

ADAM IS BEING ENCOURAGED TO FULFIL HIS POTENTIAL IN THE SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT OF ST JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



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AMIT AND KAT FRIDMAN LIVE IN HENDON WITH THEIR SON, ADAM, AGED 12 AND DAUGHTER, NINA, AGED 11. ADAM IS IN YEAR SEVEN AT ST JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

FIRST CHOICE

Amit and Kat are pleased with the support Adam has received since starting at St James' last September. Kat says: "When we were looking for a secondary school for Adam we visited four schools. We let Adam make the final choice and he chose St James', but afterwards he realised that none of his friends from primary school were going to be at the school with him. He is by nature a quiet boy and so it is taking him time to make new friends.

HELPFUL STAFF

Amit and Kat were impressed after they met Adam's Head of Year to talk about him developing new friendships. "They were very willing to discuss this issue with us and tried to work out strategies with us to help him. We talked about whether his love of sport could be a way of him making friends. I was very impressed that they wrote a detailed letter to us setting out what we had agreed and what they were going to do. I was amazed they went to so much trouble. Also, when he had a problem with another pupil the issue was tackled straight away and I was pleased they took it so seriously and put things in place to deal with it.

ENJOYING LEARNING

"Adam has now settled into life at St James' and rarely complains about anything. He is doing well academically and has been awarded merits and badges for his achievements. He likes Science and is very good at Maths and has been put in the advanced group. He is very sporty and is particularly good at badminton but he has done activities as diverse as table tennis, rugby and Gaelic football at the school. He has been selected to play in the Year Seven football team.

SPORT AFTER SCHOOL

"Adam is still missing his old friends, but when I have gone to pick him up after school I have watched him interact with other children through the gate and he seems to be doing all right. He goes to badminton club and also wants to join the athletics club. The clubs are for an hour after school and are free of charge. I am pleased the school encourage the children to take part and consider physical activity to be important.

KINDNESS AND RESPECT

"A major plus factor for me is that St James' is a Catholic School. As a Catholic myself, I am pleased the lessons start with the sign of the cross and that there are prayers and services during the school day, but I am also glad they employ staff from other faith backgrounds. I like the values they teach at the school. It is mainly about being kind to each other and respectful to each other. The message is clear that St James' staff believe in being firm but fair, which we like. Adam also sometimes talks to me about the school chaplain and says how kind and helpful she is," Kat says.

GOOD COMMUNICATIONS

"I think the staff communicate well with parents using a variety of different methods and they have always responded to my enquiries quickly. The parents' evening was very well organised. Each child had their own table and the teachers came to talk to us in turn. We think St James' is a very good school and are confident about sending our daughter there next year and we would recommend it to other families. We can see Adam is thriving and is in the right environment."

CHILDREN SAY

Adam says: "I am pleased there are plenty of opportunities to do sport at St James."



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