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“The semester I spent in Edinburgh was the best semester I had ever had. Inspired from my dad, who always told me travelling was the best way to learn, I decided to take the chance and apply for the exchange programme. Edinburgh was top on my list because it was renowned for its geological sites and its historical background.

Studying in Edinburgh had been a unique experience. Their lessons were very well structured with plenty of laboratory time. They sourced samples from significant outcrops all around the world to guide your learning. Professors and tutors were really knowledgeable and helpful. I also went to Siccar Point as

one of my field trips. Siccar point had been an all-time-classics for geology students. You could basically find photos of this place in all beginners' textbook. The Hutton unconformity there was an important proof for modern rock formation theory, Uniformitarianism. I was so excited to be able to finally see it. Although it was a really tough trip, I would say it was a very valuable experience.



One thing that was particularly unforgettable about this exchange programme was that, I finally learnt how to live by myself. I lived in a very caring and loving family, where I did not have to do most of the household chores. I was not exaggerating but a lot of those chores I did in Edinburgh were my first time experience. I turned out to be a fairly good cook and my friends always came up to



try out things I cooked. Even now after we came back to Hong Kong, they often said they missed the food I cook!

Friendship, was a valuable gain from the trip. I was very lucky that I met some cool and friendly exchange students from HKU. We cooked together, we ate together and we travelled together. We turned out to become really good friends. We had gatherings

even after we all came back to Hong Kong. I also met a lot of friendly classmates in the courses I took. In geology courses, I was the only Asian exchange student, so they thought it was quite interesting to meet someone from Hong Kong. Some of them were very interested in Chinese culture and languages. All my classmates were very nice and we always studied together and asked each other questions when we encountered difficulties in our courses.



Joining the exchange programme is certainly an inspiring and life changing opportunity. Different country, different friends, different learning attitudes have inspired me to step out of my comfort zone more often, to take on more challenge. I certainly learnt a lot of things that I would never be able to in Hong Kong. I realise that there are plenty of opportunities outside Hong Kong and I should not just limit myself in this tiny place.”



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He that travels far knows much.”

— Thomas Fuller