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In law there is usually always a right and wrong, the challenge is being articulate enough to prove why you're right and they're wrong.

In many ways I see law like chess, if you are not thinking ahead of your opponent then you stand no chance of winning. To be successful, one must learn to think strategically. The strategy behind law has always been what has drawn me to the field. I don't want to study law to make a difference to society or any other form of washed out cliché, rather, I have a passion to do law because I enjoy the mental challenge it poses, the idea of making your case is what excites me about the business. This is what law is at the end of the day, a business, one of gaining clients and a reputation of being the best. That is what I aim to have, the experience to have a long successful career in the legal profession. I do my best in any task I set myself and I strive to never disappoint. Due to having this mind-set, I have been drawn to corporate law; it is where my passion for law is the strongest. I remember watching David Cameron on the news when I was younger, and he proposed to cut business tax to entice companies to bring business to Britain. I was hooked, how can a few companies be so powerful that world leaders were lining up to get their business at a lower rate? The politics of it all impressed me, I want to study law to learn about the legal system more in depth.

In September of 2017 I successfully applied for a work experience programme at Morton Fraser in Glasgow, set to begin February of 2018. This shows I was thinking ahead, gaining vital experience to guide me to where I want to be. I did placements at 4 seats; Commercial Property, Private Client, Litigation & Corporate law. The seats I attended were amazing, it only confirmed what I already knew, I want to study law. The litigation and corporate seats were the best in my opinion. However, this isn't to say the other seats were not fulfilling, when I stepped into the lobby of the firm, I knew it was where I wanted to be, I cannot express the excitement I had, it felt like all the pieces were coming together. The experience I gained and the people I worked with at Morton Fraser were priceless. My ambition is to return to the firm to carry out my traineeship as I cannot imagine a better place to begin my life as a solicitor.

During my time at Rosshall, I have been a member of the student council, finding out the root issues of the main problems in the school to find a working solution. This highlights my capacity to problem solve and think quick on my feet. Furthermore, I am a member of the Debates league and have competed and served as a judge in many different debates such as the Glasgow Law Society debates. This displays my ability to be articulate and develop my line of argument. I also spent some time coaching the younger years on debate techniques such as rebuttal. This demonstrates my capability to not only work effectively as part of a team but also that I am able to adapt to a leadership role and take criticism from seasoned debate coaches. I also visit the Glasgow Sheriff court regularly, sitting in on trials, taking in the way in which the Solicitors acted, how they carried themselves, their body language and their dialogue, it has shown me what it takes to be successful and it has not discouraged me.

I look forward to learning from experts in the field. Furthermore, attending GCU to take advanced higher classes has taught me valuable lessons in what it takes to provide work of a 1st year university level, as well as insight as to the amount of dedication required from me. In closing, I hope to be the ideal candidate for a place in a Scots law course because I give my all to everything I do, I have a huge passion for the law as well as politics and it only grows the more I experience I gain, I fight tooth and nail for everything I believe in and what I believe is that I deserve a place as a student in this University.