



Stephanie-Rae, Jasmine and Jade have all been able to pursue their ambitions in the inspiring atmosphere of Kingsmead School

Sharon and Stephen live in Enfield with their daughters, Jasmine, aged 22, and Jade, aged 17.

Fulfilling talent

Sharon and Stephen have been delighted with the way staff at Kingsmead School have encouraged their talented daughters to achieve academically and artistically. Stephanie-Rae, Jasmine and Jade have all flourished at the school and have bright futures ahead of them. Sharon says: "Kingsmead have great staff who recognised their ability and helped them achieve their best. The diversity of the school and the high quality of the teachers are the major strengths of Kingsmead."

Academic success

Stephanie-Rae, who is now a vet, attended a Catholic nursery and primary school, as did her two sisters after her. Sharon and Stephen originally wanted a Catholic secondary school for her, but didn't want her to have to go to a single-sex school or travel too far. "We chose Kingsmead, which was near us, because we thought the school had a good ethos. Stephanie-Rae was very academic and was encouraged to work hard and she flourished there. She went to lots of clubs, did extra activities, such as learning the guitar, and enjoyed great trips," Sharon says.



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Advising others

"Her ability was recognised and she mentored other children and went on to become Head Girl. She obtained good A Level results and went to the Royal Veterinary College and qualified as a vet," Sharon says. "She is now happy to return to Kingsmead and talk to students about becoming a vet."

Helping students

Jasmine, who is now a professional musician and singer, was excited to start in Year 7 at Kingsmead, having seen Stephanie-Rae in productions there. She remembers there was plenty of help for new Year 7s and staff would remind students to look out for Year 7s who were lost or unsure. "Jasmine had started learning the violin when she was six. After joining Kingsmead, she carried on with it out of school and had one violin lesson a week at school. Her talent was encouraged and staff were accommodating and gave her music passes if she had to miss lessons," Sharon says.

Caring teacher

"Jasmine's Music teacher encouraged her to audition for the part of Maria in West Side Story, which was how she began singing. She was the only student who wanted to do A Level Music. The school provided the opportunity to let her do it in a class on her own, understanding it was essential for her to have A level Music for her career. After A Levels, Jasmine went to Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance at Greenwich and then became a professional singer and violinist, working with opera companies and orchestras. She has returned to Kingsmead to give talks and to work with students on a successful project diversifying the music curriculum," Sharon says.

Enjoying activities

Jade settled in well when she started in Year 7 and has done well academically at the school. Now Jade is in Year 12 and studying for A Levels in Photography, Computer Science and Sociology. "Jade has also played the violin at school, done drama and learnt to play percussion instruments outside school," Sharon says.



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Winning project

"Jade has enjoyed doing her DofE bronze award through school and is one of the Head Students. She has also won a £500 grant, given by Black Lives Matter, after taking part in the six-month Activism Academy Programme run by Every Future Foundation. They came to Kingsmead and gave a talk and Jade created a social project, advocating for young people with Black Hair."

Student says

Jade says: "I have found all the staff very helpful as I now try to choose between doing a Degree Apprenticeship with Amazon or attending university to study Computer Science/Software Development."

