

Although it's only been a little over a month since I began my studies here, it feels like I've genuinely found my bearings as if I've been living here for years. I love the way this city ticks. Even though it seems like everything and everyone is moving at a fast pace, I'm enjoying the opportunities to live like a Londoner and fill every day with little time to spare. Having mastered the tube system, I've even begun biking around the city to take advantage of the numerous bike routes!

My courses here at Cass/City have put me in unfamiliar environments that have really helped my learning. I'm especially delighted to have taken courses on London's Performing Arts, where I've gotten to attend plays, musicals and operas; as well as Historical London, where I've gotten to access tours of historical sectors of the city and learn all the rich underlying history not written on any plaques.

I've ventured outside of the city as well, having finally made my pilgrimage to Anfield, as well as visit other historical European cities. In May, I plan on travelling with friends across the main continent using one of those unlimited rail passes that give you the flexibility of going where your heart wishes.

Most importantly, I would like to thank the Freeman again for their support in sponsoring my current exchange study in London. I know how exceptionally fortunate I am to be given this opportunity to study in this city, and it wouldn't have happened without your generous support.

Warm regards,

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