What do you particularly enjoy about studying this subject?

My favourite thing about studying BTEC Business is that no matter what aspect of life you move onto, you will always put your knowledge into practice. The finance section of business has helped me to understand more about everyday life and how we pay for things. It’s also helped me push to save for the future and taught me how to be good with my money. I love how approachable the tutors are and how quick they are to offer help. Business has definitely offered me the most support within any of my subjects and the constant enthusiasm from my tutors has inspired me to hopefully study Business Management in the future.

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

Typically, if you keep on top of your work it’s not too much. Like any subject, extra work is needed to push any of your grades up. Each lesson is 2 hours long no matter whether it’s coursework or not. You get set tasks and deadlines with coursework which typically should not take more than the time set, however if you are unable to finish this you are given a few days of your own time in which this should be completed. The key is to stay on top of it to avoid it all mounting up. The tutors are understanding and know that no student wants to study 24/7 therefore they only set a reasonable amount of work. It is your choice on how you spend your time and whether to use it wisely or not. The same applies to the finance section, you will learn the knowledge within the lesson. It is then your responsibility to revise this at home. If you want to do well, then time and effort is vital. I would say I studied around 3 hours a week which compared to others may be less than expected, however this meant I didn’t get bored of the subject yet I was still working hard to a good grade.

How are you assessed and how regularly?

They are very keen on testing knowledge regularly to keep you up to date. Each lesson of it’s a finance lesson, mini questions will be thrown at you to test your formula knowledge. This helps to embed the formulas meaning that you’ll never forget them. Once each learning aim is completed, mini mocks occur to help test your knowledge even further. This helps the tutors to understand which topics students are struggling with and what they may need to go over.

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

The tutors are always quick to respond to any question, whether that be face to face or online. If I’m ever struggling I have been offered a phone call or an explanation. Extra classes are also held for those in need.
Have you received careers support and what are your future plans?

Beth (the Head of BTEC Business) has been absolutely amazing in helping me decide what I would like to do. Originally I had no intention of picking BTEC Business to study at Carmel and now I want it to be my forever career. Who would’ve thought? When given a disappointing reaction from my top university, Beth was right there to help and direct me in another direction. She’s put a lot of faith in me and helped me feel confident. She’s also reminded me that everything happens for a reason. Without the support I definitely would not be progressing on with my business studies and I really can’t express just how grateful I am.