



## **Starting with Maths**

*The best part of studying with the OU*

### **Nicola**

What have I achieved? I think I've achieved quite a lot. Because my reading wasn't that good, and my spelling, it's got loads better. I can read it and understand it, and actually know that it's gone in, and it's processed properly.

### **Mike**

The way I feel at the moment, on top of the world. And I can't wait to do the next course.

### **Yvonne**

The course completely exceeded my expectation and I feel like it brought out the best in me which is not easy because I'm a real you know really flaky and disorganised.

### **Neil**

I thought once I was on the course studying, that my anxiety went away and any worries I had vanished.

### **Judith**

When I first started, I had no idea that I would get a degree. None at all. And so when I finished, I was over the moon. I was completely overjoyed. I'm the only one in my family who has any sort of formal qualification so it's like a huge deal.

### **Paul**

The course really really got me thinking. I'd never done some of the work before. It made me think again. It, its just so invigorating.

### **Yvonne**

Funnily enough, my husband said something that I sound more informed now.

### **Emma**

It's given me a sense of achievement. I've read about something that I've been interested in and it's made me want to learn more.

### **Saiqa**

Now that I've finished the course, I feel a lot more confident. I feel very pleased that I've finished it, and that I've got good marks for the assignments that I've done.

### **Wagdi**

I feel quite ready to go on and do a degree, to take on the next stage really, which again will be quite daunting. And I know I'll go through the same process. But now that I've done it once, I know it will be same. I know that there'll be a tutor that I can talk to, and I am comfortable with writing essays, so I personally believe it's been a learning experience for me and it's something that I'm pleased that I've done.

### **Mike**

My motivation for studying really is to see how far I can take my study and to see what I can actually achieve. Hopefully to allay the ghosts that kind of haunted me for those years after I'd left school.

**Neil**

My confidence is sky high. I've discussed with my tutor how she feels that my work's improved as well which has helped with my confidence and I'm ready to enrol again, and just continue my studies.

**Paul**

It's changed me as a person because I really didn't expect that I could even start a degree and I know this is only a small course but I found it very very easy and it really has surprised me.

**Mike**

As far as future study is concerned, I've reserved a place on a Level 1 Social Sciences course which lasts for nine months and that's with the Open University and I'm hoping then that after those nine months I can use the points that I've gained and that will sort of lead me towards a degree at the end of it.

**Wilma**

It's been a wonderful experience. It was much better than I expected. They went so thoroughly into the subjects. And it's just a feeling of having tried something new and succeeded.