



The
University
Of
Sheffield.

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Year 4 - MEng Chemical
Engineering

Chemical & Process Engineering.

Why did you choose Sheffield?

I went to a visit day and the staff and students were friendly and welcoming. I knew that Sheffield was a Red Brick university and renowned for a lively social scene.

What do you like about:

Sheffield?

It is small enough that everywhere can be reached on foot, but still has enough to entertain.

The Department?

It's a social place to be - people from every year can sit and chat or watch TV in the lounge and there is always someone around to ask advice and there is normally a social of some kind being planned.

The University?

The university has an awesome union with some of the best nights out and it seems to understand that there is more to being at university than just attending lectures and passing exams.

What has challenged you so far?

Apart from the obvious challenging academic work finding a balance between social and academic life has been the hardest thing to achieve. I guess in a way I have had to learn how to manage my time and set myself priorities.

Has your course lived up to your expectations?

I am amazed at how much I have covered since starting and how much I have changed as a person - also how much I still want and have to learn.

Has your Research Project enabled you to tackle a problem for which there is no known answer?

My research project is in the pharmaceutical area of industry as this is a rapidly developing area for chemical engineers. The research I am doing is new and the problem that I am answering has no known answer. It is in a sense true research.

What have you learned about yourself?

That I am capable of more than I ever expected from myself. I have found that I can deal with most situations and that no matter who you are, asking for help is always okay.

What advice would you give to a new student?

Enjoy every second! It seems like yesterday that I started and I'm almost finished. There are so many opportunities that will present themselves to you - grab every chance and, most of all, have fun.

What are you going to do next?

Hopefully, I will get a chemical engineering job on a graduate scheme to start to work towards becoming a chartered engineer.