



## Student Case Study

**Name:**

Arabella Elsey

**Institution:**

Amersham and Wycombe College

**Studying:**

Foundation Degree in Television Production



During my GCSE's it was clear to me that the traditional A-level route wasn't going to be for me. I was already doing one day a week at college, studying a photography course with City and Guilds. My biggest challenge was my GCSE's, as I had dropped a couple of GCSE's to study at college, there was even more pressure to pass the ones I was taking and I really didn't enjoy school. After it I went onto a hair and beauty course, but after doing two weeks work experience I realised I hated it, and really wanted to carry on with the photography I had been doing. I did however enjoy the college environment, and one of the teachers suggested I might be interested in taking the National Diploma in Multimedia. I loved my time at college doing the ND, and as part of it students were given time to write UCAS forms and encouraged to apply for higher education. One of the teachers went to the open day at Amersham and suggested I might like to have a look at the Foundation Degree in television they were offering.

I really enjoy the course, in particular the 'intensive' weeks. We are set a task at the beginning of a fortnight, and then we spend the time developing and producing our work ready for assessment at the end. As I've enjoyed the course at Amersham I intend to stay on here to do the top-up BA at the end of my second year. After that I want to go into the television industry, where I will have to start at the bottom as a runner, and then work my way up from there.

Progress South Central – [www.progresssouthcentral.org.uk](http://www.progresssouthcentral.org.uk)

0118 378 2330