CASE STUDIES

CASE STUDY 1

A newly qualified teacher is having difficulty with his group. There are about 22 students studying Hairdressing.

About six students are always late, never do their homework and have little motivation. However, they do not misbehave in class but are just very apathetic e.g. they won’t join in pair or group work. The teacher, M, is very stressed as his line manager is coming to observe his lesson as part of his probation and he knows that she will not be impressed with the strategies that he is using e.g. lecture, copying from the board.

CASE STUDY 2

D is studying Health and Social Care. Her teachers are concerned about her as she is very quiet and doesn’t want to join in any pair or group work. At times her behaviour is inappropriate e.g. she laughs when there’s nothing to laugh about. Some of the other students have made fun of her. She also wanders off during the break and always comes back late. Her written work is not up to standard and her teachers would like her to have some extra help or choose a different type of course. One of D’s lecturers would like her to be tested for Dyslexia. D’s parents are not happy with these suggestions and are determined to make her continue with this course even though D’s teachers think it is not appropriate for her.

CASE STUDY 3

N is causing her lecturers a lot of problems. She’s always late to class and wanders in without any valid excuse or apology. When approached about this, she is rude and implies that ‘everyone is picking on her’. She has a small group of friends who seem to encourage her to behave badly. Her behaviour includes chatting, messing about with her phone and doing very little work. She has also used abusive language to one of her lecturers and no action was taken. One of her lecturers has contacted her tutor as he was very impressed with a piece of work she had started. He felt it showed real promise but he cannot get her to complete it.

CASE STUDY 4

A group of four students (two boys and two girls) have been causing problems in some of their classes. They always attend and are generally on time. However, they show no interest at all in the subjects they are studying.
They always sit together, spend their time surfing the net or messing with their mobiles when they should be working on their assignments. They refuse to contribute to class discussions and spend their time shouting out, answering back etc. They make fun of some of their peers and are generally very unpleasant. One of their lecturers was reduced to tears after one class.