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My experience studying abroad in the Netherlands was incredible. I surprised myself by settling in immediately, without any feelings of homesickness. Had I stayed at York I don't think I would have gained half the independence and maturity I have developed from living abroad. My mind is now set on further international integration and I am determined to live abroad for a period again in the future.

I would advise students considering the study abroad option firstly to just go for it, when else in life are they going to get the chance to spend a year abroad in a financially secure environment, meeting other Erasmus students? Secondly, I would tell them to do as much research as possible before choosing their host country, with regards to living costs and language barriers. I'm sure wherever they choose they would have a great time, but that extra research can be reassuring before you embark on studying in a foreign country.

