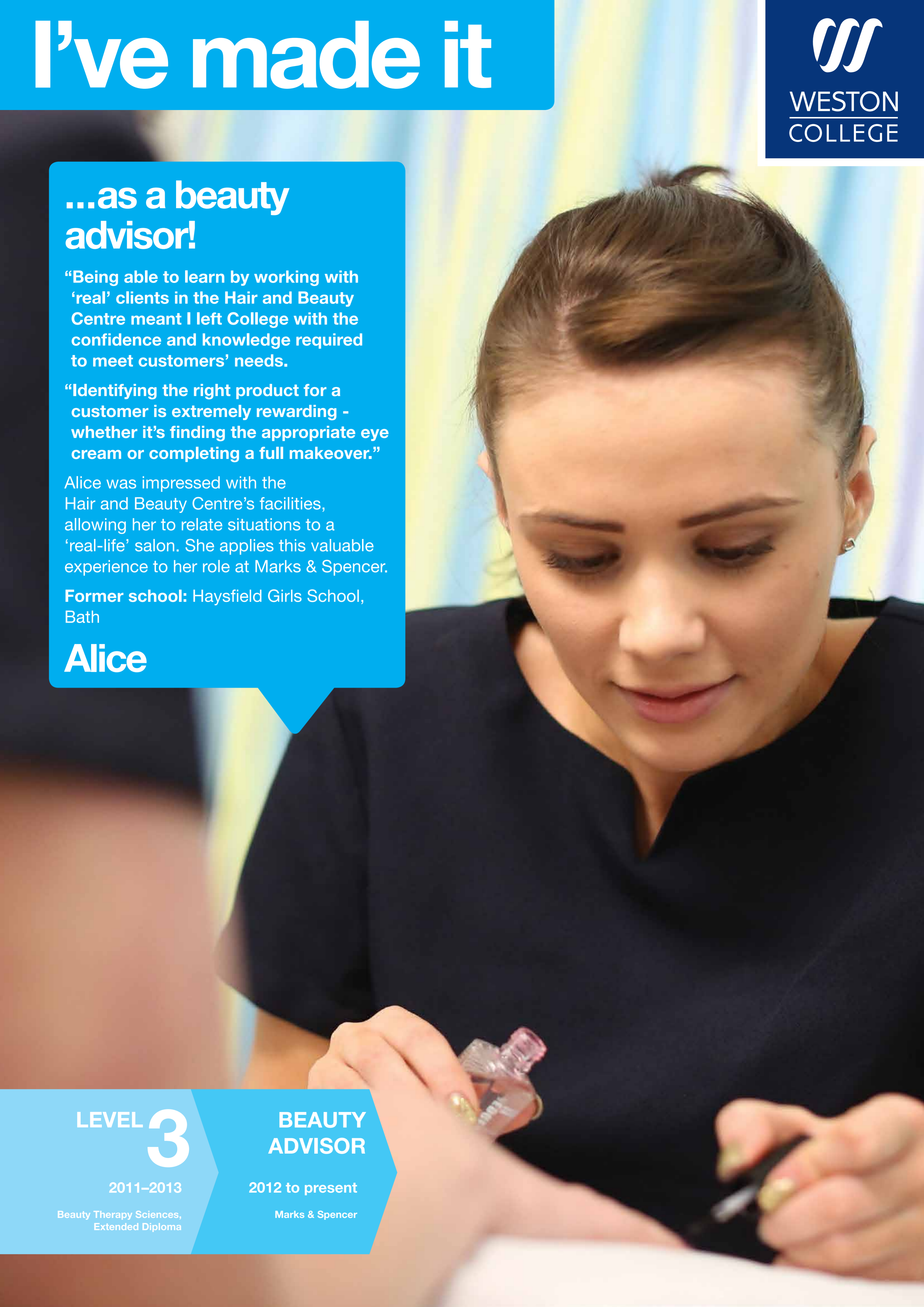
2011–2013

Beauty Therapy Sciences,
Extended Diploma

**BEAUTY
ADVISOR**

2012 to present

Marks & Spencer



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...as a beauty spa business owner!

“Studying Apprenticeships at Weston College has been an amazing journey and one I’m keen to share to inspire other young people.

“The experience has helped me cope with dyslexia and provided me with the skills required to start my own beauty business.”

The Apprenticeships also helped Emma win first place in the beauty therapy section of the WorldSkills national final and claim the prestigious UK Apprentice of the Year title.

Former school: Shapwick School, Somerset

Emma

LEVEL **2**

2010–2011

Beauty Therapy,
Apprenticeship

LEVEL **3**

2011–2012

Beauty Therapy,
Apprenticeship

OWN
BUSINESS

2012 to present

‘Beauty By Emma’,
in Wedmore.

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...as a learning support assistant!

“Studying at Weston College has given me the skills, knowledge and confidence to gain employment working with children.

“I support children with learning difficulties and help improve their speech and encourage them to take part in class activities. It’s rewarding to see children improve as their confidence increases.”

Hannah completed her Apprenticeship at Bournville School where she was offered a full-time position in the nursery. She has now progressed to working with children in year two and three.

Former school: Priory

Hannah

LEVEL **2**

2010–2011

Childcare Learning and Development, Apprenticeship

LEVEL **3**

2011–2013

Children and Young People’s Workforce, Apprenticeship

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

2011 to present

Bournville School, Weston-super-Mare



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...to university!

“When I started at Weston College I was extremely shy and nervous. However, the Extension Studies course gave me the confidence I needed and helped me decide which path to follow.

“Lecturers are always willing to listen and provide support, which has helped me progress to university.”

Since Extension Studies - a pre-vocational course focusing on personal and social development - James has achieved three qualifications at the College and is now studying at university.

Former school: Priory

James



LEVEL **1**

2009–2010
Information and Communication
Technology (ICT)
2007–2009
Extension Studies

LEVEL **2**

2010–2011
ICT

LEVEL **3**

2011–2013
Business and IT
Management

LEVEL **4-6**

2013 to present
Business and Law BA (Hons)
at the University of the
West of England

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...as a finance officer!

“Studying at Weston College helped me achieve my career goals. I gained a range of transferable skills which are crucial in my current role at North Somerset Council.

“I monitor the financial elements of a contract and take responsibility for the accuracy and effectiveness of the payment process and financial control, including financial monitoring, forecasting, billing and invoicing.”

Jo found the Apprenticeship route a fantastic way to learn as she was able to put theory into practice in the workplace and gain widely-recognised qualifications.

Former school: Kings of Wessex

Jo

LEVEL **2**

2009-2010

Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT), Apprenticeship

2008

Business Administration, Apprenticeship

LEVEL **3**

2009-2010

AAT, Apprenticeship

2009

Business Administration, Apprenticeship

LEVEL **4**

2011-2012

AAT, Apprenticeship

FINANCE OFFICER

2012 to present

North Somerset Council

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WESTON
COLLEGE

...as a professional chef!

“Studying at Weston College provided me with a foundation to excel in my career as a chef at Casamia. The lecturers are excellent and provide all the support you need to progress and succeed.”

Josh has wanted to be a chef since he was eight, so to have responsibility for creating menus at a Michelin-starred restaurant at the age of 21 is a dream come true. He says watching customers walk away with life-long memories is the most rewarding part of the job.

Former school: Gordano

Josh

LEVEL **1**

2005–2007

Catering,
school link course

LEVEL **2**

2007–2008

Professional Cookery,
Diploma

LEVEL **3**

2008–2009

Professional Cookery,
Diploma

DEVELOPMENT
CHEF

2009 to present

Casamia restaurant
in Bristol



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WESTON
COLLEGE

...as a professional dancer!

“Studying at Weston College gave me the confidence to explore all three disciplines required in the musical theatre industry. It helped me overcome my fears in singing and drama and become an all-round performer.”

Leanne's role as show team dancer with Sani entertainment involves performing in a variety of shows over a week's period, including overseeing rehearsals and warm-ups. She has also performed in musicals such as Saturday Night Fever, Mamma Mia and the BBC's production of Tess of the D'Urbervilles.

Former school: Worle

Leanne

LEVEL **3**

2002
Dance, AS Level

2002–2004
Performing Arts,
BTEC National Diploma

LEVEL **4-5**

2004–2007

Musical Theatre, Diploma
at Laine Theatre Arts

LEVEL **6**

2011–2012

Professional Practice (Arts),
BA (Hons) top-up
at Middlesex University

SHOW
TEAM
DANCER

2013 to present

Sani Entertainment

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...as a physics researcher!

“Weston College A Levels provided a thorough grounding for my career. When I progressed to study Physics at university, I found myself better prepared than many other students.”

Physics and the study of the Universe has always been a keen interest of Myfanwy's. She is now a PhD researcher employed by the University of Liverpool, working at the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Switzerland, analysing data and studying the effects of radiation damage. Myfanwy's role involves working on huge international collaborations and travelling to conferences all around the world.

Myfanwy

LEVEL **3**

2003–2005

A Levels:
Physics, Maths, Computing

LEVEL **4-7**

2005–2010

Physics, Undergraduate
Master's Degree
at Liverpool University

LEVEL **8**

2010 to present

PhD Researcher in
Experimental Particle Physics
at CERN

I've made it

...as an IT business owner and consultant!

“Weston College equipped me with the technical skills required to start my own technology company and the business acumen to manage and administer it. These skills are also crucial in my role as a consultant at RBS Group.

“I will always remember how my tutors encouraged and challenged me to be the best I could be.”

Nyasha achieved First Class Honours in his degree and subsequently won the College's Higher Education Student of the Year.

Nyasha



LEVEL **3**
2005-2007
IT, National Diploma

LEVEL **4-5**
2007-2009
Applied Computing,
FdSc

LEVEL **6**
2009-2011
Applied Computing,
BSc (Hons)

OWN BUSINESS
2011 to present
Chips Technology
CONSULTANT
2011 to present
RBS Group

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...as a carpentry business owner!

“Studying at Weston College enabled me to apply theory to practice in a ‘working’ environment.

“The courses also inspired me to set myself goals and high standards, which has been crucial in the development and running of my carpentry and joinery business.”

Rob's business, Woodies, produces a host of joinery-based products from a fully-equipped workshop in Weston. His role also involves managing his staff, accounts and materials.

Former school: Priory

Rob

LEVEL **1**

2003-2004

Wood Occupations, NVQ

LEVEL **2**

2004-2005

Wood Occupations, NVQ

LEVEL **3**

2005-2006

Wood Occupations, NVQ

OWN
BUSINESS

2008 to present

Woodies Carpentry
and Joinery

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...as a costume maker!

“The guidance and constructive criticism I received at Weston College opened my creative mind and gave me the confidence to progress.

“I've wanted to work in the industry since watching a production of the Lion King in New York. Seeing something I've created come alive on stage is incredibly rewarding.”

Robert has made costumes for West End musicals, operas, ballets and blockbuster films, including Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows. He also worked at the opening ceremony to the London 2012 Olympics.

Former school: Worle

Robert

LEVEL **3**

2004–2006

Art and Design,
National Diploma

LEVEL **4-6**

2006–2009

Costume for Screen and Stage,
BA (Hons) at Arts
University Bournemouth

FREELANCE
COSTUME
MAKER AND
THEATRICAL
TAILOR

2009 to present

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...as an animal carer!

“The practical experience and behavioural knowledge I gained at Weston College helped me progress to the next level of my career. I benefited from the small class sizes where one-to-one support was readily available.”

Pip has always wanted to work with animals. She cares for livestock and attends to species' individual needs in the animal and aquatics department at Cadbury Garden Centre. Her role also involves providing animal care and product advice as well as ensuring the department is clean and well stocked.

Former school: Priory

Pip

LEVEL **3**

2007-2009

Animal Management,
National Diploma

LEVEL **4-5**

2009-2011

Animal Management, FdSc

LEVEL **6**

2011-2012

Animal Management,
BSc (Hons)
at Cannington College

ANIMAL
CARER

2012 to present

Cadbury Garden Centre

