

William Ogden – An Insight To A Cochlear Implant User In The 21st Century...

William Ogden was born profoundly deaf and is also blind in his right eye. He is currently living in Northamptonshire with his parents after being at Kingston University for four years and a boarder for eight years, at Mary Hare School, in Newbury, Berkshire. He has recently found out that he has achieved a 2:1 for his Masters Degree studying Media and Communication. He has also achieved a 2:1 studying Media and Cultural Studies before taking on Masters' duty! A huge relief for Will to be able to be at home for a year before finding a job to settle into in the South of England region where William has spent many years.

Will had his cochlea implant at Queens Medical Hospital in Nottingham, when he was three years old. After being implanted Will gained a good education with Teachers of the Deaf at his primary school, before moving on to a deaf school called Mary Hare, which Will has gained a good education. With his confidence held high after college, it was unfortunate that after attending De Montfort University, he decided to transfer to Kingston University after his lack of social life in Leicester. He has completed his degree and also decided to do a Masters Degree as his friends were a year below him, so anything to stay on at university for another year for the social life!

Will is now currently undertaking a job placement at The Ear Foundation for six months and he is going to be travelling to Australia after his placement for a few months with his close friend, an opportunity which Will has never had time to do due to commitments at university. He will plan to find a permanent job after Australia.

Abstract

William will be discussing the high and lows of his life as a cochlear implant user as he will take us on his journey from the transition of being at school to university to working. An opportunity for you to have an insight in a life of a cochlear implant user who values his cochlear implant more than anything, to which he is very grateful for.