

Mr. Reginald Broddie
Mr. Crispin Etherington
Annapolis and Anne Arundel Scholarship Trust

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Dear Mr. Broddie and Mr. Etherington,

First, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to attend Gordonstoun and participate in the variety of academic, club, sports, creative activities, and adventure activities available to students.

Before attending the prestigious Gordonstoun International Summer School, I had always kept to myself and stayed inside of my comfort zone. Attending the summer school allowed me to build self and social confidence. This experience also allowed me to establish new friendships, and leave with new skills.

For example, I chose IT as my academic course and we learned about binary numbers and how to make games in Scratch. This educational course taught me I should not be afraid to push myself into new things. Also, we participated in many collaborative projects during this which expanded my IT skills.

Because many other students in attendance were from other countries, this allowed me to interact with a diverse group which helped me to understand the differing views of people from all over the world. Today, looking back on my experience, I wished I had been more open-minded and outgoing when interacting with new people and understood their experiences would not be the same as my own. I also wished that I had communicated more because sometimes I felt as if I wanted to do something but was scared to speak up about what I wanted

instead, I always agreed with what the group wanted.

Moving into my 11th-grade year at Frederick Douglass Highschool, I will continue to use the skills and lessons I have learned at the Gordonstoun International Summer School to further grow as both a student and a person.

Sincerely,

Kihanna Williams

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