



HELLO ALL, MY NAME IS CHARLOTTE I'M THE HEAD GIRL AT DEYES HIGH SCHOOL

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The next few years will at times feel like the most challenging and overwhelming you have experienced so far. You are adjusting from a world full of familiarity to a new and unknown one. I know because I felt the same!

However, the first few weeks settling into Deyes are among some of my favourite memories and ones which laid the foundation for lifelong friendships, and provided a steppingstone for my confidence to be built throughout the rest of my educational journey.

I have always loved the STEM subjects such as Science and Maths. Studying these from Year 7 garnered my ambition to pursue a career in Dentistry which is why I chose Biology and Chemistry at A-level. The interactive, in-depth practical experiments like the heart and kidney dissection will always lay at the heart of my fascination with science. The hands-on experience offered by the school allowed me to develop my skills and I was also required to wear a lab coat and goggles which made me feel part of a team of scientists.

The study of mathematics became one of my favourite lessons between year 7-11 due to the stimulating and challenging nature of the subject. Alongside science, maths helped me to develop problem solving and logical reasoning skills, which I used to help me in other lessons such as English and Geography. These transferable skills have definitely contributed to my advancement in analytical skills required for admissions tests for University.

Another rewarding experience at Deyes was getting to choose our GCSE options, this provided me with the capacity to further my enthusiasm in subjects I academically excelled in and thoroughly enjoyed. For example, I took GCSE art to captivate my creative side and to improve my hand-eye coordination skills which I knew I would need in the future.

In Sixth Form, we have constant support from both our teachers and careers advisers when choosing our next steps into education, from online videos on how to structure our personal statements to finding work experience related to our chosen profession. Additionally, teachers offer consistent support during enrichment activities to increase our likelihood of success in the future. Activities such as the Rowan Park Christmas party and Reading Pals help to distinguish your CV or personal statement from your peers, which is why I am grateful to be surrounded by such a devoted and encouraging support system.

Extracurricular programmes provide an essential enhancement to our studies and are key in reducing stress which is why Deyes High provide a wide range of activities such as cheerleading, gymnastics and a school football team. One of my favourite extracurricular activities was The Deyes High Annual Sports Day, in which each form would compete for the most points aiming to win the Sports Day Trophy. Each form teacher inspired their students to use teamworking skills to create their winning strategy and motivated them to try their best.

Deyes also offers end of year trips that usually include going to a theme park such as Blackpool or Alton Towers. These rewards celebrate the hard work and continuous effort that we have put in throughout the school year, and I know this helped me to drive myself to work hard all year round. However, this is not the only reward system that is used to recognise conscientious students. Deyes hosts Award ceremonies, Christmas parties and celebrate Stars of the Week.

I hope that I have given you a bit more of an insight into how it feels to be a student at Deyes High School. For me that meant feeling, respected, challenged, rewarded and above all valued.

If you want to get the very best learning experience in secondary school make us your number one choice. We are after all the best there is to offer.

**Thank you for reading my welcome. I hope you join Deyes High
in September 2021.**