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**Natasha Hancock**

I have known Natasha for two years. I supervised her English studies at Pembroke College, Oxford in 2003. During that time I taught her a survey of English literature covering the period 1660-1731. I am confident that I know her well and that I have had ample opportunity to judge both her academic performance and her potential.

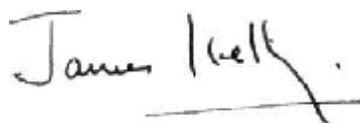
Natasha is without any question one of the most gifted students I have taught in the last five years. I have always been particularly impressed by her deep love of the subject. She has a passion for drama and her essays on Restoration Comedy were the most acute of any student I have ever taught. I quickly came to admire the facility with which she is able to communicate her ideas, with exceptional clarity, both verbally and on paper. She is a determined, straightforward, and profoundly committed person who thrives in a challenging environment. She is admirably focussed and never gives anything less than her best effort.

In tutorials I found Natasha to be a stimulating contributor to debate. I was delighted by her observations on set texts. What she had to say was invariably full of insight, often witty and entertaining. I was delighted to note the courtesy that she extended to other students, invariably persons less able than herself. She is unfailingly polite and considerate, and her attitude towards other people is always warm and encouraging.

Natasha has wide interests, but her abiding passion is acting and the theatre. She played important roles in several student productions while she was at Oxford, all of which attracted very favourable reviews. She exudes a natural, quiet, confidence and her gentle sense of humour renders her a very social and congenial person, comfortable in all surroundings. I have absolute confidence in her probity, discretion, and sound judgement.

In conclusion, I find Natasha Hancock to be profoundly gifted young lady and it is an enormous pleasure to be able to write so positively and with such confidence concerning her abilities. I commend her, without any reservation at all, as an exceptionally promising young scholar, and as a most delightful person.

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