

Claire Lester
BA (Hons) Business and Law
at UWE, Bristol

When I left for university, I was equally excited and nervous. It was so different from what it's like at home. But everyone is new, and so, very quickly, I felt part of a friendship group and at home in my flat.

I'm taking Law and Business and I have had a great first year. My advice to any one going this year is to throw yourself into the many opportunities presented.

The Mary Lidstone grant has not only helped me financially with basic living costs, but also enabled me to take full advantage of opportunities on offer. It also helped me to be less stressed, as I could afford all the books I needed and, of course, have some fun nights out to relax too.



Amelia Durbin (centre)
BEd (Hons) Primary Education
at Plymouth University

University life is a scary and daunting experience for everyone. Although I was prepared in practical ways - and could see that my grades were good enough - I was plagued with paranoia and misconceptions. I thought that I wouldn't make any friends; I'd miss home; I'd fail... However, now I have finished my first year, I am so proud of myself... the best experience.

The grant I received from the Mary Lidstone Trust has also enabled me to partake in so many activities that have helped me make the best of friends; broaden my education and enjoy every second of the year. Do not miss out ... you won't regret a thing!

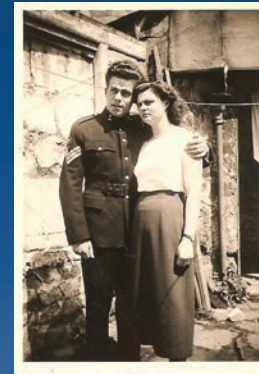


Christina Sims
BA (Hons) Filmmaking at
Kingston University, London

I have just completed the first year of my degree at Kingston University, London and it has been an amazing experience. My course is B.A. (Hons) Filmmaking. KEVICC shaped my love of the arts, especially film, and guided my choices from GCSE through to the Art Foundation Course at Kennicott. University has turned out to be the best next step. It is great to be surrounded by other young artists. I am very proud of what I have achieved..

This is all thanks to the Mary Lidstone Trust, for enabling me to be financially able to live in London whilst I study.

To see my work go to:
<http://christinajayesims.tumblr.com>



The Mary Lidstone Trust was set up with a generous legacy from Roy Lidstone and is dedicated to the memory of Mary, his wife. After Mary's sad death in 2010, Roy put in place arrangements to create the Trust to benefit students (current and former) of KEVICC. The legacy is being used to enable young people to follow an academic dream which might otherwise, through financial circumstances, not be possible. The first students to benefit from the support are completing their first year and we're delighted to hear from them about how the year has been.



Mary Lidstone

Kennicott

www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk

King Edward VI Community College is a Co-operative Trust School

Mary Lidstone
CHARITABLE TRUST