

Loanhead sisters graduate together



Sisters Kayleigh and Sarah Brown are testament that a little sisterly love goes a long way.

The siblings from Loanhead, Edinburgh, celebrated together as they both graduated with a HNC in Early Education and Childcare at Stevenson College Edinburgh's glittering graduation ceremony this month.

During the two year course the sisters spent most of their days together, but luckily for Sarah and Kayleigh, studying, living and travelling to college together didn't drive them mad but made them even closer.

Kayleigh (21) who has dyslexia, also benefited from having younger sister Sarah (18) on hand to read over course work and offer advice.

Kayleigh said: "At first when Sarah said she was going to do the course I was a bit apprehensive, but it turned out to be good because we could turn to each other for support."

“As I have dyslexia it was great having her there to go through things with me. There wasn’t too much competition between us, but we were always looking out to see who got the higher mark.”

The sisters, who live with their mother Lorna and younger brother Chris (17) keep busy in their spare time helping with Brownie and Girl Guide groups as well as doing youth work through Loanhead Parish Church.

However, having completed the course the sisters have now gone their separate ways. Sarah is continuing in education and is studying paediatric nursing at Edinburgh Napier University, meanwhile Kayleigh is a supervisor with supermarket Sainsbury’s where she continues to put the skills learned while at Stevenson to the test by giving talks to nurseries and schools on healthy eating.

Sarah said: “We both really enjoyed the course and learned a lot from it which we are now using in different ways. The lecturers were excellent and I really enjoyed the placements. It also helped me secure my place at Napier which is fantastic.

“It was a tough two years but it was great having Kayleigh there with me. We helped each other and made it through together.”

A total of 263 graduated at the recent ceremony which was held at the prestigious Usher Hall, Edinburgh. Guest speaker on the

night was Steve Stewart, founder of Stewart Brewing.

It was also the first year BA students have graduated from Stevenson College Edinburgh. The college currently runs two degree courses in conjunction with the University of Abertay Dundee.

Stevenson College Edinburgh Principal, Brian Lister OBE, said: "Congratulations to all our graduating students. They have worked hard throughout the year and are a credit to themselves and to Stevenson College Edinburgh.

"I would like to wish Kayleigh, Sarah and our other graduates all the best in their future careers. I am sure they will make a success of whatever they choose to do."