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" Birmingham is a city on the up with plenty to do."

How have you got where you are today, from your student days?

Directly.

What were the best things about the education that you received at Birmingham?

The mathematics department is full of approachable, helpful and enthusiastic staff. And the course was cheap!

How did your time at Birmingham influence your career path? Did it do so directly or indirectly?

I found a supervisor with whom I wanted to continue researching.

Other than your qualification in your subject area, what other skills do you think your time at Birmingham developed?

Cooking, cleaning, drinking and sporting skills.

In what way did living and studying in Birmingham live up to your expectations?

It was everything I dreamed of and more.

What advice would you give to current students studying on your degree programme?

Work hard, even in the first year! If you get behind you're done for.

What are your memories of student social life?

Blurry.

What were your expectations of the City of Birmingham and how did your expectations of the City match your experience?

Birmingham is a city on the up with plenty to do.

Is there anything else you wish to add about your experience at the University of Birmingham and the city in general?

I've stayed, so it must be ok! The Msci programme at Birmingham enabled me to undertake a research project under the supervision of a member of staff. I found this so enjoyable that I decided to continue similar research, under the same supervisor, for a PhD in Applied Mathematics. This is sponsored by Kodak who are interested in modelling the process of ink-jet printing.

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