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Throughout my teenage years I have developed a great passion for politics. I believe politics is core to providing a greater understanding of today's modern world. Historically, my family has always believed in equality and rights for example, my Great Grandfather was a Trade Union Official who acted as an advocate for equal rights for the working class. This in turn, has inspired me to overcome barriers to make a positive change in the world and it has given me the desire to constantly fight for equality and a better standard of living for those less fortunate. A career in politics is the means through which I will be able to achieve this. Inspirationally, I believe pursuing my study in politics will enable me to succeed by building upon my existing knowledge.

As a senior pupil, I have acquired a firm knowledge and understanding of modern studies and politics. In doing so, I have developed key analytical skills which have enabled me to critique different factors in a balanced way and I am informed to comment on solutions which have led to the development of a crisis situation in many countries for example Syria. I have also enjoyed studying history as it has given me historical research skills, knowledge and understanding of the origin and solutions of some political events like the labour reforms of 1945 to 1951. I believe these skills will undoubtedly benefit me overcome the challenges of undertaking higher education study at University.

I have played an active role in the wider life of school for example I am a member of the anti-bulling group. In this leadership role, I am responsible for raising the profile of anti-bullying awareness across the school. I am also responsible for implementing initiatives that empowers young people to report bullying and challenges bullying behaviours. I also recognize the value of contributing to the Extra-Curricular activities and became a regular participant at the chess club where I regularly mentor other learners to develop their decision-making skills enabling them to formulate an effective strategy. Furthermore, I have been pro-active in seeking out volunteering opportunities in my school. Currently, I am contributing to the day to day operation of the Mathematics Department by organising and setting up different materials which aid in the smooth delivery of lessons. I have also been able to demonstrate that I am responsible by maintaining pupil's records and files for ease of access. I pride myself in the contribution I have made in this regard as I was given positive recognition by being awarded a Saltire Award. Collectively, the has helped me to improve my organisational and communication skills which in turn has built up my confidence.

In my personal time, I enjoy reading books like Guns, Germs and Steel, which discuss how European and Asian civilizations have survived and conquered others and how this was not down to them being more intellectual, moral or genetically superior. I have further enjoyed books like Animal Farm which is an Allegory of the Russian Revolution of 1917 and Joseph Stalin

taking power after Lenin. I am also interested in keeping abreast of world news, especially if it's related to politics.

I am enthusiastic and determined to continually progress my skills, qualities and attributes. It is my intention to become politically active at University by getting involved with the student representative council. I believe this will prepare me both intellectually and practically for my future career in politics.