



DEYES HIGH  
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# What do others say about Deyes High School?

## What do our students say about us?



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At Deyes High School we value the voice of all of our pupils.

*We have pupils at the heart of everything we do. We continually strive to collect and act on student voice when making decisions that will impact our most cherished stakeholders. At Deyes we have a large and active body of student leaders including the infamous 'School Council' who are an integral part of school improvement and development. Find out what the pupils think about Deyes ....*

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**"Being in Deyes is great!** I really enjoyed my first year, even if it was cut short. Now I am really excited to be back. The lessons are so much fun. We have the freedom to learn like young adults and in ways that suit us individually. Making new friends at Deyes who are from lots of other primary schools has made Year 7 really enjoyable. My favourite lessons are PE – because it's fun to be outside and engage in sports that you have not done before, and History – as it's well-structured and the way we are taught makes you really think about the past."

**Ryan**

**"I would say that my favourite thing about Deyes is that every day I am surrounded by all my friends.** Before I joined, I knew boys from a different primary school to mine through my football team, but now we all are in one school so we can chat all the time.

There are many subjects that we study at Deyes, however I would say that my favourite is PE. This is because I am a very sporty person, so learning new sports interests me. Whilst partaking in Year Seven PE, I found out that I actually enjoyed handball which I had not played before then. I always get excited when I have PE as my next lesson."

**Tom**

**"My favourite thing about Deyes is the extra-curricular activities.** These are a lot of fun and a great way to make new friends. Some of the activities available are football, netball, benchball, a Drama group and Science Club.

My favourite subject is History because I like learning about the past and comparing it to the present. Deyes provides excellent resources for learning in this subject, for example, last year some Year 9 students went to Belgium and France to visit some historical sites."

**Niamh**

**"One thing I like about Deyes is the spaces provided so you can hang out with friends during social times.** I like that Deyes values friendships and encourages all pupils to be kind to one another. The lunchtime clubs are awesome too. What I like most about Deyes is just having a strong relationship with your teachers. They are there for you in lessons to help you learn but also outside of lessons to give advice and support.

I would say that Drama is my favourite subject in Deyes. This is because you not only act out what the teacher asks, you can also write your own scripts and much more. I also really like Music because in Year 7 we did rondo form music, piano playing and African drumming, all of which I thoroughly enjoyed."

**Molly**

"My favourite subject at school is definitely English. The teachers are brilliant! They make the learning and lessons so interesting with varied activities and challenges that really made me try my best. When I succeeded, which was often, my teachers contacted home and told my parents how well I was doing. They also gave me golden tickets which entered me into prize draws each fortnight to win gift vouchers to treat myself with. You don't have to love English to really enjoy the lessons as the teachers make sure of that for you."

**Ben**

"Maths was always my favourite subject through primary school and I didn't think I could love it anymore. That was until I joined Deyes and walked into the amazing new Maths Centre for my first lesson. My teacher was clever, fun and really believed in me and everyone in the class actually. I look forward to my Maths lessons each week because we can learn together, help each other and have such a good time doing it. Sometimes I don't even realise I am learning really difficult and tricky topics because the way it is explained and broken down. Maths at Deyes is brilliant. Come and see for yourself!"

**Louise**

## What do our parents say about us?



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*At Deyes High School we believe in working in partnership with our parents and carers for the benefit of our pupils. It is important to us that parents believe in the school and support what we do in providing an education for their children. We value the opinions of our parents and thought you might too so we asked a few of our parents to tell you how they felt about our school. This is what they said.....*

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**"Our son attends Deyes and we have been very impressed since the day he started.** There is a strong sense of community and everyone makes you feel like family when you walk through the door. This includes staff and also the other pupils. We appreciate the excellent communication including the school newsletter, text messages, emails, letters home and phone calls from teachers and Heads of Year. Progress is at the forefront of the schools mission and is always clearly communicated with me as a parent and my son too. He is always encouraged to meet his full potential and aim higher."

**Mr Lewis**

**"You don't know how valuable the support is from Deyes until you really need it.** I have contacted the school numerous times for support regarding my child settling into secondary school and each time I am greeted with staff who cannot do enough for us. Teachers are flexible in their support and nurturing in their approach. I now see Deyes as being a valuable provider on more than just an academic level. They are helping shape my child and the person they are growing up to be. The school have been amazing with the support they offer, they openly invite you into the school for a face to face meeting and offer many different ways to support over the phone and email too. They

discuss any issues with both me as the parent and also my child which has instilled our confidence in the school from day one. All staff seem to have the best interests of the pupils at heart and this is clearly visible when you speak with them when attend meetings at social events and when visiting to look around the school."

***Mr Baker***

**"Deyes is a warm, friendly school and one which encourages each and every child to do their very best.** The pupils are to be commended on their manners, their politeness and their obvious pride in their school. When leaving Deyes, pupils are so well prepared for the world beyond school, achieving excellent exam result but also employability skills and life experiences. We can't recommend Deyes enough, not only as an educational provider in the traditional sense but also for helping build and mould our child into a young adult who can positively contribute to the wider world."

***Miss Johnson***

**"Deyes is a place where children are safe and can learn freely and without limits.** It provides an excellent education but also a space for all pupils to be themselves. Before choosing Deyes for my child I visited the school and really felt a sense of belonging and inclusion . Staff were welcoming, students showed me around with confidence and the whole environment was everything I wanted for my child. In selecting Deyes I was not disappointed. I would recommend the school to any parent without reservation."

***Mrs Smith***