

My time at _____ has been a valuable experience and I feel I have really developed as both a student and a person over the last 5 years. During my time at school I have particularly enjoyed studying Business Studies, RE, and Performing Arts, and these are some of the subjects I would like to keep studying at Runshaw. As the best college in the country I believe Runshaw is the perfect place for me to build on my existing skills and to learn new ones.

In Business Studies we have recently been looking at Profit Margins and how businesses try and make money, this has been of real interest to me as in the national news at the moment some of the UK's major Supermarkets are seeing their profits decrease as discount stores like Lidl and Aldi provide the public with less choice, the same quality and much better value. Equally I have also really enjoyed RE, and the way the subject allows me to consider that many important areas in life do not have definite answers, rather there are shades of grey in everything. An example of this is the week we spent in RE looking at what humans mean by being 'good' and being 'bad' – we examined how different societies around the world interpret what is and isn't socially acceptable and the role that a country's morals plays in this. Whilst at school I have also thoroughly enjoyed Performing Arts. My interest in Performing Arts began three years ago when I joined "Sparkle" our theatre group at school. Since becoming involved with acting, singing and dancing I have definitely become more disciplined and organised, I feel I have matured also. I am able to perform, with confidence, in front of an audience, either solo or as a group. My most recent example of this was our recent school performance of 'Grease' where I played the lead Sandy – we played to 3 sold out shows, over 600 people in total, and I loved it!

I believe I have many skills and qualities that are varied and link to my favourite subjects – I am creative, enquiring and always keen to listen and learn new things. This was encapsulated with my work experience that I did in Year 10 as I was lucky enough to spend a week at my old Primary School in Preston observing how they teach Year 5's. I will admit that some of the things they did I didn't expect (trips to the zoo and looking after their own allotment!) and I was over the moon when I got to be a part of their Summer play rehearsals, it was fantastic to see young minds be creative and enjoy school! In addition to my work experience through school I also have experience of work through my part time job babysitting, which is both challenging and rewarding and shown I am trustworthy, punctual and reliable.

I am also very proud of all my achievements, both in and out of school. In school I am a Form Representative which means I take any problems my fellow Form members have and present them at a meeting we have every half term with our Headteacher. I am also a Prefect and a member and the PST (Pupil Support Team). These are roles I take very seriously and I enjoy the responsibilities that I have. As a caring and empathetic person I am always willing to listen to other people's problems and concerns and I am not afraid to voice my own. I have also represented the school at hockey, tennis and captain the netball team. Outside of school I like to focus on my love of the Performing Arts and am an active member of the Preston Musical Comedy Society and have recently been accepted to Lytham Amateur Operatic Society. I have also recently been a part of Preston Musical Comedy Christmas pantomime "Aladdin" and a one night performance of "an evening with" - both were performed at the Playhouse and I had an amazing time doing it. I am in rehearsal at present for "singing in the rain" with Lytham Operatic Society. I am also a keen rock climber, and a competent ice skater.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my application, I really hope I get the chance to discuss all the things I have mentioned at interview.