

Caitlin was an outstanding student to whom I taught Russian History at A Level. She always impressed me with her enthusiasm, positive work ethic and intelligent approach to her studies. One of her strengths was an ability to see the larger picture when studying a topic, a skill that married well with an attention to detail that helped her analyse the historical questions that we were studying. Source materials were handled with confidence and imagination to support her answers and ensure that her arguments were always based on solid evidence. Her literary ability helped with the structure and clarity of her essays. Caitlin's interest in literature was invaluable in enhancing her understanding of Russian culture and she was always prepared to make a genuine effort to read widely around the subject. I remember us discussing Alexandra's Kollontai's novel 'First Love' in which this leading Bolshevik described her twin loves for revolution and a revolutionary. Caitlin was very taken with the way that Kollontai expressed her desire to be an individual voice in an essentially male world. I think that she identified with Kollontai both in terms of possessing a vision and the mental toughness to achieve that vision. Outside the classroom, Caitlin contributed a great deal to House and School activities. She directed and acted in House Drama competitions and showed a capacity for organisation, an ability to inspire confidence and the qualities that come from leading by example. Her Curriculum Vitae reflects the scale of her achievements since leaving school and I know how proud she is to have formed her own charity to offer real hope to children in India. However, the CV does not reveal the strength of her character, a charismatic personality who has so much to offer in the future. I am delighted to be able to strongly recommend Caitlin.

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