

To whom this may concern,

## Letter of Recommendation

I am writing to offer my highest recommendation for Dervla Mannion. I have had the pleasure of working closely with Dervla for 4 years as her Physical Education Teacher and Football Coach. I can confidently speak to her exceptional academic abilities, strong work ethic, and commitment to personal and professional growth.

Throughout the time I have known Dervla she has consistently demonstrated a passion for learning which is evidenced with her outstanding GCSE grades. Dervla worked relentlessly to strive for improvement in every aspect of her work.

In addition to her academic accomplishments, Dervla is highly recognised for her outstanding commitment to participating in extra-curricular activities and has represented our school in both local and national football competitions and also competed in many athletics competitions, often securing first place in 200m/800m races with her natural athletic ability. I had the pleasure of taking Dervla to Madrid on a football tour whereby students trained with the world's best coaches at Real Madrid's training facilities and also successfully competed against local Spanish teams. Dervla was a key student in motivating others and keeping moral high throughout many competitions due to her exceptional knowledge of the sport, fantastic technical skills, her natural leadership abilities and kindness to others. Dervla has also volunteered to coach and support our younger girls football teams during her school career. This is testament to Dervla's character as she seamlessly balanced academic studies, her own sports career and supporting the next female generation in sport. Dervla is a true inspiration for all female athletes and will always have a positive impact on those around her.

I firmly believe that Dervla would be an excellent recipient of the scholarship due to her outstanding academic record, leadership potential, and dedication to succeed. I have no doubt that Dervla will continue to demonstrate excellence and make significant contributions in her future endeavours.

If you require any further information or have additional questions regarding Dervla, please feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:S.Smith@Rainford.org.uk">S.Smith@Rainford.org.uk</a>. I wholeheartedly recommend Dervla for this scholarship and wish her every success in her future academic and professional pursuits.

Kindest Regards, Summer Smith

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