

PRIZE GIVING 2011 – ST DAVID’S SCHOOL

Head Girl’s Report

Good afternoon, my name is Fiona McNevin and I am very happy to be Head Girl of St David’s School. St David’s is a very special school and in my eight years of being here I have matured greatly. I have made many great friends and had some brilliant experiences. Of course many of those good experiences were due to some very important people at the School. The teachers have taught me many things besides Maths and English. When we were little we were taught how to sit still and share with others (much more difficult than it sounds) and now at the top of the School we are preparing for senior school and taking responsibility as prefects and house captains

St David’s is so much more than a school where you just learn to read and write. The School plays have given me confidence in acting, singing and dancing. My first memory of performing is when in reception our Christmas play was The Whoops a Daisy Angel. I was the angel who had to do everything wrong which was very hard since I had to do the opposite of everyone else and I forgot a few times. That taught me one of the very first lessons at St David’s - the show must go on despite the laughing parents!

At St David’s we work hard but have fun too and everyone enjoys going on school trips. On a lot of trips what I remember most is sitting on the coach wondering how long it would take to get there. My favorite trip was going to the Sutton Life Centre in Form 6, where we prepared for our lives ahead.

Music has played a big part in my years here too. In year two I started flute and I couldn’t even blow a few notes, now I’m working towards grade 4. Mrs George has taught music since I started in nursery and she has helped me to become confident in singing and music in general.

Sport at St David’s has also played an important part for me. I was made Rounders captain and I enjoyed many well fought matches in Rounders and Netball. Mr Jones organized swimming and athletics events which were great fun. The highlight for me was getting into the final in the Croydon schools swimming gala and getting a silver medal.

It feels as though being at St David’s has flown by and I can still remember going up through all the different years. Every year we gained a new privilege which made us look forward to the year ahead.

Year 1: Reading the books in the library

Year 2: Being able to start Musical Theatre

Year 3: Joining Aquila house and collecting stars

Year 4: Joining choir and getting more homework

Year 5: More responsibility and revising for the exams

And finally Year 6: Becoming Head Girl, going on activity week and our school play Jack! The Musical, which I hope you all enjoyed.

At St David’s reading is very important and from the very bottom years we read stories and listened to them. I started with Meg the hen and Pat the pig books but now I am reading books like Harry Potter and the Alex Rider series. I was reading a Harry Potter book recently and I thought about how the sorting hat placed the children in their houses for their qualities which made me think about St. David’s, which has helped me develop all those qualities so that I think I could be put into any house.

For Gryffindor you need to be brave and I’m sure that without going to St David’s I wouldn’t have been able to stand up here and give a speech to all of you.

For Ravenclaw you need to be clever and St David's gives you a love of learning from an early age and pushes you to your best academically.

For Slytherin you need to be cunning and adaptable and I think being in a small school you cannot hide in the background so you get involved in many different things which makes you adaptable to different places.

And finally for Hufflepuff you need to be loyal. We have been taught to stick up for our friends and support them in all their endeavors.

All in all I want to thank St David's for making me who I am today.

Fiona McNevin