

Dear new students

My first day in college was three years ago, but I can still remember the excitement and scary feelings I had as I walked in. Everything was so new and unfamiliar. As I walked in the class and sat down everybody was so nice and introduced themselves. I got to meet and talk to my new teachers, they seemed really nice and welcoming. On my first day I met new friends and some of them are like family to me now.

As the weeks went past and I got to know everyone a little better, that scary feeling inside me faded away. I got to enjoy both sides of catering and hospitality. The biggest challenge for me in that year was deciding which I liked most - kitchen or front of house. I had only one year to decide what I would like to do for my career. Of course some of you might think one year is a long time, but how can you choose if the both sides of the course are so interesting?

For a long time in that year I really liked the kitchen, as I am a really quiet person and taking orders and communicating to the customers was really challenging for me. My tutors Jo Wilson and Lee Coupe really helped me gain that confidence and improve myself and not long afterwards I started to enjoy front of house and all the study options they offer.

As the months passed and I finally had to choose between catering or hospitality, I decided to go further in the hospitality industry and learn more about the wonderful things the course can offer. Once I got past my fear of talking to the customers I started to enjoy the idea of meeting new people, and I haven't regretted it since.

Yours sincerely

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