



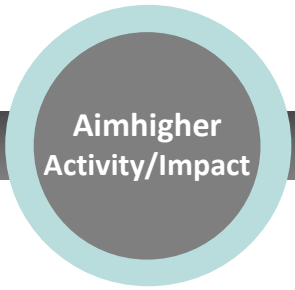
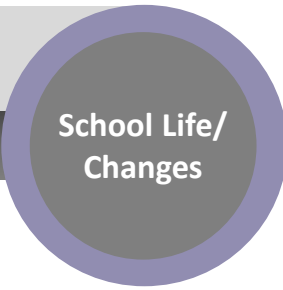
Kiri is very creative and enjoys Music and Art lessons. She has had a difficult life at times and has faced some personal challenges. She talks to friends and teachers about her education and her future.

Kiri is also shy by nature, but she is working on improving her confidence.

“ **Aimhigher has really helped me to understand more what I want to do when I’m older and what paths I have available to me, which helps me be less stressed about it** ”
- Kiri

Kiri has had 42 engagements in total with Aimhigher, including: Mentoring; Tutoring; Summer School; Masterclasses; Information, Advice and Guidance; and Campus Visits.*

Kiri, Year 11
Urban school



Kiri has always enjoyed school but she is also quite shy and quiet. **With the help of Aimhigher, Kiri has significantly grown in confidence and gone on to become Head Girl. Kiri has become a proud ambassador of the school at open evenings,** actively portraying the school positively when taking visitors on tours of the school.

Kiri had previously struggled with revision, but is working hard to pass her GCSEs and is concentrating on raising her grades in Maths.

“ **The confidence developed has been the biggest thing for her. Seeing that change has been amazing. She’s a real testament to what Aimhigher can do for people.** ”
- Aimhigher Progression Ambassador

The Speak Out Challenge had a significant impact on Kiri’s confidence and positivity. Kiri is very proud to have overcome her shyness and fear of public speaking, as **she presented and won best speech** at the Speak Out event. She then went on to present again at the **Speak Out Regional Final**, held at the University of Birmingham. This experience helped her become **more comfortable with speaking to new people and making friends.**

Kiri also attended **Unifest** and went on several university visits, which familiarised her with a campus setting. She also attended in-school sessions on **Revision and Study Skills, which gave her tips on maintaining focus.**

“ **I presented my speech to over 100 people in a regional competition and I got 5th in the region.** ”
- Kiri

Though Kiri wants to keep her options open in terms of her career, she is currently looking at college applications. **Exposure to universities, through Aimhigher activities, has driven Kiri to consider university courses,** and, significantly, she now feels that **she is far more likely to go to university.**

Kiri’s **engagement in Aimhigher activities has also given her the confidence and ambition to run her own business.** She has a particular interest in designing and selling artwork or clothing, in line with her creative passions.

“ **I like small businesses – like a one-person thing, not like big corporations, just like people that have literally built a business from home, with no outside input, money or funds. I think that is so cool.** ”
- Kiri

*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.