



Akshay Sevak

Class of 2012

**Hillcrest International
Schools**

Akshay Sevak grew up in Kenya and graduated from **Hillcrest Secondary School**, a COBIS Accredited Member school in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2012. Today, Akshay is a postgraduate student at King's College London, following an MA in Conflict, Security and Development. Before deciding to pursue a Masters degree, Akshay studied Law at Durham University Law School and subsequently completed the Legal Practice Course at BPP Law School in London.

At Hillcrest Secondary School, Akshay was involved in the debating club, school orchestra, Model United Nations, student parliament, and the music society. Akshay has been able to maintain these interests with a continued involvement in debate coaching with UK school students, as well as through participation in musical concerts and events playing the piano. Whilst at school he also played in the school tennis, cricket and hockey teams. Akshay particularly enjoyed playing sports for the school and says some of his favourite memories include going on field trips to Mount Kenya and the Rift Valley.

Akshay says that it is important to give yourself as many options as you can throughout your school life, so that you get a flavour for all the different things out there that you can work in, study or just explore further. He is thankful that he went to a school where he was able to try out a range of activities, from sports to music to public speaking. His advice to a sixth former at Hillcrest Secondary School would be *"Don't be afraid to try new things, even if there doesn't seem to be a direct path to employment in that field – do what interests you and you never know what might come up!"* Whilst it's important to maintain good grades, Akshay says that he would encourage students to involve themselves actively in school activities and in the community as much as they can.

Over the next year Akshay hopes to successfully graduate as a postgraduate from King's College London and start work as a solicitor in London. He also hopes to launch a business which looks into alternate financing for equity for Small Businesses. His travel bucket list includes visiting Brazil and Peru and travelling through India on a train. Akshay would love to live in Australia and Mauritius, and – if he musters the will – go from Cairo to Nairobi on a bicycle!

