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Nadia Wells (now Duffy) studied at Kenilworth School completing her GCSE and AS levels before deciding firmly on a careers in the health service. Nadia knew she needed to develop her qualifications and so decided to change her subject choices (from English Language and other arts and social sciences) so that she could fulfil her dreams. Nadia then study for the HE Access course taking Biology, Applied Science, Psychology and Criminology and got a place on the Midwifery course at Coventry University.

Nadia undertook as much work experience as she could (this wise choice had helped her gain her place) and she spent time in Italy working as a nanny and volunteering at a hospital. She then discovered she was 4 months pregnant at the same time that she discovered that her father had six months to live. Nadia then put her course on hold and became the primary carer for her father through the last months of his life. Nadia, had her first child, a lovely daughter and she worked part time in various health related careers and environments to keep her hand in whilst she decided the best way forward. Nadia then had another two children and decided that she would work nights on the Isolation Unit at Warwick Hospital so that she could balance spending time with her children and husband and as well as bringing money in could keep her health service careers aspirations alive.

Nadia managed to attain a Level 5 Diploma in Clinical Reflexology with Anatomy and Physiology and found the time to set up her own business which she combines with a job in radiology, assisting consultants with all aspects of their job, including imaging. Nadia is currently doing a degree in Health Sciences and she has secured a placement at Warwick Hospital to do her next degree with a focus on Sonography which she will be starting this year.

Nadia is a fine example of the resilience and high aspirations that our students share, she is clearly even better organised than she was at school as she has a lovely family whom she manages to spend quality time with, a vast array of both academic and vocational qualifications which have helped in her career and the determination to pursue her family, academic and career goals!

