

Dear Future Student



I genuinely cannot imagine myself having picked another school besides NTU. Sometimes, I feel like NTU chose me and not the other way. But if I was to be asked, I chose NTU because of the opportunities it is providing for me not only education wise but in all aspects of life. Just getting the introduction was enough to know this was the place for me.

From the scholarship, to the discussions of the Sandwich program and top employability opportunities in UK (which not many universities will offer you), to the immense support in studies which I have had the chance to experience it firsthand. The school's good reputation was definitely one of the things that drew me to choose it.

There were several mixed feelings throughout the whole process of coming to NTU. My biggest fear was probably not fitting in and to make matters worse I would be away from home so I wouldn't be able to speak about it to anyone. But once I got on that plane all I could think of was the exploration I would do all over Nottingham, jump from cafe to cafe and park to park having cozy picnics with the new friends I'll make.

Honest to my word, I have done exactly as I had said I would. It took me about 3 weeks to settle down and get the hang of things and honestly the most confusing things must have just been how similar the roads looked at the beginning and the difficulty in navigating the maps. Making friends though was easier than expected, there is no community that is more welcoming than NTU.

One thing I have really enjoyed must be the fact that I've grown so much and not just in the academic aspect but in every way possible. Before NTU, I was most likely one of the biggest introverts I knew, but with the opportunities and encouragement now I can moot, I can play interactive games without feeling like everyone will judge me, I can ask for help without feeling like I have nothing in my head and this is all because NTU has created such a safe space for students. As a law student, all you ever think about when law comes to your mind is the show Suits, but with NTU I was able to see that it is not the same as I thought. Since the university has its own law firm, they allow students to participate and volunteer within it. This personally is by far the best experience I've enjoyed in my course.

Being able to actually participate in something related to the work I would love to do in the future and getting guidance is something very uncommon in universities all around the world, so yes this has definitely been exciting for me. I had also mentioned earlier that you don't just grow intellectually but in all other aspects, the school does this by providing sports and societies. In fact they must be more than 50 of them to choose from and you can join as many as possible. I joined the NTU netball IM team and from there I've gotten people I genuinely consider my sisters.

To every student coming to NTU, the best advice I can give you is the same one I was given: be yourself, live life cause you're young and don't divert from your goals. Maximize on the opportunities put before you because you won't find them anywhere else if not here and trust me never be scared to ask for help, even when you feel like its a sign of weakness just know it isn't and shouldn't suffer in silence. You've got this!

Warm regards,

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