

# IT'S ME BOX



•**CHESSPAD:** with this item I want to express my love for chess. I've been playing this (insipid for some) game since 5 years old. I personally find it fascinating as you can sharpen your mind and express all the ingenuity at the same time. I have devoted lots of hours not only playing chess, but studying books and games just and only to improve.

•**SOUVENIR:** I purchased this souvenir when I visited London. It always brings me back fond memories, of this one in a lifetime trip, when I look at it.

•**HARRY POTTER BOOK:** this is my favorite book. I have read the entire series but this one "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" is by far my favorite as it has paved the way for the other books of the series to come. I have to mention here that I prefer the book to the movie. The two are discernibly different as the book transmits the whole magic of the story more elaborately and gracefully than the movie does.

•**POKEMON NINTENDO CARD "BLACK":** the card was a present of my parents for Christmas. Back at the age of 10 I was really obsessed with Pokémon. Believe it or not I have dedicated the staggering amount of 500 hours playing this game. Even though today I don't play with it, I made my mind to keep it as it's sentimental value is of utmost importance to me.

•**ROSETTA STONE:** whilst I was in London I was given the chance to visit the so renowned BRITISH MUSEUM. Having arrived there I went straight for the

Egyptian section...I knew exactly what I was looking for. It was there in a glass enclosure... the Rosetta stone! This archaeological artifact is so important for me, because I want to become an archaeologist. The stone contains 3 scripts, hieroglyphics, demotic and ancient Greek. The Rosetta stone (having been excavated in 1799) helped scholars decipher the two Egyptian scripts, whose knowledge had been lost for over 1000.

•**POSTER OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM:** this poster depicts our solar system and in addition contains information about the sun, the planets and their moons. I wanted to include this poster in the box as a sign of my passion for astronomy. I have even attended courses having to do with astronomy. Astronomy reminds me of how small we are compared to the vastness of space and subsequently to be modest.

•**COMPASS:** I included this compass to show my love for excursions off the beaten track. In such trips a compass is essential as via it you can navigate and source out your way back to civilization. Lately there is an increasing number of people preferring to use GPS or their phones, however I am convinced that conventional navigation means are better and also radiate a sense of returning back to our roots.

•**MEDAL:** I won this medal with my team in a relay race 4x50 when we finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. But that was 5 years ago... I gave up on swimming because it seemed to me like it had lost its magic, but that was not the truth, I was too headstrong and insisted on going to football (a terrible mistake) rather than continuing swimming. Today I regret this decision of mine as it seemed like I had potential.

•**PHOTO:** here you can see me on the left and my sister; she is 3 years younger than me, at the right (I am not going to mention her name as a foreigner would face insurmountable hardships pronouncing it). It must have been around Christmas when the photo was taken that's why the costumes. She is the only sibling I have that's why she is so significant. We pester each other but this happens not from hatred, but from the urge to pester each other.

• **PROTRACTOR AND PAIR OF COMPASSES:** these are two tools used in geometry. I wanted to put them in the box because I wanted to show which my favorite subject is. So as it can easily be understood it's Maths. I have participated in many math competitions and in most of them I did fairly well. I think that after archaeologist the occupation that would be more cut out for me is this of the Mathematician.

**George, January 2017**