



My time as Head Girl...

I absolutely loved my year as Head Girl and would definitely recommend that you apply. We got to take part in lots of different projects, some in school and others within the wider community, including numerous charity events. Some examples include; working with the younger years in school, such as taking part in Year 7 Transition days and whole school events. I also got the opportunity to take part in a project run by the Home Office, working to create an app aimed at preventing radicalisation in young people. I worked with the council helping to improve mental health services around Coventry, this was not only interesting and rewarding for us as a student leader team, but also helped to make a difference to other people who may potentially use the services. It is great to know that through taking part in a project you've potentially helped and supported lots of other people at the same time.

Another great thing about being part of the head girl and boy team is the other people in the team that you work with, not just from your own year but from other years too! I barely knew a lot of my team when we first started, but after a few weeks of getting to know each other we all got on so well. It is actually a really good way to expand your friendships groups and mix with new people! I know that some people that I get on with really well now, I probably wouldn't have spoken to if it wasn't for being head girl. I think this definitely shows that there are benefits you don't necessarily think about straight away when you think of being head girl and head boy! Forming relationships with other years is brilliant as well and it feels so rewarding when they come and thank you for little things you've said or done for them. Knowing that by being in this position you can become a role model for the younger years is great and it is lovely to think that you're actually having a positive impact on other people!

As well as relationships with other people, being head girl has definitely helped me develop personally as well. If someone would have told me this time a couple of years ago that I'd be standing up in front of all of you and speaking in assemblies and at other events I never would have believed them! I have grown in confidence and increased my team working and communication skills as well as my organisational skills. These transferable skills are currently helping me with my A-levels and will certainly help when I go to University and with my future career.

I definitely think you should apply and I am not just saying it, I genuinely think that taking a step out of my comfort zone has helped me in so many different ways and has helped me to learn so many new things about myself. You'll have so much fun working as part of the team and you'll do so many things that you don't even think of when you think about the role! Even if you don't get the position of head girl or head boy there are other roles which are just as important, taking the step and applying to do something that you wouldn't normally do is brilliant and will give you so much more confidence in yourself!

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