

When I was planning my exchange what I found really valuable was the knowing how much I wanted to travel while I was abroad and then accounting for that. Budgeting out how many countries I could go to and getting to know what climates they had made it easier for me to handle my money and knowing what I needed to pack.

Packing is really hard to do because you don't really think about what the weather will be like not only in the country you're studying in but other countries you may want to travel to. I would make sure to bring an umbrella and some clothes for warm weather if you're studying in England because when it heats up it heats up quickly and gets pretty hot. Make sure to have really comfortable shoes for walking and a lot of socks because there were plenty of days where my feet ended up sogging wet and it made for lots of uncomfortable walking.

They have three month bus passes that are really great. That covered the majority of the time that we were there, the last two weeks we just bought on a day to day basis and it wasn't that expensive maybe 150 pounds to get around for four months. The only thing is that you have to take a train to the airport so everytime you want to fly somewhere you have an extra fee to pay. There are railcards I would recommend buying. The 16-25 railcard is for students and saves you about 5 pounds each time you have to buy a train ticket so the card eventually pays for itself if you take 6 train trips.

Brighton takes both cash and cards so you don't have to worry too hard about transferring all your

almost experience multiple nights out in one night. There are also a lot of really nice pubs so if you want to go out just for a drink that is also an option and makes for a nice casual evening.

Coming back from exchange I wish that I would have made an effort in maybe getting more involved in one of the clubs on campus because the majority of my friends were all other international students so I didn't hear a lot about what the British culture was like from other youths my age. A second regret