



Qaiser's son Adam is taking every opportunity at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Qaiser father of Adam in Year 5 age 10

Planning ahead

Qaiser and his wife want Adam to have every opportunity and he is studying for entrance to the Grammar school. Qaiser says, "Adam is doing well. He's preparing to take the 11+ exam so that he can go to the Grammar school. His older sister has just completed her A 'Levels and so we want Adam to have every chance to follow the same path."

Studying hard

"Adam enjoys learning History, Geography and English. He has a tutor once a week. He studies with them for an hour and a half. It is extra support so that he can feel confident in his learning," says Qaiser.

Educational Opportunities

St Thomas More is working in partnership with Pates Grammar School through 'Shaping Futures' program to give local children a taste of Grammar school. "Adam was chosen to be part of a program with the Grammar school. He goes there twice a month after school with other children who have been chosen. They take part in activities and get to experience what life is like at the Grammar school. It is a fantastic opportunity. It would be an expensive activity but the chosen children are enjoying the experience for free, it is giving them access to things they would otherwise not take part in. Adam gets to mix with other students and his mentors and it is all preparing him to go and study at the Grammar school" says Qaiser.

Behaviours for Learning

"Adam always wants to go to school. I've never heard him say he doesn't want to go. From Reception he's always been happy to be at school.

He's developing a love for Geography, History and English and we know his hard work is paying off from the feedback from his teachers. His reading level is higher than average, he's doing very well," says Qaiser.

Firm Foundations

St Thomas More Catholic Primary is committed to providing all children with key foundational knowledge to enable children the essential building blocks to base all future learning on. Qaiser is from Pakistan and for him, education is everything. Qaiser says, "I want Adam to have a strong base for his education. If you don't have a strong base you can't build on it and that's where he is now, building his strong base. Sometimes it feels like a lot of pressure, but we talk about putting the hard work in now so that he can relax when he's older."

Feeling part of the community

"St Thomas More is a good school. There is a culture to treat each other with respect which is important. I'm happy with his teachers. I'm a Muslim and it is a Catholic school and Adam has a strong belief in Allah. Adam takes part in religious education and enjoys learning about Catholic teaching. He has played Jesus in the school play and we do not put any restrictions on him exploring this side of school life. We enjoy taking part in events and activities and as parents we're made to feel welcome and part of the school community," says Qaiser.

Children say:

Adam says: "I like being with my friends."