My name is Callum Gillespie and I am a final year Economics, Politics & Law student in DCU.

I admire Byrne Wallace for their corporate social responsibility. The pro bono work and charitable events that Byrne Wallace run throughout the year are extremely encouraging. Seeing the firm work alongside charities such as Breast Cancer Ireland and Our Lady’s Hospital has really drawn me to apply for the firm. The fact Byrne Wallace not only provides the opportunity for you to excel in your career but also the opportunity to make a difference to the life of people around you is a huge factor for me when applying. I am very enthusiastic with charity work. I have worked alongside charities such as Arc Cancer Support Centre and Pieta House as of recent. I would love to continue my charity work alongside Byrne Wallace.

Secondly, I admire Byrne Wallace for their diversity of work. The range of commercial law that the firm offer is impressive. From areas such as employment to asset date and from merging to tax means that there are many areas of the firm that I would be interested in working with. From previous experience, I feel you must be motivated and be interested in something for you to work to your full potential. I am an extremely motivated person. An example of this is my ability to come back from two serious injuries and retain my position as captain in my team. This strong minded attitude is a theme that is evident within Byrne Wallace. I feel if given the opportunity to work with the firm I would be surrounded by like minded people who are not only motivated but have the ability to lead others in their team. This is something I would display on a daily basis.

Furthermore, considering Byrne Wallace is Irelands leading law firm, there is a huge expectation for employees to meet a certain criteria in relation to skills. I believe I show great initiative. An example of this is that I gave a presentation in the Mansion House before a crowd on a campaign in which myself and a group of friends ran for Arc Cancer Support Centre. I am constantly trying to improve on myself and challenge myself in new areas. I find it particularly easy to build relationships. I am extremely approachable. I believe this can be seen in my role as prefect in secondary school. I show great leadership. An example of this can be seen in my role as captain of my cricket team in South Africa. Furthermore, I see myself as being resilient. I am able to prioritise my demands. I am willing to learn and I am not thrown off by the unexpected. I also believe I am calm under pressure. I feel these are essential qualities of a Byrne Wallace employee.

Finally, I believe Byrne Wallace’s values have contributed in my decision to apply to be an intern here. I admire the firms Open Door Policy. It was extremely reassuring to know that if I have a problem I can easily seek help without the fear of intruding or disrupting anybody. Values such as integrity and partnership are key to any work or team environment. I feel that as Byrne Wallace is a leading law firm in Ireland that they only offer employment to candidates who hold these values close to heart. I thrive to uphold these values on a daily basis. This can be seen in my work alongside the Raising and Giving society. From seeing the firms credentials it is evident that these values are upheld each day. I believe that if given the chance to work in this environment that I would really thrive.