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The first time I visited Cardiff for an open day, I immediately realized that this was the university for me. From living in a small town in Dorset, I wanted the opportunity to experience living in a city. Cardiff is great as whilst being a city, it is small and compact meaning that the size is not too daunting for a new comer! The city accommodates everyone with shops, restaurants, parks and most importantly a great night life. You'll never be stuck for things to do.

When I first arrived, I was surprised how easy and quick it was to settle in. The organised events in Freshers combined with the Fayres for joining societies has allowed me to meet many great friends. I currently play for SOCSI netball which I really enjoy as it is fun and relaxed with the opportunity to play competitively each week against other departments. As well as this I am a member of the surf society and Cardiff Volunteering. Each week I go to a Care Home in which I lead fun activities/ entertainment for the older residents. This has being a very fulfilling experience and has allowed me to work with a variety of different people.

The university is very supportive to its students; the Jobshop has allowed me to gain part time and temporary work in a variety of different fields allowing me to gain wider experience in paid work.

I am currently studying Education which I am really enjoying. I am undertaking the psychology (BPS) route allowing me to study education primarily from a psychological perspective. As well as this we study education from a sociological approach and a policy approach. The variation in my degree programme is a bonus as I am less restricted when undertaking more advanced study. The teaching style is varied with lectures, seminars and personal study. The department is large

offering a wide range of degree programmes and the support offered to students is very high. Personal tutors are always on hand if a student is faced with any sort of problem and all the teaching staff are approachable and friendly.

I am looking forward to studying for the years to come and my degree will be beneficial when planning for my career ahead in which I am interested in doing further study either in teacher training or social work.

I have recently been awarded a Beacon for Wales Bursary which means that as a University Talent Leader I will be acting as a 'learning bridge' between aspiring pupils in South Wales schools and leading academics and researchers here in Cardiff. The main medium for this will be online digital storytelling.