

CSEP testimonial

I started at CSEP in year 3 at the Saturday school and ever since I have been able to learn and be a part of a community that taught me my invaluable, black history and gave me the opportunity to experience many things. From trips to universities to be able to learn salsa, I have been given access to a large amount variety of experiences. Throughout my time in secondary school, I had spent most of my time at CSEP at the night school with Miss Benn who helped me to get amazing grades for my GCSEs (seven grades' levels 7-9) and using those tools of learning to then go on to get top grades for my A-levels (A* in mathematics, As in Economics & Physics, and a B in further math). By being at CSEP I was also able to strive and eventually gain the prestigious student of the year award.

At CSEP I have been able to build up a strong sense of community that I was unable to gain anywhere else and being surrounded by supportive and encouraging Black mentors and students gave me hope that it was possible for a black child from Croydon to do well in life.

Towards the end of my secondary school career, I was able to give a little back to CSEP by being a peer-mentor and assist younger children in their mathematics, in which I was better able to learn how to teach and pass down my own knowledge.

Currently I am in my first year at the University of Southampton studying Economics, and I am working towards a career in finance. Through CSEP, I was able to gain access and connect with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc and was successfully supported through the Rho Chi Lamda Chapter UK, Scholarship in support my studies while at university.