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As I walked through the peaceful campus of Fort Pitt Grammar School on the open day, I couldn't help but feel drawn in by the faculty's warm and friendly smiles. It was in that moment I knew I had found my academic home.

I am Imisioluwa Adekeye, a Year 11 student at Chatham Girls Grammar School who sees education as the strong foundation upon which I will build a successful future, much like the foundations of a house provide stability and support. This is why I am eager to continue my educational journey at Fort Pitt Grammar School and eventually embark on the path to university, all in the pursuit of becoming a surgeon - the goal that guides me forward.

With a passion for cardiology burning within me, I yearn to become a doctor specialising in this field - a desire fueled in part by my family's genetic predisposition to heart and blood vessel diseases, making it all the more personal for me. As a cardiologist, I envision myself using my expertise to diagnose as well as treat heart and blood vessel conditions, not only for my own family but also for my community. I dream of setting up a subsidised medical facility, accessible to all, where I can use my skills to make a positive impact on people's lives. But being a cardiologist is not without its challenges - it can be a demanding field. That said, the reward of helping others and making a difference in the world is worth it. Alongside this, I am drawn to the excitement and importance of being a trauma surgeon - the opportunity to witness the body's systems in action and assist those in need is truly alluring.

Last year, I made certain that I completed all of the required activities for my DofE silver award, a challenging, albeit enjoyable, experience that forced me to move out of my comfort zone and take up challenges I would naturally have shied away from. This experience taught me resilience and reinforced my result-driven attitude. I learnt that with discipline, I can start a task, but without consistency, I'll never finish. I now apply this way of reasoning to all my endeavours.

When I'm not busy, I love nothing more than losing myself in a good book, creating music with my violin, or experimenting in the kitchen. One of my all-time favourite authors is Tomi Adeyemi, whose novels "The Children of Blood and Bone" and "The Children of Virtue and Vengeance" completely captivated me. I particularly related to the protagonist, Zeile, and was inspired by her unwavering determination to achieve her goals no matter what obstacles stood in her way. My love for reading led me to compete in the big writing competition in primary school, where I came in first, while the violin is a way for me to escape the real world and affording me an avenue to express my creativity. I have also recently discovered the pleasures of cooking, which helps me connect with different cultures. As a self-acclaimed foodie, I enjoy trying out recipes from all over the world, but I seem to favour Italian dishes.





As I strive towards becoming a Medical Doctor, choosing Fort Pitt Grammar School for my A Levels feels like the natural next step. With its esteemed faculty, state-of-the-art resources, and high-achieving peer group, it offers the perfect setting for me to fully immerse myself in my studies and reach for the stars.

