

My name is Ledion Rama and I am the Head Boy of Jo Richardson Community School.

Being Head Boy really makes your school life much more enjoyable, it opens up a whole new set of responsibilities as a student and brings many great opportunities. Being Head Boy is the highest role a student can achieve, you gain a lot of respect and learn to become a great role model. When I found out that I was Head Boy I was very shocked and here is why.

When I started my secondary school journey at JRCS, I found it hard not to be distracted by my friends. In year 7 I would sometimes struggle to keep focused in lessons and I would allow my peers to influence my decisions. After the first set of report data my rank was yellow which meant I had to reconsider what I wanted from life and I

chose to be successful. Since then I have changed my mind set and with the support of my teachers I have become my best self. Especially with the help of my form tutor Miss Banjo, who is one of the most consistent and fair teachers in school. Miss Banjo did not hesitate to put me on report and she monitored my behaviour closely. Sending emails to my teachers to see how I was getting on in class. She would always spend time feeding back to me and thinking of a plan to support me in changing my behaviour. She helped me instigate change in myself and I would like to support others in doing the same thing.

The boundaries that school created for me gave me some direction and by year 9 I changed my behaviour for the better and I moved up to my original top sets. I built strong working relationships with my teachers. Therefore, I learnt more in class and I wasn't a distraction to my peers.

I went on to choose triple Science, PE, History and Business for my GCSE's and school life feels good. In year 10, Ms Pridie my temporary Head of Year told me I would make a great Head Boy, so I decided to apply the for Head Boy role. I had very hard opposition, some of the brightest and most intelligent people in the school. I didn't really believe I would get the role. When Mr Smith announced me as the Head Boy no words could describe how happy I was. All of my teachers were very proud of me and my mum was even prouder.

I would like to thank Mr Smith for picking me to be the Head Boy, but I would especially like to thank my form tutor Miss Banjo, I couldn't have done it without you.