



Christopher talks a lot to his mother about his future and has often thought about following in her footsteps and becoming a teacher, as he has completed work experience with her previously. He also considered playing football professionally; Christopher's biggest achievements to date are his football trophies.

“ **Aimhigher's really helped with my knowledge of school and how it is really important, and helping me know what I need to get in my GCSEs to get to where I need to.** ”
- Christopher

Christopher has had 27 engagements in total with Aimhigher, including: Mentoring; Summer School; Masterclasses; Information, Advice and Guidance; and Campus Visits.*

Christopher, Year 11

Urban school

School Life/
Changes



Aimhigher
Activity/Impact



Future Goals/
Prospects

Christopher is a talented and diligent student who sees school as important. Christopher's favourite subjects are art, PE and maths. In the past, he had lacked application at times and he was quite confused about his future options.

He received good grades in his mock GCSEs and he is very focused on revision for the final exams. **Since taking part in Aimhigher, he has changed the way he plans his schedule so that he can manage football training alongside revision and homework.** He has noticed that the extra effort studying at home is paying off at school.

“ *He was someone who was a high achiever but he could be doing better, and that was to do with him applying himself more to lessons. It was really important to identify to him that he could achieve great things if he fully applied himself.* ”
- Aimhigher Progression Ambassador

Christopher attended the **Media Careers event**, during which he surprised himself after taking on the role of directing a video about higher education options. He grew more confident about his leadership and communication skills.

The **UniFest Residential** gave Christopher an idea of what a degree in Sports Fitness and Coaching would be like, and he particularly enjoyed the communication aspect of this activity.

The **Cultural Capital Trip** was a new experience for Christopher, as he'd never been to London.

One on one mentoring has given Christopher greater insight into university lifestyle, degrees, costs, etc.

“ *I've never been the person who was actually the leader, but I actually had the opportunity to be the leader and direct everyone.* ”
- Christopher

Through Aimhigher, Christopher realised that he could combine his talent in football and his **newfound communication and leadership skills** to become a **football coach** - an alternative option to becoming a professional footballer or a teacher.

He is looking into courses and options in this area, using the knowledge and confidence gained from Aimhigher activities.

“ *My goal in the future is to become a football coach. Aimhigher has given me the opportunity to know what courses I needed to go on and where I needed to go.* ”
- Christopher

*Full details on number of activities engaged in and activity objectives are detailed in the Appendices. Please note, learners may not have mentioned each NCOP activity engaged in during their interviews.