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Press Release

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A COLLEGE in Teesside is proving that apprenticeships open doors to fulfilling careers after one former student landed a top job at Europe's largest hospital.

20-year-old Danielle Ashburner studied for her NVQ Level 2 & 3 in Business & Administration at Middlesbrough College before beating off stiff competition to land the role of personal assistant to Helen Boal, Cancer Research Network Manager at The James Cook University Hospital.

As well as gaining a new job, Danielle was recently nominated as 'Apprentice of the Year' for the Annual College Awards Ceremony by the college's business & administration apprentice co-ordinator Avril Payne, and was successful in winning the award!



The Annual College Awards Ceremony will take place on 12th November at Middlesbrough College and Danielle will be attending to receive her award.

Danielle chose to do an apprenticeship in business & administration due to her love of business and talent for organisation. The NVQ meant that she got to put her skills to use straight away, spending time in an office environment alongside classroom learning.

Danielle said: "I was aware of the college's good reputation and was really impressed by the new campus and it's facilities."

"An NVQ meant that I could work in an office whilst studying and get plenty of hands-on experience. I know that it's the experience I have gained during the completion of my NVQ's that has led to me achieving my new position at James Cook Hospital."

Danielle went to Sacred Heart school in Redcar and lives with mum, Sue, a health care assistant and dad, Paul, a surveyor in Redcar.

Avril Payne, administration apprentice co-ordinator said: "We're really proud of Danielle. She worked exceptionally hard to gain her apprenticeship qualifications

and now the rewards are coming through. We wish her the best of luck in her new job."

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