

# Tyler is now settled and happy and his talents are being encouraged by the expert staff at Oastlers School

Melisa lives in Bradford with her son, Tyler, aged 14, and daughter, Amelia, aged 11.



## Team work

Melisa has been very happy with the staff at Oastlers School since Tyler started there. She says: "We are all working together to help Tyler and I am not struggling on my own any more. He is like a different child. There's no battle in the morning because now he wants to go to school."



## Professional care

Tyler had been out of school for 18 months. Melisa says: "He had been failed by his previous mainstream school. I went to see Oastlers School and liked it immediately and thought Tyler would thrive there. The SENCO visited us at home and said she believed Oastlers School could meet his needs."

## Settling in

"Tyler started at the beginning of Y8, but he didn't settle straight away and then after a few months we had the first lockdown, which didn't help. Since going back after the lockdown, Tyler has settled more. He loves school now and is happy to get ready and go off in his taxi."

## Understanding staff

Melisa says Tyler is the first child at Oastlers School with Tourette syndrome but the school have now done some training on how to care for children with the condition. She says: "All he needed was for his teachers to understand him, because you can't learn if you're not happy."

## Enjoying learning

"He is doing well academically now. The staff say he still has a few gaps to make up because of the time he spent out of school, but he is studying for six GCSEs, including photography. Tyler likes everything about school now. He loves his teacher and TA. He enjoys going to Pool Club at lunchtime."

## Making friends

"Recently his teacher rang to let me know that Tyler had a good week. It was so lovely to hear. Tyler has had to learn to live with Tourette syndrome, but he has now made some friends in his own class and in the other classes. He is now finally learning at school and able to have a laugh."

## Helpful counsellor

"When he had a bad week because something happened to upset him and said he didn't want to go to school, I rang the school to let them know. They got the school counsellor on board straight away. He had a few sessions with Tyler and it really helped," Melisa says.

## Piano lessons

"I do feel I have some support now because the staff at Oastlers School are so good. It has been a hard road to get Tyler to where he is now. Two years ago, he was very down and depressed and now he loves going to school. He is very good at music and taught himself to play the keyboard and piano during lockdown. I was amazed when the Head Teacher, Mrs Brown, emailed me and asked me if it was okay to bring someone in to teach Tyler the piano. Now they have discovered his talent, he is going to perform in a band at school. It is such a relief that I can now go about my day and not worry about Tyler too much because I know where he is and that he is safe and happy there."

## Children say

**Tyler says:** "I like learning to play music at Oastlers School."



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