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I'm applying to study pharmacy as the course appeals to me on many different levels. The course involves both a need to be academically excellent due to the high paced and competitive environment that the pharmaceutical industry is, and also the need to be caring and nurturing. I believe that I possess the skills and qualities that a pharmacist displays on a day-to-day basis and I would like to be able to use these skills to help others.

I'm currently studying Advanced Higher Chemistry and Biology. I study these at the GCU Hub which has given me invaluable first-hand experience of university life. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time studying there, finding the increase in independent learning to be amazing as each lesson is a challenge in both what I've learned and what I'll have to learn for the near future. I am also studying RMPS alongside taking part in the top-up programme. Day to day, I try to take on a lot so I can help others. I'm part of voluntary groups where I take leadership positions such as the Prefect Group and the Equalities Group. I am invested in the school's wellbeing through things such as Buddying and joining the Pupil Parliament and I do voluntary work outside of school with things such as Boy's Brigade and also with my local church. In my free time I like to just relax with my partner or express myself through things like poetry. I think it's important in life to both work hard but also take breaks to work as best as possible.

A major influence in my choice to pursue a career in pharmacy is the work experience I've attended. I managed to secure a placement in the Queen Elizabeth's neuroscience base. I got to see how people were diagnosed with illness, learned how these people were treated and also learned that not everyone can be cured but they can still be helped. I wanted to help people and to make their lives more comfortable and to be the person who could help them out a little bit more.

I continued to push for other similar work placement and took my own initiative in securing a placement with Glasgow's pathology node outside of school time that ran every week for up to nine months. Here I learned more about the practical skills and the sort of techniques and skills needed to work in a laboratory environment.

Lastly, I managed to acquire a place at Rosshall Hospital's pharmacy sector where I spent a year learning what a private hospital is like and what some duties of a pharmacist entail. I began to learn more about what it's like to operate as a team, what it means to notice things such as contra-indications and generally more admin based relations to pharmaceutical life. I have a part time job in Lloyds Pharmacy. Here I've experienced the demand of community pharmacy and how it differs from the other forms of work experience I've had. Each day always involves learning on the job, picking up on consultations and learning from colleagues and the pharmacist. The job is a great learning experience for me as all the skills I'm taught are coming from people either already in the pharmacy course, who have worked in a pharmacy for years or who are qualified pharmacists already.

I think for someone to be an excellent pharmacist they both need to show they can learn in any situation and always give their all in aiding others. The course is about the application of medicine-based knowledge in the hopes of assisting those who need help with medication. I've

demonstrated my academic ability with the high grades I've acquired over the years (Whilst juggling numerous other social activities) and I've demonstrated my desire to care for others by participating in many different voluntary or charity endeavours and by also giving it my all within my job. I sincerely hope to continue forward in my career path by gaining a place on the MPharm course as I can't think of anything else I'd rather be studying due to my deep interest in the subject and my display of the skills that are required for it.