

Hi there, my name's Arthur.

I joined Isleworth & Syon School last September as a year 7, so I know that choosing a secondary school is a big decision for you and your families. I'm here this evening to give you a few reasons why I believe Isleworth & Syon might be the right choice for you. I hope you find it helpful.

A good place to start, is to give you an idea of what life is like as an Isleworthian? Here are just a few things that I got up to in my first year...

Basketball club at lunch times, cooking club after school, table tennis at break, athletics & cricket clubs in the Summer & not forgetting music technology...Mr McKeever is always happy to see his room full budding musicians.

But now for some of my favourites...

Rugby was a completely new sport to me at the start of year 7, but has quickly become a highlight of the autumn term thanks to the support & encouragement of the amazing P.E department who have not just taught me how to play the game, but have helped me grow in confidence & skill. I now have the opportunity to thrive as regular member of the Rugby team, an achievement which I am really proud of.

Drama and music festivals are regular features of the school year at Isleworth & Syon. After a rigorous audition process, I was lucky enough to perform alongside a whole-school cast in *Emil & the Detectives*, a play depicting the life of a young German boy in the 1900s. As a year 7 inductee, this was a quite a daunting prospect & I'd like thank Mr McDonnell and Miss Thompson in the drama department, who gave their time & effort in putting together what was a brilliant show watched by many teachers, parents & students.

So, what about that music? Well, this really IS a favourite of mine, so when I got the chance to form my own band with my mates, I jumped at it... in fact, the first song we performed together was JUMP! We performed together a few times over the year, but the most memorable performances, were at the Winter Concert & Summer Arts festival, where we really did take the roof off! We even tried our luck in the Battle of the Bands competition...and came 2nd!!!!

Now for a slight change of pace. Every term, a few lucky pupils get the opportunity to have breakfast with the Co-Headteachers, I'm fortunate enough to have done this twice & it's been a real pleasure to spend just 15 minutes chatting over the past & upcoming term. But how do you get this special invitation? Well, like every school, Isleworth & Syon expect you to try your best to uphold their values every day. But, for those pupils who go above & beyond, positive points are awarded & left to accumulate. If your termly total gets you above 350 positives, you may just receive your very own golden ticket!