

In my primary school, my class had an opportunity to visit one of the local care homes. I remember how I loved it and enjoyed hearing patient's stories from their past. The nurses that worked there caught my attention. Every time our class was visiting the care home I examined them and their behaviour. They were extremely nice and took careful care of patients. What stood out is how respectful, calm and understanding they were. They treated everyone with personal care and support. They interacted with people from different backgrounds who had severe health problems, memory loss, dementia and many other illnesses. I have noticed that they were doing that without any prejudice or displeasure and their example inspired me so much. The passion that I saw in them lit up the fire in me, it moved me to help people more and consider dedicating my future studies to it.

To accomplish this goal I started to participate in my church volunteering work, where I and church members visit people, talk to them and share with them thoughts from the Bible. It involves talking to different people finding out about their interests and thoughts about religious questions. I also developed deep sympathy and thoughtfulness towards people, which brought me closer to people in general, and gave me more confidence. By talking to people, I found about their worries and problems in life, which touched my heart and developed desire to comfort them. As I am not from UK and English is not my first language I can understand and relate to what kind of struggles and worries people from different countries might have. Through the experience of changing countries I have developed qualities like adapting to new circumstances, perseverance and being responsible. When we came to Scotland, no one in my family spoke English. By attending school, my English has started to improve but I had to put double effort in my work because of the language barrier. It helped me to be more organised and more important independent as my parents' progression in English was not as quick as mine was. In school I became interested in sciences and have worked hard to get good qualifications as I know they are relevant to my chosen courses.

To find out more about what kind of job nursing is I went to the university open days. I went to Glasgow University where I asked questions to learn more about the nursing course. I have found out what kind of grades I need to get to study nursing course, for how long to study and what they would teach me. I also had a chance to talk to nurses that came to my school from local hospital they told me more about their responsibilities and what kind of challenges I might face. It helped me to be more confident and sure, of my future study and job.

In S4, I also took a part in the Accelerate chemistry challenge in the Strathclyde University where I got to know about university life and the courses that they do. I also worked in the real laboratory making samples of paracetamol with my teammates. It was really exciting and I loved to experience. At the end of the challenge I had to write an individual report of things I have done, calculated and examined during the experiment. We also had to do a group presentation and I had to speak on the stage in front of teachers and students even though I was very nervous. Working in a team helped me to be more social and to express my thoughts and opinions more clearly.

I would like to apply my knowledge and skills in the nursing field. My life experience helped me to develop strong sympathy and compassion towards people. Because of that, I would love to learn more about people and nursing by studying in the University and doing work placement. This motivates me to work hard to get the qualification I want which will help me to be successful in future job. I would also be very proud of myself to be the first person in my family to study nursing in the University, which would have a positive impact on people's lives.