

Dhani - Only in Leicester

The boys would be really physical and play fight. I was also the only vegetarian. I had never seen people eat meat, maybe on TV but up close I always found it weird to see that, like eating a beef burger or a bacon cob. There was drinking [alcohol] as well, another thing I had never seen because my parents do not drink, people in the community do not drink, and do not really go to the pub ever. It was a culture shock but over time I learned more about the culture and the boys learned more about my culture as well. It would be small things, like when we go on tour. We were a bit older, like 14 or 15, they would be like, 'oh you do not drink do you?' I would be like 'no.' And they were like 'oh, why?' And I would tell them, I explained why, that in our faith, we do not drink, and they were making jokes, like 'what a boring religion.' Or like 'why do you have to do that?' But everyone was actually really respectful. And I'd get asked 'do you not eat pork?' They mistook me for Muslim a lot. But then the club got me a special fryer because they started frying chicken in the fryer at the same time as they fried the chips, and so on Sundays, I would have nothing to eat. So they got a special fryer out for me every Sunday and they made me a batch of chips, which was really nice.