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Since I was young, I have built and made things, making me passionate about engineering. Not only does it interest me, but I can see it will improve people's lives, which is important to me. I can help people and develop myself in the process which seems perfect for me. I like that I will see the results of my work when developing projects.

My main reason for choosing engineering, is my interest in how engineering can be used to help society. Visiting universities and learning more about this course has shown me how much opportunity there is for developing your ideas and achieving your own creative potential. I have always enjoyed the subjects I am currently taking, which are perfectly suited to an engineering career. The more I learn about them the more I can see myself as an engineer. I believe I can provide an alternative insight to the world of engineering.

Studying 3 Advanced Highers has made me a more independent, responsible and hardworking individual; enhancing my time management and problem-solving skills. In my Advanced Higher Physics project, at both Glasgow and Strathclyde University. This further developed my knowledge and confidence with new equipment. Learning the value of repetition and uncertainties. I also have experience with graphic communication; how to design and produce theoretical structures. Modern Studies has helped me better understand people's lives which could improve my decisions and give me a greater understanding of world issues and how governments deal with them.

Participating in the University of Glasgow's Access for Engineering programme (making a report on renewable energy within communities), made me think about the further expansion of renewable energies and how they will help and improve communities in the long term. This showed me how important renewable energy is and how we should all be working together. I also participated in The Young Engineer Program at the Imperial College London which made me more fascinated in engineering and lasted one day.

I enjoyed completing the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Realising the importance of communication and teamwork, and how they can be difficult but also enjoyable. It also taught me more about independence and responsibility. This summer I went on the West Highland Way with friends and completed it in 5 days. Sometimes we wanted to quit, but as a team, we pushed through it. I had to work on managing time and planning the walk; how many miles to walk each day, how much food and water to take and places to stay along the way. Perseverance being essential.

As a qualified assistant tennis coach, I can take a group of beginners in a lesson and I am currently working towards my level 2. This has improved many skills, but it has mainly improved my communication and leadership. Not only must I be there early to set-up the equipment but to also plan out the main teaching point of the lesson and how it is going to be delivered to the class. In some situations, it requires me to take control and decide what is

to happen.

I am reliable and have shown this through my attendance and commitment to my studies in school as well as going to the gym for 3 years now. I am determined to achieve things that are important to me in life and will persevere to achieve them. I am ready for new challenges that engineering will bring to me and have already been part of University life through my attendance at the Hub in Caledonian University and through my visits to Glasgow and Strathclyde University. I am also participating in the Focus West Top Up programme this year.