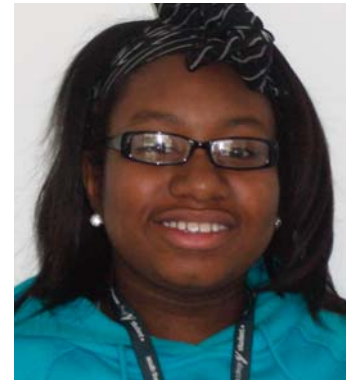




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I'm currently working towards achieving my NVQ Level 3 AAT Accounting at South Thames College. My course will finish in June and I plan to go to university to study for a degree in accounting and finance, and then gain a career in accountancy.

Finance has always been something I've enjoyed studying. I'm 19 years old now, but even when I was at school, it was the finance units in my business GCSE that I liked the most. This inspired me to look at what courses I could do at college. After doing a course search on the internet I found that South Thames College delivered an NVQ Level 2 AAT Accounting. I applied and was successful in gaining a place. This was the start of preparing for my career in finance!

The NVQ level 2 was a really good start as it provided me with the basic knowledge and skills for a range of finance tasks such as double entry, and debit and credit. It also helped me to develop my study skills. I passed the course and this gave me entry to the NVQ level 3. I'm really enjoying my current course and alongside building upon the knowledge I gained previously, I am studying lots of new subjects including financial recording and extended trial balance. I am also developing skills that will help me to gain employment including writing business memos and working in a team. I've learnt how important it is to pay attention to detail and have good investigative skills in order to be a successful accounting professional. As the AAT is recognised by employers, I know that what I am learning is relevant to the workplace.

I am now coming to the end of my course and am preparing to progress to higher education. Through the South East London Lifelong Learning Network, my college has progression agreements with local universities and this has helped me to think about my higher education options. Once I have gained my NVQ Level 3 AAT Accounting and a degree, I will be in a great position to start my career.

My advice to others who are thinking about a career in accountancy would be to make sure you look at your local colleges for AAT courses at Level 2. Starting at this level provides a good base for moving onto the level 3 course, which can then open up doors into both higher education and employment!



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