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Welcome to this term's article, which features the memories of a VERY local Y6 pupil, leaving to attend Steyning Grammar School in September 2015 in the footsteps of his older brother and sister whose individual 'Y6 Memories' featured in this magazine in their respective years. The piece has had to be *edited* to *fit* these two sides. We hope you enjoy it!

"I joined Ashurst in September 2008. I remember on my first day eight other eyes staring at me. I saw Mrs Pocket and she was so kind to me. We all sat in a circle, wearing sticky notes with our names on. Thankfully, I already knew three of the names: Annabel, Tanneka and Emily; and soon got to know a fourth name, Scarlet. I sat next to someone called Ewan. We started to play and talk; and we've been best friends ever since!

One day in Reception we measured our heights and found I was the second tallest to a YR boy called Roman. To this day, he is taller than me! I might have been one of the tallest but I was also one of the youngest, which really annoyed me (I guess in those days I thought it was a competition!). We did our first Christmas play, 'Robin Hood'. I think I was part of a tree!

In Y1 EVERYTHING changed, we had Ms Evans as our teacher. I remember my mum asking me after school if someone had sneezed REALLY loudly during the school day because she had heard it EVEN from our house. I said it was Ms Evans and mum laughed a lot. I remember going on the field and seeing a running game in which everybody joined in. I caught someone much older and was so, so, so happy.

In Y2 we went to the Sea life Centre, it was such fun. We got to touch a sea anemone, it felt really strange and I thought it would eat my finger, and that put me off. We went through a glass tunnel. I didn't know where to look but then a giant shark swam overhead and I was scared that the glass would crack and we would all die!

In Y3, I sat next to Jack (Y4), he was so nice and taught me the 'bus stop' method in maths. We had two teachers in Y3: Mrs Harwell and Mrs Robins. Ewan left in Y3 and I was so sad. Roman left too. NOOOO! But someone called Ben arrived. I liked him. We did 'The Romans' for our topic. I made a Roman villa and a really good booklet (not to boast). And in Y3 Jemma arrived from Scotland.

In Y4, I was the happiest person in the world! EWAN CAME BACK!

In Y4 we did World War 2, which was really interesting. We went to Tangmere Aviation Museum where we saw lots of planes, got to hear the air raid siren going off (very scary) and got to do some art (mine was terrible!). At this point, I was doing Rounders and Football Clubs after school. In football I was one of the best defenders and was 'man of the match', according to Mr Raspberry (Malsbury) the teacher, three times in a row. That was awesome!

In Y5 we had Mrs Harris as our teacher. She taught me so many things. In maths I was in the group with older children, which boosted my confidence HUGELY. I remember

the GREEK topic and doing my Greek costume. I made mine as big as Harry's, which meant it only just came up to the top of my thigh! At Christmas Mrs Harris retired. I was so sad. ☹️ In Y5 a new girl, Katie Sinclair, arrived.

My favourite school trip came in Y5. It was to SWANAGE with Mrs Williams and Mrs Pockett. I loved the Sandcastle Competition in which Ewan and I teamed up. We made a 'Giant Empire'. All was going well until Alfie in Y6 stepped in and told us to make a pond. We did, but the water kept sinking into the ground!. We solved this problem by putting sea- weed in the little pond. However, it looked horrible. I mean HORRIBLE! The food was the best EVER!!!

Y6 was exciting, and still is, because we have finished doing our SAT's (which were really fun and even more so when my mum brought in ice creams for all of us at the end!), done the Christmas play, 'CINDERELLA' (in which I was Buttons and had to sing solos which was REALLY embarrassing but I did enjoy because I had a starring part and it made me more confident with acting) and had a new Y5&6 classteacher, Miss Jordan.

We are still in Y6 and I am looking forward to Swanage 2015, to Sports Day (when I hope to win the short distant race, having won it every year from YR-Y6) and to possibly hearing that Ashurst is in the finals of the County Chess Competition once again because I am its Captain and Board One player.

All lessons and events including: PE/Sport at Dalesdown, Cookery Days at Shoreham College and Music Festivals have been such fun. One thing that certainly was not, was the sad news of Headmaster of Kotukala School in The Gambia, Mr Cham, who died suddenly at Christmas and for whom we have raised a lot of funds from such as annual whole school Sponsored Walks. For me, he was one of the precious pieces of Ashurst Primary School. Without him it doesn't feel quite the same; however, he may be gone physically but definitely isn't gone from and in our hearts.

Thank you to all at Ashurst CE Primary, you have been amazing and have helped me so much. I wish good luck to everybody that comes and goes, bye to all of the Y6, especially Ewan since he has been one of my best friends for seven years, which is a long time.

Finally, I'd just love to say...**THANK YOU ASHURST!** "

And we say **THANK-YOU THOMAS!** What a wonderful piece of writing, as are all those produced by the nine Y6 Ashurst CE Primary pupils leaving at the end of this academic year. An annual booklet of 'Y6 Memories' is sent home to all families in July, they are included in the 'School Prospectus 2015-2016' (now available *on-line* too) and they are also shared with School Governors 'in person' when the Y6 pupils attend the final Full Governing Body Meeting in June.

We wish all nine pupils every happiness and success in their new schools: four are transferring to Steyning Grammar, three to the Towers, one to Rydon and one to Roedean; and invite all from the Parish to join us for the special 'Y6 Leavers' Assembly' in school at 9.15am on Wednesday 15th July 2015, and to stay for coffee and biscuits afterwards. Please visit the school's website for ALL school events - you are warmly invited to join us at, and for, ALL of them.

We thank you for the tremendous support we have enjoyed throughout another happy and successful school year and send you our good wishes for a splendid summer.

