

First impressions?

Architecture: "Creation is a powerful skill, an intriguing ability evolving from our originalities and perspectives. By formulating our own unique creations, we may endeavour to create a parallel between our imagination and the world in which we live. Winston Churchill once emphasised the fact that "we shape our buildings, thereafter they shape us". In my mind, these buildings personify and embody the diverse cultures that exist today, reflecting the power and endless potential of man's genius".

Art & design: "To take a journey in art is to follow a path that is never ending; you will never know all there is to know or see and discover all there is out there. You will find yourself 10 years down that path still discovering new things, getting excited and inspired by the most ordinary of things, question the media to which we are exposed, whether it be the design of a CD cover, a window display, the layout of a room or even the shapes and lines of a shoe".

Bioengineering: "Scientists investigate that which already is. Technologists create that which has never been." I chose engineering as a life pursuit because I wish to engage in both. This choice was enhanced by a personal yearning to apply all that I learn; I wanted to be able to implement my physical and mathematical abilities in real life situations. I feel higher education would enable me to realise this aim".

Business management: "There is a rapid growth in global organisational concepts, crystallised in Japanese business philosophy, to be as effective as possible in the most efficient way. New technology involving networking information and automation influences the behaviour of business and enables significant transformation. This need to maximise efficiency and effectiveness in such a competitive age is increasingly crucial to the success of a business. This is why it is an exciting and fascinating period in both the commercial and economic world to study Business Management".

Chemistry: "From the smallest molecule to the most important issues of the modern world, chemistry is fundamental. The burgeoning world energy crisis, for example, will only be solved with the help of Chemistry, and the possibility to be involved in this is an ambition of mine. Studying Chemistry has helped me to further understand this problem and to ask questions like why is hydrogen fuel expensive to produce? And it has helped to answer such questions, i.e. due to the high amount of energy required for the electrolysis of water. Chemistry is also crucial in industry, and new developments can have large economic impacts. This evident vitality, augmented by the deeper understanding of real-world issues gained by further study, is a major incentive to study degree level Chemistry".

History: "History is one of the most interesting and important things in my life it fills me with knowledge and entertains me with past events which are in one way or another always repeating themselves. The English historian Edward Gibbon once said, 'I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know no way of judging of the future but by the past' ".

Law: "I promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Years of developing my intellectual capacity for my academic interests, wanting to hold privilege jobs and leadership positions in the future, I have a sense of purpose and unwavering dedication in doing the most with the opportunities available. Lawyers have been my enduring inspiration".

Mathematics: "Mathematics is beautiful to me because of the deep and meaningful ideas touched upon by it, the vastness of these ideas, the clearness and elegance of their representation. Mathematics gives me the ability to apply knowledge by approaching things logically, and thinking clearly. Compared to any other fields of knowledge, mathematics is the only one where all that we know has been proven to be true".

Medicine: “Ever since I accidentally burnt holes in my pyjamas after experimenting with a chemistry set on my 8th birthday, I have always had a passion for science”

“From an early age I have been fascinated by the workings of life. The human body is a remarkable machine”

“Living with my 100-year-old grandfather has allowed me to appreciate the frailties of the human body. When he had prostatitis, I went with him to hospital”

“The human body is one of the most complex structures in the known Universe. This statement does not take a neurosurgeon or a General Practitioner to answer. As I began adolescence, I realised how remarkable a machine we actually are. This sparked off many questions in which I found all of the answers from science”.

Philosophy: “Philosophy has shaped the foundations of all human life and thought. The importance of philosophic enquiry can be traced from the beginning of civilization to the heart of modern society, and I believe that the ability to ask and attempt to answer philosophical questions is one of the key attributes we associate with being human”.

Psychology: “Earlier this year I was involved in a car accident, and as I sat among the wreckage I was shocked to see not one person stopped to help me. Didn't anyone care enough to help? If it weren't for the science of Psychology, this and so many other questions about human behaviour would go unanswered. I find the insights Psychology gives into human behaviour very exciting, and have been fascinated by it for a long time. Working in the Child Protection Unit of Cumbria Social Services has further fuelled my interest; every day I see aspects of human behaviour that could have come straight from a Psychology textbook. It is Psychology brought to life, and has made me realise more than ever how much I want to move my interest in Psychology from my hobby to my career”.

Urban planning: “London is the most populous city in the European Union (Office of National Statistics 16/10/06) and further additions to the EU countries of membership, conflicts and political instabilities abroad mean it shall continue to grow. People need high quality homes, employment, public services and recreational facilities to be able to achieve economic stability and live healthy meaningful lives”.

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Bioengineering: “Professionals have confirmed for me that bioengineering is an intellectually challenging field, requiring commitment and motivation. I have always believed in fully devoting myself to all that I do, and with my particular interests and experiences, I feel that only an opportunity to study bioengineering at university will enable me to express my abilities in their entirety”.

Classics: “Before the gates of excellence the high gods have placed sweat; long is the road thereto and rough and steep at first; but when the heights are reached, then there is ease, then there is ease, though grievously hard in the winning”; a quote from the poet Hesiod, who many see as the father of Greek didactic poetry, and a quote which reflects the attitude I take towards my future academic accomplishments. Allington House School provided a strong basis for my education, Barchester College gave me freedom within my learning, which helped me to mature within my studies, and taught me the valuable skill of effective time management, and so I progress onto the future of my education, and look forward to all the challenges and triumphs it will bring with it”.

Economics: “I believe that I will gain a highly marketable set of skills from the study of economics at university. I have found economics to be a challenging and diverse discipline and I am interested in both macro and micro economics. It is this variation of perspective, combined with its real world importance, that makes economics an appealing subject to study at university”.

English: “In today's society, I strongly believe that it is of the utmost importance that we, as a global community, can imbibe the opinions and ideas of each other; regardless of whatever walk of life we may be from. I consider English literature to be a valuable tool in acquiring this skill and I would love to take my adoration of the subject to the next level”.

Media studies: “Media is a huge part of both my academic and personal life and I truly feel that placement on this course would help me in my future career ambitions in the media world. Living so far away from home whilst on the course would also help me gain independence and life skills”.

Physics: “During my time at university I aim to get a first class education that will stand me in good stead for entering the world of work; I also want to continue my education in an environment in which I can thrive mentally. In return, the university will get a student who is hard working, always willing to learn and will put something back into the community”.

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