

## Domas Cesnulevicius – Head Boy

I'm Domas Cesnulevicius, Head Boy. I never really thought about taking on this role until later on in year 10 when it was brought up in assembly and after hearing some of my fellow peers and members of staff telling me I should try it out, so I thought why not. As a result, when the time came, I put myself up as a candidate without expecting much from it but as quite a competitive person I started to want it more than I thought I would. Soon it was time to reveal who would be Head Boy and everyone was sitting around making a drum roll until a moment of short-lived silence as my name got called out. It took me a moment to process it but quickly I realised - it's me - Head Boy 2019. It sounded crazy to me that I once a small boy going into reception without even being able to talk English to now being Head Boy at Jo Richardson Community School.

I'm proud of myself for stepping out of my comfort zone and doing something I didn't even really think I would want to do but now I feel more confident in myself and glad I took on this opportunity. Being Head Boy, I want to show people that it's good to try things they wouldn't normally do and that sometimes stepping out of your comfort zone may be more rewarding than you may expect it to be.

## Mehnaz Musthafa – Head Girl

My name is Mehnaz Musthafa and I am proudly the Head Girl of JRCS.

I am truly honoured to become Head Girl, especially after the stiff competition I faced from my peers. Achieving such a high status has really boosted my confidence, as well as giving me a huge sense of accomplishment.

When I joined Jo Richardson in 2015, I was an awkward and apprehensive girl who certainly wasn't expecting to achieve all the things I have done over the past 5 years. I have won many Golden Seagulls, getting platinum many times as well as becoming a peer mentor in year 10. Recently, I was also fortunate enough to both attend and speak at a Carol Dweck conference, in front of hundreds of people.

My biggest dream is to travel the world. I would love to visit as many countries as possible and learn about different cultures. Going to university is another goal of mine and one that I will go out of my way to accomplish. Karate has always been a huge part of my life. I used to be incredibly shy and karate helped me to gain some much-needed confidence. I'm hoping to carry on and learn various styles of martial arts in the future.

I would like to thank everyone, especially my form tutor Mr Yeates, for always supporting me and pushing me to become the best version of myself in all aspects of life. Being Head Girl is a true honour and definitely one of the highlights of my time at JRCS. In this short space of time I have already been given so many opportunities and I am looking forward to what the future has in store.

I'd like to end with a quote that I try to live my life by - 'right now, is the oldest you have ever been and the youngest you'll ever be again, so take chances, live life to the fullest, laugh often and savour every moment.'

### Jeremiah Ogunturin – Deputy Head Boy

My name is Jeremiah Ogunturin, and I am the Deputy Head Boy of Jo Richardson Community School. I take pride in my school, because of all the things it has done for me as a person. It has helped transform me from a shy member of the community, to an opportunity seeking individual with a thirst for new heights and challenges. I feel like getting a role with such authority helps me give back to a community I owe so much to. Every member of staff helped shape me into what I am today – every member of staff wanted nothing but the best for me, and I want to help others with the same. I want to teach the other students at the school how to be their best selves; to learn to love themselves and who they are. I want to be able to help them achieve all their aspirations and be that “older brother” figure when they need it most. I love my school, and I love being the Deputy Head Boy of this school, and I think that’s really what I’m most proud of.

### Jazy Daniel – Deputy Head Girl

My name is Jazy Daniel and I am delighted to take on this fulfilling role as the deputy head girl of Jo Richardson Community School this year.

When I was awarded this position, I was extremely in shock and I still am - it was completely unexpected as the students I was up against are absolutely incredible and all would've done a great job. But firstly, I'd like to thank Ms. Howe who not only took time off to help me prepare for my interview but also helped me find enough confidence to seize this opportunity and constantly encouraged and cheered me on the whole way through. This is a true reflection of our staff in Jo Richardson - they want the best for all students.

This is a very important role, and an immense amount of responsibility. I believe that with my skills and the help from my peers it's nothing I can't handle. With the ability to work effectively within a team and yet still demonstrate leadership, I'm certain I can lead Jo Richardson into a better place. Given this role I'd like to achieve a calm, collected environment to enable our students to feel safe and stable whether its education or simply just having someone there to aid them and talk to. I'd be taking this further by offering an advice clinic where I'll be holding one to one sessions with our students

I love being a part of such a diverse, comfortable community, that accepts everyone from all different backgrounds and religions. A School that promotes individuality and uniqueness. A school full of endless opportunities that will build a student up with so much experience and set them apart from all other candidates further in their life. Such as opportunities as big as going on trips all over the world, helping building schools in poorer countries to enable children of all nationalities to obtain an education. Or as little as having a peer mentoring system, where the older students can mentor and help navigate our younger students through their dilemmas and stress.

On the whole, this school has shaped me into a more ambitious, confident individual, I've grown so much as a person and that wouldn't have been possible without the backing of my school, teachers and peers. I'd like to end by saying I am over ecstatic by the nature of this role, and the challenge it represents. I cannot think of a better way to end my final year in secondary school than to have the honour of this position.

Thank you

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