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There are many reasons for my motivation for wanting to go to Malawi. Hearing about the stereotypes and beliefs in African countries surrounding those with albinism has made me very interested in learning about the culture in Africa.

I have been heavily involved in sport for many years, both playing and coaching – in particular, rugby although I also play bowls and netball. I have completed my rugby ready course as well as my sports leader award and have been elected as next year's president for the university women's rugby team. As part of my sports leader award I organised a badminton tournament and a netball tournament for secondary school children aged between 11 and 15 along with an orienteering day for primary school children aged 9 to 11. The rugby ready course has also taught me how to introduce the basic skills of rugby to those who have never played before and to young children. I believe my keen interest in sport is something that I would be able bring to this experience and hopefully be able to introduce some of the children to rugby.