Hello to the cohort of 2020/21

This letter is just to welcome you to the college and let you know what college life is like. Firstly I'd like to introduce myself, my name is Ellie Paterson and I'm currently studying a BTEC Level 3 in Sport and Exercise Science. I am going into my second year and I'm just as nervous as you might be!

I remember my enrolment day and I was super nervous as I didn't know anyone on my course but as soon as I met my teachers and classmates I felt less nervous as we were all the same! On my first day we all introduced ourselves and everyone loosened up after that and ever since then I have made lifelong friends.

Before I started college I was very anxious that I would fail and not get good grades. However, due to the enormous amount of support and effort the teachers put in to helping students understand the course or subject, I have completed my first year with strong grades. I couldn't be more grateful to my teachers because they will go above and beyond to help their students.

Every single staff member at West Notts are so kind and will always be happy to help. They also prepare you for university and answer any questions you have. The college wants what's best for their students so they will bring in visitors or organise trips if that means you can understand on a deeper and more understanding level.

When my first day of college came along I was worried that I would get lost because the college is so big, but the teachers will give you tours to help. On the walls around the college there are maps for each floor and where places are situated outside of the main building.

Finally, enjoy college! Study hard but remember to have fun because it's important you don't overload your brain or you will get very stressed. Good luck and enjoy!

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