



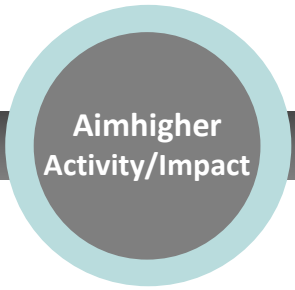
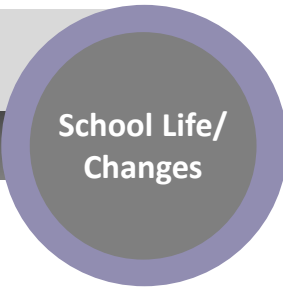
Olivia is a conscientious student who has been planning ahead and working hard to prepare for her GCSEs since year 9. She talks to her parents about her education and future career, and her mother helps her to research university courses and explains student finance options.

“ I was just worried that science was going to be a hard topic and not that interesting, but the Aimhigher programme definitely helped me decide that I want to be a vet. ”
- Olivia

Olivia has had 5 engagements in total with Aimhigher, including: Masterclasses; Information, Advice and Guidance.*

Olivia, Year 10

Rural school



Olivia enjoys the variety of school life and she has a supportive group of friends at school.

Olivia’s year 9 target grades suggested that she would not be eligible to take Triple Science at GCSE level. **She revised and worked hard to boost her grades, particularly in Science, because of her engagement with Aimhigher.**

She has since been accepted onto the Triple Science programme largely because the head of science recognised Olivia’s enthusiasm and determination to become a vet, which she gained after taking part in **Medical Mavericks**.

“ Medical Mavericks gave me the boost to opt for Triple Science and not think that I might not be accepted. ”
- Olivia

Medical Mavericks has had a significant impact on Olivia’s attainment in school and on her future career path. Her enjoyment of this masterclass reaffirmed her goal to become a veterinary surgeon, which gave her the motivation and confidence to achieve higher grades.

Olivia also benefited from the **Forensic Science masterclass**, which enhanced her interest in Science, as well as teaching her deeper analytical skills and perseverance, which in turn has helped her schoolwork.

A **Mind-Mapping Assembly** gave Olivia new revision methods, which she is using in her Science classes.

“ The sessions showed me that science is different, and it stands out. It changes your whole perception of the world. ”
- Olivia

Now that **Olivia has solidified her career choice, largely thanks to the Aimhigher masterclasses**, she is looking into university courses and **researching specialisms within her chosen pathway.**

She plans to take **science and maths A Levels**, after which she wants to go to **university to do a veterinary degree.** With her new perception of science and her confidence in her abilities, she is on-track to achieve the grade 7s she needs in her GCSEs to follow this path.

“ She seems pretty dedicated to pursuing a career in that field and has said specifically that she wants to go to university, which she wasn’t talking about before those sessions. ”
- Acting Deputy Headteacher .

*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.