



Hi, I'm Joseph McKay and I'm currently Head Boy at JRCS.

Being Head Boy has opened a lot of doors for me, from helping Mr Smith make decisions to talking to my form about problems in school. Knowing how important my position is, it increases the pressure to perform as best I can at all times, to set an example for the younger students of Jo Richardson, but I love it!

I am a shining example as to why you shouldn't give up. Coming to JRCS in 2013 I couldn't even dream of becoming Head Boy! Never underestimate yourself, never give up, and never draw anyone else short. Everyone has the potential to become something great, even if they don't realise it yet. Just like I aspire to become more than a Head Boy later in life, everyone should aspire to become something great and achieve all they can!

Being an expressive student interested in drama and music, being able to express myself as the Head Boy is wonderful. Head Boy for me is a constant performance, acting on my best behaviour at all times, this means it is teaching me discipline and allowing me to test myself and my friends to see just how well behaved I can be! It is preparing me for the world of work and it will prepare many of the future Head Boys.

One of my biggest accomplishments so far has been taking place in many of the school performances, once again allowing me to express myself in many ways. Another of my biggest accomplishments so far has been going to Nicaragua with the school and helping children less fortunate than myself. It was very humbling. That is what I love about Jo Richardson, it allows you to be yourself no matter what size, shape or gender you are – it is a truly accepting school and I am proud to be the Head Boy.

For all my achievements I already have and the achievements I will get, I would like to thank all of my teachers for allowing me to express myself, and for continuing to allow others the same opportunity.

“There is only one happiness in this life, to love and be loved.” - George Sand.