

# Career...Aspiration...Passion...

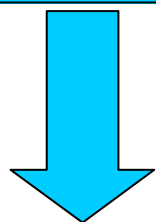
One of the key things I was told to consider when choosing my options was to pick the subjects I enjoyed. I am very passionate about the past and languages. At present I'm doing my GCSE's in Arabic, French and History and I am hoping to take these as A levels at college and also build a wider range by doing Spanish and German as well!



SWEDISH: FRED Lithuanian: taika  
Slovak: mier Indonesian: damai

I see languages as desirable skills. Most people consider interpreting and teaching as a career from language, however they don't realise that languages are a great asset in whatever career you end up with. Languages have a positive effect on the intellectual growth, give you a head start in colleges, open up worldwide job opportunities, and most importantly provide a wider view of the world- it opens doors to cultures, helps when travelling and working abroad.

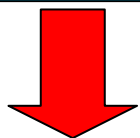
**"You will live a new life for every language you speak, if you only know one language you will live only once." – Ed-**



I'm also very passionate about history as I believe it's the past that helps shape the future. In the ancient times people spent time teaching history whereas now days many of us ignore our past. Insights into past lives and human behaviour are very interesting to me, they fascinate me! The only way one can understand who we are is by studying the past. If we weren't aware of the past we'd make all sorts of mistakes just like the great powers did in the First World War with the new weapons they introduced. By studying the past, we can learn from the mistakes and the triumphs of our ancestors to progress together.

History is the guide to the future.

My interest in these subjects has attracted me to journalism. I'm particularly interested in criminology as I'm curious about the way criminals' minds work. I have also experienced life as a journalist as I got a work experience placement as a reporter, for 2 weeks in the 14-19 team. I also got the chance to interview people and report on stories for the Sussed magazine and wrote up my articles. Moreover, I even got the opportunity to check my skills against a real job description for a journalist at Newham. I realised that I have most of the skills required to be a reporter and I plan to build up my experience. I have already been able to start this by getting the stories I reported on published by the Sussed mag & website and the best thing is I'll be able to see my name in print!



If you're considering what courses to choose for college, I recommend opting for subjects you enjoy and have a passion for. It is also useful if they relate to your future career and aspirations, like mine do, with

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