

Yomi Kogbe Audio Transcripts

Why Essex (49 secs)

So even when we were in Rainham, our daughter got admission to Essex, CCHS* in Essex, so it was a long commute for her to be coming to CCHS. So we thought our daughter, her sister, would want to come to CCHS as well, and the boy would want to come to probably KEGS** or whatever

So I said even if we move closer, it will even help them in terms of this catchment or something, because she had to do very well to come from Essex, from Rainham, to go.

If you're out of catchment, the score you have to get is much higher. But she did well to go there, so we thought, okay, look, let's help the others, let's move. So looking at the schooling and looking at where they can grow up safe, yeah, so.

**Chelmsford County High School*

***King Edward Grammar School*

Still Support Parents (52 secs)

Unfortunately, I won't say unfortunately because it is the result of my heritage yeah, our white Caucasian, yeah, don't have the burden of having to support their parents, supporting people because of the economy back home, yeah. And obviously because of that, we have to constantly support them and so I know how much money has flown that way and it's never enough, trust me, it's never enough [laughs].

So, I would tell if that's not there, I would have told my young self to save a lot and I would have gotten into investment more quickly and I would have gotten into house and this property thing quickly enough.

O5BM (38 secs)

I met Eni through Kay and Eni dragged me into O5BM but I love what we are doing there. I love the health webinar we do. I love all the events they try to put on.

I mean for me it's something that is outside work and I've always looked for something that you see it's not work and deal, work and pay, something outside work. So I love the extracurricular activity of it and I really enjoy it. So when Eni told me about it I said yes, why not, yes.

Education and working (1 min 38)

As a child, I've always wanted to, I always said to myself, I see myself as a businessman travelling the world. That's, when you say you have a dream, that's always been my dream. I was never going to be an academician like my dad.

Now, for the university courses, I went for business and finance in the first..., that's what I entered, four years, four year course in Thames Valley University, mainly because I wanted to do industrial placement. So one year placement in the third year.

But then I was, I was now living on my own when I was doing the uni and I have to work and I was working as a security guy, 12-hour shift and then trying to do uni. So my first year result was no good at all.

So I have to change course. They said to me, you cannot continue business study. So I have to change into something called combined study, which is a, which is just a lesser course. And that's just a three year course. Yeah. Yeah. So I did that throughout the three years and just about scraped through mainly because I have to work and I have to support people back home.

At the beginning, when the first two years, I didn't, I know I support people back home, but not as much. But then as the economy of the country got so difficult, I have to really work.

So I was constantly working. Yeah. I was constantly working and then that really affected my university grade.

And, uh, but it is what it is. Anyway, I still managed to, I still managed to scrape through. I came out, just I think it's a third class degree. Just finished that. And then that was it. Yeah.

Arrival in UK (1 min 16)

Yeah, I remember, I came in September and I still remember the day, September, I think it was a Saturday, and I just, I think for me the shock was how it quickly get dark in the evening [laughs]. I remember sleeping, because it's been a long day, long 24 hours of travelling, I remember sleeping and then waking up and I thought, oh, it's in the morning or something, and I realised it's only about, God knows, what was it, about 6 o'clock? So that was a shock to the system, yeah. But I got used to it, first couple of weeks, yeah, so I was just, my cousin was taking me out, just to kind of see around and then eventually I started looking, looking for part-time job, I think I got some part-time jobs, some cleaning and some, some cleaning job and then some shelf stacking job, yeah.

So that was my first foray into jobs and then eventually I was doing some cleaning in Oxford Street and I was, and then when I can finish the cleaning in Oxford Street, I would go and stack shelf in the old Gateway [supermarket].