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When the OFS sent out a PowerPoint version of what we need to do for the students submission. And it was sent out by , who then sent it to different program leaders, and they then discussed this with their classes in the tutorial assessments that they run each week. And from there they asked for any students to volunteer for any help that they can provide.

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And the students discussed how we would make a submission, and we decided that a video of them saying their experiences would be the best way to go forward so we can all be involved. This includes our franchised courses and our Haitian D courses . And then , and our worked to help us fill leads.

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And then he is editing them and we will get to choose our own area. Am I looking into the camera wherever we work? And we will get to choose our own area to go into. So there were quite personal. So we kind of what we pull out, our teachers are really supportive. We have our lessons where they go through each area of projects and then we kind of get what we need to do with what's going there to help us.

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If we need anything, give us feedback along the way to make sure that we're not quite zero. I really good fun. We have access to the classrooms as well. When we're not in, which is quite nice. We can come in on her days off if we need to catch up with anything to do that extra work.

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Again, you know, else to say Yeah, I have spoken, . Whenever I was studying and it's currently and my experience is going really well, we're all enjoying our class. The teachers are really, really supportive. But then our mental health or any other series of issues that we've had, I've had to leave quite early for a , and the teachers were very supportive throughout that They're also very supportive of like the stages that we want to go through in our future careers.

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So they offer as much advice as possible to help us move forward with our dreams and our hopes and we all enjoy the life during lessons at the moment. They are interesting and but we've all taken some really good aspects away from it to help us boost our knowledge and improve our general skills within the course. And I chose to come to New College Swindon because I didn't want to be financially unstable, so I decided to stay and work as well as long class, as long as doing my classes as well.

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So yeah, I think New College Swindon is a good place to come because everyone's just friendly and Yeah, yeah, that's I think just out of circumstance it's not been the best this year, but it was a lot better last year because obviously there's in class. So for this course it should be like a lot of big discussions that you go through and you like research and stuff and feedback into the class because .

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We don't really get back and it's like no fault of the college at all. It's just what seemed to happen this year for us. But otherwise the PowerPoints are good. The teachers go for a good pace, give us time to take notes and stuff and as much as we can, we get a discussion out of it. So yeah, so I'm like you said, it's been it's been a lot I wouldn't say harder this year because we just started, but it's definitely held up and it's like, how do you find everything really helpful?

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But obviously from level three to go and four and five you had tonnes. People are class, you can bounce off. It was so easy to get in group activities, but we're here online. It's so hard to actually balance back a lot, but that's why the teachers engage so much because what that's like, obviously only to have online is a lot easier and the teachers go in.

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So in depth of everything, even what you need to know and assignments, it is so helpful when it comes to writing it. You think, Oh, I know what to do really is really helpful because I used to struggle so much in gathering information, but when they go really in-depth and stuff, you actually, I really do appreciate it because otherwise I would just be lost.

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I wouldn't know what I'm doing. But every topic we write about is really interesting, which makes me want to only get into my future caramel sauce. Another reason why I'm on here, because it just it's just already lost than overall. I've really enjoyed my experience here. It's it's, it's been a lot more engaging compared to what may have been other universities and how they operate.

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We've just basically a standard lecturer, you know, and then a lot more self study. I'm able to, you know, engage with my lecturers and, you know, fix problems that might arise there and then and have a more of a personal dynamic there, which is really great and more beneficial for me because, you know, I'm always trying to figure out what's my areas of, of improvement.

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So, you know, being able to have somebody that you can quickly address up with has been really great and the atmosphere is great from the students and the

teachers. It's always like a really positive and and you know, go get them kind of mood. And it's been really great for that because you have that motivation to keep going.

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The technical aspect as well of this course has been really great compared to maybe how some of the universities operate, for example, with compared to here. I've really enjoyed being able to, you know, really experiment with different lights and cameras and the high spec. It's just been, you know, way more beneficial to use and learn with.

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So there's less of a gap between here and the industry, which has been really, really great. Yeah. For me I'm probably more dedicate now. We've trying to learn the most like technical aspect. So yeah, maybe maybe more workshops for that. But yeah, that, that's, that's kind of like what I'm trying to do now, like personally. So that's just what I think personally, because I just need that technical knowledge because I'm trying to get work placement now.

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I guess I'm probably go more head than I probably should because obviously I'm still on the course, but you know, definitely this course provides is is work experience with local studios, which I've been doing, which is something that is pretty much unique to this, which has been great. And I've loved that aspect of it a lot because I'm essentially able to actually work in the industry early on and really try and get my my good film practice.

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I know my improve my film practice ten times better than on a student shoot because I'm actually working with professionals. So that's probably why while I love the technical aspect of it, it's because that's I'd probably want more of it is just because that's just personal to me in my development is just I am probably going to head a bit earlier than others, but it's been great still because I know they've offered me that ability to learn and do so.

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So yeah, but overall it's been really great from lecturers as well. The sport's been great. They, they're really notable in the fields. For example, editing and a lot, lot more of the theory side. So we've got, you know, people that, that specialized in theory and, and got doctorates in it, maybe more on the practical side. But overall the lecturers they are great and more importantly the sport they provide a really good because you're able to, you know, message them, engage them, get tips on like improving things.

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So yeah, and that's something else I don't think you'd really get from university. So it's been really great. And having that support from the teachers has been amazing. But every yeah, I've really enjoyed my experience here and

it's yeah, from what they offer it's been really beneficial. I lecturers organize 1 to 1 appointments with us as and when we need them.

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And then we also have group credits that we get to speak about our work with our peers. And I found it really helpful because we get teachers insights as well as our peers and people that work with us day to day. We get informal feedback in this way and then we also get formal feedback at the end of our unit and then weeks of summative assessment or is it formative assessment, which is the one that we're doing this week?

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Is it in the end? So we're getting feedback. Yeah, it is. And this is part and yeah, so we receive formative feedback mid-way through our projects and they give us a detailed list of how we can go forward and at any point, if this isn't clear to us, we can go back to our teachers who will then explain or put in a different way for us to then sit in.

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It's clear when it comes to work experience on the course it's been huge. We've had loads of experience in things, mainly in theater with the wider stage are quite close to us. We've had loads of opportunities where we've worked backstage and I've seen with classmates and other people in order to build up a portfolio in terms of a frozen.

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Why then? Yeah, in terms of working and using resources that are around us, such as working with the to help create whole spectacles, our student voice has really taken on board and any ideas and suggestions that are made as a result of that are, are, are considered and if appropriate, put into place, which, you know, as a student here at New College, Swindon makes me feel really valued and part of the bigger team I did and I got that from connections here.

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They basically just like per person, anyone wanting to please call or email this person. And I did. And it was really fun. What sort of things we doing? We get backstage, make up, so you get like a small fragment of time to do like a simplistic, but still I like interest and make it to catch on stage.

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There's a lot of green pages. I didn't because I didn't, but there was a lot of body pain and a lot of people. How old you guys prepared you for more work? Yeah, it's really how we see how fast paced you need to be and it's tested my physical strengths and the community and how to improve myself next time in terms of linking to industry, we have a few product, a few projects that are set in to get us out into industry and we are at the end of our year.

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We're going to need designers in London and we're we're really excited about this. This would be a great opportunity to market ourselves, practice talking to industry, and then meeting other people who are in a similar, similar positions to what we are. And we've been told that in previous years people got internships or someone got a commission for a new restaurant.

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So lots of opportunities to propel us into our industry after our degree, the lecturers allow support and go above and beyond with our work and they give lots of opportunities and support within it. And if we're struggling at any point, both with emotional, professional and educational purposes and personal, the support is always there and you know that you can go to them any time.

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They're both, like I say, both with like the end of year show. So we have an end of year show which gives us an insight of what the theater and also kind of the fashion industry would be like. And they were there constantly reassuring and also giving us professional advice. So it feels like we're in the work environment.

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As I want to go into the work making industry. They have been really helpful both with trying new things such as like . They've been really specific on how they can help, given resources such as books, opportunities like job opportunities and developing the skills, pushing boundaries and making sure that I believe in myself within my work.

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So something I wanted to say about it was because I and that was part of the reason why I wanted to come here, because it was a lot less pressure of going away to a new city and stuff. So I feel that that's the reason why I chose New College. Like that's what I wanted to put in with this interview.

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So you get a of school, you know, . I haven't see, let's go out much because I can handle it myself. But I think as well like it's the teachers are really supportive in the sense that we there's not a strict timetable where they expect us to do certain things in the lesson, but we're free to we're free to choose what we want to do with our time.

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And like that's been really helpful. And if with the weirdly like with the pandemic, it's created a whole new thing of like being able to do like online learning and working from home, which the teachers are like more than happy to

like, accommodate. If that's what you prefer. And so I also understand you would say, Oh, completely, yeah, like that just have always been supportive and helpful.