

Monday 15th of July 2024

Dear Mr Hipperson and St Luke's CEVA Primary & Nursery School,

You may wonder why I have come here to visit you today. It is because I want to say thank you for everything the teachers and the school have done for me. I was discussing with my mum different ways to express my gratitude as I am on holiday because the school I attend, Francis Holland - Sloane Square (FHS-SS), closed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. During this conversation I felt strongly of the need to visit. Thank you so much that on such a short notice you have welcomed me today alongside an opportunity to read to the Reception children.

I am grateful for the education I received here from my early years to year six (July 2021). On reflection, throughout these years I experienced wonderful opportunities which have made me the person that I am.

Starting from when I received my pen licence from Ms Tarbuck.

In Year 4 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2019, I had the opportunity to take part in debating at Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford during an educational visit as part of extra-curricular activities with Miss Sammon. The debate was on the topic of whether children should do PE every day. We supported this view because we believe being active and fit is vital to our health. Thankfully the contributions of Miss Adams and Mr Scott always kept us engaged and active when doing athletic activities.

In my current school, I have had the blessing of receiving awards which I credit to how St Luke's prepared me as I was presented with certificates recognising my achievements during school assemblies in areas such as Athletics, golden award certificates and more. Enabling me to stay focused and work hard.

I am very grateful for my involvement in the COP26 program in 2021 because it gave me the awareness of the importance of reversing the effects of climate change. Mainly, to secure an agreement between countries to reduce emissions worldwide and hopefully reversing climate change. Making it easier for me to continue being involved in this important matter. In my current school we are offered varied clubs. One of them is called Curious Club. We recently developed and created a sustainable city which would be implemented in the future. Our project used things like wind turbines and solar panels as well as trees and large green areas to help with photosynthesis where plants use carbon dioxide and make oxygen as a waste product to make their food. Therefore, reducing air pollution.

The school trip to France and French lessons taught by Madame Mbick gave me a head start. Not to mention other learning tools like Athletics and Reading Eggs increased my love for maths and English. Being part of the school council helped me

*develop leadership and responsible qualities when fulfilling a role. I was recently acknowledged for being a very effective Deputy Form Captain in year 9.*

*A major turning point in my life is God blessing me and my family through St Luke's Primary School and Mr Bright Yeboah ( Parent Governor - IT Guru, at Regents Park), by sharing the information about (FHS), in the form of a letter, which was handed out at the end of the school day in St Luke's. Up to now I have not met with Mr Yeboah. In my efforts to do so I have since come to understand that Francis Holland is located at two campuses (Sloane Square & Regents Park) however, there will now be three campuses (Sloane Square, Regent's Park and The Preparatory School). From September 2024 the Sloane Square Junior school is moving to another site. It is my hope that I will eventually meet Mr Yeboah, God willing.*

*As my parents always say, 'the overwhelming feelings of Gratitude as we comprehend the magnitude of the blessing /opportunity given to our daughter and we as a family: almost paralysed us. However, our songs of praise to God continue to be constant'. Affording me the opportunity to be studying where I am today.*

*Being at (FHS-SS), I have had many opportunities, (horse-riding, netball, cricket, hockey, tennis, rounders, school musicals, attending lunch & Learn sessions, varied co-curricular clubs going on expeditions and educational visits). A major highlight this far was the educational visit organised by the Physics Department, called the Physics Trip to NASA, Houston Texas in America from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024. It was wonderful and what I enjoyed the most was the total solar eclipse which we experienced on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. We experienced totality for around 4 minutes and it was fabulous. It goes almost pitch black and dead silent. As the light from the sun dims the birds begin to sing their evening song however, they become silent when the moon fully blocks the sunlight. It was truly an amazing experience for me.*

*Now I have selected my chosen GCSE Subjects which I am working towards starting this September. I pray to God that by the time I take the GCSE exams, I will perform in a way that I will be afforded the necessary support required for me to go to sixth form and beyond. As I hope to give back in the field of Engineering to the community that is blessing me.*

*Speaking of teachers I fondly remember Miss Tarbuck who taught me English in a fun and interactive way of which I am truly grateful. I firmly believe Mr Hipperson has had a big impact on my life through the way you led the school assemblies effectively, hopefully this is a mutual experience for other students.*

*I believe that I was given a strong foundation, created by all teachers who have helped me to progress. These are some of the reasons why I love this school.*

*In future, I hope some of the girls studying here will attend (FHS-SS).*

*It will be wonderful for me to work in the engineering field and of particular in the space industry.*

*I am grateful for my family because they have always supported me, especially my mother because she is my biggest fan and she prays to God for me.*

*I look forward to visiting St Luke's again.*

*Yours Sincerely,*

*Kayla Kahwa (Student at Francis Holland School, Sloane Square),  
Year 10, 2024 - 2025*