

The sound of music

Freya Rhodes, 10, on her love of music, why science is cool, her pony Saffron and lambing in New Romney

Picture by Manu Palomeque

Tell us about yourself

My name is Freya Rhodes, I am 10 years old and I live in Broadstairs with my mother and two younger sisters, Tallulah and Delilah. I am in Year 6 at St Lawrence College Junior School, Ramsgate. I love my school and have always been very happy there. I am in the junior and chapel choirs and I also play the flute in the school orchestra.

What are you doing now?

I recently won four first places at the Kent Competitive Music Festival, including the Upsall Cup for piano. I have also been offered a place in the Kent County Junior Choir, which means I will attend summer courses at Benenden School and go on tour with the choir next year. I hope to audition for a place at the Kent Music Academy for musically gifted children.

What are your ambitions?

I plan to enter an international song contest early next year, singing a *Song of Peace* at the Tipperary Peace Convention Song Contest. The entry must be an original song which has never been performed in public, so I am searching for a composer to write and record a song with me.

I love music and it will always be big part of my life, but I'm not sure what my career path will be. I may join the cast of a West End hit musical, or even become an orchestra conductor.

I'm also interested in science and at school we have a really cool science teacher, Mr Perry, who makes the subject come alive for us. I sometimes think I would like to become an astronomer and spend my time studying the planets and stars.



What's the best thing Kent?

The beach is a few minutes from my home; I can stand at my garden gate and watch ships sailing by. Every spring I visit a farm at New Romney where we bought my pony, Saffron, to help out with the lambing. At this time of year, there are also cows and calves in the fields nearby and stunning bluebell woods.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy taking my dog, Taro, for long walks along the beach. I love riding my pony, and attending local horse shows. I also keep two Lop rabbits, Black Magic and Twinkle Toes. I enjoy helping my mother garden and cook and I like documentaries about nature and animals and going to places of historic interest with grandmother.

The last book you read?

I have been learning about the Second World War in history lessons at school and because of this I recently read *The Diary of Anne Frank*. It made me very sad, especially as I have a very close friend who is Jewish. I also like books by Sophie McKenzie, thrillers, such as *Girl Missing* and *Blood Ties*. ■

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