



# Dana has had her life turned round and is now making good progress helped by caring staff at Kingsmead School

**Dana, who is 15, lives with her grandmother, Sandra, and her younger brother and sister, near Enfield.**

## Attentive teachers

Dana is very happy in Year 10 at Kingsmead School and feels her voice is being heard by the supportive staff. She joined Kingsmead School after moving to live with her grandmother. "Dana had attended two previous secondary schools, where she had not been happy, at a time when her mother was unwell," her grandmother, Sandra, says.

## Happy time

After spending time out of school, Dana joined Kingsmead School in Year 9. "Since she started, she has been much happier. The staff have had a lot of time for her and she has known who to turn to for support," Sandra says. "The staff work with me to help her and we have had support from the Safeguarding and Wellbeing teams at the school. Dana's experiences at Kingsmead have been positive, whereas at the other schools she attended, nobody cared that she had been having a difficult time."

## Learning responsibility

Dana has recently enjoyed doing work experience as a youth worker. "She was placed in a youth centre in Colindale and I thought she wouldn't be able to cope with the journey, but she managed it. It helped her develop more personal responsibility. Dana's Head of Year told me they had received a phone call from the centre saying they were pleased with her," Sandra says.

## Kind teachers

Dana says she likes Kingsmead because she knows if she ever needs anybody to talk to, she can speak to one of the staff. "There are teachers I know I can turn to during difficult moments. In my old schools, I wasn't offered work experience, so it was all new to me. I enjoyed seeing what it is like in the real world. Having my own responsibilities and helping children also encouraged my dreams of becoming a mentor."



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