

Discovering Myself at Birkbeck and Beyond

Birkbeck wasn't just a college to me; it was a revelation. Nestled in Bloomsbury, this esteemed institution gave me more than just an MSc in Information Technology – it handed me a kaleidoscope through which I saw the vibrant hues of life, both academically and personally.

My Birkbeck and London Love Affair

I vividly recall my first evening class at Birkbeck; the room echoed with a medley of accents, reminding me of London's cultural symphony. Conversations shifted from coursework to personal anecdotes, from hometown tales to shared dreams. In that diversity, I found camaraderie.

Beyond Birkbeck's walls, London became my playground. From spontaneous weekend trips to Brick Lane for its famous curries to late-night study sessions at quirky cafes in Shoreditch, every corner of this city whispered stories and secrets.

To All Future Birkbeck International Scholars

Dear future Birkbeckian, dive headfirst into everything! That small seminar you're thinking about? Attend it. The group from class planning a Thames walk? Join them. Each experience, no matter how trivial it seems, adds a brushstroke to your London canvas.

Trials, Tribulations, and Triumphs

Juggling coursework, London's allure, and bouts of homesickness wasn't always a walk in Hyde Park. The UK's academic approach, emphasizing self-study and critical analysis, often overwhelmed me. My coffee-fueled nights, deciphering complex IT problems, were punctuated by Skyping family and sharing laughs. A tip? Embrace every challenge; they're often veiled lessons.

Hidden Gems: My Sanctuaries in the City

There's a small nook in the British Museum, away from the usual tourist buzz, where I often lost myself among ancient scripts. It became my thinking spot, my refuge from the rigours of coursework.

Outside Bloomsbury, the quaint bookshops along South Bank became my haven. Nestled with a book, against the backdrop of the Thames, I found serenity amidst the city's bustle.

Internships and Insights

Midway through my course, I stumbled upon an internship opportunity with a tech startup during a Birkbeck mixer. As a Junior Systems Developer, I wasn't just coding; I was imbibing the entrepreneurial spirit of London's tech scene. That startup environment, with its blend of chaos and creativity, its failures and triumphs, taught me resilience and innovation.

My MSc journey at Birkbeck, intertwined with London's charm, has been a rollercoaster of emotions, experiences, and epiphanies. It's a chapter of my life I'd reread endlessly, cherishing each word, each memory.