



Connor balances good grades with school commitments and a part-time job. He feels supported by his family about his education but he doesn't talk to them much about his future career plans.

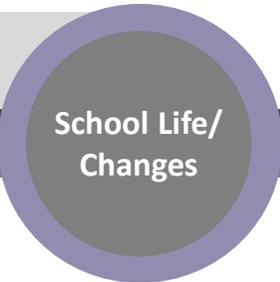
He previously suffered socially, but is now much more confident.

“ My goals for the future are definitely to go to university and study engineering, because I've got a passion for that and I've learnt that through Aimhigher. ”

- Connor

Connor has had 33 engagements in total with Aimhigher, including: Mentoring; Tutoring; Summer Schools; Masterclasses; Information, Advice and Guidance.\*

Connor, Year 12  
Urban school



Connor has always been an academically confident, capable and dedicated student. Having succeeded in his GCSE exams, he is studying maths, physics and chemistry A Levels.

Socially, he suffered from bullying at the start of his secondary school life, but he has grown in confidence **thanks to his practising public speaking and teamwork during Aimhigher activities**. Connor is now the Vice President of the College Council and he is proud that he pushed himself out of his comfort zone to get this role, as he had to write and present a speech in front of staff and his peers.

“ He was quite reserved at the start but he's someone who's flourished and is now able to speak his mind and be himself. ”  
- Aimhigher Progression Ambassador

Connor took part in **Pupil Voice**, during which he formed friendships with the other students in the group while creating a video about Aimhigher.

Connor has become well-integrated into the Aimhigher Progression Ambassador network; he **presented his experiences of Aimhigher at the Aimhigher Progression Ambassador conference**.

He also learnt a lot about the academic and social aspects of university during **UniFest** at University College Birmingham.

The **Revision Weekend** helped Connor with techniques which he uses to help him revise the topics he finds most difficult.

“ Aimhigher's definitely worth it. It's very helpful. You wouldn't expect something like this to help you make friends but it helps all round. ”  
- Connor

Connor is using Aimhigher resources and knowledge, such as how to write personal statements and how to access funding, to help him to plan to go on to study **engineering at university**.

After very positive engagement with Aimhigher Progression Ambassadors, **Connor wants to become an Aimhigher Progression Ambassador himself after he graduates**, to continue as an advocate of the educational and social benefits of Aimhigher.

“ They invited me to talk about what I thought about Aimhigher in front of all the Aimhigher Progression Ambassadors. I think it's helped quite a lot and I would like to become an Aimhigher Progression Ambassador. ”  
- Connor

\*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.