

## **JET - Case Study**

I am an East London boy – my early childhood was not happy. I lived with my mother, who wanted to give us something special and chances which she herself never had. I struggled academically and my behaviour became increasingly challenging, mentally, physically, socially and emotionally – I was a catastrophe waiting to happen.

My mother has a huge Christian faith and recognised that her maternal love and guidance was not going to be enough to keep me out of trouble. Luckily she found out about JET. My self esteem was so low that I had no respect for anyone or anything including my mother.

With JET's guidance and support, I was offered a place at Boarding School. At the age of 11 I was transported to a different world which had been previously unknown to me.

I wish I could say my time at the beginning was easy and straightforward for everyone - but who am I kidding!! Boarding school worked its magic and I gradually gained control of myself, and discovered talents I never would have expected. Drama is my favourite subject and I hope to gain a place at a Drama School next year, not just to perform but to develop theatre management skills.

I can't believe that once I was frightened of a rugby ball! I love the young man I have become. There must be a reason for my good luck, and I will go into my adult life determined to make the most of all my talents and be forever grateful for the opportunities given to me by JET.