How did you manage your workload?

Tooshan: I think that when I came at Cambridge I did not honestly expect that the workload would be so intense, I don’t want to say that it’s very very intense and it’s always just, like, all work, but I feel that once I was faced with that kind of work that I had it sort of became imperative that I had to manage my time well.

Mansi: Basically it’s important for you to filter out what you need to do and what you don’t need to do. Not everything is relevant to you. When I came here as a student, I thought I need to go to this event, I need to go to that event, that’s happening there, that’s happening there, I was so confused, about all the things that are happening and I wasn’t able to attend all the events, but then lately I realised that it’s not that I should attend all the events, it’s that I need to look upon the event properly, I need to see if it means anything to me, if it’ll help me or something, if I’m interested in that event, so that’s I think a good balancing exercise to do.

Jiri: So I mostly just did the thing that was the most pressing at the time, the thing with deadline that was fastest approaching, that was the most important thing to do.

Anya: Doing something apart from your study helps you to become a better time manager.

Tooshan: What I do generally is have a sort of loose, free-floating monthly goal – around this is what I, err, want to accomplish by the end of the month, in terms of my coursework, or in terms of my team rehearsals, or all the other things – and then sort of a tight weekly structure around what I’m going to do in this week, and then again like a loose daily plan. So I wouldn’t say a very strict time management schedule like you have in your calendar, but having your head around what is it that you need to finish by the end of the month, week and day, helps you sort of like keep track with all the deadlines and all of the other requirements you’re supposed to do as a graduate student, whatever you’re participating in.