The idea of doing a degree at university can be a very daunting prospect for many people. Getting your head around the new surroundings, meeting new people and being introduced to more independent methods of learning compared to school and college. This is arguably enough to deal with as it is, without being disabled on top of all this. Well that was and still is the situation for me. I did not let any of this stop me from achieving my goal of studying Law at the University of Surrey. 

I can definitely say I would not have been able to do it without the help and guidance of the amazing In2Surrey scheme. I first found out about the scheme through my careers advisor at college. The scheme took me under its wing and helped me achieve my goals of going to university. The alternative offer gave me the belief in myself that I needed, but it didn’t stop me from working as hard as I could at college. If you look deeper into the scheme it is so much more than just an alternative offer; the mentoring and support I received from University of Surrey staff and students was incredible. They supported me by showing me that I was capable of writing at the standard expected at university and gave an insight into university life and workloads through the amazing pre-entry contact. The In2Surrey scheme made coming to university less daunting, more accessible and so much more enjoyable.

I have been studying at the University of Surrey for two years now and I am privileged to be supporting the In2Surrey scheme now as a Student Ambassador. It is really wonderful to see how the scheme is expanding and helping so many students achieve their potential and study at the University of Surrey.