

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 2

William - Business Student

What did you expect college to be like?

“Before I came to college, I was at Sixth Form, so my experience of further education was more aligned with how schools run their Sixth Forms. However, when I came to college it was a completely different experience, I felt like I was being treated as an adult rather than a teenager”

WILLIAM

What made you pick the course you studied?

“I picked Business, this is because I spoke to a friend of mine who was on the course and he said it was really good, I was struggling with how the Sixth Form did their teaching which is why I decided to look into the college courses, I saw that it would give me the same opportunities of getting a job and going to university as Sixth Form did. The college also promotes a natural progression, from Level 2 to Level 3 and then onto Level 4 HND”


WILLIAM



What was your first impression of college?

"I was intimidated at first, coming from a school environment and then into a college environment however on the first day all the staff made me feel welcome, if I was lost or stuck with something there was always a member of staff to assist me"


WILLIAM



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

"My first day at college was jam packed, the lectures managed to fit so much stuff in, it was very informative of what the course was like. I made friends on the first day who I sat with at lunch in the college Café. Once we had finished we had a look around the library. I would just suggest to anyone who is coming to the college that being nervous is natural but don't feel like you can't ask questions, staff members are always around to help and if they can't they will find someone who can".


WILLIAM



What did you find the biggest challenge when starting college?

"I found it quite a challenge to adapt to the new schedule and structure of how the college is set up. Lectures are different to how they teach you at school and the days are less structured. For example, Sixth Form is a 8:30 till 3 day whereas college is more flexible with their hours, this has allowed me to fit in time for a part time job and study time."


WILLIAM



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

"Looking back on it, I believe the best thing about college is the lecturers, they have been so helpful and understanding, they go the extra mile with their lectures to help students fully understand the lessons. This, alongside the college environment definitely builds a sense of community, I ended up running for student representative which helped with my confidence"


WILLIAM



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

“I believe the best help and advice I was given is never be afraid to ask for help. This has helped me out whenever I have struggled, as all the lecturers and staff members at the college are there to help and support me to succeed”

WILLIAM



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

“My advice for anyone coming to college is be proactive in the community, there are so many doors which can be opened if you take the steps towards them, never give up on your dreams”

WILLIAM