I still remember my dread during the months leading upto my tenth board examinations. I felt the heavy weight of my whole life and career on those very two weeks in the month of May 2015.. But despite the unimaginable pressure, I managed to successfully pull off getting grades in the end.

I was tired of hearing teachers tell my parents that I had the potential to do extremely well but that I never worked for it. I’ve always dreamed about being powerful enough to make an enormous impact on the world around me in some way or the other. My dreams have always morphed and shifted from imagining myself as a Lawyer to running the country as a prime minister but at the very core of my dreams, the true principle has always stayed the same and it was to be in control and conscious of myself and have the capabilities to positively influence the lives of others around me. In order to achieve my dreams, I had to work very hard but I was still living in my dreamland. Eventually I drove to push myself beyond my limits and to finally experience the full weight of my dreams. I managed to turn a C in international Maths in ninth grade to an A\* in my final exams. However too much pressure can make even the toughest people cave in, pressure has always helped me take the last one big jump from a journey of a thousand steps.

After spending the summer at Yale University as a part of a Business and Entrepreneurship program, my passion for business solidified and I knew I would love the opportunity of communicating and making connections with new people, creating and marketing innovative products and overall helping and managing a conglomerate. I returned from the summer program with a fresh perspective and a determination to work hard and make it big in the business world. I hope, I continue working hard to achieve and realize my dreams, I have always needed that extra dire push and the remembrance of my goals to work even more hard to achieve my goals.

**“When we long for life without difficulties,**

**Remember that oaks grow strong in contrary winds,**

**And diamonds are made under pressure.”**

* **Peter Marshall**