



FITHAWI

STUDYING

**Sports Development
and
Management (Hons)**

YEAR

2nd Year

FUTURE CAREER FOCUS:

**Organise sports
events to uplift
communities and
young people that are
in need**

Q&A

WHERE IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE ON CAMPUS?

The gym, the football field, the sports arena, library and the gateway. Since sports is a big part of my life, anywhere where I can do sport. The Gateway is just a cool place to sit down and chill. The library is where I get most of my work done.

WHAT IS YOUR GO TO MEAL TO COOK?

Chicken and rice because it has most of the nutrients I need and it is very versatile. I also enjoy cooking pasta because it's quick to make.

HOW DID YOU MAKE YOUR FIRST FRIEND AT UNIVERSITY?

I met my first friend during freshers in the hub. There was an event but I didn't know anyone there at the time. He approached me and we instantly connected through a common interest- football. As everyone was in the same boat and didn't know many people we just clicked instantly.

WHAT IS IT LIKE LIVING ON CAMPUS?

The first few weeks it was hard living on campus because everything was new. But the more people I met, the more comfortable it got. People are all in the same position as you. So creating your own group of people is important as they become a support system for you.

WHAT IS THE HARDEST THING ABOUT UNIVERSITY?

The hardest part was battling self doubts and insecurities with my English abilities as I have only been speaking and writing in English for 4 years and it is something I am still working on.

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT UNI?

Studying sports at university means you keep yourself active so you are healthier in comparison to doing a theory based course and also you meet a lot of new people with the same interests as you.

WERE YOU THE FIRST IN YOUR FAMILY TO GO TO UNI?

Yes, I am the first in my family to go to university. All my family are from Eritrea and it was very hard getting an education there. So I am very fortunate to be in university. I hope my siblings follow my footsteps.

HOW DO YOU AFFORD UNI, WHAT DO YOU DO FOR MONEY?

I was fortunate enough to get student finance so it covers my maintenance and my tuition fees. I also have a job at the University of Bedfordshire as a student associate.

IF YOU COULD DO ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY IN YOUR TIME AT UNIVERSITY SO FAR, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Get to know more people so I can learn more from them. Read more books to expand my vocabulary. Spend more time in the library in order to focus on my studies, and experiment with cooking more of a variety of foods .

WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF HIGHER EDUCATION?

Higher education is important in order for you to learn more hands on practical skills, as well as make connections with people that have the same interests as you. It also enables you to be more independent and ready for the real world.

WHAT'S THE MOST EXCITING THING ABOUT MY COURSE?

Learning something that I am very passionate about and also doing the practical part of it.