



## *My journey at MGS!*

I joined MGS as an external student at the start of Year 12, and it was probably the best choice of my life to choose this school! That may sound dramatic, but hear me out! It was at this school that I managed to *do better* and really reach my potential in many areas of my life, as well as discover who I am as a person and what it is that I love doing.

My name is Weronika Szpak and I'm from Poland.

My A-level choices were English Literature, Government & Politics, and Psychology. Then, later on in the year I decided to take on Polish as an A-level with the support of the school (which Covid ruined!). I think a huge reason as to why I genuinely really enjoyed sixth form is the fact that I actually got to do subjects I was passionate about and interested in. A good key to success is simply remembering to ask yourself "Why?". Whenever you get told something, always ask why and try to find out. You'll find out more than intended in the first place.

I was lucky enough to be accepted into all the universities I applied to! One of those, which I recently firmed, was the University of Oxford! My other choices were KCL, Durham, Manchester, and Glasgow! If you plan to apply to any of these but have any questions - feel free to ask! I will be going on to study Classics, which, in fact, was a last minute choice. I had been set on Law for a very long time, and when it came to writing the personal statement, I realised how I know *nothing* interesting about it. It was quite funny actually! I decided to write a Classics personal statement for fun, just to see how it'd look, and it ended up being better than my Law one! I guess what I'm trying to say is here don't be so strict on yourself and who you think you *have to be*. It's never too late to change course, it's never too late to go into something you genuinely enjoy. Trust me - I spent a lot of time crying out of panic. It really was pointless, though, because the school had my back every second of it and helped make so many changes which aided my application. It's not too late.

If I was to give advice, it would be to just appreciate it all, I think.

Whatever you go on to do, whether you choose university or an apprenticeship, whatever it is - appreciate your time here at MGS and elsewhere.