

BUILDING SURVEYING

For a long time I have had a keen interest in buildings, and how they are built, managed and maintained and who is responsible for these tasks. The job of a building surveyor is challenging, and I am always looking for new and interesting challenges, striving for perfection in all of them.

Building Surveying is a very demanding job in many ways requiring a well-rounded person to be successful. That is why surveying interests me, it presents challenges in many different ways and the fact that I am very interested in buildings made building surveying my perfect choice of study for university.

I am currently studying Maths, Physics, History and the Welsh Baccalaureate. Maths encompasses advanced arithmetic and problem solving skills, as well as requiring logical thinking to work through equations. Physics explains how the objects in the world interact with one another. From discovering what young modulus a tall buildings structure needs to withstand high winds to what materials are best used for insulating houses. Studying history has taught me how to evaluate and assess situations and produce a view or verdict on the matter. The Welsh Baccalaureate consists of many different parts, from learning basic Russian to producing an investigation.

My role as Head Boy carries a lot of responsibility and many different skills. I have demonstrated exceptional teamwork, communication and leadership skills as well as being able to organise events such as socials, charity days and trips. A strong work ethic is required to succeed in the role. I run and co-ordinate our prefect team with the help of the head girl and debate issues concerning the school at governors meetings. As Head Boy I have to also set an example for our younger students in punctuality, behaviour and appearance which are consistently of a high standard. I thoroughly enjoy the challenges that the role presents however important or trivial they may be and tackle them head on.

I am a keen sportsman and have been involved in many different sports and sporting teams. I have played rugby, tennis and football for local and school teams and won county competitions with them. I have competed in swimming competitions for many years and have won many competitions such as two individual gold medals at the West Wales championships and many other events as well as winning countless relay medals. I have also represented school, club, county and region at swimming galas. Swimming training requires a lot of dedication and effort as training can be very early in the morning and usually consists of over ten hours a week, as well as competitions taking over weekends.

I also enjoy music and can play flute to grade 7 standard and piano to grade 5 standard though I have only done examinations to grades 5 and 3 respectively as well as studying it for GCSE. I am a member of the very successful Greenhill Orchestra and who have competed in and won competitions such as the Urdd Eisteddfod and Music for Youth. I have been a member of county, local and school wind bands. I have also been lucky enough to tour with our orchestra to such places as Barcelona and Lake Garda showcasing our talent internationally. I have a keen interest in acting and have starred in performance's such as Shakespeare's King Lear and Starstruck. Both require many hours of rehearsal and practice to improve and perfect.

During the summer I completed work experience at Associated British Port's Property department in Cardiff. In the week I carried out tasks such as completing site reports, site evaluation and health and safety checks as well as learning how the maintenance of the ports is carried out. This helped me to get a real sense of what the industry is about. I have also done voluntary work at a local junior school running the early morning breakfast club and the school choir. I have a seasonal job at a local café where I make and serve customers sandwiches and cakes under immense time pressure as well as early morning starts.