The first week at college for me was made very welcoming by staff and other students. All of my worries and concerns about being in a new environment were calmed immediately as my tutors made sure I got to know all of my peers quickly in sessions, so that we could all share our concerns and worries. It's amazing how many people on the course shared the same worries, but once we started discussing them we were all fine. We started off with a lot of skills-based projects, learning how to use the software and new tools.

The tutors encourage you to always do your best and help you improve where needed. You will have one-to-one tutorials and you'll get feedback on your work regularly. If you get stuck the tutors are always available to help you with whatever problem you may be facing. The facilities are really good and the learning environment is really nice. In the Create area all students are like-minded creative people.

Whilst at college I've learned multiple new skills including Photoshop, website design and 3D modelling. I have learned about all of the different career paths I can take when leaving this course. I have been taught techniques for how to manage my time properly and how to communicate professionally. We have undertaken live briefs and competitions to help us develop our skills and our portfolios. My favourite project was our 3D ident for the West Nottinghamshire College logo. We were allowed to be as creative as possible and show off our skills.

I feel well-prepared for my next steps and feel that I have a lot of skills and knowledge that I can use in the future.

My advice for a new starter would be to trust the tutors and your peers at college. Definitely also speak to second years, they will help you gain confidence. They will be able to tell you so much more about the course. The course overall is very interactive and fun, lots of opportunities to use your creativity. You will enjoy it, take the plunge!

Emily Daniels Extended Diploma Media Digital Design and Games