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I wasn't sure what to expect on my first day at Trevs and my memories of it now are a bit hazy. I vividly recall meeting my room-mate who arrived complete with a big blue trunk carried in by two men she had commandeered, in a whirl of coloured Liberty prints, energy and enthusiasm – Pippa became one of my closest friends although we had nothing in common save for the fact we had been assigned the same room! But most of my memories are around how I felt rather than specific events. I recall the excitement tinged with a bit of fear and trepidation having never lived away from home before. I recall the confusion about how the College fit with the law and politics faculties and wondering if I would ever meet anyone doing my subject. But most of all I recall the warmth and kindness of everyone and in particular our porters and their humour as they helped us timid Freshers settle in.

I now see Trevs as being the place where I first started to grow up, to stretch my wings physically, intellectually and emotionally. It is also where I developed my love of the law and of politics so no surprises that I have ended up working for the Government Legal Department as a Government lawyer.

A couple of years ago an old college friend and I had a long weekend up in Durham and even managed a look around Trevs – lots of wonderful memories. As we walked down the Bailey and across Prebends Bridge and spent time in our old watering holes we kept expecting to bump into people we knew - so much looked the same! But the growth of Durham and the new colleges was also something of a surprise. I never cease to be amazed at how everything evolves and changes – time never stands still and I am endlessly curious, but that's what makes life so exciting.

I loved my time at Trevs and I look back on it with very fond memories. Friendships I made there have endured and my studies pointed me in the direction of what has become another enduring passion – my career as a Government Lawyer. I hope your time at Trevs gives you as much as it has given me.