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## HANNAH ACHIEVED IMPRESSIVE RESULTS THANKS TO THE KINDNESS AND SUPPORT SHOWN BY STAFF AT SWANMORE COLLEGE



Joanne and Andy Broad live with their daughters, Hannah, aged 17, and Rachel, aged 15, in Curdridge.

### Self-belief

Hannah and her family were pleased that staff at Swanmore College pushed her to achieve her best while providing her with plenty of support along the way. Her Mum, Joanne, says: "The teachers at Swanmore were able to make Hannah believe in her own ability and she achieved terrific grades in all her GCSEs. She had great help from the staff, who were all prepared to go the extra mile for her."

### Friendly atmosphere

Hannah is now working towards her A Levels at a sixth form college and is looking forward to going to university to study Zoology. She says: "I remember Swanmore College as being a friendly, comfortable environment where you are encouraged to do your best but you can have plenty of support if you need it. The teachers definitely helped me become more confident and to believe in my own ability."



### **Making new friends**

Hannah remembers looking forward to starting at Swanmore but also being a little anxious because it was a big change. "There were only 11 people in my year group at primary school so I was moving into a much bigger environment. But most of the children from my primary school went up with me and I also made new friends quickly."

### **Helpful teachers**

"I found it all very exciting and I think I coped with the transition reasonably well. I got on with the work fine in Year 7. I enjoyed the fact it was a different structure from primary school with a specialist teacher for each subject. All the teachers were very supportive and approachable and so I could always ask for help when I needed it."

### **Favourite subjects**

"In Year 8 I was still getting used to being in a much bigger environment but I made more friends and got comfortable with the subjects. I remember that I particularly liked Geography and Textiles. I also enjoyed Drama because it was very active and it brought me out of my shell. In Year 9 we had to choose our GCSE subjects, which was hard, but we had a lot of help and advice from the teachers. I eventually chose Geography, Textiles, French and Music."

### **Enjoyable years**

Hannah says she remembers Year 10 and 11 as very busy years because the students also had to study for GCSEs in RE and ICT. "There was a lot of work and I remember at the end of Year 11, after all the course work was out of the way, I sat 26 separate exams. But funnily enough, they were my favourite years at Swanmore. You are at the top of the school, you know the teachers well and they know you, so it is a happy time."

### **Excellent care**

Joanne says: "My younger daughter, Rachel, is now in Year 11 and is the Head Girl. She has also had a happy time at Swanmore. I have found the school to be excellent for pastoral care and the staff have given her all the support she has needed while she has been there. Like Hannah, she is a high achiever, but has benefited from being well looked after by her teachers."

### **Safe and happy**

"Parents are made to feel very welcome at the school and we have enjoyed attending concerts and plays there over the years. For us, the quality of the staff and the support they have shown the girls has been one of the most important aspects of the school. We know a lot of other people whose children have attended the school and done very well there. For me, the most important thing was for my children to feel safe and nurtured at school and to achieve the best they were capable of. Swanmore College helped them both do that."



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