Motivation
- Travelling abroad on my own for the first time
- Learning a new language and being able to immediately use that in my day to day activities
- Not wanting to take whole year out

Reflection
- Language barrier: using non verbal communication/dictionary
- Knowledge of the hedge fund industry and a new skill in Mandarin
- Lifelong friends from around the world including South Africa and Japan

Culture
- Highlights: Haggling at the silk market, Night market (people eating insects eg scorpions, spiders), eating Peking duck and meeting people from all around the world
- Great visits: Great wall, Temple of heaven and the forbidden city
- Western culture: people wanting to take photos and know more about the UK since they don’t often get the chance to leave China

Impressions
- Friendly people: driven, very active
- Surveillance: Limited internet access and plenty of cameras on each road
- Very hot: avoided travelling in the afternoon