

Dear new students

If you're considering taking travel and tourism as a course to study, I would really recommend it and you will really enjoy it if you are wanting to go ahead and join a career that is travel-related in the future. In this letter I'm going to speak about college, life, from the day I applied, to enrolment and the first day as a student at West Nottinghamshire College. I will also talk about the trips which we have been on and what you can go on.

I applied for the Level 3 Travel and Tourism course year 1 in 2019 after I took my GCSE exams. I got accepted into the course which I then enrolled onto for me to be able to start the course. It was exciting to enter a new part of my life; I was growing up! When I enrolled the college made me feel very welcome and led me in the right direction where I was able to find information about the college buses, help that they offer to students and also where I had my photo taken for my lanyard.

My first day as a student at college was scary for me, I was very nervous because no one from my school had taken the same course as me and I didn't know anyone which made me worry because I was a very shy and quite person when I first joined. I was so worried about making new friends.

As I arrived at college, we were directed to an area which our course tutor came and collected us to start our induction into the course. My nerves started to get worse as I didn't know anyone around me, and I was worried I wouldn't find any friends. When we got into the classroom I went and sat next to these two girls, who now happen to be my best friends and I couldn't have been who I am today without them, they made me become the better me. For induction we attended college for two days where we got to know each other and a bit more information about the course.

Our tutors made us feel very welcome and comfortable around each other by participating in games which helped us get to know each other. Two of my favourite activities were, we had a throw an object and people we didn't know as well and we got to know their names and a bit about them such as places they would like to travel too. The other activity was we got to mix with other people, and we had to create our own outfit for cabin crew. I really enjoyed how the induction was set out because it allowed us to get to know each other as well as knowing what sort of things we will be doing on the course.

The course offers many trips and events which help us with our assignments and help us know what it is like to apply for a job within the sector. Some trips such as too Nottingham TIC (tourist information centre) and Wollaton Hall allowed us to have more of an opinion on one of our assignments as we had visited there. An event which we took part in was when Jet2 came in and did a day where we were able to know how to apply for a job within the travel industry and what sort of people they look for. Jet2 also offer some of the students opportunities with them in the future which is an amazing opportunity.

The trips to York and Alton Towers we were sadly unable to go on because of the situation going off in the world. In our group we had students who did Level 2 that went on a trip to Blackpool and they told us how fun and interesting it was.

Overall the course to me has been very interesting and overall, I feel that it was challenging in some parts however I completed all my assignments and I feel very proud of myself.

I personally feel that staying positive and never giving up allowed me to stay motivated and complete all my work. I also believe that staying organised helps too, at home I would have a daily planner which I would plan out when work needs to be in and what days I will focus on certain assignments to ensure I got them done on time. To get all the information into your work I would strongly suggest you take notes during lessons to get the most out of them.

My overall journey at college and on their course has been eventful and inspiring as the tutors offer many opportunities to help us get the most out of the course. All the tutors are so lovely, Claire was my main tutor and I wouldn't have been able to get through the year without her, she's a real inspiration! I achieved so much during this course my tutors told me my work was outstanding and I always put more effort in than I should which made me very proud because I passed every assignment first time. I am going to continue on this course doing Level 3 year 2 which I will be aiming to achieve my target grade of a D\*D, which opens up many different opportunities for me.

Furthermore, if you are considering thinking about studying travel and tourism at college I would highly recommend because it is fun and opens up so many opportunities.

Yours sincerely

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