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With a Bachelors' Degree at Amity University and a Masters' Degree from King's College London, BST Alumna Aakriti Narang has a story many will find inspiring. Currently working as a Processing Agent with French at KONE (a shared service company), her experiences exemplify hard work, a passion and leadership roles, first as School Prefect at The International British School of Bucharest. She used her passion for writing to great purpose, contributing to school magazines, interning at The Pioneer (India's second-oldest English newspaper), then as a Reporter for the International Press at the AMI-Model United Nations.



She was also the President of the University Literature Club at Amity University. Her scientific experiences also shine - having interned at Thermofisher Scientific and participating in a Christmas Laboratory Workshop in the University of Tokyo where she helped dissect a Chicken Embryo before analysing it with an electron microscope. Being both a creative writer and a scientist? That's versatility at its finest.

During her time at King's College London, the memories that stay with her are the grand libraries dotted around the campus and London. Exploring the cosy atmosphere of many study locations around campus was something she enjoyed - and I think every student reader would too. Her time at the University was only enhanced by the variety of "bright, capable and diverse International students from whom [she] was able to learn so much."

While she didn't have to sit through exams (except for French B2 which she chose as an extra subject) her assessments were essay-based, and she had one and a half months to submit them. Sounds like a lot of time? Well, In Aakriti's words: "At times I felt like I didn't have enough time to accomplish everything that I wanted to. Time-management and asking others for help when it is needed are some very important skills that I learnt during my time at University". Yes, even the near-perfect student has had her hardships.

When asked about her time at BST, her answer felt very similar to what I (and probably many others) feel currently: she “was fairly convinced that my classmates were some of the smartest people on this planet and that encouraged me to work hard too and I’m glad that I did.” This is an example of the Growth Mindset. The successful mindset. The mindset that never gives up, and will push to become better than before - an attitude that is encouraged by BST. Also, Aakriti suggests you “never hesitate to ask questions and clarify your doubts in class” (or the workspace for adult readers out there).

Feeling stressed during your important exam seasons? Don’t worry, Aakriti also felt the same. It is in these desperate times where she went, in her own words, “All-out”. Taking mock exams seriously and studying VERY hard (that includes making elaborate notes and asking questions in class) are the main aspects that got her where she is today. However, she recommends taking “short breaks in between revision sessions” to avoid “burnout”.

For those who are taking their first steps into finding a job, Aakriti offers these wise words: “you might be unsure of what exactly will bring you happiness and make you feel satisfied at work, [but find] one aspect that you really enjoy, whether that’s the use of a foreign language, the company’s long-term goals, or the country in which you’re planning to relocate; be clear about what would make you happy!”

Finally, for some life advice, Aakriti quotes the cartoon Ketnipz: “Don’t worry - you’re flawless”, and that “things have a way of falling into place”. But honestly, the effort and strength she puts into every aspect in life, allowed things to “fall into place”. Inspired? Well, I definitely am!

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