

X's Story

The initial Incident

X aged 15 was involved in an assault against another pupil at his school; which caused significant physical harm to the victim.

What happened

X was charged and attended Blackpool Youth Court where he was made subject to a 12 month Referral Order which included:

- Relationship building with X Youth Justice Officer.
- X to continue with his positive interests/activities.
- Referral to Divert Youth for mentoring support and football coaching opportunities.
- X to complete a Parachute Project to develop skills to handle problems and conflict without resorting to violence.
- Explore with X his knowledge and understanding of victims and reparation.
- X to develop a plan for making amends.
- All professionals to promote a sense of optimism about the future and encourage X future aspirations.

How is it going

X has worked alongside his Youth Justice Officer for 10 months now and has not received and further convictions. X has successfully completed all of the goals on his intervention plan, with excellent attendance and engagement.

X participated in weekly Parachute Sessions to:

- *Develop self-awareness and self-control*
- *Promote positive social skills*
- *Teach pro-social problem-solving skills*
- *Increase confidence and self esteem*
- *Improve decision making*

X contributed to victim awareness raising sessions.

Following intervention X shared 'I feel like I've matured'.

Last month X supported by his family took part in the Colour Run 2023.

Mum: 'X has tried so hard to be a nicer better person, he has changed and grown in the last few months. He is caring and loving. I'm very proud of him and so is his dad. At times, X has felt his whole world has ended because of this incident and not wanted to move forward but he has made changes and tries every day to better himself. He puts all his energy into football and training and he is looking forward to the future. He has been keeping his head down at school and hopes to get five GCSE's, he would have been able to achieve more had he gone back to mainstream. He has applied to college. He knows what he did was wrong and wouldn't ever do anything like that again'.

The Colour Run

In order to make amends for his offending behaviour X agreed to take part in community reparation.

We agreed that a charity run would be perfect for X as it would be meaningful to him and allow him to make a positive contribution.

X and his family worked hard with getting sponsorship and donations. X raised £175 for Trinity Hospice.

'I'm proud of my medal',

'I would do something like that again',

'It was good to give something back and to help others'.