

Dear Mr Leeson,

Many times I have tried to write this Email but never seem to find the fitting words to give the Pupil Referral Unit the credit it deserves. In brief; My son, from the age of 10/11 became quite a challenge in fact our family life changed dramatically through my son's education at secondary school.

I have to say that the Main stream Schools failed him, in particular Uplands community college (my personal view of course). I knew there was something wrong but felt totally alone and unsupported by the Education system. When enough was enough and I was at breaking point my Gp referred my son to Camhs. He was then excluded from his second secondary School, and went to Charles Street in Southborough. Straight away they were fully supportive, although it was a very difficult time, they got support for me that I needed. My son was then re intergrated back into Mainstream School, whilst still waiting for a final assessment and possible diagnosis from Camhs. Needless to say, it was unsuccessful. My health suffered. After other options also failed, My son Jack went to The Oak, PRU in Tonbridge. Alleluyah!!!!

Finally things began to become clearer. Jack was diagnosed finally last September with ADHD and O.DD. Commenced on medication, AT no point what so ever did the Pru give up on him. He was there two years, and had to cope with a change of staff half way through he was very difficult and opinionated and aggressive. Ms Beauchamp and her team of excellence fully supported Jack in every way. Gave him his Identity back, his confidence, and his ability to believe in himself.

We owe so much gratitude to them. Jack went on to successfully pass his GCSEs, which two years ago I didnt expect him to sit them, and this is down to their extreme hard work, and dedication. He has now enrolled for 3 A levels.

There is absolutely no way Jack would have had the chance to succeed like this if the Pru had not been there for him, I strongly, very strongly feel these Units are a vital role in our children's lives. So many kids are labeled as difficult or naughty, when in fact the right environment is what they need. Main stream schools do not suit every child, and they need to feel they do have a place and do belong.

So I wish to say I am so very very proud to be a parent of a child who has succeeded with the fantastic support, guidance and dedication of Ms Beauchamp and her team at the PRU now named TWO BRIDGES SCHOOL southborough. Please continue to support and fund this School unit.

Regards,
Catherine.