

# EMILY IS FLOURISHING IN THE SUPPORTIVE SURROUNDINGS OF ST JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



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**GJON AND NETA ZOGU LIVE IN COLINDALE WITH THEIR CHILDREN, EMILY, AGED 12 AND ERJONA, AGED TEN. EMILY IS IN YEAR SEVEN AT ST JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.**

## GOOD VALUES

Gjon and Neta like the way Christian values are taught at St James' and are pleased the staff are so supportive of their pupils. Neta says: "We are a Catholic family and Emily had attended a Catholic primary school so we wanted her to go to a Catholic secondary school. We are happy for her to attend services while she is at school or to say prayers during the day. She started at St James' last September and so far she has been very happy there."

## ENJOYING LEARNING

"To begin with Emily was anxious about starting there but she made friends quickly and that helped her to settle in. She also found all the teachers were nice and kind. When it was her first parents' evening my husband went with her. He was a bit worried beforehand but the teachers told him Emily was doing very well and they both came home happy. Emily particularly enjoys learning Maths, English and Science."



## HOMework ROUTINE

"We are pleased the teachers set them regular homework and that the children have to send it in by a specific date. Emily has now got into the routine of doing it. She knows it has to be done and that she will then have some free time afterwards," Neta says.

## ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

"We are also pleased there is good discipline at St James'. If the children are late for school they will keep them in afterwards. Also, if they forget to take in their PE kit they will keep them in after school. Emily forgot to take it in once and she has learnt from the experience and always gets it ready the night before now. I think it encourages the children to be well organised.

## HAPPY TIME

"Emily always seems pleased to be going to school each day. She looks forward to seeing her friends, doing the work and likes the school dinners. She says she always eats everything on her plate. Emily now stays after school one day a week to have guitar lessons and she enjoyed going on a school trip to the RAF Museum when they were learning about World War Two.

## CARING STAFF

"Although Emily lives only a short walk away from the school, some children have to catch a bus home. I like the fact that the staff are very supportive to the children and see them to the bus stop and watch them get on the bus safely in the afternoons," Neta says.

## KEEN TO START

"We are glad Emily's younger sister, Erjona, is starting at St James' in September. She is looking forward to it and is not at all anxious and we are confident that she will be well looked after."

## CHILDREN SAY

**Emily says:** "The teachers at St James' are very kind and are always there for you if you need anything. If you are stuck with something you can always ask them to help you and there are homework clubs you can go to, or the library, if you need to use a computer or print something. I like the fact they have clubs after school and I stay to learn the guitar on Mondays. Soon after I started in September I made friends with someone I knew I could trust and gradually I have acquired a group of friends. I like the fact that St James' is a well organised school and that you are rewarded for hard work and doing well. If you do particularly good work you will get a Merit and a certificate in recognition of your achievements."



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