Theme 2

Starting University

1 Look at the picture. How is this student feeling? Have you had similar thoughts about next year?

2 Read the text and check that you understand the meanings of the words and phrases in bold. Use a dictionary to help you.

Leaving school is an important **transition** in a young person's life. It's exciting but also a little **scary**. It's not surprising that many young Omanis are **apprehensive** about leaving the world of school and the friendly faces of teachers and classmates. Although some go on to get a job, many continue their education in order to improve their **prospects** for the future. In addition, more and more students are going **abroad** to get a **degree**. Studying at a **foreign** university can be **challenging** but also very **rewarding**. It teaches young Omanis to become **confident** and **independent**, as they adapt to a new **culture** and learn to do things for themselves.