

Personal Statement

I am an easy going person who is naturally quiet. I'm not afraid to put forward my opinion in a discussion, and I'm confident in my ideas and ability. I prefer being in larger groups because there is always more to discuss and another point to hear, but I work just as well in smaller groups where conversation is usually more detailed. I like to keep a circle of very close friends but I love meeting new people. I love long and interesting conversations with all sorts of people, because I like seeing things from different points of view and having the chance to express my own.

I try to keep an open mind to the world around me and so I'm into a lot of things, but my main interest has to be art. I'm always sketching something, whether it's something that's caught my eye or just getting some ideas onto paper to work on later. I'm also interested in photography because I enjoy the challenge of trying to capture a moment in a photograph. I read Vogue magazine a lot because I enjoy the combination of fashion and art that the photographers use in their work. I really enjoy philosophy and hearing different theories on existence because it's an area I think about a lot, and love discussing with friends, family or even just the person I happen to sit next to on long train journeys because everyone has a different idea. I'm also into the Japanese culture: the fashion, language, history and social structure. In summer of 2007 I'm going to Japan for a month to experience it properly, and I have been teaching myself writing (hiragana and katakana) and basic grammar.

Some of my artwork was entered into a public exhibition in the Lion Yard library a while ago, which I was really proud of. I was also made a subject Prefect for English in Year 11, which meant my teacher had higher expectations of me but also more respect.

After I leave Chesterton Community College, I plan to further my education at Sixth Form College. I would like to do this because I want to do my A-levels, in order to go on to University. It would also mean that I would learn about my personal interests in a more structured and detailed manner. At Sixth Form College I would like to study for four A-level subjects. I want to study Art & Design because I'd love to learn more about art techniques so I can incorporate them into my own personal work, improve my skill and encourage myself to be more creative in general. I would also like to study Philosophy because I really enjoy learning about different theories on the big questions in life. I'm also interested in learning how to structure my points in a more mature manner and be able to express my ideas more fluently and effectively. I would like to develop my interest in photography and learn more about composition, lighting and the technical side of using camera equipment. As part of an enrichment course, I would like to study Japanese language so I can learn in a structured environment and reinforce my existing knowledge. I'm interested in studying English literature and language combined, again to learn to structure my writing and open a range of options for the future, not just for University but for a career as well.

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