

## **Coram Supportive Housing: Film Transcript**

Carrie Burnell: Often when young people leave care at age 16 they are at far greater risk of not continuing their education, not getting a job or even becoming homeless. So Coram runs supportive housing which aims to do far more than just putting a roof over their head. It's a safe place where young people can get the support they need to gain the skills to live independent lives.

Kemi: Chateelah is a fantastic example of a young person that has put in a lot of effort and is really receiving rewards.

Chateelah: Well, in my early life I was in care from the age of 5. I grew up going through different care homes. Basically, when I was 14 I decided to run away. I got on the train to London and I started to get into care up here. And then I was living with my aunty for a while but we didn't get so then I became homeless. So...then I found Coram.

I have had lots of support in the last upcoming months from Coram, especially from Kemi. She has helped me a lot and I am very grateful for it. This time last year I wasn't really doing nothing and I applied for a radio position for an assistant and I got that and I have been there ever since. I got started on College. I was doing a drama and vocals course. So vocals, like updating my vocal skills basically. And drama, which was putting on plays and improvisation and things like that.

Kemi: Chateelah has grown quite a lot as a person. She was quite a solitary person when I first met her and quite scared to engage in groups. But seeing her move from that to now put on events with big groups of people from her college and now to be putting on her own social action community project, it is really brilliant.

Chateelah: It's been very important living in supported housing because it's brought out my independence and it's made me a more outgoing person. Eventually I want to move out of Coram's supported housing because I am ready to go onto the next step. And I want to go onto Uni and study to be a drama practitioner, so I have got a lot of plans.