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## **BTEC Higher National Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment (Surveying)**



### **1 How do you think BTEC helped get you where you are now?**

My course has already offered me the progressive framework to advance from Level 3 to Level 5.

From there I have enrolled onto a top up degree in Quantity Surveying, and I now have a client-facing, commercially aware role as a Quantity Surveyor.

### **2 What was your BTEC experience like?**

I worked as a barista while enrolling in an apprenticeship in the hope of finding an employer who would support and supply my career opportunities. As a mother of two young children, in full-time employment and a carer for my partner, I have a really busy life so having the flexibility that the BTEC qualifications provide really suited my lifestyle.

### **3 How has studying a BTEC prepared you for your future career?**

The BTEC HND and apprenticeship gave me the steppingstone I needed.

It allowed me to gain sector experience whilst learning and that is one of the things that sets me apart from other students.

### **4 What did you like most about taking a BTEC?**

This has been a very supportive route as the BTEC, right from the start, offers underpinning knowledge of the whole area of construction which has been invaluable in progressing to Level 4 and beyond.

This was a much better choice than progressing to university from A levels as I can now see the difference in my knowledge compared to other students on the course.

### **5 Why would you recommend BTEC?**

I would absolutely recommend a BTEC. The course and the college gave me the flexibility I needed in my personal life, whilst also developing the skills needed in the construction sector.



*I can see the difference in my knowledge compared to other students because of the BTEC.*



### **Progression pathway**



GCSEs



A levels



Hospitality work



**BTEC HND in Construction  
(Apprenticeship)**



University top-up



Quantity Surveyor

### **What top 5 skills did you gain from your BTEC?**



**Time Management**



**Organisation**



**Professional Experience**



**Confidence**



**Sector Knowledge**

