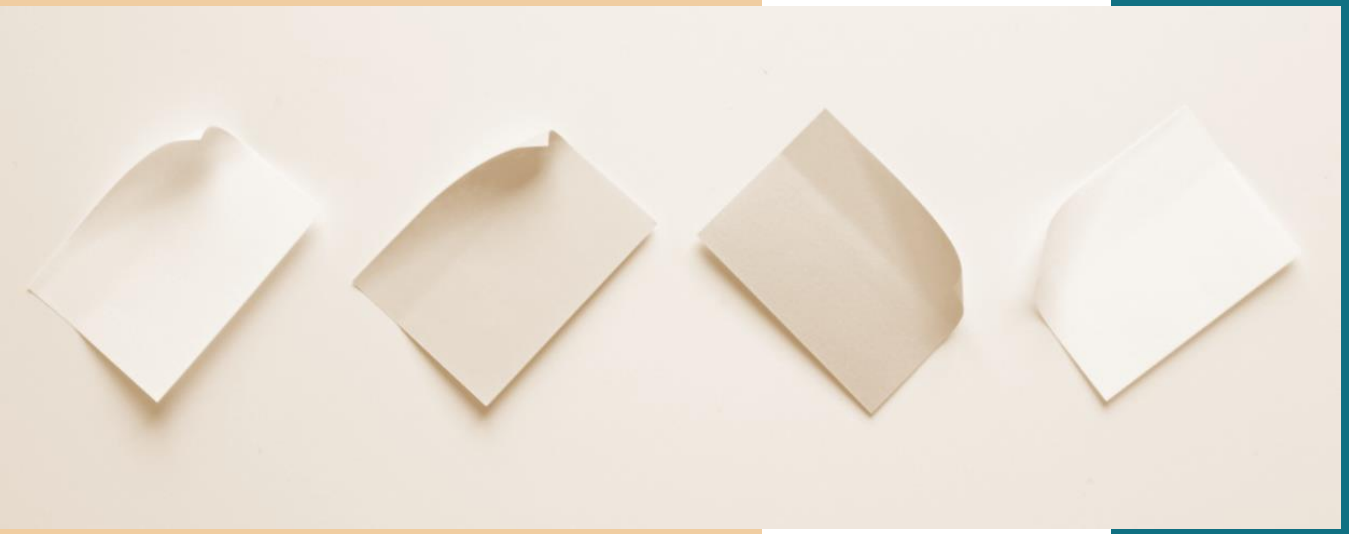


My internship in England

At AGC Glass UK

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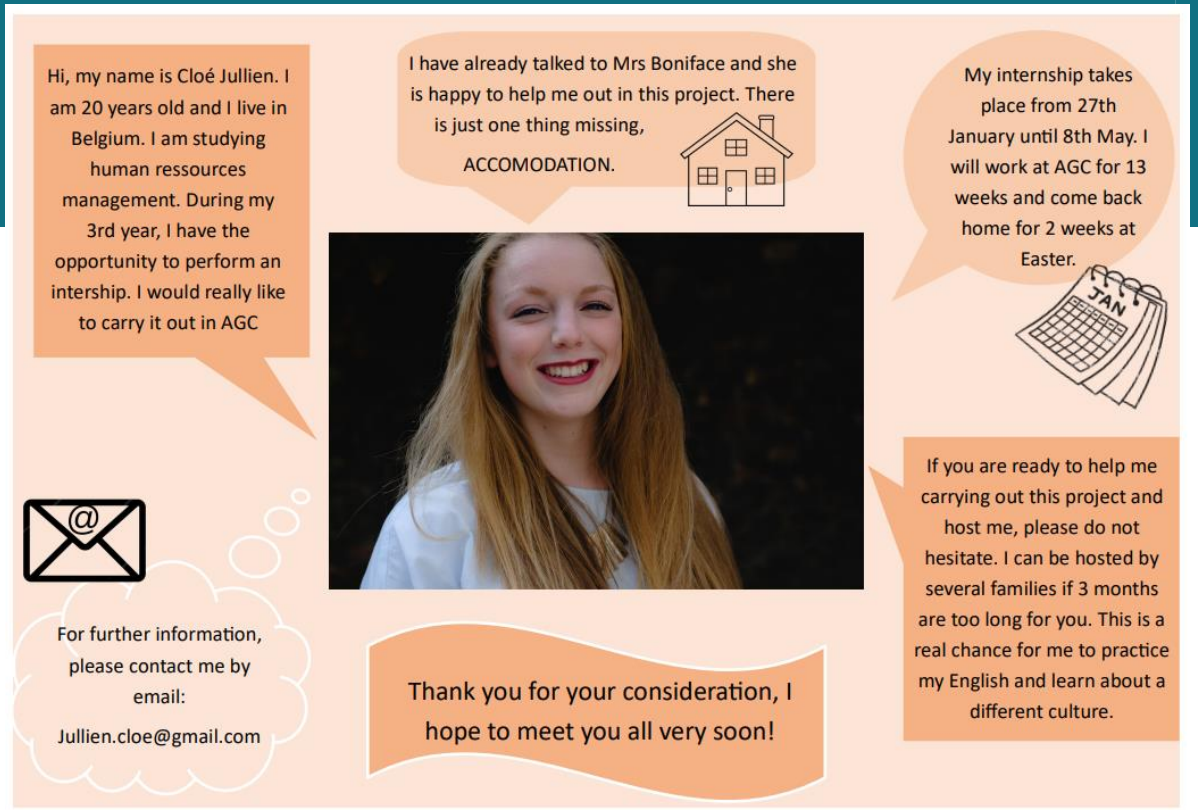
Why England?

I performed my second year internship at AGC Automotive Belgium, in Fleurus. One of my HR tasks there was to interview some employees to check if their English level was high enough to be able to communicate with the sister company in Northampton, England. There the idea came of joining AGC Glass UK for my third year internship, and improving my English skills in a professional environment.

Accomodation

AGC Glass UK buildings are located in an industrial zone with no direct access to public transport. Public transport is therefore not an option, nor can I use my own car as left-hand drive is an obstacle. It was essential for me to stay with an employee working in the company itself in order to make the car journeys with me.

I then had the idea to create a poster to display in the company with my contact information to maximize my chances of finding accomodation.



Accomodation

Lee's house in Kettering



Lee



One of the employees, Lee, rented rooms in a house in Kettering. Living nearby, he was willing to offer me a room, pick me up in the morning to go to work and bring me back in the evening.

When I contacted him, he told me I wouldn't be alone in the house. In fact, I would have two Greek roommates, Nek and John, as well as a mother and her three-year-old daughter.



Nek and John

How to go to England?



Finally ready to leave Belgium



Channel terminal in Brussels

The Eurostar is one of the fastest ways to get to the heart of London.

From Brussels, in barely two hours we arrived at St Pancreas International train station. I was accompanied by my mother and my godmother who helped me carry my numerous suitcases.

Once in London, we took a second train to Kettering, the journey lasted an hour.



Hello London!

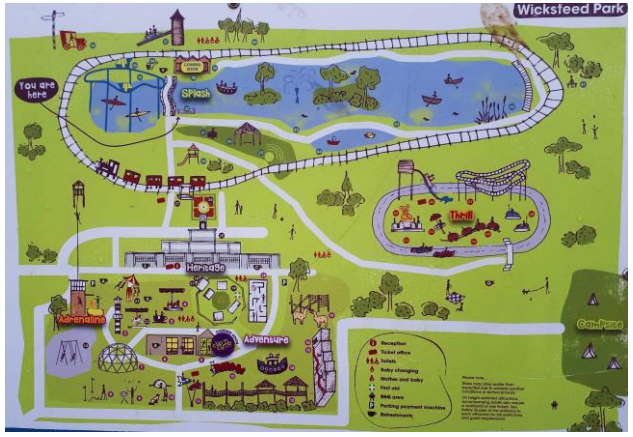


Waiting to get in the Eurostar













Kettering

I was lucky enough to have a park right next to the house I was renting. Walking for just seven minutes, I entered Wicksteed Park, considered one of the biggest amusement parks in England. Composed almost entirely of green spaces and nature, this park was the ideal place to stroll.

I visited it with my mum and my godmother when I arrived. Unfortunately, England lived up to its reputation and the rain kept us company.

The company

I was very well welcomed at AGC Glass UK. I had my own desk in an office that I shared with the HR Administrator and the Reception and Office Assistant.
I also met the HR Manager, who I worked with.



Visiting nearby cities



Cambridge



Cambridge is a city renowned for its many colleges and its university. It is a beautiful city with old buildings and monuments. It is common to come across students wearing their uniforms.





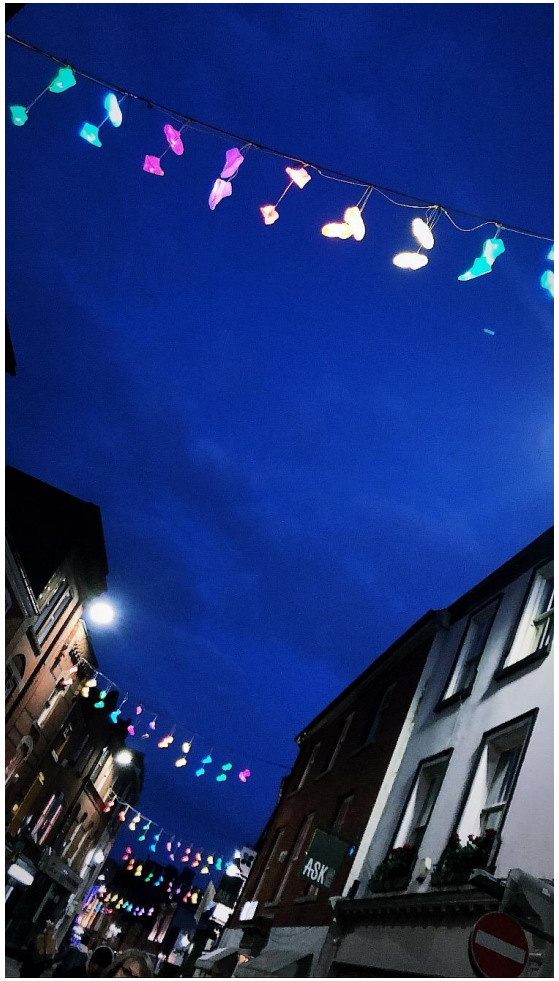


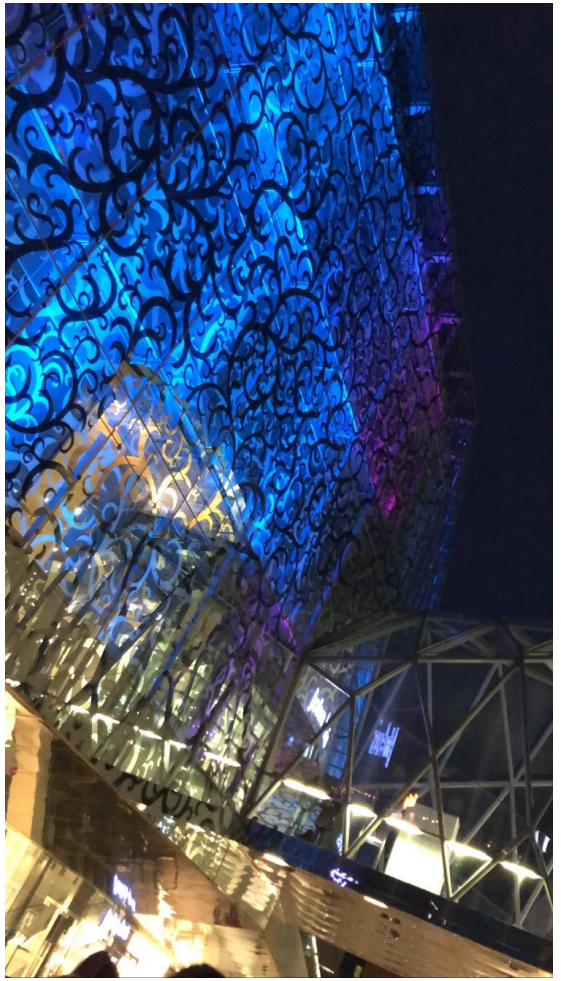


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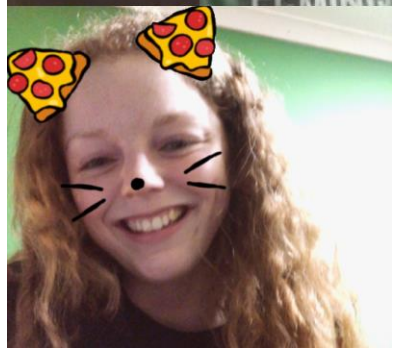






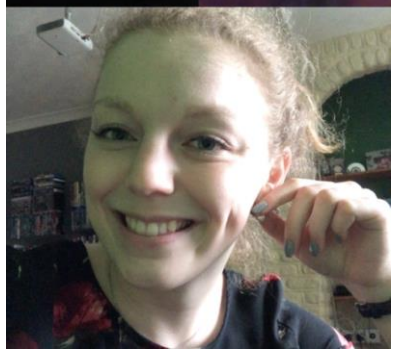


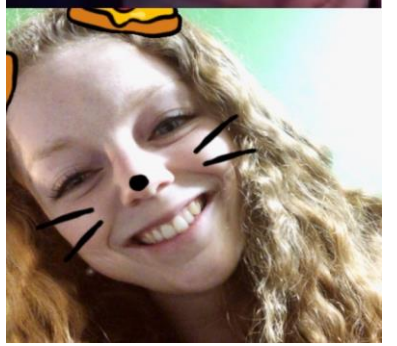
Leicester is a city that lives by night. Indeed, we find entertainment everywhere at nightfall. Numerous bars and restaurants will provide a festive atmosphere at all hours.







Support from friends

There are always days with and days without. I was able to count on the unconditional support of my friends, with whom I shared my adventures, as well as my daily life.





Do not hesitate!