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My time at Spalding High School was cut short by coronavirus in March 2020. After a very odd few months for us all, and a very eventful results day, I am now studying at the University of Leeds. I study Languages, Cultures and Business, with my language being German. German had always been my favourite subject in school and I still absolutely love learning the language, alongside business which I also thoroughly enjoyed and studied at A Level.

My joint honours degree of German and Business was the perfect decision for me. The two components of the course are taught completely separately. When I got to university I was in complete shock when all of my German modules were taught completely in German with not a word spoken in English. I can see now that it has definitely enhanced my language levels a lot. The business side being taught in English, I found it to be a really good break from the intensity of the German. In the first few weeks of university, I joined the trampolining society, where I went training for 3 hours twice a week. I found this was a great way to meet new circles of people. As well as this, I have just spent time out and about exploring and I absolutely adore Leeds as a city.

As soon as I knew that German is what I wanted to do, I have always been set on becoming an interpreter. My dream situation would be to work as an interpreter or translator in a large business firm in Germany. I really hope that I do end up living there permanently, being able to speak German fluently every day. In my third year I go abroad for the year where I am hoping to get experience in a German business, as well as immersing myself into the culture and improving my language skills even further.

I feel so lucky to be in the situation I am in. I am at a university that I love, doing a course that feels as if it has been tailored for me. If I were to give any advice it would be that if you know you have a passion for a subject, be pro-active do extra reading, go on trips and just immerse yourself as much as possible. As well as making incredible memories, you are likely to meet people with similar interests along the way. The biggest tips I would give for people going to university are to be open-minded and push yourself out of your comfort zone, make the effort to meet up with and socialise with new people and something I very quickly learnt was to not take myself so seriously, to relax and have fun!