

## Bailey

### Finding the right fit

Bailey came to Up-Grade, struggling to make sense of his educational journey. Smart, sharp, witty and dynamic, Bailey had all the tools for greatness but no environment within which to flourish. Like with so many young people, the mainstream setting was not the right fit for Bailey and so, like so many, finding the right fit was so, so important.

From the very start, with a firm handshake and a positive mental attitude, Bailey committed to taking ownership over his own social and emotional development by embracing a new way forward. With Bailey's natural intelligence, he was able to sit with Dan at Up-Grade and construct a path to a better future, one which he knew he could follow and thrive in.

Bailey has never missed a session with Up-Grade, has always given 100% when working on himself and has subsequently managed to double-grade to a yellow belt within 3 short months – a feat rare in the martial arts world. Bailey keeps pushing forward with his academic work with Up-Grade and is now enrolled on the Active Sussex supported Up-Grade Sports Leadership Coaching course where he is making new friends and growing into the young man he always was but could never find a home for.

We are so happy with Bailey's progress and look forward to seeing him follow his dreams of continuing to work on his natural ability as a budding mechanic and his dream of one day helping others who struggle the way he once did.

A commendable and remarkable young man, an example to others in a similar boat and a future leader and mentor to young people everywhere.

