



MY NAME IS JACK, AND I AM HEAD BOY AT DEYES HIGH SCHOOL

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I know that moving from primary to secondary school is really daunting but don't worry because Deyes is such a welcoming, friendly environment to be in. In fact there really is nowhere better!

Whether you have a few familiar faces around you, or you come on your own, Deyes is an amazing place to meet new people and make new friends. You will look back and smile about how nervous you felt when you realise that every student and teacher is always willing to help.

My journey from year 7 to 13 has been full of learning and has moulded me into the person I am today. The humanity subjects of History and RE stick with me in particular, so much so that I chose to do both at GCSE and continue with History at A-level. Their interactive teaching styles, with role play and debates allowed me to gain a better grasp of the topic and to contextualise the content.

The study of English evolves as you move through the school, using a perfect blend of reading and creative writing and always encouraging you to take an imaginative approach to your studies. One particular aspect of English I enjoyed throughout my secondary school journey was the stories we got to write in years 7-9, as it allowed me to tap into my creative side and do one of my favourite hobbies in school!

Another aspect of school I loved in Year 7, and still love today, is modern foreign languages. We are given the opportunity to learn both Spanish and French from years 7-9 and then can choose one (or both) to continue with at GCSE. I loved how we communicated in different languages and remember the feeling of satisfaction when I was able to pronounce words that I found particularly difficult.

In fact, all of my subjects have been a joy to study due mainly to the dedication and passion of the teachers at Deyes High. Their depth of knowledge and passion for their respective subjects inspired me to do my absolute best.

In College@Deyes, we have been supported in the best way possible, as have the rest of the school, especially in the current difficult circumstances. We have kept up with our course studies and are in the strongest position possible to be successful in our exams. The support we have had does not stop at lessons, it progresses to a personal level and the teachers' help with the transition into higher education is unrivalled. For example, the most difficult part of a university application is a personal statement and resources have been produced to help us with this. We prepare multiple drafts, which are meticulously critiqued by a teacher of the subject that you wish to pursue to ensure that you are providing the correct information and presenting the best possible image of yourself.

My experience at Deyes has not just been purely academic, I have taken part in many trips and extracurricular activities which are offered to all students. For example, with the Geography department I went to Naples when I was in Year 9, exploring the famous Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii and the sulphuric mud fields of Solfatara. I also tasted authentic Italian ice cream and played football with friends on the trip. The ski trip that the PE department led was possibly the best holiday I have been on! It enabled me to learn a new skill, make new friends and discover the other side of Italy on the Alps.

The extracurricular activities I have personally taken part in are football and basketball. Our school football team is particularly successful, winning the Sefton Cup twice and being runners up in the Merseyside Cup. The other activities offered include cheerleading, netball, tennis and art club at lunchtime. The school also offers the opportunity to learn various musical instruments. We also offer many opportunities for personal enrichment. I helped students with their reading last year in a buddy system called Reading Pals and found the experience very rewarding to both parties.

So, what more can I say? Deyes is, for me, quite simply the best school I could have chosen for my secondary education journey. I am sure it can and will be that for you too!

**I hope that you choose us as your first choice school and join us in
September 2021.**