



## Our Head Boy tells us about his time at Mary Hare.

### What was your first week at Mary Hare like?

My first week was actually very exciting, it was definitely a big change for me, but it didn't bother me. Everyone was nice when I first arrived, the school just had a good atmosphere.

### How have you found 6th Form life?

6th Form life is the best year I've ever had so far and that's because you get a lot more freedom than other years. In the 6th Form you have more time after school as you go back to your rooms later in the evening. It means I have enough time to work and still spend a lot of time with my friends. So, 6th Form life is really good. I was considering going to college but now I will definitely recommend to stay the two years extra in Mary Hare 6th form. I am glad I've stayed.

If you are considering going to college or a 6th Form I recommend you to stay in Mary Hare. I almost went to college but I'm glad that I've stayed.

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### KEY FACTS

**Name:**

Lucas

**Year started at Mary Hare:**

2014

**Head Boy dates:**

2020 - 2021

**Courses taken:**

Computing  
Music Tech  
Core Maths

**Local Authority:**

Islington

**Hearing Loss:**

Severe.  
Bilateral cochlear implants

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### Did you find making friends easy?

Personally, for me it was easy to make friends and if I'm being honest, I already knew some people before I attended to Mary Hare so it made it a lot easier. I just got along with everyone.

### Describe your experience of boarding?

Boarding has been very beneficial for me because it prepared me for University when I have to live in student accommodation, so it's a really good experience. It helps to be more independent which it will be useful when I finish school. Also boarding makes me appreciate home more, now that am older I can say that it helps with staying and boarding is fun. I mean if you love football, imagine playing football for the whole afternoon with your friends in a big, real pitch.

### Can you tell us what you have achieved academically?

In Year 11 I studied French, Computing, Dance and Triple Science. My highest grade was an 8 in French.

### What will you be focussing on as Head Boy?

As a Head Boy, my main idea is connecting us with deaf and hearing pupils from the outside of Mary Hare. I personally think it's important especially for this school as it will help in life outside Mary Hare.

I can boost confidence and create a larger group of friends. I want some of the younger pupils to have more confidence when interacting with hearing pupils and to have friends from outside of our school.

### Is there anything else you would like to say?

If I had to give advice for a deaf child I would just say: Just because you are deaf, that does not mean you are not capable of doing the things you love. We are all the opposite of that, you are independent, you are intelligent in your own way and if someone underestimates you, all you've got to do is "prove them wrong" and "train hard, work hard, be relentless."



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