READING BLUE COAT

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To whom it may concern,

Letter of Recommendation for Ryan Okemwa

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Ryan Okemwa for admission to your university. I have known Ryan for the past two years, in my capacity as his academic tutor and Economics teacher. He is one of the most resilient and hardworking Economics students that I have had the pleasure of teaching. He works very well with others as well as independently, showing his ability to adapt to various challenges with his strong leadership, teamwork, communication, problem-solving, time management and effective decision-making skills.

Academically, he is a very strong student with current AAA predictions in A Level Maths, Economics and Business. He offers strong contributions to class discussions and asks insightful questions for clarification. He is respectful, kind and considerate to his peers, always showing compassion and integrity, two of our School Values. For example, he is not afraid to call out or call in racial microagressions in a respectful and constructive manner with staff and his peers. He has many co-curricular pursuits outside of school, yet has shown self-discipline and great time management skills by balancing his sports commitments with his A Level studies, as well as finding the time to socialise with friends and family. When only in Year 9 (10th Grade), he initiated the idea and helped to plan and organise a cultural food fayre to celebrate diversity within our school community – the first event of its kind.

Ryan has been an active participant in our school's Economics & Business society, showing his commitment to linking theory learnt to real-life examples in the news. Ryan shows his growth mindset by seeking out relevant work experience opportunities. This has included shadowing a finance manager at an estate agency, which has widened Ryan's exposure to future career opportunities, as well as deepening his understanding of asset management, cash flow analysis, corporate budgeting and fiscal responsibility. He has been able to build a network of contacts while conversing with professionals at school networking events and has impressed us with the way in which he represents the current student body in these settings.

Ryan's strong leadership skills have been honed on the sports field, in his capacity as the First XI's football captain and whole school club captain. He has also played for Berkshire county and in the independent schools ISFA's national representative team. Ryan is also a great track athlete, winning the senior boys 100m and 200m races at our last school's Sports Day, with impressive run times of 11.13s (100m) and 22.9s (200m). He regularly attends training with Reading Athletics Club. He is committed to being the best possible role model for all students who share his passion for sport.

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I strongly recommend Ryan to your university. He is a positive, driven and enterprising student who makes the most of any opportunity that comes his way and has made great contributions to our school community. I am confident that he will make a strong impression at your university and will be well-liked by his peers.

Yours faithfully,





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