**SU Alumni: Andrew Pierce**

**What’s your name? What do you do?**

Andrew Pierce - English Teacher

**What opportunities/roles did you get involved in during your time at Warwick?**

I worked in both the Bread Oven and Curiositea during my 3 years at Warwick. I was involved with RaW, hosting a show (The Good Mixer) for a year, and I also occasionally produced some film reviews for The Boar.

**What did you enjoy about your roles?**

My job at the SU outlets was a huge part of my university experience. Not only did it allow me to earn extra money while studying, it also helped me to develop some vital work-based skills (dealing with customers, handling cash etc.) that proved useful in securing my first job after university. I think employers really appreciate how difficult it can be balancing a job with studies, so having this on my CV helped me to stand out as an applicant. Perhaps most importantly, while working for the SU I really felt part of a team and I made some life-long friends during my shifts.

**Have those roles helped you to get to where you are today?**

I use the skills I developed at Warwick on a daily basis, and I know that having the Warwick name and experience in the SU on my CV has helped me to secure a number of roles.

**What advice would you give current students?**

My advice to current students would be to make the most of every opportunity you're presented with, particularly if it seems challenging or is out of your comfort zone. Looking back, I wish I had taken even greater advantage of the opportunities at the SU and on campus. I would also recommend striking a balance between studying and anything extra-curricular, as well as investing some time in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

