

Studying in higher education will be a crucial step for me, especially academically. It is the time where I can explore my interests, gain knowledge, and develop the skills and expertise needed to succeed in the field I wish to choose in the near future.

One of the first steps in preparing for higher education is that I need to develop the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in a university environment. This can involve learning extra information on a course I wish to take on, as well as developing critical thinking, research, and writing skills. I have many resources I can use to help develop my knowledge on a course I wish to take by using the 'library and learning resources' that we are provided with on our 'hwb.' (uwtsd.ac.uk) The library has been a vital part of my journey so far, as it has allowed me access to information which is in relation to my studies. If I wish to develop my writing skills I can practice writing out essays on Microsoft Word and I can use a website called grammarly to check any grammar or writing mistakes. (microsoft.com) (app.grammarly.com) This will allow me to practice my writing skills, and check common mistakes I make, which I can then make improvements on.

Developing time management and study skills is also crucial in balancing academic and personal responsibilities. Time management and study is a key issue I need to develop before moving onto higher education.

In addition to developing academic skills, I should also prepare myself for the social and emotional challenges of higher education. It is important that I find ways for managing stress and anxiety. This can involve building a support network of people like, friends, family, and mentors. UCAS provides wellbeing support teams. (UCAS.wellbeing)