

### **Dal Segré allo “ University College of London”: le prime impressioni di Marius Mostert**

I nostri studenti sanno “farsi valere” anche nei test di ammissione presso prestigiose università straniere: Marius Mostert, diplomato a luglio con 100 all’esame di stato, è riuscito a coronare il suo sogno di studiare ingegneria presso l’UCL (University College of London), la quarta più quotata università del mondo secondo il QS World University Rankings , con moduli di economia presso la LSE (*London School of Economics and Political Sciences*). Trovate di seguito le sue prime impressioni sui nuovi studi, sulle nuove esperienze e sui primi contatti in una città dinamica, multiculturale e intellettualmente stimolante come Londra.

In bocca al lupo Marius da tutto il Segrè!

*“UCL in this first month has been fantastic!*

*My course (Engineering with Business Finance) is very challenging, but I thoroughly enjoy it. The teachers are very demanding, and they are making us understand the difference there is between high school and university (if we have a problem, for example, we are supposed to research on it via the library or internet first, and go to them only as a last resort), but they also have a very subtle humor which they use every now and then, especially when mentioning rivalries with neighboring universities. It looks almost funny to compare my high school class with my present one: we are over one hundred (although they told us the total applications to the course were twelve hundred): roughly half of my class mates are asian, there are at least thirty islamic people, if not more, a dozen english people, and a handful of europeans! I am the only italian on the course. One of the best parts of my course is the Economics module, which I am following at LSE. I go there for my economics lectures and tutorials, and I am a student of that institution too. It is indeed an exceptional opportunity to be able to exploit all the opportunities both universities have to offer. One of UCL's most exciting features are its clubs and societies! They include anything you could imagine! So far, I have enrolled in the Debate society, Economics and Finance, Tennis and Business, although there are hundreds more ("Chocolate Lovers", or "Knitting" to name a few interesting ones). Living in London is also an invaluable asset. I go running most days at Regent's Park, and jogging immersed in such beauty and peacefulness, in the heart of one of the world's most dynamic cities of the world reminds me how privileged I am, studying at a great university and having so many opportunities.*

*Almost every day UCL has fairs held by companies or banks, and talks given by famous guests. Last Friday I went to a talk by Tim Harford, author of "The Undercover Economist"! I bought one of his books and had it autographed. Also, before the investment banking fair, I got stuck in the elevator with a UBS banker who graduate from my same course only two years ago. He's very young and has an engineering degree, but after graduating he started working for UBS. I asked him about how he ended up in investment banking, and he explained to me that engineering is one of the best degrees to do so. I don't know what I would like to do after my degree, but maybe that would be a nice path to follow. Anyway, he gave me his card, and we had a drink together a few days ago. I am considering to apply for an internship somewhere this summer, to get some work experience which is valued by employers and would be very useful to understand what I want to do. However, I will discuss this with my family when I see them!*

*I am having a terrific time: I am meeting people from all around the world, I am getting to know different cultures, habits and lifestyles. Living alone is not as easy as it looks from the summer programs I had attended so far, but it is an incredibly useful experience which at eighteen is even more helpful. I really couldn't hope for anything better.*

*I would recommend studying in the UK and in London! Absolutely."*

*Marius*