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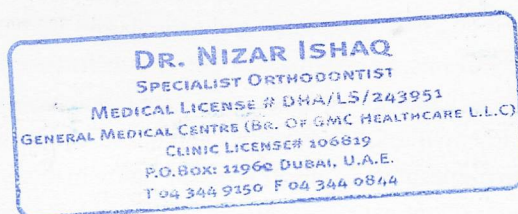
It is with very great pleasure that I write this recommendation for Ms. Kiara Petiwala. In the last 5 weeks of her internship shadowing me, Kiara evidently has a deep passion for science and has been one of the few exceptionally passionate students who have taken the initiative to pursue their interest at such a young age. Not only has she taken the time to create this position for herself at my clinic, she's been a delight to be around. In the UAE there are strict healthcare laws, however that did not stop Kiara from spending weeks on end contacting professionals, facing rejection for an internship position. Kiara is one of the most driven, adaptable, and curious people I've met at such a young age.

I first encountered Kiara when she reached out to my wife to find an internship opportunity at my clinic. A few days later she enthusiastically came to start her first day. The first day she came after school encountering staff members and getting accustomed to each patient as each passed through. From the very beginning Kiara's curiosity shined through, she confidently asked and offered in any way she could, while shadowing me and observing the patients. Kiara came to the GMC clinic everyday when I was there, coming at 3:25 sharp after school till 7:00 pm. In my profession there are very few times I sit down, Kiara never did too; she ecstatically went patient to patient alongside me ready to learn. Throughout her time with me she spent every working hour while managing school and final exams. As a high school student there are very limited things she can learn on a technical level but instead she took this opportunity to understand what it takes on a realistic work task level to enter this field.

I have found Kiara to be an intelligent, conscientious, motivated and responsible student who I admire for her resilience to manage not only exams, homework etc. but also the overwhelming and nerve racking feeling that comes with entering a new environment and being the only intern there. She is very well spoken, often helped me with my own English struggles and questions, actively engaged with every conversation/procedure and asked questions to ensure that she had a firm understanding of concepts. Often when I am back with patients Kiara has no struggle talking to them about dentistry as if I would and having a personal interaction that is reflected through their interactions. Although I have never taken a student to shadow, Kiara has shown to be a self motivated, dedicated, hardworking student of high intelligence who has grasped and has the ability to gather difficult concepts, think critically and handle the rigour of a competitive field such as healthcare. She exhibits the qualities of a leader and promising doctor who truly loves science.

Kiara truly impresses me as a student who actively seeks new experiences which support her love for science. Beyond her academic excellence, Kiara is a charismatic individual who is respected and liked by faculty and peers. She is thoroughly engaged with all of the staff at the clinic and the patients, ready to discuss and distract when needed while adapting to one's humour and allowing them to feel comfortable. Her maturity is a quality I see rare in high school students allowing me and my fellow staff to be comfortable. She interacts well with all the nurses and doctors on a personal level, genuinely caring about our lives and how each person feels, and that is reflected by her being a balanced individual with a warm personality and sense of humour. In the last 5 weeks she has been able to balance a 12 hour working day from 7 am school to 7 pm at the clinic while participating in various school and community activities.

Kiara is a well rounded individual who clearly enjoys a challenge and is willing to take that extra step for her goals. Overall, Kiara exhibits the qualities of a leader as well as a great doctor who excels academically. She is an intelligent, well-rounded, and grounded individual who challenges herself and actively seeks new opportunities and experiences. She has the determination, maturity, and intelligence to succeed in any endeavour and always maintains a positive attitude. This is just one of the many personal achievements that I'm sure Kiara will show that she is committed to her education and will work hard to achieve her goals as she goes through the transition into entering the IB curriculum. She exudes confidence and has a vivid, outgoing, and friendly personality that allows her to get along with others very well in any setting. I admire Kiara for her intelligence, sincerity, honesty, and integrity and am impressed by her discipline as an independent learner. She is a highly motivated individual with a thirst for knowledge. Kiara would truly be a superior addition to any given .



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