

Hello everyone, my name is Anya and I'm currently in my final year of Sixth Form, hopefully going to university next September.

Joining I&S as a newcomer, the idea of was initially daunting.

Some of you may be afraid of starting in a new place, with new people, and a new way of learning things, but trust me when I say coming here is one of the best ways to get a great gentle start to this new chapter of your life.

One of my favorite aspects of I&S is the balanced academic atmosphere. Our curriculum is very rigorous, with regular homework being set but our school also includes independent learning tasks that help aid our understanding of our subjects to further our curiosities and increase our ability to tackle the test questions. There is also lots of contact between teachers and students that allow us to ask questions at any point of confusion and the teachers ensure during class that everyone is confident at the topic at hand before moving on, creating an environment more conducive for learning.

As I've clarified, classes here are fast yet productive, which leaves us with time to enjoy the other great positives about our school, one of them being the extracurriculars. Our clubs are both engaging and diverse, ranging from our notorious school sports teams and to our school-wide band. Personally, I was able to do the UK Maths Challenge and even get an award from the UK Chemistry Olympiad, all due to the school's consistent drive to use resources, whether internal or external, to push our potentials to the limit.

Becoming an Isleworthian means becoming a part of a thriving student community. We have weekly newsletters and a buzzing social media page to keep everyone updated on special events and engage with different year groups. As a member of Student Council, our school ensures every voice is heard, and I've never been in a school that's format is so student lead.

It takes a town to raise a child, and I&S surely takes this to a different level. The school arranges many parent-teacher meetings and accessible websites, so parents are aware of student progress. In past schools, my parents have always been the ones that had to take the first step in asking my teachers to discuss my academics, but ironically, the roles have been reversed, even at times with my parents knowing my status before I do.

I can only convey so much how I&S has nurtured my school life, preparing me for life after Sixth Form, despite being only a student for a year and a bit. But imagine what an amazing 7 years can be like!

I am a living testament that can assure you great things are to come when you join I&S.