**Astronomy**

**🌠 Refined Version:**

**"I studied Astronomy at university, but the stars weren’t aligned for my future. Ironically, it was Computer Science that put me in a better position to appreciate the night sky — this time, through building and understanding systems that power our world."**

**💡 Alternative (if you want it shorter or a bit more grounded):**

**"Astronomy showed me the beauty of the universe, but Computer Science gave me the tools to build something within it."**

Or:

**"Even though I studied Astronomy, I realized I didn’t want to observe the stars — I wanted to build systems down here that matter."**

Lehre

**💬 Refined Version:**

**“After one year in my apprenticeship, I realized I craved new challenges — especially ones that pushed my mind. I began taking courses at the VHS in Austrian Sign Language and discovered that I wasn’t done learning. University gave me that opportunity, but I soon realized the traditional system didn’t align with how I process and absorb knowledge. So I started looking for better alternatives — environments that stimulate curiosity and support my way of learning.”**

**☀️ Optional, slightly more confident tone:**

**“My apprenticeship taught me a lot — but after a year, I realized I needed more intellectual challenge. That drive led me to explore new fields, from sign language to university-level science. While university expanded my knowledge, I found the structure didn’t match how I learn best. So I sought out a path that fits *me* — one that fuels both my curiosity and creativity.”**

**FH**

**🧠 Reflective & Balanced:**

**“I enrolled at FH Technikum Wien because I was eager to explore technology more deeply — and I genuinely enjoyed it at first. But when the pandemic shifted everything online, I found it increasingly difficult to stay motivated in such a remote, disconnected environment. I felt like I was just moving from checkpoint to checkpoint, relying on others’ momentum rather than creating my own. That experience helped me realize something important: I wanted to learn actively and meaningfully, not just pass. It also made me question whether I might thrive more in a practical, working environment than in a purely academic one — at least at that time.”**

**💡 A slightly lighter version with a growth spin:**

**“I started studying at FH Technikum Wien out of a real interest in technology. But when everything moved online during the pandemic, it became hard to stay engaged. I felt like I was going through the motions to keep up, without truly learning for myself. That time taught me something valuable: I wanted to learn in a way that’s hands-on and self-driven, not just grade-driven. It was the first step in understanding the kind of environment I really thrive in.”**

HLA

“After finishing 8th grade, I wanted more than just general knowledge — I was drawn to the idea of combining education with real-world experience. That’s why I chose the HLA, where I could gain practical business training *and* graduate with a diploma that would still allow university entry. But over time, I realized that my real passion wasn’t in hospitality or management. What truly sparked my mind were the cognitive and logical challenges of subjects like math and science — areas that weren’t given much focus there. So I made the decision to switch back to my academic high school, where I could deepen my understanding and prepare for university in the fields I cared most about.”