

# DENIS IS BEING ENCOURAGED TO FOCUS ACADEMICALLY BY THE HELPFUL STAFF AT ST JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



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**SANDRA FRIMPONG AND JURAJ BABNIC LIVE WITH THEIR SON, DENIS, AGED 12, AND DAUGHTER DIAANA, AGED TEN. DENIS IS IN YEAR EIGHT AT ST JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.**

## GOOD CHOICE

Sandra and Juraj are delighted that Denis is enthusiastic about going to St James' each day and that he enjoys learning. Sandra says: "Denis is always telling us how fantastic his teachers are and how much he is looking forward to his lessons. When he wakes up every day he is keen to go to school and we have been told he is on course to get good grades in his GCSEs. We are so pleased and very happy that we chose the school."

## POLITE PUPILS

Sandra says they were looking for a good Catholic school for Denis and chose St James' after being impressed at the open day they attended. "The children were all very polite and well-behaved and afterwards Denis said he really liked the school and wanted to go there. I was anxious about him to begin with because he is young in the school year and has a birthday right at the end of August. But I have seen him become more mature as well as receiving a good education over the last two years, thanks to the excellent staff at the school."

## HAPPY AND SECURE

"The settling in period at the beginning was handled very well by the staff. To start with Denis played with the friends he had known at primary school but now he has made new friends and plays with children who have similar interests to him. He enjoys the social side of school as well as the academic side and I am happy to say that he always feels safe at school.

## ENJOYING LEARNING

"Denis is doing very well academically and is in the top sets for all his subjects. I had to push him to do his homework when he was at primary school but now he is at St James' he always wants to read and is very keen to learn new things. Denis also enjoys doing athletics and has represented the school in the long jump and he is in the school football team. Last year Denis was chosen as Sports Personality of the Year for his year group."

## HELPFUL VALUES

Sandra is pleased that Denis seems to enjoy the opportunities for worship and prayer during the school day and also believes the values taught by staff at St James' help the children. "We live quite near the school and if I happen to see the children when they come out they are all in the correct uniform and are behaving well. The values of love, justice and concern for others clearly help them when they are out of school as well as when they are inside.

## ASTUTE TEACHERS

"We think the teachers have all been great. When Denis first started at the school he was very chatty and the English teacher told us they could see his potential but thought he was getting distracted. They asked our permission to seat him at the front so that they could check he was applying himself. As a result he is now exceeding his targets academically. We are pleased the teacher noticed what was happening and helped him to focus more," Sandra says.

## TRUSTWORTHY STAFF

"As a result we have complete confidence in the teachers to bring out the best in Denis and trust them to know what they are doing. Now Denis has completed two years at the school we are very pleased we chose St James' and would be happy to send our daughter there. We have no hesitation in recommending the school to other families."

## CHILDREN SAY

**Denis says:** "I enjoy my PE lessons because the teacher makes it fun and I like being with my friends at school!"



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