



My name is Erin John. I am currently in year 12 studying A levels in Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. My ambition is to study Medicine at University, with the aim to become either a Plastic Surgeon or Neurologist.

I have always been fascinated by the functioning, physiology of the human body, the impact and pathogenesis of disease and the scientific research leading to development of treatments and cures.

Medicine is continuously changing, with advances leading to earlier diagnosis, more effective treatments and improved preventative measures. I want to be part of this.

On a personal note, I have experienced the devastating impact neurodegenerative disease – Parkinson's has had on my loved one, which has created a heightened desire to positively contribute to medicine. This prompted me to personally research the condition, to understand the thinking behind the causes, development and progression. Whilst I preferably, one day, want to be hands treating patients, I aim to participate in scientific study and research, hopefully developing treatments and understanding.

Marie Curie once stated, 'one never notices what has been done one can only see what remains to be done'. Medicine is advancing but work in this field will forever remain to be done.