



# Student Spotlight: Haris Haroon at Kingston University London



**Country:** Pakistan  
**Programme:** International Year One Business and Management  
**Progression Degree:** BA (Honors) International Business

### Haris' Story

I've gained a lot of confidence. It is really good meeting new people from all around the world and you have confidence once you go to the University that you are prepared. It makes me feel that I can be in marketing or HR; someone who can talk to people and understand them. My tutors at the International Study Centre helped me with my CV. It's a really good feeling that you're actually a part of the University. Studying here is the best opportunity you can ever have. You learn a lot because you get one-to-one interaction with the tutors and there are small classes so you know everyone. It's a really good feeling to be independent. Just come and be a part of the International Study Centre at Kingston University, London. It's worth it.

I'm applying for a work placement so I can get one year of experience, then it can be easy for me when I graduate and apply for a permanent job. In the future I want to go into HR or marketing, and as I'm studying international business I hope to be recruited by multinational firms. We've had a lot of workshops that guide you on how to write your CV and how to do interviews. They are really helpful with that.

In the first year at Kingston University you can live on campus. I used to live on the Kingston Hill campus, which was around two minutes' walk from my lectures. I used to wake up around 15 minutes before my class and just come down to the classroom! Now I live near Kingston Hospital, which is around 15 minutes away from campus. They've got a university bus, which is really good. The ISC students can use it and it's free.

# Student Spotlight: Aliaksei Baskin at Lancaster University



**Country:** Belarus  
**ISC course:** International Foundation year (business studies)  
**Progression degree:** BA Entrepreneurship with Management

### The UK

In the UK the level of education is globally recognized, so it gives you a chance to get a job in any place in the world. With a UK university diploma, you can go anywhere. The attitudes towards learning, and the way teachers present the subject is very different. The way they make it here, it makes the subject more interesting, and makes you more involved in the subject.

### The University

I feel very good here at Lancaster because the campus really suits me, and the infrastructure - I like it very much. It's a campus university, which is like a small town, it has everything a student needs. There is a sports centre, there are many things to eat on campus, they have small food shops, and you've got the library and everything. It's like a small town, you can go outside, you can go to town, but you could live here.

### The ISC

A typical day here, we have about four or five classes a day, sometimes it's a bit less. We have 16 hours a week, and during the day we have classes, and some free time where we can go and study, we can go to town. It's not like - for example, in school, you are kind of attached to the school all the time, you can't go anywhere. You have free time, which kind of gives you independence. At the end of the day you kind of feel better, and I think it improves your overall studies. I can study whenever I feel I want to study, so it's very beneficial. Because there are so many people, it's a global environment. You can interact with different people from different cultures, therefore you can practice your language in different topics, which of course improves your English.

### Career

I want to study Finance and Economics, so I might go to practice for a few years. I don't have any particular, specific plans for my future career at the moment. But I know they have a careers centre, which really helps the students. I think there is this four-year course where you can study and do a year in industry and you can get connections there.

# Student Spotlight: Mingxin Liu at Leeds Beckett University



**Country:** China  
**University:** Leeds Beckett University  
**ISC Course:** Business, Law and Social Studies International Foundation Year in Business, Law and Social Studies  
**Progressed to:** BA (Honors) Business and Management

### Mingxin's Story

I love Leeds. It is the best city in England - the people are really friendly and there is plenty to do. The Leeds ISC Foundation Year has taught me lots of new things. I really enjoy Economics as it has changed my way of thinking and my English skills have definitely improved. I like the teaching style as my tutors use lots of practical examples rather than just text books. At the Leeds ISC, I have made friends from all over the world and learnt about their cultures.

