

Dear Friend

When I think back to when I applied for college I was very apprehensive not only about the change in setting but also the work load, friends and college tutors as it was a new experience. However looking back the one thing I would say is don't let the worry or anxiety of a new start get to you - it is honestly nothing like what you expect.

My college course is nearly complete and I can honestly say I've had the best education at West Nottinghamshire College, not only because you're treated like an adult, but because I've made strong relationships with new friends and tutors. They're not like previous teachers they respect you on the same level and support you as much as they can because it's your choice to attend and your choice whether to shape your future or not.

My tutor Sue Swinscoe has supported me in every way possible and for that I will be forever grateful because not only has she supported me in events through my life that have occurred during college time but also helped me with my workload and confidence in myself.

I've achieved grades I never thought I would and tasks I didn't think I would be confident enough to do, but if you truly push yourself you will have the support to feel pride in yourself and excitement for your future carer.

During my course we attended placement and I was very anxious but again, I've had nothing but positive experiences and it's helped me gain the knowledge and experience I have today. This has led to me being offered a job from one of my placements, so college has already helped me moving forward in my career.

I'm sure the workload is on your mind – it was for me at the start because you never know how hard or challenging it will be but over the years I have had at college it has become second nature to me. Once you've completed your first assignment you will panic less. As long as you show your understanding and knowledge the tutors will be able to support you in the presenting of it.

I remember reading a letter like this when I started my course and I saw a lot of letters had the same comment about trying to achieve the higher grades if possible and truly I understand the importance of it as it's a way of collecting the extra points you need to determine whether to attend university or go straight into the workplace.

The last thing I would like to say is make sure you enjoy your time and create as many memories as possible as the saying is true... time really does fly. So treasure the memories as it will allow you to look back on your time and remember the achievements and friendships you made.

Good luck for the future.

Yours sincerely

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