

STUDENT PROFILE

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I have just returned to Hong Kong having studied A-Levels at Bilborough College in Nottingham. I went to Bilborough in 2008 as part of the first group of international students to study there and the whole experience was a great success for me.

The Hong Kong students found it easy to adjust to the UK's education system which encourages you to learn for yourselves with the teachers always available to give you advice and guidance. The science teachers especially inspired me to learn and with the excellent facilities and the high tech teaching materials it helped me to achieve 3 A* and 1 A in my examinations.

Not only were the teachers good but also all of the college staff, the librarians and the international office were always there to support me and all of the other international students.

The British students were all so friendly and there is no discrimination in the college.

I have made so many British friends and I miss them all. Nottingham is a nice friendly city. It's not very big and as it is in the middle of the UK it is easy to travel around. My friends and I visited so many wonderful places in the UK and during the college holidays had the chance to visit France, Germany and Italy too.

I lived with a home stay family in a really nice part of the city with easy access to the city centre. The family have been looking after international students for 30 years so they were very experienced and made me feel welcome and comfortable. I was very happy with them and the whole experience taught me so much about life and helped me to grow up quickly and be an independent person.

People think that it is expensive to live in the UK but Nottingham is so much cheaper than London and as Bilborough is a UK government College the fees are very reasonable and affordable.

I am now back in Hong Kong studying Architecture. My experiences in the UK have made me better able to cope with life and with my new studies and I would recommend anyone to try it for themselves.



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