

## A child like Joseph

Like his sister, Eleanor, nine-year-old Joseph has blurred vision, cannot see colours, and has a dislike of bright light. He is a very 'rhythmic' child and wanted to learn the drums from an early age.

The AMBER Music Awards paid for an electronic drum kit for Joseph, along with drum lessons. Joseph has a natural talent for the drums and looks forward with great excitement to each lesson. He enjoys the tactile feedback he gets through the drumsticks.

Joseph's drum teacher describes him as, 'an enthusiastic and talented pupil, who is making the very most of his lessons and is showing good progress'.

Joseph was so awed by his sister's progress that he, too, auditioned for the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and was accepted. He now has lessons in piano and orchestral percussion at the college and rock drumming outside the college.

'My drum kit is really cool! My teacher says I am now ready to play in a band! Piano is hard work but good fun.' Joseph