

MARY AND IAN LIVE IN SOLIHULL  
WITH THEIR DAUGHTERS, ELLA,  
AGED 12, AND LILY, AGED 7.

# Ella has made new friends and learnt to be resilient and independent during her first year at Lode Heath School

## Incentive scheme

Mary and Ian are delighted with the way the staff at Lode Heath encourage the students to try their hardest at everything. Mary says: "During Year 7, Ella has been able to have rewards such as chocolate, and free school trips, by earning credits for a variety of things. We are pleased the incentives offered are not just for academic success, but to encourage participating and trying hard, so that it includes everyone."

## Helpfulness encouraged

Students can earn credits for things such as using the library, being punctual, volunteering around the school, or helping the teachers, Mary says. "If you are not given any debits, you become a Zero Hero and get a badge, so there is a big incentive to do well."

## Student's viewpoint

"The other years started later than Year 7 on the first day so we were able to walk round the school without them there to get a feel for it," Ella recalls. "The teachers were all kind and helpful. On the first day we were all in the hall together and the teachers told us about earning rewards to go on free trips. We were also offered sports activities and clubs to try, such as netball, football, and trampolining, and we were able to use the library."

## New subjects

Ella liked the way students got to try different subjects on a rotation basis in Year 7, such as Catering, Drama, DT and Music. She says: "I have enjoyed French because the lessons have not just been about learning the language, but also about the culture. I liked doing Catering because I enjoy making food and I look forward to doing it again. Since starting at Lode Heath, I have been encouraged to join in things and I have made a lot of new friends. I have also learnt how to be resilient and independent."



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