

The college is an amazing place to spend time both for educational and social benefits. Students at West Notts are friendly and mature. During your time at West Notts you'll meet lots of new and interesting people as well as getting involved in lots of interesting and fun things. The college really helps you to see future paths and how different industries come together and collaborate on projects. The tutors are always friendly, approachable and there when you may need advice and guidance whilst helping you develop as a person.

Within my Creative Digital Media course, we have studied lots of interesting and different units such as documentary making, voice overs, short films, effect making and a whole lot more. Most of the course is very hands on with a camera, microphone or editing software in front of you most days of the week. The media theory side of things is easy to grasp. There are numerous ways in which you can learn everything needed for this course, with a lot of support both in and out of lessons. Tutors will put course notes and tasks online for you to do in your own time. Tutors actively encourage students to learn outside of lessons whether that's in front of a mac editing or in the TV studio practicing with a camera and tripod! With the Creative Digital Media course being so practical, you work with groups of students as well as students and staff outside of the course to create different products throughout your time at the college. In your study periods you can book out the TV Studio, Radio Room or a Mac and make your own edits of different things, master your skills or learn how to use a new piece of equipment!

Since joining the West Notts, I feel I have learnt a plethora of new media skills, lots of new knowledge and everything the course has to offer however, the learning doesn't stop at the course, there are a lot of transferable skills such as confidence, time keeping and professionalism. The college is an environment for us to thrive in, with numerous extra – curricular activities and volunteering opportunities to take part in.

My advice to new students would be remember that everyone is in the same situation and will be feeling the same as you over your first few days but before you know it you'll be having lots of fun, learning new things and making lots of new friends along the way!

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