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Name of Course: Law LLB

Grade: 2:1 Hons

Graduation date: 2019

Plans for the future:

I attained my Law degree in 2019 at Middlesex University, that first in my family to graduate. I have since gone on to study at the Bar of England and Wales with hopes to qualify as a barrister in Family Law, I have started teaching some street law subjects to not only develop my legal knowledge but that of children with the aim of helping them to understand their legal rights. My long-term hopes are to join a chamber that specialises in family law and has an understanding and ethos of civil liberties and justice. In my work as a future barrister, I aim to better the lives of 'dysfunctional' family units and bridge the gap of ethnic minority groups in the legal sphere.

I started at CSEP in year 1 and my way up from the ground floor all the way to the top - ending in year 11, so CSEP is my second home. There is barely a teacher I don't know or a former project leader I haven't met. CSEP taught me a lot, if anything it instilled in me a sense of self-worth and identity, it helped me build routines, helped me develop discipline (without which knowledge cannot be attained). I have never been a person who wasn't confident, however mainstream educators often see confidence in young children (particularly those of ethnic backgrounds) and inform them that it's too much or they should seek not to be overconfident, I think a huge part of who I am today is gaining that validation in CSEP from teachers who are of the same background as me who sought to uplift and support me. Even now the praise and support from CSEP continues, CSEP helped me with my Bar application, with getting a new job and support the legal workshops I put on. I learnt so much from CSEP about history and about interactions with people, development of relationships; I have built and sustained relationships in CSEP that I will cherish for the rest of my life. They say it takes a village to raise a child and CSEP is that village not only for me but a large portion of the ethnic community.

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