



Talking with our Head Girl about life at Mary Hare.

What was your first week at Mary Hare like?

My older brother and I moved to Mary Hare Primary School together in 2010. We are very close because we are the only deaf people in our entire family.

At our old primary school, my brother and I relied on each other because it was hard to make new friends. However, at Mary Hare, suddenly we didn't have to hang around together any more. That is because we made true friends swiftly. The first week at Mary Hare was the best experience I ever had in my life and coming to Mary Hare was the best decision I ever have had to make.

I am elated that I am still here. Mary Hare is like a second family to me.

How have you found 6th Form life?

When I wake up in the morning to get ready for school, it is nice to know that I don't have to think about the fact that I am deaf because at Mary Hare it doesn't matter. I can focus on the important things such as work, friends and being independent to do my own things.

KEY FACTS

Name:
Hannah

Year started at Mary Hare:
2010 (Mary Hare Primary)

Head Girl dates:
2019-2020

A Levels taken:
Maths
Art
Photography

Local Authority:
Milton Keynes

Hearing Loss:
Profound bilateral hearing loss and ANSD
(Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder).
Bilateral cochlear implants.



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Why did you want to stay at Mary Hare for 6th Form?

For 6th Form, I was determined to stay to study for my A Levels. This is because I know that Mary Hare School is the only school that contains the best support. They help me in various ways; for instance, support from my Speech and Language Therapist and the horse shoe seating design in the classroom. These are the most important to me because they have helped me a lot. It makes me feel I fit in well with the teacher and the students.

At Mary Hare 6th Form I can continue socialising with my friends, which is important because I can relax after a day of working hard for my A Levels.

Describe your experience of boarding?

I love boarding school because when I need help with my studies, I can contact my teachers after school and even work with them on my coursework after school hours. If I was at another school, I wouldn't be able to do this. I can do different after school activities and not worry about travelling home late because I am home already!

At boarding school I can be with my friends all the time, it feels a one long sleep over!

What will you be focussing on as Head Girl?

As Head Girl, I would like to continue the work of previous Head Girls and introduce new ideas such as a mentoring system where older pupils provide their support to younger students. That would help them to settle in school, decide what they want to study and have someone to talk to about anything that's worrying them. It would have helped me when I started at Mary Hare all those years ago and progressed through the school.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

In January 2019 I qualified as a lifeguard at Mary Hare. I passed exams in the laws and related regulations for being a lifeguard, pool rescue, CPR techniques and first aid. I currently work shifts at the school swimming pool.

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