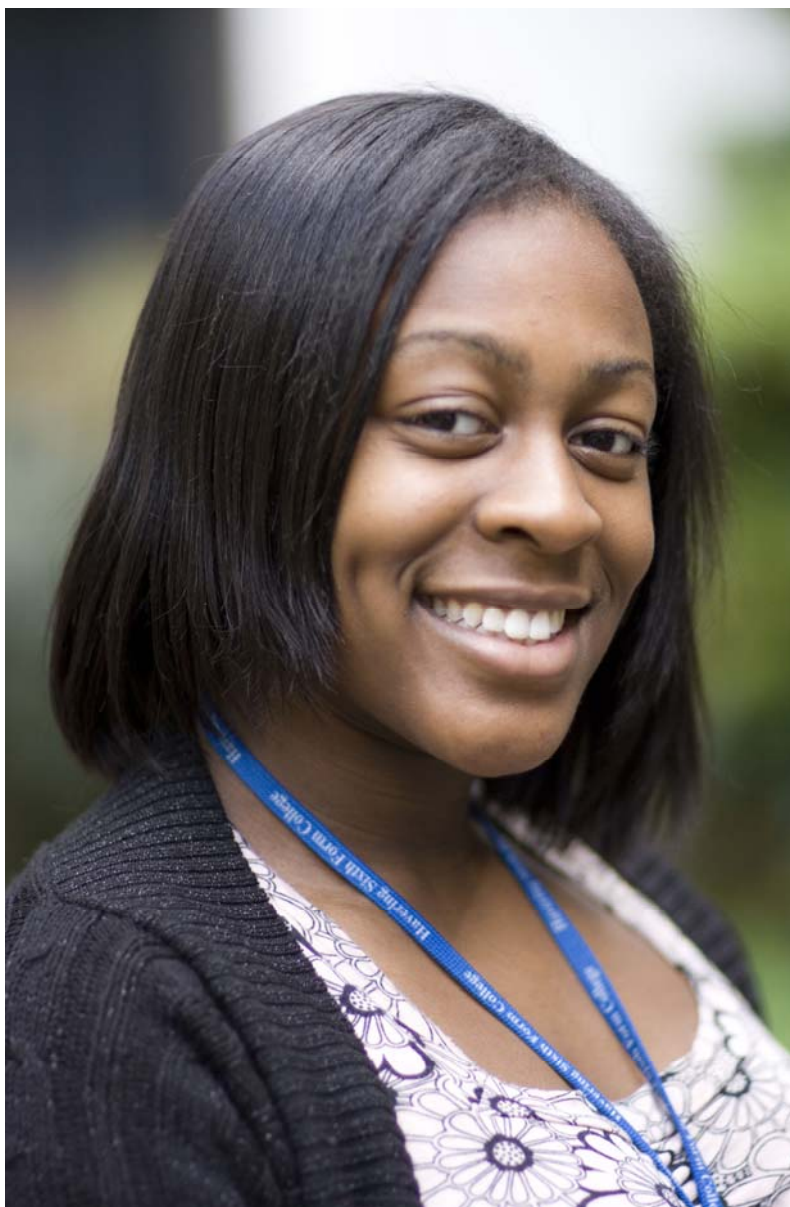




STUDENT SUCCESS AT HAVERING SIXTH FORM COLLEGE: DOROTHY ABIOLA



I attended Havering Sixth form College for two years, after embarking on my secondary education at Albany School in Hornchurch.

When applying for the College I was at a point where I was ready to make specific decisions about pursuing my dream career in medicine. I knew that the college offered a huge number of A Levels and held a reputable academic record. On applying to the college I decide to embark on 5 A Levels in Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Psychology and Sociology. My decision to take these subjects was supported and monitored by my enrolment tutor who was very much aware of my interest in medicine. He offered me sound guidance and advice about my subject choices.

The pressure of doing 5 AS Levels was very high at times; however I can remember the tremendous support network I received from my subject tutors and personal tutor. They gave me realistic advice about how to manage my time and also ways to remain calm and on top of my work.

During my two years at Havering Sixth Form the College provided a platform for me to develop my leadership and teamwork skills as a co-chair of the College Council and as the leader of the College Gospel choir. Working with the College Council I was able to see how strong the student voice was in the College and how much it was actually respected and heard by the senior members of staff and even the governors of the college.

The passion of the College to develop potential and create opportunities for their students continued when I made the decision to take a Gap year before going to University. The College was very quick to see my passion for working with people and ability to lead and offered me a job during my Gap year as a Student Ambassador Co-ordinator,

It has been an excellent and profitable experience, working with my teachers and promoting the importance and opportunities of further education.

During my Gap year I have also been able to maintain good contact with the College and managed to secure a place at the University of Liverpool, to study medicine. I intend to carry with me the communication skills and enthusiasm for working with different people of all ages into my medical degree.