

Amit is succeeding academically and enjoying school life thanks to the dedication of the staff at Oak Lodge School

Jotti and Haxhi live with their sons, Krishan, aged 26. Amit, aged 14, and Amir, aged 11, who are all deaf. Amit started at Oak Lodge School as a day pupil when he was 11 and Amir is set to join the school after he has completed his primary education.

Rising to the challenge

Jotti and Haxhi are proud of what Amit has achieved since starting at Oak Lodge. Jotti says: "Amit has made fantastic progress since joining the school. He follows the programme of study set out by the national curriculum, but he has been given more challenging work as the years have gone by. He is always very focused when he does his homework and his computer work and he is working very hard."

Approachable teachers

Jotti says they chose Oak Lodge for Amit, already knowing it was a good school because she had attended the school herself. "My son has a problem with his heart and so I didn't want him to go far from home. I wanted him to be able to travel to school by transport and have only a short journey. When he first started in Year Seven at the age of 11, he was quite overwhelmed because it was a big transition after primary school, but he was given lots of support in the classroom. If he didn't understand something he knew he could ask the teacher for help which was very good. The staff provided a lot of one to one support for Amit and made sure he always had good communication access in the classroom."

Making friends

Now Amit is settled at Oak Lodge and is used to the school, he is very happy there, Jotti says. "He has a group of close friends and they all have a lot of laughter and jokes with each other. We are also proud that Amit is now a prefect. His favourite subjects are Maths, computer studies, art, photography, and drama. He really enjoys drama and would like to do more drama in the future to help preserve the reputation of deaf people in the drama world."

Communication skills

Jotti says because she is deaf herself, Amit could already sign when he first started at Oak Lodge. "We sometimes use home signs for things that are a bit different, but Amit has learnt how to sign to communicate with other people now. He can also do lip reading, like me. Amit is naturally very intelligent and enjoys learning new words. His vocabulary is excellent now, which makes us very proud of him."

Good support

Jotti and Haxhi have been very happy with all the staff at Oak Lodge, but have been particularly impressed with the dedication of the staff in the wellbeing team. "If Amit has had any problems, or worries, he has been able to ask for support from the people in the wellbeing team and they have helped him by clarifying things and explaining things to him."



The medical lead at Oak Lodge has also helped him with his health issues. It has helped us a lot to be able to have regular chats with the staff and to feel confident that they will always be around to help us when we need them," Jotti says.

Thriving at school

"Amit enjoys his education, loves his friends, and has a good rapport with all the staff. He is happy at Oak Lodge because everything is communicated to him in BSL. That is his language and he can understand everything that's being said to him, which is why he is doing so well at school."

Children say

Amit says: "I like Oak Lodge School. I enjoy learning maths and English."