



Our Head Boy for 2021 gives us his view on his time so far as a Mary Hare student.

What was your first week at Mary Hare like?

It had certainly helped the fact that I knew around 10 - 15 people in my year in the first week I arrived. I vividly remember it being very exciting as being able to meet new people, to be able to learn at a higher level and the prospects of adolescence really excited me. Mary Hare offered me so much in the first week and I am eternally grateful for that.

Did you find making friends easy?

Yes, it was relatively easy for me to make friends as I already knew some of the students in Mary Hare beforehand. Even so, I still managed to make some new friends and the connection I have with my fellow peers is stronger than what I would get in a mainstream school due to the small and tight knit community that is Mary Hare. I get along with everyone pretty well socially.

KEY FACTS

Name:

James

Year started at Mary Hare:

2015

Head Boy dates:

2021-2022

Courses taken:

History
Mathematics
Chemistry

Local Authority:

Hampshire

Hearing Loss:

Bilateral cochlear implants

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How have you found 6th Form life?

Life at 6th Form is so liberating as the ability to manage your time independently (balancing with work and social life) and to be able to do stuff after school. Although this year has been quite disruptive due to Covid 19, I was still able to socialise with friends and to be able to do things within our bubbles allowed for a more peaceful life in the 6th Form.

Also, being able to study the courses I enjoy and being able to learn more about them is pretty good. I'm glad that I was able to get the results I needed to stay in Mary Hare 6th Form and that every moment in the two years will be valued.

As a side note, I highly recommend Mary Hare if you are considering going to a 6th Form as it provides you with support and being the tight knit community it is, Mary Hare is such a good place to make lifelong friends.

Can you tell us what you have achieved academically?

I have studied GCSE French (though I wasn't very good), GCSE Triple Sciences, GCSE English Language and Literature, GCSE History and finally, BTEC Business Studies. The lowest grade I got was a 6 in French. It would not be proper to boast about my other grades but let just say, it's pretty good.

What will you be focussing on as Head Boy?

Reconstruction after long periods of lockdowns in the previous year. This will involve more social activities (outdoor BBQs and sporting events) and the return of clubs and extracurricular activities (with social distancing and other safety precautions of course).

This will hopefully boost morale and to give back to students that lost a year of their adolescence and a chance for them to enjoy Mary Hare.

Is there anything else you would like to say?

Yes, being deaf doesn't mean you cannot do things that other hearing people can do. It does not make you less valuable than others. It does not make you a drain to the society it doesn't mean you have less intelligence than others because of it. Deafness is the very thing that should be cherished and to be proud of.

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