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**STUDYING
Geography**

**YEAR
1st Year**

**FUTURE CAREER
FOCUS
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Q&A

WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING AND WHY?

I am currently in my first year studying BSc Geography as it has always been an interest of mine throughout school and also something that I understand well so studying Geography at University was the natural next step for me.

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN ANY CLUBS OR SOCIETIES?

Yes, the Geography Society. The main thing that appealed to me about the Geography society was having somewhere to talk to other students that I won't meet in my class.

HOW DID YOU MAKE YOUR FIRST FRIEND AT UNIVERSITY?

Quite simply, we were at the back of the group following the rest of our class to our room and just said Hello and started talking.

WHAT IS IT LIKE COMMUTING?

I feel more comfortable living at home, so it was always my preferred option, and even more so with the pandemic.

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

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

In terms of personal experience so far, my lecturers are amazing at providing support to help with any work or assignments such as setting up online meetings to help explain things. That really helps you feel more comfortable with the assignments you have been set. I've also heard that one of the lecturers who I am yet to meet has done some very interesting research on Postman Pat and S Club 7. 😊

WHAT ARE THE MAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY

At Northampton, the small class sizes make the difference and are not as big as maybe at some other universities which is good. However, the main differences are that you are treated more as an adult rather than just a student and also because you are studying something that is your choice, there is more motivation to spend the time you need to spend doing work and study.

MY EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY...

GCSEs – My optional GCSEs were Geography, Food & Nutrition, Leisure & Tourism and German. I also knew I wanted to take Geography further, so did Geography at A Level along with German and Maths, but I don't know a specific job – teaching is an option, but I also want to explore other options as well.

THE HARDEST THING FOR ME ABOUT GOING TO UNIVERSITY WAS ...

I didn't feel ready to leave sixth form – leaving school is normally something you prepare for so by time the day comes when you leave you are a little bit more ready even if you don't want to leave, but because of the lockdown in March I went from getting ready to starting exam revision to suddenly only having 2 days left at all. That was a bit of a shock.