**Personal Statement - Accounting and Finance**

Albert Einstein once said, “*Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value*.” When I first read that quote, I learned an important lesson: adding value is the core pillar of achieving success. Then I translated that lesson into actions by creating valuable goals towards becoming a doer person within my family, friends, and society. During my continuous cycle and attempts to achieve these goals, I realized that accounting and finance are subjects that can allow me to achieve these goals and fuel my passion for mathematics. The cycle began when I started to develop a curiosity for applying applications of mathematics in the real world, specifically in a business environment. Consequently, I started selling low-cost products at my school and making a profit which increased my desire to further learn about accounting and finance at the university.

My school does not provide A-level subjects because of that I decided to attend an online course at the University of Cambridge. The course allowed me to gain skills in areas such as financial reporting, money and capital, and interest and return. I was then able to put these skills to the test by participating in a business project at my school where I analyzed and reported business income. The school project increased my interest in the subjects of accounting and finance, and I look forward to further educating myself at university. In addition to the practical experience in the school project and for me to get a better picture of how financial decisions work in the real world, I read a book called “The Psychology of Money” by Morgan Housel which allowed me to understand how emotional factors can play an important role in our decisions when it comes to money. Because I was so interested in accounting and finance, in my spare time I would listen to podcasts such as "Planet Money" where the creators of the podcast would discuss general topics and tie them back to the economy which allows me to further learn about the real world and the impact finance has on our everyday lives.

As part of my leadership personality, I have taken on roles of responsibility in school such as organizing the national day event, which enhanced my organizational skills. I also led a group in the Hands White Program at my school. The purpose of the program is to plant trees on the school property, and this enhanced my leadership skills. In that project, I developed the spirit of team-working among my project members as we set up a business idea. My role was to manage the profit and sell high-quality products at low costs. I enjoyed this role as it gave me a sense of control over the business. It allowed me to showcase my numerical and financial skills. The biggest challenge in the project was finding a product that suits everyone and is up to date. However, we were able to overcome this challenge when I suggested to the team to survey our potential customers and sell products that highly satisfy the expectations of our customers. This shows that I can overcome any obstacle under any circumstance.

I feel like I would be a great asset to your university by studying the course of accounting and finance because I am dedicated and determined to be of value to society and this is the best approach for me to lead with. I am confident that I have demonstrated the skills and determination needed to complete this course. I am firmly convinced that my career lies in the field of accounting and finance and by studying this degree course I will build a crucial foundation for my future. Accounting and finance will give me the satisfaction of pursuing my dreams and satisfy my passion for finance and mathematics. This is the right course for me to choose.