My realisation of the imminent threat of global warming started from a school charity event dedicated to the Pakistan floods. This ignited my interest in sustainable energy as it could be the solution to mitigate rising sea levels. As I explored this topic further, I was exposed to Carnot cycle thermodynamics and energy conversion efficiency whilst exploring energy storage systems in hydroelectric dams. The possibility of achieving energy conversion beyond that of the Carnot simply excites me and becoming a Mechanical Engineer is my best option to be able to design efficient and sustainable energy devices.

One of my personal projects was an automatic animal feeder, which I developed to feed stray animals in Oman. After sketching the blueprint, I developed the first prototype in the Design & Technology workshop at British School Muscat. Powered by a solar panel to take advantage of the abundant sunlight, this wood based model boasted an Arduino Uno which uses the coding language of C++. However, since there are more stray dogs that need food in Indonesia, I thought it was better to develop it further there. After contacting BAWABALI, one of the biggest shelters in Bali, I was able to formulate a plan to give them a functional feeder. Computer Aided Design helped create a detailed 3D model to visualise the next prototype whilst eliminating the need for a workshop. This model tackled issues from the previous one as it was equipped with a larger food capacity and wider dispensation. Upon the final meeting with BAWABALI, the product was finished and implemented in their main shelter. After donating it, I started to work on the prototype for Oman. I concluded that the same blueprint will be used but a stronger wood is necessary to withstand the high temperatures.

To get a taste of engineering in industry, I did a summer internship at Gapura Liqua Solutions (GLS), a water treatment processing plant company. A physics project in school sparked this desire to understand the systems behind these plants. Guided by mentors, I discovered that pipe flocculators bind unwanted substances in the water together to create 'floc particles' and in the DAF tanks they rise up to the surface because of bubbles and are removed. This became more clear when I saw these machines in action during the site visit to their newest plant in Jakarta. The sheer volume of the water passing through was impressive considering how compact the plant was. I covered these sections in my report where the main objective was to determine whether GLS could reach their ultimate goal of a supply capacity of 1500 litres per second. I had the opportunity to present to the CEO and engineering team. They admired my evaluation of their new Activated Media Filter as it contributed to increasing the efficiency and the environmentally friendly aspect of the plant.

Although individual work has helped me acquire knowledge, I also hold great value in teamwork. During the DofE Bronze expedition, my team had our own responsibilities and handled them to achieve the optimal camping experience. As well as learning fundamental teamwork skills in my DofE expedition, I was able to focus on crucial organisational skills during my volunteering where I helped the librarian clean and rearrange books.

Consequently, I look forward to learning about other aspects in thermodynamics and fluid mechanics because both are important concepts for improving renewable energies. This directly tackles the main issue of efficiency because it would help increase the viability. I plan to work in the renewable energy industry to develop a device capable of utilising as much useful energy from energy transfers. I think this is crucial as it paves a way to make renewable energy implementation more feasible. It would reduce greenhouse gases thus contributing to solving the impending problem of global warming. This would give me a chance to help Indonesia as 25% of the country is projected to be underwater by 2050.