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Henry Porter



The Journey of a Young Wizard with DMD

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Henry Porter was nervous about his first day at Hogwarts. He was excited to be sorted into his House, pick up his new broom, and start his potions class. Since he had DMD, he had to do things a bit differently than his peers and he was worried about how he would be able to move around the castle or play Quidditch with his friends. Sometimes it took him longer to get from place to place and he had to use his wheelchair for longer distances instead of his walker or crutches.



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He arrived at Platform 9¾ in his brand new power chair and wheeled to his train car, ticket in hand. The train had a special lift for his chair and he easily boarded the train. To his surprise, there were other boys using wheelchairs in his train car...he was becoming more relaxed by the minute. He quickly made friends with one of the other students, John Beasley.



They arrived at Hogwarts and he was amazed by how huge the castle was. Still in his power chair, Henry moved closer to the front stairs and, to his surprise, they automatically transformed into a ramp!

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Henry had also been worried about how he would eat his meals at school, since his muscles were weak and it took him some extra time. When he went into the great hall, however, he was excited to see that the tables had special benches that could magically make room for his wheelchair. He rolled right up to the table and a plate of chocolate frogs appeared in front of him!



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As Henry continued his education at Hogwarts he was not able to walk as much since his muscles were becoming weaker, but he had no trouble playing with his friends or getting to his classes with his wheelchair. He was even made team captain of the Gryffindor quidditch team after being fitted with a custom broom with a seat!



Between his Defense Against the Dark Arts class and his Herbology classes, Henry had physical therapy classes to help him stretch and strengthen his muscles. He loved going to physical therapy because it helped him move better during Quidditch matches.



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After 7 years at Hogwarts, Henry graduated at the top of his class and got a job in the Department of Magical Law Enforcement at the Ministry of Magic. He no longer walked, but he was able to move freely around the building in his chair and even had a custom desk that raised and lowered with a flick of his wand. Henry had achieved his dream of working at the Ministry and, even though it was harder at times because of his DMD, he was so proud of how far he had come!

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