

God has shown me that learning is a tremendous privilege; and that, although in and of myself even my best efforts fall miserably short, with Him nothing is impossible. God has given me a hunger to learn and miraculously to write. I've been a song-writer since very young, singing comes like breathing, but somehow writing a letter or an essay used to be indescribably overwhelming. But God has caused a fire to light up within me, and now I want to pursue any opportunity to draw closer to Him and to pour that desire out so that others can see and grab passion too. I can't think of anything I'd rather do than bask in His presence whilst learning more of Him; digging into His Word literally thrills me!



This is where ICCE comes in. The awesome curriculum it provides has enabled me, and continues to enable so many others, to learn about this breathtaking world with the fundamental knowledge that it is not our own. We do not own this world; we do not even really own our own bodies. Everything in this world, from the dust beneath our feet to the brilliant sun, is God's. Without this knowledge life is utterly misunderstood. Without the knowledge that we were made to live for and to love our King, life becomes a never-ending cycle of chance and probability. This is why I am so thankful to have been brought up with the ICCE curriculum; because it has helped me understand who I am and who I was made to be. It has provided me with the opportunity to sit down each day and learn about life from my Father's eyes; not from some prideful humanistic standpoint. No, it has done the absolute opposite to making me proud; it has humbled me and thrown me into a state of complete awe and adoration.

But humility is just one of the many beautiful character traits that ICCE has taught me. Being home educated under it has taught me to be self-motivated, persevering, courageous, reliable and trustworthy: how many parents trust their children to not only organize and do their homework, but to score it as well! Having such responsibility thrown upon me at a young age has prepared me for much greater opportunities for being responsible. But words would fail me to tell of all the wonderful truths that ICCE has taught me.

After over 7 years of studying the ICCE curriculum, through some of the most future-determining moments of my life, I graduated in July 2014 with a B in English and History (Social Studies) and an A in Biblical Studies (you can tell I love my Bible!). After finishing I had plans to go to an awesome Bible college to study Theology and the Performing Arts, but God had different plans! I love how He guides us along totally unpredictable paths that lead us to His perfect plan! It's so beyond me! After a few months of uncertainty, but at no point worry or fear, God re-lighted my childhood passion for ballet and I've now been accepted to study a ballet teaching qualification with the British Ballet Organization which starts in January 2015. God is so good! My vision with the ballet is to eventually run a small private ballet school where young people, or anyone, can come and learn how to express their love for Jesus through dance. I dream of releasing dancers who dance as David danced; who throw off all shame and wholeheartedly worship their King, changing atmospheres and releasing freedom (2 Samuel 6:21-22). And this I partly have ICCE to thank for; my passion to bring the presence and knowledge of Jesus everywhere I go.

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