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Keely Miles has been awarded 'Highly Commended' by the prestigious BTEC Outstanding Science Student of the Year Award. The awards are designed to recognise career based learning.

Previous years' winners have been exceptional vocational students, apprentices, practitioners and organisations, many of whom have gone on to achieve even greater accolades in their field. (Source: qualifications.pearson.com)

Keely certainly fulfilled the criteria. A love for science at an early age meant that she'd always had an interest in the subject. Her passion then started to develop into Forensic Science as she became fascinated in the way that the forensic scientist worked and how they came to their conclusions. Keely said,

'When the time came to options after school I chose to study BTEC Applied Science Forensics. I wanted to know more about the subject and I wanted an insight into how everything works when collecting and analysing evidence. Since starting the course I have been pulled in by all aspects of the syllabus, I love learning about all the different topics, especially toxicology in evidence and collection analysis.'

Keely has been an exceptional student at The Bournemouth & Poole College and alongside her studies she also had a work placement with Dorset Police as a CCTV Volunteer at Wimborne Police Station.

Leanne Buckland, Senior Team Leader - [Health and Applied Sciences](#) said, 'Keely worked well in class, engaged with all lessons and went over and above with research to ensure she got her maximum grade. She really is one of a kind.'

The future looks bright for Keely and she is heading towards a successful career in a subject that she loves. She takes her next step with an unconditional offer to study Forensic Science at Bournemouth University.