



Dear future student

I will start this letter honestly. As I am writing these lines and telling my NTU story to you, it has been busy and a little chaotic as I finished all my deadlines for Semester 1 on time. It's also very fulfilling and in many ways, this moment reflects what life at NTU feels like.

Before choosing to study MA TESOL at NTU, I went through a long decision-making process, just like many of you might be doing now. I considered more than a hundred universities in the UK. Every university has its own strengths, and the choice often feels overwhelming. NTU certainly has strong awards and an excellent reputation for teaching, but what truly convinced me came from a very personal experience.

While attending study abroad webinars, I met representatives from many universities. Among all of them, NTU left the strongest impression. The university felt energetic, open, and genuinely student-centered. It did not feel distant or overly formal. When I later learned that NTU was looking for student ambassadors, I did not hesitate to apply. It simply felt right. When I received the Merit Scholarship from NTU, it felt like a quiet reassurance that I was on the right path and should continue pursuing this journey.

Coming from a tropical country, the weather was my biggest worry before moving to the UK. At the same time, I was incredibly excited, knowing I would experience many new stories in my life. When I arrived in Nottingham, I started settling into my new room, buying small things to make it feel like home, exploring the neighbourhood, walking around Cityampus, and trying local cafes and baked goods.

These simple moments helped me feel grounded in a new place.

I am an energetic person who enjoys creative work and contributing to the community. NTU offers a wide range of clubs and societies, making it easy for students with different interests to find people they connect with. Through these spaces, I made friends naturally and felt part of the community sooner than I expected.

Academically, I genuinely enjoy studying at NTU. I might sound a little nerdy saying this, but I am someone who looks for learning that feels practical and meaningful, not just theoretical. Classes are interactive and discussion-based, and the lecturers are incredibly kind and supportive. If you are an international student, do not be afraid to ask questions. Professors and tutors are there to support you, especially with assignments. Thanks to this support, I was able to complete my deadlines on time without needing extensions, and I am having high hopes about my results.

If I could give one piece of advice, it would be this. Put yourself out there. Attend events, talk to people, and build your own circle. If you prefer quiet moments, the library and shared study spaces are wonderful places to meet like-minded people. NTU also provides support for mental wellbeing, academics, finances, and time management, all free of charge. Use these resources. Be brave. In the end, what you will remember most are the meaningful memories you create at NTU.

Warm regards,

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