

Our Head Boy tells us about his time in 6th Form and boarding at Mary Hare.

What was your first week at Mary Hare like?

My first week at Mary Hare was scary and hard but throughout the week I made new friends and I've learnt the life of Mary Hare.

At the end of the week I was homesick but I loved the atmosphere and the friends I had and that just made me feel better. I moved on and became really happy.

Did you find making friends easy?

I did find making friends easy because everyone is the same. We all have similar experiences and that's really good because once you talk to other people in your year at Mary Hare, you get along well because you both know what it's like to be in the same position.

I and the others also know how to communicate to each other and that makes it easier too.

KEY FACTS

Name:

Jayden

Year started at Mary Hare:

2013

Head Boy dates:

2019-2020

Courses taken:

Performing Arts
Plumbing
Music Technology

Local Authority:

Lewisham

Hearing Loss:

Profound bilateral hearing loss,
bilateral cochlear implants.

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How have you found 6th Form life?

I find 6th Form life fun. I get to mix with both Year 12 and 13 and I have a lot of friends that I can talk to, that I can chill with. But also, I have a lot of friends who can help me with my studies. I find it hard work because obviously I have lots of work to do and soon I'm going to have my exams. As these exams and deadlines gets closer, I do a lot of studying and work to try to stay on top of everything

Describe your experience of boarding?

For me, boarding is very beneficial because it helps me understand how I need to care for myself and it prepares me for the future.

Boarding is also fun because you get to be with your friends and play games and study together easily. It feels like having your own flat share with your flatmates. It's a really good experience. The care team are really nice - they treat you with kindness and respect. You can cook together or watch films. It feels like home to be here. It did take me time to get used to sleeping away from my family but soon I was okay.

Can you tell us what you have achieved academically?

In GCSEs, I have passed Maths, Music, Geography, Business Studies, Science and Design Technology. My highest was a 6 with Music.

With my A levels I am doing Performing Arts, Music Technology and Plumbing. I have reached Level 2 for Plumbing in less than 6 months. I am able to make songs and to play more than one instrument in Music Technology.

What will you be focussing on as Head Boy?

I will be focussing on preparing Mary Hare students for the outside world and by that, I mean I want to help raise awareness of the support they can get in jobs and what support they can get at home.

I also want to help deaf students learn how to communicate. I think that deaf people rely on hearing people to be deaf aware too much and that causes frustration. I want to be able to try to mix both 'worlds' together and make all of us work together to be able to communicate easily and comfortably.

I would like Mary Hare students to help me with this by being able to be confident and to say, "I'm deaf and I need you to..." and say what helps them understand people easily

Is there anything else you would like to say?

I would like to say thank you for selecting me to be your Head Boy. I feel that I could use my experiences to help other people. I have lots of ideas and I want to make sure that they are fun as well as helpful.

I want to make sure that the students leave school with the confidence to be able to go to hearing people and communicate with them. I hope that I can make Mary Hare School the best school in terms of communication and support and try to attract more deaf people.

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