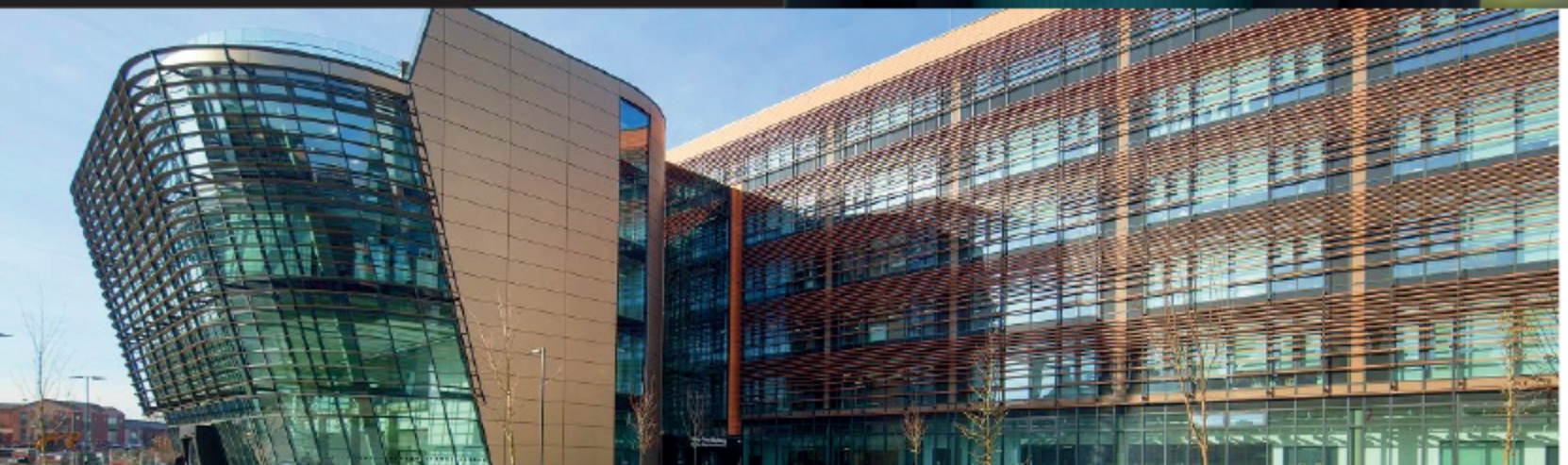


FROM RAINHILL TO LEICESTER

**RAINHILL STUDENT TONICIA RICHARDSON
IS NOW STUDYING PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO
AT DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY, LEICESTER.**



We spoke to Tonicia before she left for University about her time at Rainhill and her plans for the future...

How did you feel on your first day as a Year 7 pupil?
I had a range of emotions on my first day – scared, nervous, worried and most of all excited.

What clubs and activities did you do whilst at school or Sixth Form?
I used the facilities in Art to study, this was a highlight of Sixth Form.

Why did you choose to study at Rainhill Sixth Form?
I liked the teachers and felt comfortable. It had a nice atmosphere and it was small so everyone knew you and you knew everyone.

What was the highlight of your time at Rainhill Sixth Form?
*Being with my friends was nice. As it was a small Sixth Form, I always had someone to hang around with.
Who were your favourite members of staff and*

why?
Mr Rimmer as he kept me motivated in Maths and Mr Bennett as he gave me lots of life advice and a bundle of knowledge! He kept me smiling all day and let me use his kettle for my tea.

What advice would you give to Rainhill students?
Take it seriously from the beginning. Choose subjects you enjoy as opposed to the ones that look good on applications as it makes it easier if you enjoy them.

Why did you choose your course and university?
For the university experience studying a subject that I enjoy in order to make a career by enhancing my skills.

How did you feel when you knew you had got confirmation of your above choice?
Relieved – I had to wait a long time for one of my A Level results to come through the University system to get my place confirmed, so I was glad when it was. It also meant I could buy my fresher's tickets and make sure I could be involved in all of the new activities University offered me.

How did your friends and family react when they

found out you got in?
Excited for me.

What are you most looking forward to at University or within your related progression route?
Studying my subject at a higher level and being able to specialise in my area. Also getting involved in university life.

What are your long term career plans?
Enhance my photography skills in order to become a photographer with my own business.