

LAW

Law is fundamental to the civilised society in which we live; this is one of the main incentives behind my interest. The legal system gives individuals a chance to convey both sides of the argument freely, creating an environment to protect the liberty and safety of the individual. I am also ambitious to expand my knowledge to procedures abroad, as law has evolved and differs depending on the society it is practiced in. I believe this would be both an intriguing and stimulating experience.

To give me an insight into how law is practiced in a working environment, I undertook my work experience at a local solicitors'. This gave me valuable insight into the proceedings involved in a Magistrates' Court. I realised that the work of the Magistrates' Court was the first contact that law has with individuals in many respects. My placement has developed my ability to work amongst a team, whilst giving me the experience of how the firm works by analysing the evidence and considering the part of the constitution appropriate. I cherish my work experience as it gave me an indication of the demand the job entails and the combination of skills necessary to work with people effectively. It gave me the opportunity to analyse case history and evidence meticulously, an evident requirement for law. Furthermore my placement has shown me that law requires an awareness of social and cultural influences, for example a case may need particular attention when considering religion.

In my leisure time I keep up with the news and articles as I feel it is essential to have an understanding of current affairs, particularly the recent conflicts caused by the Danish cartoon depicting the prophet Mohamed which may have incited terrorists. I have a genuine interest in and a naturally inquisitive mind which leads me to analyse the underlying messages in media, for instance 'The Kite Runner' by Khaled Hosseini emphasises the struggle for a sense of self whilst highlighting the injustice the Hazaras face. This then encourages me to do further reading in relation to human rights under law and documents like the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The degree could give me the opportunity to help protect those more vulnerable, giving them a voice to speak out against their oppression.

Through my studies I have developed a variety of skills by taking both mathematical and analytical subjects, which I believe will benefit a degree in law. Within the school community I've had the privilege to partake and represent my peers on the form councils. This involved me in discussions to improve the school environments and gave me the responsibility of highlighting any concerns my companions had. As well as undertaking challenging A Levels I have been aiding younger pupils as a CHIP (ChildLine in Partnerships). As a role-model to my younger colleagues I try to display how to react to difficult situations responsibly, whilst being approachable and communicative. I believe these qualities are essential when considering a career in law. I also enjoy taking part in Youth Speaks, debating highly relevant and modern subjects like whether it is ethical to eat meat. This involved structuring an argument and deliberating it with my peers, whilst contemplating the impacts this may have on the environment in the future. It is vital to consider the implications, as the legal system similarly adapts and alters over time to keep society organised.

In conclusion, I am fully aware that studying Law will be challenging, however I strive on problematical situations. I know that in the end it will offer me a strong platform for an occupation in the legal system.