

LAW

I believe Law is fundamental to the effective maintenance of a civilised society. It is vital in everyday life, because we all have to obey the laws of the land. Justice being important, not only to a judge dispensing a judgement, but also to the person in receipt of it. What matters is that a judgement should be impartial, fair, based upon the evidence presented and within the legal statutes set within the framework of both European and Common Law. Without the law there would be chaos. Unlawful acts would be unchecked leading to civil unrest and the breakdown of society.

I believe that I can achieve my ambition to become a solicitor and have therefore chosen law as a vocation. I have a desire to help people when they truly need it most, irrespective of background, culture or wealth. The theoretical side of the subject will be very challenging and interesting, because legal precedents are being forged all the time. For example, the Supreme Court recently made a landmark decision upholding a pre-nuptial agreement not recognised by British law. Previously, courts in England and Wales have not considered such agreements, made abroad, to be binding. The field of Law is exciting and always changing, and I am very interested to learn about aspects of the criminal law. In cases where forensic evidence has been weak in proving someone's guilt, sentences have later been quashed on review, because the evidence had not been fully examined. In March 2009 Sean Hodgson had his murder conviction quashed as recent DNA tests proved he could not have been the killer. This is what makes the study of law most interesting, because these cases have such an impact on society and the way we practise the law.

I have completed some work experience in criminal law at Lowless and Lowless Solicitors in Pembroke Dock, visiting the Magistrates Court in Haverfordwest and the Crown Court in Swansea. The experience enabled me to see how the solicitors and the courts work. I learnt how committed one must be and that meticulous research and presentation of the evidence is always necessary. The study of AS Level in English Literature and History were obvious choices that I chose to help me on my way towards my career goal. I found that both were equally challenging and yet immensely enjoyable. They have provided me with useful skills that will help me in a law degree and the study of law cases; such as looking at different interpretations and analysing sources of information. I am also studying A-Levels in Physics and Maths that require the ability to work out solutions and provide absolute proof when solving mathematical or physical science theory.

Outside school I hold a Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards. I believe the Duke of Edinburgh has helped me develop my personality, confidence, leadership, working as part of a team and giving back to my community. Currently, I work part time in a take-away, that has helped me to develop skills in customer service and become more independent. I like to pay attention to detail and be accurate in all the work I do. I consider myself to be punctual, reliable, honest, trustworthy and able to work using my own initiative.

At present, I am putting all of my effort into achieving the best grades in my courses, to allow me to reach the next target, to study law at university. I believe I have much to offer and contribute at University. I would like to have the opportunity to develop my abilities by becoming involved in student advocacy. I believe that these are my first steps in turning my dream into reality.