

When I think back to why I joined this course, I'm not going to sit here and pretend that I had a full on view of my life and I knew what I wanted to do. I didn't. Before I joined college I wasn't confident in myself, I always doubted my ability to do tasks. My attendance and attitude to learning was so bad because I was in the mindset that I had no clue what I wanted to do so I gave up. I knew I had always wanted to do business since school and so I thought why not.

When I first got accepted I applied for the Level 1, I didn't think that I would even get in but I found out that I had the grades to get onto the Level 3. I was so nervous because it was such a new experience and when I was looking at the work load I was so nervous thinking I wouldn't be able to do it.

I can sit here and write about the benefits that you would get from joining the course but you would already know about all the skills that you are going to learn, from life skills and so much more but I'm going to talk about the business team. The way they teach and actually bond with you as not just a student but a person. I feel like that was the big thing for me, the fact that the teachers are so dedicated to business and all of them have their unique way of presenting their lessons. Drew for an example is so caring. The amount of chats that we've had about work and even if I didn't think I knew what I was doing he pushed me.

Alex who was my tutor pushed me to become better, my attendance was never great but the fact that he kept pushing me and I knew that he wanted us all to do well helped me so much and Kim the way she believed in me. She got me involved in a huge showcase and the fact that she believed in me made me confident.

So before you think of joining the course I don't want you to be here thinking of all of the practical benefits that this course has and what this can lead to. Please think about the effect that the teachers and your tutor are going to have on you. The way that you'll make new friends and you'll actually feel confident the fact that your teachers want you to succeed.

Since lockdown I wasn't able to do the showcase and finish all of the assignments that we had set but the fact that I stayed committed and still did the work shows how much the team had a positive impact on me.

University has been on my mind a lot recently and the way business has helped me not just only academically but mentally. I'm more confident in myself and my judgment. Public speaking was a big change for me I can now confidently stand up and talk which is a huge thing for me. The way that we learnt life skills that would help me progress in life. All in all business has had a huge impact on me.

So my top tips:

- ATTENDANCE - something I need to improve hugely for the second year.
- TAKE NOTES - even if it doesn't seem important, trust me you'll need it.
- ACTUALLY LISTEN - I work better from explanation so whatever helps you understand the lesson better do it.
- ASK QUESTIONS – it's your learning, you need to make sure you understand what's being said.
- ASK FOR WORK ON QUESTIONS - some things you might not understand ask for something to help you learn.

I'm not saying do all these or you won't pass but these are a few things that have helped me pass. It depends how bad you want this course and how bad you want to get the grade that will determine how well you do.

Business is a great course to join, just make sure you're doing it for yourself, and make sure that you are going to work your best because there are so many doors that will open for you.

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