Academics, for me, has never been a chore. It is an enlightening tool with which one can unravel the problems of the world. I have challenged myself through all four years of high school, diversifying my education with courses in science, business, mathematics and arts. I am taking the three most difficult courses available, AP Calculus, AP Chemistry, and Physics, but I grin at the prospect of challenge and know that overcoming insurmountable odds is what pleases me most at the end of the day.

I fear the possibility of being stripped of daily intellectual struggle, of finding myself in a position of ease, strife and toil no longer instrumental to success. The Scholar’s Elective Program provides the perfect opportunity to learn beyond the boundaries of a regular course. I will treasure the challenge of an enriched curriculum and the mentors that will guide me throughout. A particular topic of interest is the effect of genetics on human behaviour, and whether it supersedes environment as a leading factor. I hope that, in my fourth year, I can be proud of my research and accomplishments at Western, knowing that I have achieved greatness simply by doing what I enjoy.