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Mr Sadiq Khan Mayor of London City Hall London SE1 2AA

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Dear Mayor Khan:

I am writing from Brent River College. I am 13 and live in Wembley and have been here since September. In my spare time I like to play basketball, I like to listen to music, I like Trap music from America and the UK and London in particular.

When I leave school I would like to go college and study sciences, I would like to be Crime Pathologist and work with Forensic Scientists.

In Brent there are lots of gangs and often there are stabbings and violence in our borough. There used to be Youth Clubs near to me but they have now been shut down and now there are not many places young people can go to and socialise and meet new people.

To reduce the risk of young people offending and joining gangs we could build music studios, places for editing and learning about making films. It would be great if there were more gyms that young people could go too. This would mean young people stay off the street and stay focused on their educations and sports. Finally, I think it would be good if there could be opportunities for young people to learn with tutors. Some young people have access to this if they can pay, I think it should be free. For these reasons I think it would be good to have Brent be the London Borough of Culture so we can work towards so of these ideas in Brent.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I look forward to hearing if Brent is successful with the application.

Many Thanks

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Student at Brent River College Pupil Referral Unit