

Dear new student

Two years ago I was in the same position as you, applying to study at West Nottinghamshire College.

It can be daunting starting a new place but West Notts helped to make me feel safe and included. When I first started the college, I was worried about the travel distance and how long it would take me to get there. However, the college was really supportive during my Level 2 Beauty course and by my second year, I was catching the college bus which was reliable and always got me to college on time.

The beauty and spa course I did, was a really great course which focused on units such as electrical facials, electrical body treatments, body massage, hot stone massage and body wraps.

I really enjoyed learning in an environment which was both theory and practical-based. The teaching was to a high standard and the teachers were very supportive in helping me get good grades. I had many great experiences on this course, such as practising the treatments I had learned in class on real clients, listening to Steiner cruise ship speakers, up-keeping the college spa/salon, making friends and taking part in the Erasmus work experience trip to Finland.

The trip was amazing and opened my eyes to the endless opportunities that the beauty and spa industry has to offer.

Overall, I think that doing this course at college has unleashed my potential and passion for the spa industry and given me more skills, while improving my existing ones, so that I can work in the spa of my dreams.

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