I am currently studying a BTEC Extended Diploma in IT. I am on my second year of this course and I have been enjoying it so far. This course goes in depth into many different aspects of IT and I would like to learn more about the field of IT. I have been interested in IT for the majority of the time I have spent in education. I have become more and more interested in IT while in college due to the tasks that I have had to complete and the career potential of someone working in IT. It has been very interesting to discover how much IT is used in daily life and how important it is to society.

When I was in Secondary School I chose to do CIDA (Certificate In Digital Applications), this was the only IT related qualification which I could take in the school that I attended, unfortunately CIDA was not based around the any significant parts of IT and did not provide the education for IT that I wanted. However while attending these lessons I did gain more knowledge of programs like Microsoft Office and Adobe Flash. I also had a chance to use Dreamweaver, Photoshop as well as other things which I had never used before. A lot of the typing skills I have learned though school have been greatly enhanced by using IT for social and entertainment purposes.

During my third year in Secondary School I joined the local Air Cadets. This only lasted a year but gave me the opportunity to meet new people and learn some new things about the Royal Air Force. I also gained some team working experience when in the Air Cadets as I had the opportunity to go to an Army training camp with them where I spent a week learning about different tactics and techniques when performing recognisance. Although I was only in the Air Cadets for a year from ages thirteen to fourteen I still feel like I learnt a lot in my time there.

After I finished Secondary School I moved onto a Level 2 BTEC IT course. I only spent the first six weeks of my first college year on the level 2 course as I requested to be moved onto the Level 3 BTEC IT course because although I did not quite meet the requirements for the course, I believed that I was capable of moving up to the more demanding course. The time that I had spent on the level 2 course had meant that I needed to catch up with the work from the first half term of the year but I pulled through and managed to prove myself worthy of the course. Within my first year of college I also studied Function Skills English Level 2 which I passed and have also taken GCSE English this year to try and improve my grades. I hope to be able to further improve the knowledge that I have gained throughout my time in college by continuing onto University and working towards a degree.