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My name is Molly Roberts. I am currently studying at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David's, in Swansea. In this essay about me, it will include a brief background about who I am and what I currently do. I will be discussing my education, my hobbies, my beliefs and what I want to do in the future.

I went to a Welsh primary and secondary school up in north Wales where I live. Because of this I am a fluent Welsh speaker. Once I finished secondary school, I made the decision to go to college. I went to Glynllifon college, where I studied Animal management level 3 for two years. In my second year at college, I made the decision that I wanted to continue my studies at a higher level. That's when I came across UWTSD. This is where I choose to study criminology and criminal justice. As one of my assessments in my second year of college we had to look into 2 possible career choices. With one of mine being a dog handler in the police. This is where my interest in working with the law and police truly started.

However, once I finished college, I made the decision to take a gap year, before going to university. In my gap year I took on a full-time job working on a dairy farm. I had been working in this job part time alongside my studies for 8 months. I felt that taking a gap year was the best decision for me. It allowed me to experience what work life felt like, It taught me responsibility, and how to manage money and independence (Nathan,2024). I passed my driving test and bought my own car. I also met one of my best friends. Before taking the gap year, I did not feel ready to move away from home, family, friends and live independently. But towards the end I missed education and learning. This proved to me that I was now ready to go to university. I strongly believe that me working for a year truly helped make this decision.

Back home I enjoyed spending time with my dogs, going on walks and exploring new places, colouring, spending time with friends and climbing. My Family is very important to me so spending quality time with them is one of my favourite things to do.

Since being in Swansea I have enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends. I have found joy in exploring the city and finding new places. I enjoy being a part of a group of girls, who so far have helped me settle into university life. Where we so far have gone on multiple fun night outs, many card games, hanging out in our accommodations cinema room and going for brunch. I am thoroughly enjoying my time in Swansea so far.

I have had an interest in the police and the work they do from a young age. I was raised in a quite rough area where it was common to see police around the street. I remember always being keen to go take the dog for a walk, when there were police around. It was a common thing everyone did. The typical nosey neighbour. However, for me it was because I was interested and intrigued at the work that the police did. Even though my sister and I were

raised in a typical rougher area of the town. We were raised a lot different to the other kids around us. Whereas the other kids around us were disrespectful. We were polite, kind and caring. To this day I would like to say that I am still all these things. And for that I have my mother to thank. She always taught us to treat others the way we want to be treated and that everyone in this world is equal. No matter their race, age, gender or beliefs. Because of this I have worked hard in my life to get where I am. If I wanted something I had to work for it. From this I have become determined and hardworking meaning if I want to achieve something nothing is going to stop me (Cambridge dictionary, 2025). With one of my proudest moments being the award I achieved in college for the best in my class. Where my tutor outlined my performance and dedication when I have a goal and task in front of me. Once I have finished university, I would like to become a dog handler within the army or police. I am currently in the process of joining the army with the 157 regiment royal logistics corps in Swansea. This is the only logistics regiment in Wales(the British army, no date).Some of the key skills it takes to work in the army are: being able to listen to instructions, being able to work in a team and paying attention to detail(national career service, no date). To become a dog handler in either the police or the military I need to join as a police officer or as a soldier first and then work my way up to becoming a dog handler. (Careers Wales, 2025). Careers Wales (2025) also says that it would be beneficial to also have a level 3 qualification in animal management, which I have already achieved.

I will now continue, in the next stage of my life aiming to achieve a degree in criminology and criminal justice. I will continue to develop my skills, to prepare me for my future in employment. Hopefully gaining new experiences and completing training for the army reserve.

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