What do you particularly enjoy about studying this subject?

One of the things that I enjoy about Biology is that you learn about a variety of different biological processes that take place in humans and plants in detail which allows you to develop a greater understanding of how plants and animals function. Another thing that I enjoy about Biology is the practicals that you carry out throughout the course as it allows you to develop your practical skills as well as your understanding.

If you studied the subject at GCSE how different is studying it at A Level/BTEC Level 3?

I studied Biology at GCSE and have found that at A level it is more detailed and that there is more information to understand and learn. I have also found that there are more application questions in which you have to apply your knowledge to different situations.

How much work is involved? (hours in lessons / outside of lessons)

In Biology, each lesson is two hours long and you learn the key concepts of the topic that you are studying and the processes involved. Outside of lessons, you are given exam questions to complete which are based on the topic and this allows you to revise the key concepts. You are also given past papers to complete as it ensures that you are also revising other topics that have been covered too.

How are you assessed and how regularly?

In Biology, we are assessed regularly using exam question practice on the topics that we have covered recently. However, we are also assessed on topics that we have done previously to ensure that we are revising and going over all the other topics as they all link to each other.

What support have you received and is support available if you don’t understand something?

If you’re ever struggling in the subject, there are sessions you can attend to catch up or you can just ask your teacher either in class or in your 1:1 session. The catch-up sessions outside of lesson times are really relaxed as there’s no pressure; it’s just a session providing you with some extra time!
Have you received careers support and what are your future plans?

I am hoping to go and study Biomedical Science at university and potentially have a future career in the health science field.

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