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Georga Turner a Level 3 Level 3 BTEC Computing student has been selected to be part of the newly formed Digipigz, an innovative idea set up by Liz Lean PR's youngest member of staff and Account Executive, Leila Willingham.

Georga who is keen to get more females into technical subjects said "If I could inspire and be a role model for one girl, I'd be very happy."

Georga outlines how she fell in love with coding, getting involved with Digipigz and the course she's studying at the college.

"I love anything coding-based because it's so logical. It all started when I joined a code club back in year 9, and I was hooked. When I got full marks in one of my IT tests, I thought it might be worth pursuing if it's something I'm good at. I knew I wanted to make apps, so I came to an Open Event at The College. The course was perfect for me. It was a massive change coming here from school, but I love it.

I'd say if you have a love for something and you want to do it, go for it. It's important to get a qualification and if you've specialised it shows you have a passion for it. You also get a lot of work experience and industry contacts here which you might not get at other places. It's just so inclusive at college and everyone is so welcoming. They help you to be the best version of yourself.

I'm a Student Ambassador, and it's brilliant to represent other students. It's something I've always wanted to do, but I've always been pushed into the background because I wasn't the most popular. Coming to college has given me the opportunity to come out of my shell and be the person I want to be.

My course is amazing…

I get to do what I love every single day and learn more about the industry I want to go into. I'm one of only two girls in my year, and that's what made me want to get more girls into computing. We shouldn't be in the minority in an industry that's thriving. I'm trying to succeed myself and I want to help other girls to succeed too.

I don't want to make games. I want to do something that helps people. For my work experience, I worked for a tech for good company and that really appealed to me. I want to make something that can save lives rather than waste lives.

My lecturer recommended I check out something called Digipigz, and I've just been accepted as one of "the litter". Digipigz connects businesses directly to the youth market for key insights and research from a hand-picked database of the loudest young minds.

I started a blog which is my rambles about women in digital and what I think the industry can do to make it more accessible for young girls. It also documents my journey into the world of digital. I'm only just starting out, but I want to show others what it's really like including any pressures and challenges there might be.

If you're interested in applying for a Computing course at the college, visit the Computing page to see the range of courses on offer. It's not too late to apply for this September.