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How do you think BTEC helped get you where you are now?

1 It was not just the knowledge that I gained at Wiltshire College studying BTECs at a variety of levels, but also the employability skills that have come in useful. Being able to present has been a big part of me gaining employment and subsequently having the confidence and ability to talk to clients and put forward my ideas. The confidence from coaching, and the teamwork skills that I now use have really helped me in a variety of employment settings. I feel that my social skills and teamworking abilities were developed during my time studying my BTECs.

2 How is studying a HN preparing you for your future career?

The transferrable employability skills I gained have been key qualities that I have taken into my working life, and I have continued to stay interested in sport through my hobbies.

3 What top 3 skills did you gain from your HN?

-  Teamwork
-  Communication
-  Confidence

4 What was your HN experience like?

My time studying my BTECs, and particularly the HND, were some of the best times of my life! I appreciated that the group sizes were smaller than they would have been at University, which was good for me having been at a small school previously. I was also comfortable with the lecturers as I knew them from my Level 3 course. The support and feedback I received from my lecturers felt personal and specific to my needs. The subjects we covered were varied, which kept me interested and helped me to make my choices as I progressed through my education. The fact that the course was local to me and the tuition fees and living costs were lower, were key factors in me choosing to study a Higher National at Wiltshire College.

5 What did you like most about studying a HN?

The varied course content and working with like-minded people was the best part for me. Being able to complete coursework at my own pace and not have to worry about exams was also a benefit for me – I work better like this, so it really helped me to achieve.



Level 2 BTEC First Diploma Sport at Wiltshire College and University Centre



Level 3 BTEC National Extended Diploma Sport at Wiltshire College and University Centre



Level 4 & 5 BTEC Higher National Diploma Sport at Wiltshire College and University Centre



Level 6 degree top-up in Sports Coaching and Teaching at Hartpury University



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6 What are your career ambitions for the future?

After studying my BTEC Higher National, I studied a level 6 top-up degree at Hartpury University in Sports Coaching and Teaching. Since then, I have worked in a variety of roles, and am currently working as a Hot Materials Laboratory Manager. This includes making composite materials for Formula 1 teams as well as sports equipment including badminton and tennis rackets and hockey sticks.