



Alimat

STUDYING

International Business

YEAR

1st Year

FUTURE CAREER FOCUS

**International
Financial Trader/
International Business
Analyst**

Q&A

WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING AND WHY?

I chose International Business, because I travelled to different countries when I was competing in both athletics and basketball, that is where my love for travelling came from.

When I was in 6th Form I completed an Extended Business Diploma in Business, and really liked it and thought that I should bring both my love for travel and business together and do International Business.

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN ANY CLUBS OR SOCIETIES?

Yes, I am currently involved in the women's basketball and really liked the training sessions and thought that it was good, but due to COVID-19 I haven't had a chance to participate in it as much as I would have liked. I hope that in the next year I will have the opportunity to do it more.

HOW EASY IS IT TO GET PART TIME WORK WHILST STUDYING?

I really love how easy it was for me to find a job at university. When I came to university my aim was to just study and get involved with as many activities that I could do but finding this job role, as a Student Ambassador, means that I am able to build my experience whilst networking and making a bit of money, which is good and encouraging. The opportunity was also made aware to me through one of my tutors, who has been encouraging myself and my peers to get involved with things like this.

IF YOU DID NOT GO TO UNIVERSITY WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD BE DOING?

If I had not gone to university then I think that I definitely would have gone straight into the workplace. But I feel like it would have been challenging because of my lack of experience that I had at the time but coming to university has allowed me to get involved in a variety of things, especially with sports and societies being free of charge too which is encouraging. So being at university has definitely allowed me to get experience, whilst building my skills to be better suited for the workplace.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY

The main difference between school and university, would be how the teachers teach and address you. In school I felt like it was more intimidating because the teachers were in charge and as students, we really did not have a say, but this is totally different at university. The lecturers treat us almost like equals and they really push us to give feedback and to get involved with our course and to speak up if we have a problem.

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT THE LIBRARY ON CAMPUS?

The best thing about the library is that it is modern, and it has a relaxing atmosphere, encouraging you to do work. It is also comforting and clean, which is something that I really like. I also like how it is up to date with technology, with it having check-in machines to renew and take-out books. I also love the virtual NELSON library that also allows you to view books online, which has been convenient, and I know that it has really helped the students that are not on campus too.

CAN YOU TELL US SOMETHING INTERESTING ABOUT ONE OF YOUR LECTURERS?

The one thing that I love is that all my lectures are very inspirational in their own way. I know that one of my lecturers has set up a project to help/fund girls in India with education, whilst another one is currently in Vietnam and teaches there too and sets up meetings with us and his Vietnamese students to allow us to discuss and experience the cultural difference, and another is writing a book. Seeing my tutors really get involved in this type of things encourages not just me but my classmates too.