



My name is SUI LING LAI, but I prefer people to call me Ling as it's much more friendly. I come from Hong Kong, where I live with my family. My dad is an electrician, my mum is a housewife and my sister is a company receptionist. We are a happy family. During our holidays we usually eat out at Chinese restaurants and go shopping together. We also travel to Japan, Malaysia, France and other countries.

Hong Kong is a crowded, economic city in China. Every single person is so busy and walks so fast, they don't always say hello or smile at strangers. But they do not mean to be bad mannered - they are just so stressful and busy.

Because people are stressed, they like places to relax. Hong Kong is a real shoppers and foodies paradise.

Visitors and local people can try any

kind of food in Hong Kong - Japanese, Korean, English, French is all available and really delicious. And if you like shopping, there are over 20 large and small shopping centres in Hong Kong, some selling luxury products and others high street clothes. You can get anything in Hong Kong and it's suitable for everyone. Sometimes, the big brand fashion companies hold fashion shows in Hong Kong. They invite actors from Hollywood, which helps Hong Kong to become more famous.

I found Hong Kong too stressful and too competitive for studying - that's why I came over here to study. Also, my HKCEE results were not so good so I decided to study here and give myself one more chance.

I came to the UK alone and now I live with my relatives. When I was in the aircraft, I worried about whether I would get on with people, because I am Chinese, whether people would be racist and if I would feel isolated. But I find that the UK is so

attractive, the weather is good, people are nice and they always smile to me even I do not know them. The weather is fantastic in summer, as it's always sunny and not as hot as Hong Kong, but I don't like the winter because it is too cold and sometimes it snows.

I studied the BTEC Introductory diploma in Business, Retail and Administration in 2007 and 2008. My personal tutor was Sue Pritchard - who is a fantastic teacher and always helped me with my studies. I also really got on well with my classmates. I have made a lot of friends here and they all come from different countries. I have a best friend here call Nura, who is from Dubai. I have told her everything about myself, happy or sad. Although sometimes she does not fully understand, she still listens to me patiently. I have another friend from Dubai called Yasmine. She understands me a lot and she is funny, she is always saying some jokes to make us laugh. Kirandeep and Jass are from India and we always laugh together. My friends and I usually stay together during the lunch break. Sometimes we go to library to do our coursework, sometimes we go to canteen to relax. People are friendly here and there are no race relations problems, no one against me because I am Chinese. I really enjoy studying here and won four awards in the business course end of year ceremony. I am really thankful to the people who gave me the chances. Next year, I will study for my BTEC National Award Level 3. I will work extremely hard to satisfy the course because I want to go to Aston University.

This summer holiday, I worked in the Marketing Department at Wolverhampton College to gain some work experience. All the staff were very nice and funny and looked after me well. They gave me a lot of help and arranged for me to meet Dr John Rudd at Aston University to find out more about getting a degree. He is going to show me round in September. The Marketing Team also arranged for me to be interviewed on a local radio station and, because I play classical music on the piano, they have asked me to play at a special college awards ceremony at Christmas.

There are over 100 universities in UK which means I have more choice. I want to study marketing at Aston University. I want to know more about peoples' needs, find the suitable product for them, maybe develop some new products for customers, help people to satisfy their wants and save money.

By coming here, I believe I have gained an important opportunity to achieve my goal.



我是賴萃玲，但我喜歡別人叫我阿Ling，這比較親切。我是來自香港。在香港我是與我的家人一起住的，我爸爸是電器技工，我媽媽是家庭主婦，但她有時也會工作，我有一個姊姊，她現在在工作，是接待職員。我們一家相處融洽，放假時，我們會到茶樓一起吃飯，一起行街，我們還會一起去旅行，例如到日本、馬來西亞、法國等等。

香港是屬於中國，一個很熱鬧和以經濟中心的都市。每個人都是很繁忙的，走得很快，他們不會與陌生人打招呼，但是這不代表他們不禮貌，而是因為他們很忙碌和壓力大，沒有時間和其他人打招呼。

雖然香港人很忙碌，但是香港仍有些地方供給他們放鬆。香港是「購得天堂」和「飲食天堂」，遊客和本地人也可品嚐不同地方的美食，例如日本，韓國，英國，法國等等，都是非常美味的。同時，如果你是喜愛購物，香港有超過20大小型的購物中心，有些是售賣名牌的，有些是售賣潮流的，應有盡有，適合不同年紀的人，何況一般都較其他

國家便宜，以及有信心的保證。而且那些大型品牌例如 LV, YSL, CHRISITAN DIOR, 都有在香港舉行時裝表演，那些大品牌都會邀請一些在荷里活巨星來香港支持時裝表演，令香港生息不少。

雖然香港很吸引，但是我認為在讀書方面太大壓力和競爭力，所以我揀選來英國讀書。同時，由於我會考成績不太好，來英國讀書是給我自己一個機會。

我在2007年的五月到過英國旅行，我覺得英國很吸引；天氣很好，當地人也很友善，他們會與我打招呼儘管不認識我。天氣非常好，在夏天時，藍天白雲，經常都有太陽，但是不會流很多汗，這些天氣比起香港的夏天真的好得多。

我只是不喜歡冬天，因為實在太冷和會下雪。

我自己一個來到英國，現在與我的親戚一起住。當我在機上的時候，我感覺到有些緊張和興奮，畢竟自己一個人來到別的國家，人生路不熟，我會擔心我跟不上這裡的功課，與人的關係，因為

我是中國人，有可能會存在種族歧視。

在 2007- 2008 年，我在這裡是讀 BTEC Intro. In Business, Retail and Administration. 我的老師是 Sue Pritchard，她是一位很好的老師，經常幫助我的功課和我的人際關係。我與同學相處得很好，而且結識了不同國家的朋友，英國、杜拜、印度、非洲一些國家等。我有個朋友由杜拜，她是 Nura，她是我在英國的最好朋友，我會與她傾訴所有事，雖然有時她不明白但是她仍很樂意聆聽我；也有個朋友來自杜拜，她很明白我，而且她很有趣，我們經常一起大笑；有兩個朋友是由印度來的她們是 Kirandeep and Jass，她們對我很熱情，與我說笑。一有時間，就與我的朋友一起到圖書館，食堂，放學時一起到巴士站等等。這裡的人都很友善，而且沒有種族歧視。我十分享受在這裡讀書，我還在商科頒獎典禮贏得四個獎，我十分開心及感謝各個人給我的機會。在 2008-2009 年，我會讀 BTEC National Awards in Business level 3，我會努力地去完成這個課程。因為我想入讀 Aston University.

在這個暑假，我到學校的 Marketing Department 工作一個星期，以取得有關的工作經驗，及對 marketing 的認識。在 marketing department，同事對我十分照顧，而且給我一個機會在這裡分享我的故事。他們替我安排去見 Aston University 的 Dr. John Rudd，在九月時，他帶我參觀 Aston University。

他們還安排了一個本地電台錄音，與大家分享我的故事。因為我彈琴，他們安排了我在 12 月一個特別頒獎典禮表演鋼琴。

在英國，有超過 100 間大學，亦代表我有比較大機會入讀大學。我希望入讀 Aston University 的 Marketing Course。我希望知多些有關人類的需要，尋找一些適合的產品迎合他們的需要，以及開發一些新產品。這樣可以幫助他們滿足他們的需要和替他們節省金錢。

來到這裡，我相信我可以做得比香港好，同時我有一個寶貴的機會去完成我的夢想。