

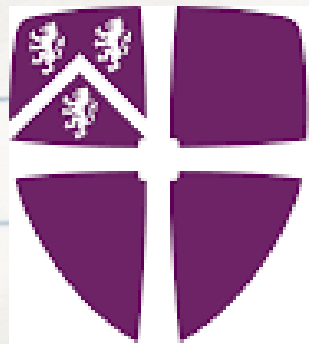
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THINKING ABOUT
UNI?



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UNIVERSITY:

DURHAM UNIVERSITY

COURSE:

LAW

**FAVOURITE SCHOOL
SUBJECT:**

ENGLISH

HOBBY:

VIDEO EDITING

HOW DID YOU KNOW UNIVERSITY AND HIGHER EDUCATION WAS THE RIGHT NEXT STEP FOR YOU? WHAT MADE YOU REALISE YOU WANTED OR NEEDED TO GO?



Growing up, I was always the person who loved a good debate and wanted to understand how the world works. But quickly, I realised that passion was not enough on its own. To really make a difference and navigate the legal system, I needed a proper stepping stone.

I chose university because law is not something you can skim-read online. I needed the mentorship of experts, perceptive classmates to debate with, and the training to turn my passion for justice into a career. Going to university was the best way for me to get keys into the world of law.

WHAT HELPED YOU FEEL MORE CONFIDENT ABOUT APPLYING – WAS IT A PERSON, AN EVENT, RESEARCH, A SCHOOL VISIT, OR SOMETHING ELSE?



A mooted contest was the turning point for me. Before competing, the legal world felt completely out of reach. But actually standing up, presenting an argument, and getting feedback from real lawyers changed everything.

They did not expect me to know every law inside out. They just valued how I structured my arguments and handled the pressure. Talking to them afterwards made me realise they were just regular people who had once been in my exact shoes. That contest proved to me that I actually had what it takes, and it gave me the ultimate confidence boost to apply.



WERE YOUR EXPECTATIONS OF UNI DIFFERENT TO WHAT YOU EXPERIENCED ONCE YOU GOT THERE?



I fully expected university to be an intimidating, 24/7 grind where I would just be a face in a crowded lecture hall. Because law has a reputation for being intense, I thought it would be ruthless and that I would spend every waking hour memorising content alone. The reality said otherwise. While it was definitely hard work, it was incredibly collaborative.

My lecturers were highly approachable, and my classmates became teammates. We formed study groups to discuss tricky cases together, proving that university is much more about community and shared problem-solving than just spending every day in a library.

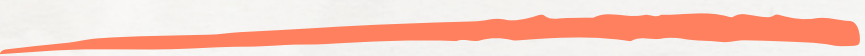
WHAT'S ONE PIECE OF ADVICE * YOU WOULD GIVE TO SOMEONE WHO'S NOT SURE WHETHER UNI IS RIGHT FOR THEM?



My biggest piece of advice is to look past the textbooks and focus on the skills you want to build. If you are unsure, try to test-drive the subject first. Watch an online lecture, read an article on the topic, or try a hands-on project.

If you find that you enjoy breaking down ideas and solving those types of problems, university will give you the toolkit to turn that interest into a career. Do not worry about knowing everything right now, university is there to teach you how to learn, not to expect you to be an expert on immediately.

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