

Student profile

Name: David Mckay

Previous college: Edinburgh College (Granton Campus)

College qualification and subject: HND Civil Engineering

Degree programme and level: MEng Civil Engineering

Was there anything that helped your transition to university?

Definitely meet with your subject librarian, make use of the Power Hours but most of all read journalistic material and try to pick up how the information should be delivered.

What are you enjoying about university?

The amount of focus required to complete the tasks set. The work is challenging and in some cases not immediately rewarding but the choice to study at Heriot Watt is always reinforced when I look back over my progression as an undergraduate engineer and forecast where it may take me.

In your own words, what is the difference between college and university?

An accountability and pride in the work you must produce. College shows you common techniques in whichever field you are studying whereas University develops a frame of mind, responsibility and skillset required to work towards becoming a practising engineer. You can expect to be pushed, surprise yourself and build confidence in your area of study.

