

Jubilee Wood has taught all 3 of Hauwa's children and one has won a national poetry competition thanks to the encouragement of her teachers

Hauwa's eldest son Mohammed is now in Year 9 at high school, Salma is in Year 6 and Halima is in Year 4.



A published poet

"My son started Jubilee Wood in Year 3 when we moved from Birmingham to Milton Keynes. Salma started from Reception as did Halima," says Hauwa.

Hauwa's eldest daughter Salma loves to write, and her teachers encouraged her to enter a national poetry writing competition for children. "The children are doing fantastic. Mohammed had a great experience at Jubilee Wood, he was popular, and he was House Captain. My other two children are getting on very well. My daughter, Salma, won a national poetry competition all thanks to the support and encouragement at Jubilee Wood. She had her poem published in a book titled "Verses of Champions" which is a great achievement," says Hauwa.

A love of reading

"Halima loves reading. She reads a lot and loves literacy as well as mathematics. Salma also loves to read. School encourages them to read for at least 30 minutes at home. They both have a natural love for reading. They enjoy all aspects of school, I've never had any issues with their learning, they're doing very well," says Hauwa.

Friendly community

"They have many friends that they like to hang out with. They socialise in and out of school with different friends and as families we like to get together. The school community has been very welcoming, and we have a wonderful relationship with school. The journey so far has been very good," says Hauwa.

Moving to secondary school

"From what I have seen, the children are supported in their move to secondary school. The teachers have spoken to them about what to expect. The transition for Mohammed was a smooth one. He moved up with one of his other friends. Academically Mohammed settled into secondary school very well. I believe this is all down to Jubilee Wood - he exceeded expectations in all of his subjects, and this set him up well for the move to secondary.

He has found the setting and the teaching quite different but he's doing well," says Hauwa. My daughter is quite shy and on the quiet side. The academic progress she is making is fantastic we are very proud of how well she's doing. I don't think she's going to have any problems making the move to secondary school. She's on the right track and we get positive feedback from her teachers," says Hauwa.

Extra-curricular activities

"The children have been on many activities and trips. My son was on the school football team. Salma plays netball and plays on the school football team. She enjoys Stunt and Tumble at after school club and is in the choir. My youngest plays football, she likes to dance and does yoga. There are lots of activities for the children to get involved with. They even go to cooking club which is great as they come home wanting to make things with me. The teachers are very hands-on with the clubs and the children really enjoy them," says Hauwa.

Knowing each child as an individual

"I'm confident in Jubilee Wood. They have a 1-2-1 personal approach with the children. All the teachers know the children and what they're interested in. My children have made significant progress, and they keep improving which is wonderful to see. There is a strong sense of right and wrong and the children are learning how to behave as good citizens; school are always quick to address and handle any issues. It makes me feel very comfortable that school know how to handle all the characters and individuals that come to school. They knew how to encourage Salma with her writing and that's something I will always be grateful for," says Hauwa.

Children say:

Salma says: "I love to write poems."

Halima says: "My favourite things are dancing and cooking club."