



More than attendance

At 15, Jamie didn't stop coming to school because he didn't care, he stopped because he felt he didn't belong.

He believed he should be somewhere else.

He couldn't accept where he was. At home, every morning became a battle: arguments, frustration, and a growing sense of failure for both him and his mum. Eventually, it felt easier not to come at all.

Fresh Futures didn't give up on him.

Instead, we changed our approach: visiting at home, listening to his frustrations, and working closely with his family to understand what life really looked like beyond the classroom. We brought in wider support and created a joined-up team around him, so he wasn't carrying everything alone.

Crucially, they found what mattered to Jamie.

Music became his way back in. Time in the studio. Space to express himself. Someone to notice what he could do, not what he couldn't.

Slowly, attendance improved. But more importantly, so did his mindset.

Today, Jamie is coming into college more consistently, talking about his future, and has applied to study music after school.

Fresh Futures didn't just improve his attendance, they helped turn conflict into connection, and helped Jamie believe in a future that feels his.

With your support, more young people can find a place where they finally feel they belong.