

Tell us a little bit about what you are doing now

I am currently studying Reformation History and Inequality in the Ancient World, at Trinity Hall College, Cambridge. In my free time, I run the college climbing society and I'm also a member of the university's climbing club.

What A Level subjects did you take? Which was your favourite and why?

I took English Literature, Sociology and History. I loved History (unsurprisingly!) because of the process of analysis that it required. I found that I really enjoyed tapping into people and objects from the past. I loved the arguments that came out of Sociology too, I always found those discussions really engaging and thought provoking.

What was your favourite extra-curricular activity at Mossbourne Sixth Form?

I loved the sixth form societies, they often were the highlight of my week. Politics society, was the first real space where I felt my critical thinking pushed beyond my A level courses. Engaging, discursive and always current, politics society themes and ideas that could be questioned and debated freely. I always left feeling captivated by the big questions. I also re-founded the feminist society at Mossbourne, which was a pleasure to watch grow, being entirely student led.

How did Mossbourne Sixth Form help you achieve your goals - academic, sporting, or personal - once you left school?

I think Mossbourne instilled a lot of confidence in me. The school's standards are famously unrelenting and I felt that I would be pushed to think critically, to ask questions and get the best out of myself. While expectations were high, my teachers truly cared about what I could achieve.

What's the best piece of advice you ever received at Mossbourne Sixth Form?

Keep asking questions and listen to the answers! As a historian, my questions are often unanswered and so this advice is a bit difficult to practise however something I realised at sixth form was how important discussion can be! I definitely feel I learned the most when I was really listening to my teachers and peers.

What's a piece of advice that you would like to give current and future Mossbournians of all ages?

My advice would be to back yourself and your abilities! Most people start from a place of insecurity or not feeling qualified enough. It sounds a bit cliché but believing in yourself and trusting in the people that support you will help get you through!