



## *Dear future student*

*I chose NTU because it was ranked the best in sustainability. As a circular economy enthusiast and a sustainable lifestyle advocate, that meant a lot to me. Apart from their sustainability activities, I loved how the school looked and also their commitment to international students, which made me feel like that would be the right environment for me to grow, especially since I had not travelled outside my country before.*

*Travelling out of your country and continent for the first time can be scary, no matter how prepared you are. I was really nervous about returning to school after a two-year break. In this case, I was not just going back to school, but I was leaving my whole life behind. Seeing the school offering travel options and discounts for international students helped me relax a bit and I just could not wait to meet new course mates and flatmates from all around the world.*

*Unfortunately for me, I didn't get my visa on time, so I missed the induction period.*

*I thought that was it for me, I had missed my chance to make friends in school, but boy, how wrong I was. My first lecture was a meeting with my personal tutor, who was kind enough to take me around the school when I informed him that I had missed the induction period. As someone who was feeling lost and kind of alone at that time, that gesture lit up my whole week and made me realise that NTU does not just talk about caring, they actually care about their students and making them feel welcome.*

*Everyone is smiling and ready to help you on campus. It was just one day, and I made two new friends from my class.*

*The people in Nottingham, too, have been very welcoming and friendly. I got lost a few times, but there was always someone ready to help; all I had to do was ask. It has been some months now, and I do not feel alone at all. From group studies to friends in accommodation, it feels like we have known each other forever. The lecturers here are very welcoming to any question you need answered or clarified; they are always ready to help.*

*I have really enjoyed my time volunteering at the Global Lounge. I not only get to meet new people but also get to teach my language during moments like this, where different people from all around the world are together in one place, it feels so wholesome. My lecturers do not just teach but also give us opportunities to understand the real-life applications of what is being taught, and some are really funny, making learning enjoyable while still having fun. It actually makes you enjoy the course more, even the hard parts.*

*If you are travelling to NTU, whatever your reason may be for choosing it, I can guarantee it's probably going to be one of the best parts of your life. It is not just about getting a good education but also about gaining employable skills, confidence, learning to live with and respect everyone, learning from different cultures without even being there, and networking. I know the beginning might seem scary, but once you are here, you will just wonder why you were worried at all. It is a great place to be. I know it is for me.*

*Warm regards,*

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