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I'm planning a business degree, either part-time through an apprenticeship or on a full-time course. My aim is to go into finance. An online business summer school showed me what a vast and varied world this is. During my work experience, I saw how different jobs fit together in a finance department and how a company plans its finances and runs its business systems in the short, medium and long term. My part-time job at Big Stores gives me practical experience in a small branch of a large organisation.

Education and Qualifications

Thistown Central Academy - A-levels (2022)

Business A, Maths B, Computer Science B

GCSEs - Grades 9-4 (2020)

English Language, French, Spanish, PE, Art and Design, Computer Science, History, Maths, Combined Science

Employment and Work Experience

Big Stores Minimart (2021 - present)

Starting as a shelf stacker I progressed to till operator and am now a team leader. I contribute to:

- Staff shift pattern, including early mornings and lates, making sure all areas are covered
- Security of premises, sometimes unlocking and locking up, including cash handling
- Customer service, including complaints and returns
- Monitoring sell-by dates and minimising waste, reordering and stock control.

Thistown College Business and Finance Summer School (July 2022)

Five-day online programme covering:

- Business models, economic theory and concepts, marketing and business strategy
- Seminars with business leaders
- Group work presentation on a business case study.

Thistown Engineering Ltd, Finance Department (July 2021)

Two weeks work experience in the finance department of a local SME:

- Helping with the migration of financial information across IT systems, using my IT skills
- Spending a day in different areas of the department, including shadowing the finance director.

Year 13 Charity Rep on School Council (2021-2022)

Working with reps from other year groups to organise the school's charity fundraising. I was involved in:

- Getting suggestions from my year group about charities to support and which events to run
- Planning events and organising volunteers to help
- Being responsible for cash during events
- Reporting back to the Head after each event (what we learned, how would we do it next time).