

## Law

I recognise that, relative to the rest of the world, I am very privileged. I now live in a country with a legal system that, although not perfect, is among the fairest in the world and I believe that I have a moral responsibility to aid others in the most useful way that I can. This means choosing a field, such as law, which can give me the knowledge to help people, in a more permanent manner.

Whilst at HKUST, I visited Wan Chai, a red light district known to use trafficked women, to see first-hand the effects of this horrendous trans-border crime. As it involves multiple countries, it can be hard to establish global cooperation to tackle it. This led me to read about organisations such as Lawyers Without Borders and made me realise the importance of pro bono work. It follows that human rights and labour law are modules I am keen on studying as I do not believe enough attention is given to what is essentially modern day slavery.

After learning about globalisation in geography, I decided to participate in a debate, with the ex-CEO of Tesco as the moderator, on consumerism and its implications. This experience was very valuable because I was forced to defend a position I did not agree with. The debate required me to remain rational and impartial, qualities that I think are vital for successfully studying and practising Law. Corporate responsibility is another topic we covered in geography with references to the use of workshops in Asia and the environment. As a result, I developed an interest in the recent case of *Mr A M Mohamud v Morrison Supermarkets plc.*, because there are questions to be asked regarding whether it is right for employees to be protected by the corporations they work for. It can be difficult to place blame when a corporation violates the law, but I think this is an area that requires reform. I believe this because as world population and competition for natural resources continue to rise, corporations will disregard basic human rights and the environment even more so than now.

While exploring women's freedom of speech in a philosophy essay, I recognised the importance of compiling my research findings in a concise and thorough manner. Spending an afternoon at 3PB Barristers further solidified this as I saw that practising law is very demanding and time constrained. The UCL philosophy summer school helped me considerably in understanding the steps required to form a compelling argument. Similarly, having closely examined complex terms such as 'logic', my ability to find irregularities in pieces of text has improved.

I am currently on a foundation year at Oxford University where I hope to improve, amongst many other things, my ability to use legal texts and online resources efficiently. In addition, I will be studying moral philosophy, which is crucial as it helps in separating arguments based on facts from those based on opinions. I am also fascinated by how moral philosophy relates to law and the bearing it has for legislators. Furthermore, I am intrigued by its dynamic nature and the role that history, politics and philosophy all play in our justice system. Finally, studying maths has given me the ability to think laterally and economics a-level has provided me with a solid grounding in current affairs, both of which will prove useful next year.

It is my tendency to use my own initiative yet my willingness to ask for help, as well as my inquisitive nature which attracts me and I believe makes me well suited to the study of Law.