



JACQUELINE AND DAVID
LIVE IN SOLIHULL WITH
THEIR FAMILY, FYNN,
AGED 19, FREYA, AGED
17, FRANCESCA, AGED 16,
AND FLEUR, AGED 13.

Freya is grateful that her passion for art and determination to do well were encouraged by the helpful staff at Lode Heath School

Dedicated teacher

Freya was thrilled when she received her GCSE results and discovered that she had achieved the high grades she needed to secure a place in the sixth form at Solihull School. She was quick to acknowledge the support she had been given by Lode Heath School to help her get there, saying: "It was with the help of my art teacher working alongside me. She advised me on many things that would enhance my grade."

Winning scholarship

Freya is now studying at Solihull School, having won an art scholarship to go there. She says: "I've always enjoyed drawing and painting but it was at Lode Heath where my ability was enhanced. It was during a careers meeting with Mr Davies, Lode Heath's Career Leader, that it was suggested I apply to Solihull School, and I am grateful for the encouragement I was given because I have been able to take my painting to a different level at Solihull School."

Pastoral support

She says she was given great advice at Lode Heath and whenever she felt under pressure she was helped by the pastoral team. "I am grateful they were always there for me. Many people at Lode Heath helped me to achieve my GCSE grades. They gave me opportunities to do extra work, past papers to work through, and I had one to ones with teachers."

Extra activities

Freya followed her older brother, Fynn to Lode Heath. She says: "He did very well at the school and carried his studies on to Solihull Sixth Form where he studied Music, Economics, and Maths." When Freya started in Year 7 at Lode Heath, she remembers that she settled in quickly. "Lode Heath offers students many activities alongside their studies, such as sport, drama, and music. I was a student ambassador in Year 7 and a prefect in Year 10."

When I applied to be a Senior Student, I had always aspired to be Head Girl, but I never thought I would be selected. I wrote a letter in support of my application and had an interview, and I was delighted to be chosen."

Leadership skills

Although she was never good at public speaking, becoming Head Girl and giving talks to parents built up Freya's confidence. Being in charge of the prefects and running the Senior Students Team has also helped her develop leadership skills, she says.

Challenging work

"The art department put me in the position to excel. To begin with the lessons helped you to develop your skills, but when you take it for GCSE you have more freedom with the subject. As soon as I realised that I wanted to go to Solihull School, the staff challenged me more to help me get the grades," Freya says.

Further study

"When I got my results and realised that I had got in, I was amazed, but very happy. I am now studying for A Levels in Art, Music, and English. I am planning to go to University to study Law, but I will carry on painting for pleasure. I am grateful to have been able to go to Solihull School and for all the support I had from Lode Heath to help me get there," Freya says.

Good school

Freya's Mum, Jacqueline, says: "We are pleased with the school and how they have helped Freya achieve so much. Fynn also did well there and came out with good grades, and Francesca has enjoyed her time there. We were disappointed that the catchment areas changed so that Fleur wasn't able to go there as well."