

## Head Boy Speech

Hello and Good Afternoon everyone. My name is Ashley and I am the outgoing Head Boy. I've been proud to be Head Boy and it has been a good experience even though it's sometimes a bit difficult because you have to try to be better behaved than anyone else all the time!

I have been at Avenue House since I was 3 years old and I've loved it from day one and was always eager to come to school. What's great about Avenue House is its friendly atmosphere and it's a small school so you get to know everyone. Caring and good manners are encouraged and you are also encouraged to achieve your potential by all the teaching staff. I've also enjoyed some fun outings with my class, to the theatre, Isle of Wight, Black Mountain and lots more. Best of all, I've been lucky enough to be able to lie in, in the mornings a bit longer because it's such a local school to where I live.

My favourite subjects are Art, Maths, Science and lunch. I still remember in Year 2 which was the first year we had our own desks, I opened and closed the lid so many times Miss Casey jokingly said she would tape it down. Mrs Self is a real character who exemplifies the spirit of the school. My mum always says she would love to have a hologram of Mrs Self which she could project onto the wall when my friends and I are being a bit too rowdy. This would definitely have an instant effect!

A tip for Year 5's don't stress about the 11plus exams – the teachers prepare you well and you will get into one of the schools of your choice.

A huge thank you to all the teachers for helping me develop my potential- Miss Clark and Dr Sharma thank you for helping turn my spidery handwriting into a pretty neat job! Dr Sharma I really enjoyed the sherbet experiment from last Thursday mine was delicious! Mrs Caine – thanks for helping me to understand algebra, Miss Humberstone thanks for the creative writing tips. Mrs Beevor –thanks for organising the fantastic play, I really enjoyed being Sherlock Holmes. Miss Jory I've enjoyed every single Art project we've done-they've been really exciting. I'm looking forward to working in the huge Art Studio at Latymer.

Friends and classmates I have some great memories, I will miss you all, especially the daily laughing contest! I know you'll all do really well in your new schools and go from strength to strength. Avenue House has prepared us well for our next steps. I leave you with a quote from Thoreau – “Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.”

Very best wishes for the future.

Thank You. Ashley Gautama