

Feven Zeray

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Electrical Engineering learner at Trafford College

Feven Zeray's ultimate goal is to be an aeronautical engineer. She received top marks in her BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Electrical Engineering and is on track and racing full throttle towards a career with the Mercedes Formula 1 team.

From the start of her course, she faced resistance from those who thought it was too difficult and that a woman couldn't succeed in engineering. That did not stop Feven from finding a way to pursue her dream.

BTECs are career-focused qualifications, taught in number of subjects in colleges, schools and universities throughout the world. Through BTEC, learners acquire the knowledge, skills and behaviours they need for career success. Throughout their course, BTEC learners work on a series of tasks set in real-life scenarios to which they apply the knowledge, skills and behaviours they have learned during their course. BTECs enable successful progression towards a chosen career path, whether that's through further or higher education, an apprenticeship or directly into employment.

For Feven, not only did BTEC teach her the skills she needed for a career in engineering, but she also learned valuable employability skills including communication and flexibility, which she has found useful in single handedly raising her daughter while funding herself to get her dream job.

Alex Fau Goodwin, Assistant Principal at Trafford College says that success like Feven's 'really does emphasise the importance of adult education in colleges'. Feven is making the most of her education – her latest accolade is winning the coveted Mercedes AMG High Performance Powertrains (HPP) Learner of the Year Award, guaranteeing her an interview for the prestigious Apprenticeship scheme run by HPP who design, develop and manufacture the Mercedes-Benz Formula 1 racing engines and hybrid systems.

Feven is widely regarded as a role model at Trafford College and continues to prove to her daughter that learning makes anything possible.

