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BELLA'S STORY

Bella, from China, leaver 2024
St George's School, Edinburgh

Bella has an unconditional offer from Edinburgh University to study Biological Sciences (Biochemistry) and is waiting to hear from Queen Mary University London, and Kings College London.



"My name is Bella, I'm 17 and in my last year at St George's School in Edinburgh. I'm from Beijing and have been studying here since the start of my GCSEs, three years ago.

I was at an international school in Beijing. A friend from my old school left to study in the UK and told me that Edinburgh was a great place to study and experience a new culture. After discussing it with my family, I decided to come to Scotland so I could get a better understanding of the education system and immerse myself in the local culture.

I chose Edinburgh because a family friend lives here and could act as my guardian to help me settle in. My parents thought a safe, quieter city than London would help me focus more on my studies. My guardian has provided a lot of support, like giving me a tour of the city when I first arrived. Edinburgh is such a great place to live and study for students because it has a vibrant, young atmosphere with lots of festivals, events, museums, restaurants and historical sites to explore.



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I would tell a friend thinking about coming to the UK at a young age, that you receive a lot of support from the school and from the new friends you make. People here are really friendly and welcoming and I had a lot of help to get me settled in quickly. Choosing Edinburgh was a decision I will never regret.

I'm currently taking four Advanced Higher subjects - Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Next year I plan to study Biochemistry at the University of Edinburgh to further explore STEM.

There are lots of weekend activities organised by the boarding house, shopping trips in Edinburgh and Glasgow and you even get to go to the Rugby matches to see Scotland play! Now I often go out with friends on weekends to places like art galleries or the cinema in the city centre, just minutes away. It's a nice way to relax and enjoy the culture.

Travel to school from China is relatively easy since the airport is close by. I fly from Hong Kong through Heathrow Airport in London to Edinburgh Airport. The school arranges a taxi to pick me up and take me to the boarding house. Everything runs very smoothly."