

## Student profile

**Name:** Jonathan Pudner

**Previous college:** Edinburgh College (Granton Campus)

**College qualification and subject:** HNC in Construction

**Degree programme and level:** BSc Quantity Surveying Yr 3

### How prepared did you feel for university level study?

I'll admit I was quite nervous when started Uni, and did wonder whether I'd be up to the task. However, I needn't have worried. I found that the regular feedback received at college ensures that core skills such as report writing are already up to speed.

University is definitely a step up, but the work isn't particularly harder – there's just a lot more of it, with a bit less direction. I've found that University is all about the amount of work you're prepared to do. If you put the effort in, you'll do well.

Since joining I've become involved with the student representation system through the Student Union – It's been great meeting so many different people from so many different backgrounds, studying such a wide range of subjects.

As a mature student, I was concerned when I started Uni that I'd be the oldest here! This certainly isn't the case – and my class is full of people of all ages and backgrounds. I've also found the course to be much more wide ranging in scope than I expected – I've really enjoyed studying so many different aspects of the construction industry.

### What are your plans for the future?

Possibly the best part of attending university is the amount of opportunities it opens up for you – they are almost limitless, and I find myself speaking to different employers in different industries while considering my future. It's a great position to be in. My aim is to join a company that enables me to achieve chartered status as a Quantity Surveyor, which will allow me to work in my profession worldwide.

