



SHAHID SHIRZIAR

AGE: 15 years old FROM: England

TOP FIVE CHARACTER VALUES: LEADERSHIP | CONFIDENCE | RESILIENCE, PERSEVERANCE & DETERMINATION | COOPERATION | COMPASSION

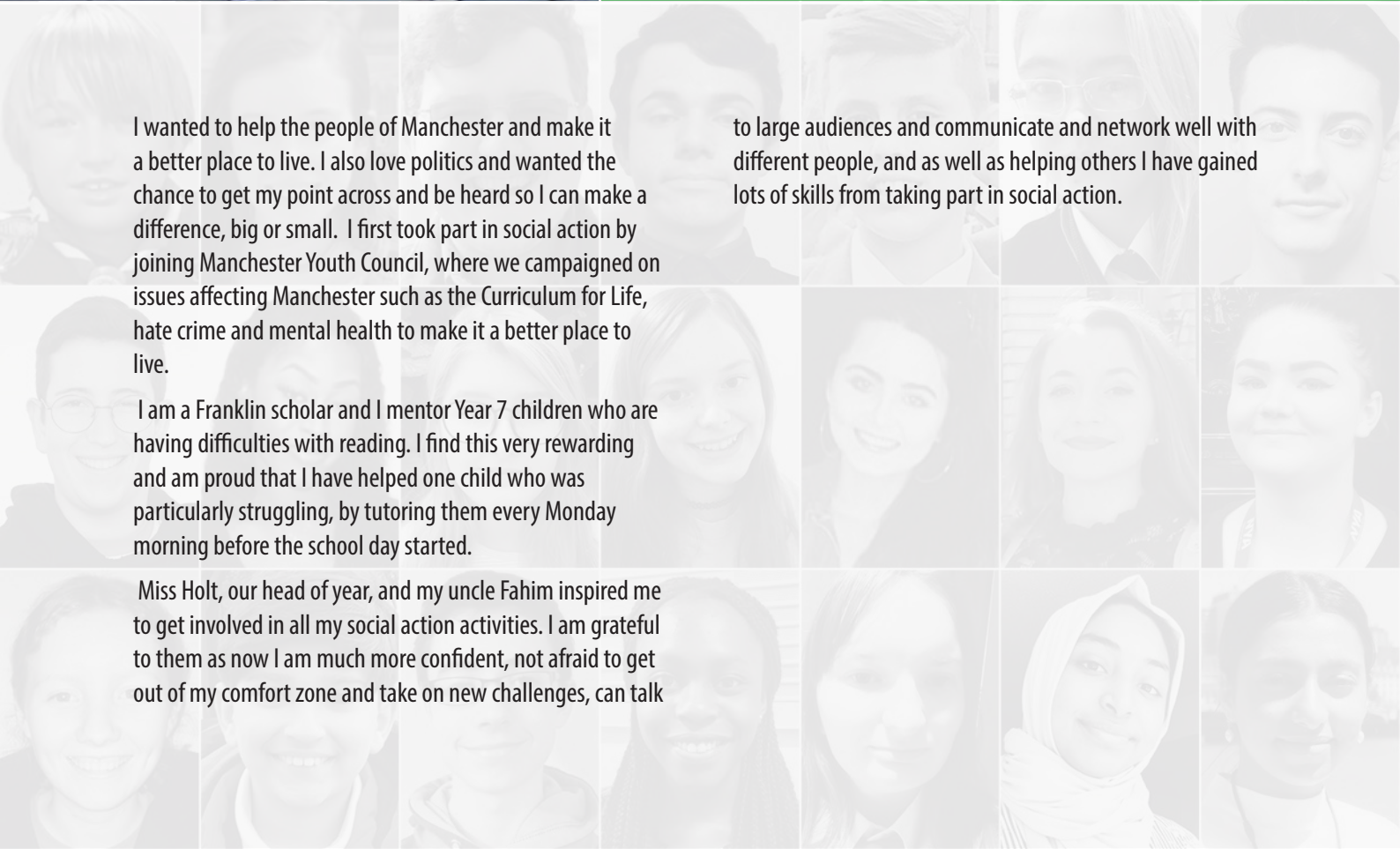
"I wanted to help make the community and the young people and make Manchester a better place to live, and to have my voice heard so I could make a difference. Through my work with Manchester Youth Council and mentoring children who are struggling with reading I am proud that I am now doing this."

I wanted to help the people of Manchester and make it a better place to live. I also love politics and wanted the chance to get my point across and be heard so I can make a difference, big or small. I first took part in social action by joining Manchester Youth Council, where we campaigned on issues affecting Manchester such as the Curriculum for Life, hate crime and mental health to make it a better place to live.

I am a Franklin scholar and I mentor Year 7 children who are having difficulties with reading. I find this very rewarding and am proud that I have helped one child who was particularly struggling, by tutoring them every Monday morning before the school day started.

Miss Holt, our head of year, and my uncle Fahim inspired me to get involved in all my social action activities. I am grateful to them as now I am much more confident, not afraid to get out of my comfort zone and take on new challenges, can talk

to large audiences and communicate and network well with different people, and as well as helping others I have gained lots of skills from taking part in social action.



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