

How did you choose your course and university? *E.g. was it location, course content, external expectations?*

I chose to study Medicine at St. George's, University of London.

I made this decision because although it is a London university, I was still able to live away from home, with the option of easily returning to my family home due to the good London transport links.

Additionally, the course structure at my university is suited to my needs. It incorporates both academic and practical teaching styles from the onset.

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Year of leaving: 2021

Course studied: Medicine



What was your favourite part of university?

There are several aspects of university that I love. I love studying Medicine, learning all about how the human body works but also about what happens when things go wrong and how to treat those problems. Another favourite aspect of university is the people you meet and the friendships you form. University is a very sociable environment, you engage with so many individuals from all walks of life and it serves as a place where you can also form lifelong friendships.

What was the transition like between studying at school and university?

The transition between school and university is big. University enables you to grow as an independent individual whilst building on several key skills required for not only future employment but also as an adult. For example, studying takes on a more self-directed approach which results in you becoming a more organised and disciplined individual.

What have you done since leaving university?

I am currently in my final year of university which entails putting into practice all that I have learnt during the past 5 years and preparing for work as a junior doctor.

If you have time, we have some additional questions:

Which, if any, societies were you involved with while studying?

Whilst studying I have been involved in several extracurricular activities that have led to me having several leadership roles. The main one being my work with my charity Melanin Medics. We work to

Universities have several societies for almost anything. You will definitely find one that will suit your needs and interests.

How did you find the workload?

The workload is huge. However, it is definitely manageable. The key is to remain organised and stay on top of things throughout the year. Do not leave things last minute. My advice would be to start building on those skills or adopting this approach from now, whilst you are in school.

How did you financially support yourself while studying? *(One of the biggest concerns of young people is the amount of debt and expense of uni)*

Whilst studying, I support myself with student loans and grants from Student Finance England, Bursaries from my university and the National Health Service.

Any other comments...