## STUDENT VOICE

Starting college may be a very stressful experience, especially on your first day. Here we have interviewed 2 students who are currently studying at college and we are asking them about their first day experience.



## INTERVIEW 1

Sam - Catering Student

What did you expect college to be like?

"I thought college was going to be much like school, but college was very independent, and the teachers/lectures don't treat you like kids they talk to you like an adult"

SAM

What made you pick the course you studied?

"The reason I picked to do
the catering course was
because I wanted to work in a
kitchen and learn some new skills
which you may not learn on your
own, (and of course make the
best food)"

What was your first impression about college?

"Very scary! But once I got to know people it felt like I was there for a long time"

SAM

What was your first day like and do you have any tips that might help to settle nerves?

"My first day went very well. At first you don't know anyone or what to expect but once you get to meet your course lectures and course mates it makes you feel a lot better and more comfortable, even excited!

What did you find the biggest challenge when starting college?

"Traveling on a train and bus to college. I was only 16/17 and had never been on a train on my own before, but you soon make friends on your course that have the same journey"

SAM

Looking back what was the best thing about college and your first day?

"I felt the best thing about college was meeting new friends who you wouldn't usually meet and gaining independence going to and from college"

What was the biggest help/advice given to you on your first day?

"Be by all your friends' side throughout the course and support one and other"

SAM

If you had any advice for someone who is starting college what would it be?

"Stay Positive!!! Always follow your dreams and take all the advice you can get while you are a student!"