

**Below are a selection of interviews with some of the International students currently studying at Collyer's.**

**Second Year Students**

Cici (China)

*How have you changed since you arrived at Collyer's over a year ago?*

"I don't know - I think I'm just the same, but my parents say I'm much more mature - they say I've changed a lot, for the better."

*What do you think is best about Collyer's?*

"The teachers are nice - they try to help us and when I make a mistake with my English they don't make me feel stupid. The English students are nice, too."

*What do you do outside the classroom?*

"I play badminton, and visit other towns in England."

*How are you doing in your studies?*

"In my AS levels (first year of A-levels) I scored four A-grades, in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry."

*Which university are you hoping to go to?*

"I've applied to Cambridge, Imperial, UCL & Bristol. Two other international students have applied to Oxbridge, so we're hoping that one of us will be Collyer's' first International Oxbridge student!"



Duc (Vietnam)

*What do you think is best about Collyer's?*

"The teachers are friendly and treat everyone equally. They try their best to help us study well. I get on really well with my homestay, too – she works at the college."

*How are your studies going?*

"Good - I got As in Maths and Further Maths AS-levels, and I've applied to study Accountancy at Nottingham, Bath and Exeter. My Economics teacher is the best - he's funny and easy to understand."

*How is Horsham?*

"It's quiet but I'm finding things to do. We go bowling sometimes, and there's good entertainment in Crawley, which is only a few minutes on the train."

*What changes have there been at Collyer's since you arrived?*

"Well, there are a few more international students this year, so there's more to do for us. It was good to meet the new students this year and remember what it was like for me a year ago."



Duy (Vietnam)

*Do you think your decision to come to study at Collyer's was a good one?*

"Absolutely - I've spoken to friends who are at other colleges where there are too many international students. Here there are about 20, which is about right."

*What do you think is best about Collyer's?*

"Great facilities, helpful teachers, and we get extra individual support with our English. I took IELTS recently and scored 7.5, so it's really made a difference."



*Have you changed since you arrived at Collyer's over a year ago?*

"Yes - I'm more mature, independent and responsible. Studying here has really made me grow up."

*Which university are you hoping to go to?*

"I got two As, a B and a C in my AS levels, and I've applied to universities like UCL (University College London), Warwick and Bath to study Economics."

*What do you do outside the classroom?*

"I do a lot of sport, especially this year - I play football after school with other students."

*How is your homestay accommodation?*

"It's really good - I live with one of the teachers from the college. They are so nice with me, we have a great relationship, and their children, who are 6 and 2 years old, are very cute."

Tania (Hong Kong)

*Do you think your decision to come to study at Collyer's was a good one?*

"Yes. It's nice here - I like Horsham, it has a lovely park and is peaceful and good for studying. I don't like big cities like London! I'm learning so much about the UK and about different cultures here, and meeting lots of different people."



*What do you think is best about Collyer's?*

"The Learning Resources Centre is great, plus the Art and Physics departments have fantastic facilities. The teachers really care about my progress and try their best to help me with my English."

*Which university are you hoping to go to?*

"I've applied to Loughborough and Brunel to study a degree in Product Design."

## **First Year Students**

Judy (China)

*What do you like about Collyer's?*

"It's relaxed and we can be ourselves. You can study great subjects like Film and Media, which are generally only available at university in my country. The food is good in the canteen, and the Learning Resources Centre is great."



*How are your studies going?*

"Good - I'm doing Double Maths, Business Studies, Film Studies and Media Studies. The teachers are good, they're very helpful."

*What are you doing outside the classroom?*

"Not a lot yet, I'm still getting used to being here - but there's a college talent competition coming up so I'm singing karaoke!"

*What are your initial impressions of Horsham?*

"It's small, quiet and peaceful - perfect for studying."

Kim (Vietnam)

*Why did you decide to come to Collyer's?*

"The British educational system is famous throughout the world. I had friends from my school who studied here and they recommended it to me. They told me I'd enjoy it here and it was the right place to do well - and I think they were right!"



*What do you like best about Collyer's?*

"So far, everything's been great - the college is more modern than I expected, and the people, too - my expectation was that people in England were cold and conservative, but I've found the opposite! People are so friendly and the staff are really nice. I'm very satisfied with the quality of education here: the teachers encourage us to speak in class, they help us understand the basic questions, and when I ask them a question they explain their answer in depth. The lessons are less strict than in my country."

*Is studying in a different language a problem?*

"Well of course it's more difficult, but all international students get 1:1 tutorials with an English teacher, who helps us with our studies and our language difficulties."

*How is your homestay?*

"Very nice, I have a very good relationship with them. They even help me with my homework!"

*What are your hopes for university?*

"I'm hoping to get a place at a top university - and Collyer's is definitely the place where I can achieve this"

Pheobe (Hong Kong)

*What do you like about Collyer's?*

"I like the fact that there are a few international students - enough to not feel isolated - but not too many either. Some of my friends go to colleges where 20% of the students are from overseas - I think that's too much. The facilities here are very sophisticated, and the students are nice and helpful."



*How are your studies going?*

"Good. I'm studying Geography, History, Maths, Further Maths and Economics. I'd love to study at London School of Economics (LSE) or Cambridge. I haven't joined any of the extra-curricular activities yet but I am thinking of joining the Debating Club".

*What is your favourite subject?*

"Economics - in my country we have to learn lots of theory in this subject but here the teachers are more relaxed, and we look at real-life, topical situations to exemplify theory."