



# Talented trio Laurel, Lauwina and Laurdy are all fulfilling their potential in the supportive surroundings of Kingsmead School

**Mayumbu lives in Enfield with her children, Laurel, aged 17, Lauwina, aged 15, and Laurdy, aged 11.**

## **Music opportunities**

Mayumbu is delighted with the way staff at Kingsmead School have helped her three children develop their individual talents. She says: "I chose Kingsmead as a secondary school for Laurel because he likes music and they have a great music and drama department. It's a bit scary when your first child goes to secondary school, but Laurel was fine after he started."

## **Drama performances**

"Laurel was very excited about moving up to Kingsmead and he has enjoyed his time there, especially when taking part in school productions, such as Joseph, in which he played the Pharaoh, and Beauty and the Beast, when he played the Beast," Mayumbu says.



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## Happy environment

Laurel says Kingsmead is a great community to be part of. "I was nervous when I joined Year 7 because I didn't know anyone, but I was made to feel welcome. I would recommend Kingsmead to other families because the staff are very supportive to students and there is a school council so they listen to the opinions of pupils," he says.

## Drumming lessons

"I enjoy music and after I was auditioned by the music department, I was chosen to learn the drums and I have now also learnt to play the piano by ear. I have enjoyed taking part in performances at school over the years and I am now studying for A Levels in Drama, Photography and Music Technology. I have had a very positive time at Kingsmead and I am now going to study sound engineering, either by doing an apprenticeship, or going to university."

## Making friends

Mayumbu says Lauwina was also fine when she first started at Kingsmead and she made a lot of new friends. "She has also enjoyed doing performing arts and being in Joseph, and she particularly enjoys Art lessons."

## Practical support

Lauwina says: "It seemed like a big school when I first started but everyone is very connected and it feels like being part of a big family. Everyone knows each other and there is a lot of help available when you first join the school. I really enjoy Art at school. It's a difficult subject but I like doing it. The Art teacher is very hands on and practical and doesn't just tell you what to do, but will show you, and I enjoy painting and sculpting."

## Education for the future

Lauwina likes Citizenship lessons and thinks it will help her in the future when she gets the chance to vote. "We learn about politics and life in modern Britain. We have also learnt about the law and court system and organisations such as the United Nations. I have found it very interesting."



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## Good first year

Laurdy has enjoyed his time in Year 7 and has done very well. He says: "I like doing Drama, Maths and English and I enjoy sport, particularly basketball. I played basketball when I was in Years 5 and 6 and I was glad to be able to carry on with it at secondary school and they have helped me get better at it."

## Helpful teachers

Laurdy was worried about making new friends at Kingsmead because only a few children from his primary school were going there, but the teachers were a big help when he first started. "They encouraged all the new pupils to talk to each other and get to know each other during lessons," Laurdy says. "I have felt well supported during my first year. They explain how to do the homework, so you don't have to worry about it."

## Parent viewpoint

Mayumbu says: "Overall, I have been very happy and satisfied with Kingsmead School and the way the staff have supported my children."

