



Student Testimonial



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(Business & Management)

How are you finding your course?

I started in January 2022, I have two classes currently; Research and Study Skills and English for Academic Purpose. I'm finding the classes really helpful, the English for Academic Purposes has been really helpful teaching us different things, so many new subjects. Research Skills has also been helpful; teaching us how to do independent research ourselves and find information without needing a teacher.

How does the teaching differ here to Nigeria?

The teaching is really different to where I'm from. They use chalkboards and there's overcrowded classes. Here, because it's the Foundation Year, usually

there's 16-17 (students) and they have computers, we use our laptops, and there's big TV screens. It's easier to learn in a conducive environment, and the teachers are really good. My teacher Hannah is really good, she explains everything in detail, and breaks things down so you can always understand.

Do you feel the Foundation will help you settle into the University life?

It's a very helpful step, it's a Foundation Year and you get to meet all the people that are on the same path. You get to understand the school, the environment, and the UK. The Foundation is really helpful; you get used to the surroundings, know how to use the library, know the school procedures and everything about the school. When you're in your first year it won't be new, as you will already know how everything is going to be.



What are the main differences to life in Nigeria?

It's cold and the food is completely different to the food at home! The people I've met are making me feel at home, so I just need to get used to the weather and try new foods, apart from that it's a really nice place!

What made you chose The University of East London?

It's a good school for Business. In Foundation Year, you do a whole module on Mental Wealth, it's a big deal for me because being a student is a whole lot of pressure from your parents paying your school fees and so many other things. The on campus accommodation is great, and I know people close by so the University it is the perfect choice for me.

Can you tell us more about the on-site accommodation?

The school accommodation is nice and conducive, and you get to meet different people to those you meet in class. You can meet them on campus and you can talk about school and do homework together. People might be from the UK or other places and they can show you around. It helps staying on campus as you get to meet people. The accommodation is really close to the school, you don't have to take a bus, you don't have to wake up at 7.00am and take public transport, you can just get ready and 5 minutes later you're in your class.

How have you found the support here in the International Study Centre?

Yes, I've been asking different questions, and the support staff are always there to help anytime I go to them. They're always there to help and explain so I'm really satisfied. If I have problem with my academics or if I'm not understanding in class, I can just go to them and they'll help me to book a session with another teacher to help me understand. There's always someone to ask for extra help. Also, you can always ask the teachers, everyone is helpful, and everyone wants to help.



What are your aspirations for the future?

I want to go into Business. Most businesses start online, so I was reading about Amazon; buying and selling. I want to go into Business and hopefully start up my own company, if I meet the right people. My mentors are Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg, they met their business partners on campus – so you don't know what might happen – you might start up a business and go from there!