

Dear new students

Congratulations on getting onto a travel and tourism course! You will really enjoy it if you are wanting to work in the travel sector. I thought I would let you know what travel and tourism is really like here at West Nottinghamshire College.

I applied for travel and tourism and got on to Level 2 back in 2018 and I was honestly so nervous as I bet you all are too. I had no friends as the majority of my friends went onto other courses so I was so worried about not making new friends but it happened literally on the day of induction. On induction you will most likely play lots of bonding games with your new classmates and it helps to break the ice. The best advice I can give is be yourself! The tutors on the course work so hard too and honestly speaking I wouldn't have done as well as this without the tutors on the course, they really are life savers!

The work is also really fun and interesting too I'm not going to lie though there are some assignments that feel like they go on forever but keep your head down, work hard and put the effort in because when you get that certificate at the end of the year it really does all pay off. Another piece of advice I could give is don't stress and stay on top of everything, there have been times where I could have dropped the course due to the stress of growing up and college life but honestly don't because you will regret it later on and its only temporary so staying organised really does help massively! If I could re-do my first year of Level 3, I would have organised my time more and tried not to stress as much as I did.

There have been some fun trips with college, my favourite was residential, we went to Blackpool and I had a blast - one of my favourite holidays! I think we did all the attractions in Blackpool from Madame Tussauds to the Pleasure Beach, as well as water parks and shows and the cinema. You also make more friends from the other classes and the tutors are much more relaxed and are honestly so much fun staying in the hotel with your friends! You also go on trips to East Midlands Airport and Alton Towers! The East Midlands Airport trip opened an amazing opportunity for me where I did a week's placement at the airport which was such a good experience and great for my CV. This course really does open many doors. Jet2.com have been into the college to talk to us about roles within their company too which have been very interesting and have helped me so much.

Due to unforeseen circumstances I ended up having a lot of time off last year, but without the tutors (Claire mostly) I wouldn't have finished with a distinction overall which I am so proud of! So please respect the tutors on the course because they are human too and are trying to help you pass and get through the course and the help all the other students!

Yours sincerely

Katie 😊