

Student Spotlight: Tian Zigi (Oliver) at Bellerbys College Oxford



Country: China

Studied: Business, Finance and Management Foundation programme in Oxford. Achieved 72% and is now studying Management (Marketing) at the University of Manchester

Oliver's Story

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I studied the 1-year GCSE programme in 2013 and progressed to the Business, Finance and Management Foundation. At the time, my elder brother, who had graduated from a boarding school in Oxford, recommended Bellerbys College Oxford to me given its outstanding record of university progression.

During my three years of study and living in Oxford, I made friends with a lot of students from the local boarding and international schools. Through various conversations, I found that Bellerbys was the college which offered the broadest choice of universities.

Each year there were a lot of students who transferred to Bellerbys from one of the local boarding schools. One of these students was from Xi'an, China and was in my class. This student studied A Level for one year at a boarding school but he found it difficult to keep up owing to his poor English. He was afraid that the other students might laugh at him so he never asked a question. He told me that the year for AS was upsetting. After transferring to Bellerbys, he improved his English and received an offer from Oxford Brookes University.

My grades in China were not good and I was at the middle or lower level in the class, which made it difficult to apply to any good university. Fortunately, I chose the Foundation programme at Bellerbys College. Students and teachers here are very nice and kind. I like it here. Through my studies at Bellerbys I received an offer from a good university that I couldn't even imagine before.

Student Spotlight: Ali Jabbarli at Taylor High School



Ali's Story

I am studying year 11 here. Things start to move faster and you feel that you are preparing for HSC, you begin to learn subjects which are taught at university, like economics and business studies. I started my course when I was in year ten, in 2014 and I will complete the course in 2016. In Australia, once I've finished High School, I will go to university. I have learnt a lot of things about diplomacy. I would like to study political science, diplomacy or European studies. Australia has been a part of some good diplomatic relations, so I think it will help me a lot.

In the future I'm going to be a diplomat, so it's good to connect with all types of people from all nationalities. I think it's great experiencing different cultures and languages. When I leave Taylors I will be able to speak six languages, I speak Russian, Turkish, Azerbaijani and English and at the moment I am still learning French and Japanese.

I really want to be at a top university, it's my goal. I want to work in the foreign Ministry of my country, in an embassy or in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. My goal is to be a minister.

If you want to grow up in an international community and get high 80 results, come to Taylors, they will help you, I love the life here, I am really satisfied. We now have students from Australia in year 11, so I have the opportunity to talk to a variety of people and learn their culture and, of course, learn the language as well.

I've got a very good relationship with all of my teachers, they are very good. They never get tired of receiving questions.

As far as I know Taylor students have achieved very high 80 results. Last year I saw a lot of people receive a score of 80, 85, and 90. This was a lot, which is why I think I'll do ok in HSC.

Student Spotlight: Melvina Aprillia at Istituto Marangoni London



Country: Indonesia

ISC: Foundation Year

Why Istituto Marangoni?

I searched lots of universities and Istituto Marangoni specialises in fashion. They train us to be professionals and we can develop ourselves more.

ISC

Because we learn the basics at the ISC, we have a very strong foundation for our career. We're networking with people that have the same aim. We can open our minds. My writing is increasing now because I have to speak English every day.

Teachers

My teachers are very helpful and they give us advice when we ask questions. They want to share their skills so that we can also develop our individuality.

Accommodation

My accommodation is very good. We share a kitchen where we can share our feelings with others and we can network with people.

Career

I'm going to do fashion business. Fashion is still developing in my country, so I want to develop my country's fashion. They have a very good culture that can be internationally known.

London

It's fun to live in London. It's a new culture, it makes me stronger.