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STUDYING
BSc Photography

YEAR
3rd Year

FUTURE CAREER
FOCUS
**Fashion, wedding,
newborn, portrait
photographer**

Q&A

WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING AND WHY?

I am studying BA Photography. The reason why, was because it was something I enjoyed and had a passion in. I realised when I was studying photography at college that I was very confident and felt I was very good at doing it and that it was a career I could go into.

HOW DID YOU MAKE YOUR FIRST FRIEND AT UNIVERSITY?

I met my first friend on my university course. I have never had many friends but at university I've found it easier to make friends and made loads of friends through my course.

WHAT IS IT LIKE COMMUNTING?

I commuted to university in my 1st year as I lived in Rugby which was only 23 minutes away by train. Commuting was a great and I met some lovely people who were also commuting to the university that I could talk to which made the journey better. The only downside to it was when trains were delayed or cancelled but other than that it was a great experience.

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

No, my twin brother went to university before me and he graduated in 2019 when I had just finished my first year.

HOW DO YOU AFFORD TO GO TO UNIVERSITY?

I get a student loan with a certain amount of money which has to last me all the term. I found it useful to have a parent to discuss it with to help me budget my expenditure so I knew what to spend on food, lunch and other things like commuting. I helped me to to save money and to make my money last the whole term.

WHAT IS IT LIKE LIVING ON CAMPUS?

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WHAT WAS YOUR EDUCATION PATHWAY?

My GCSE'S that I did at school where English, Maths , Sciences, GCSE Art, Asdan, Health and Social Care. I didn't know what I wanted to do with my career when I was at school, my mind kept changing all the time. It wasn't till I was at college that I knew what I wanted to do. I now know what I want to do when I leave university, I would like to be a fashion, wedding ,newborn, portrait photographer.

HOW HAS THE PANDEMIC AFFECTED YOU AND YOUR STUDIES?

The pandemic has affected me in a way that has been hard and challenging as I had to do the end of my second year at home and also couldn't do our spring show exhibition which was disappointing.

Also my internet connection at times would play up but I managed to problem solve and get all of my photos done before the first lockdown. The thing that has come out of this is knowing I could do my project anywhere. The hardest thing was not being at university and not having the library to take books out. I've learnt so much in this pandemic and my problem solving skills have improved.