

Head Students' Speech

Good evening everyone and welcome, my name is Katie Oliver and I am head student for this year. Good evening, I am Kathryn Embree, the deputy head student for this year. Tonight we are going to share with you why we think Hayesfield Mixed Sixth Form could be the place for you.

The next few years are an important time. Your choices will not only develop your personal interests but help you decide what you might like to do in the future. Although it can be an intense time when confronting the new challenges of A Level content and balancing your studies with other commitments, it should also be an enjoyable experience- Hayesfield offers just this. Of course your academic studies are vital, but it is the opportunities that accompany and enhance your studies that make the Hayesfield Sixth Form experience. I can honestly say that even in spite of the exams and the hard work that I've face I can't imagine having been anywhere else.

I would highly recommend coming to Hayesfield's Sixth Form. It's a friendly, supportive atmosphere which creates success academically and enjoyment socially. Katie and I both have been here since year 7 and I speak for both of us when I say that I am very happy that I stayed. Saying that, coming to Hayesfield as an external student is just as beneficial and the year group very quickly merges.

The experiences Hayesfield will offer you are both broad and rewarding. There is not only a wide range of sport from playing lacrosse, rowing in the school team (without falling in), but also opportunities in the arts and music from singing in the choir to performing in the school play- just to name a few. There is also the option to go further afield by completing D of E, going on a ski trip or visiting Russia-as you can see there really is something for everyone! Still this is not all, to accompany these non-academic options there is a range of revision sessions, resources and teachers willing to give up their time to make sure you achieve your full potential. It is this efficient support system (of both teachers and students) that forms a secure, inclusive and nurturing environment that has allowed me to make the most of my time in Sixth form. It provides you with a confidence in your own ability and your own voice. Indeed, I am able to stand up here in front of you all tonight and hopefully not make too many mistakes!

Being part of the sixth form means that you have many more opportunities to lead and getting involved with the school. From head student to being a Year 7 mentor there are numerous chances to get involved. I have recently come back from Year 7 camp where I acted as a "auntie" looking after them for the trip; I loved it and would highly recommend it if you decide to join us here. We have a very active prefect team and our house reps are organising everything from cake sales to car washes in order to raise money for this year's charity; school in a bag.

The Hayesfield community allows an individual to be themselves and achieve their ambitions both in and out of the classroom. For example, when it comes to UCAS advice and

applying to further education, the team here at Hayesfield makes the process of writing personal statements, preparing for interviews etc... less daunting and more achievable. Hayesfield prepares you for your next steps (whatever they may be) in the best way possible by exposing you to numerous possibilities.

While Sixth Form is an incredibly fun experience and there are many opportunities to get involved with. You are here to study for your A - levels and while they may seem like a challenge - Hayesfield can help you achieve your best grades possible. We have a very positive relationship with our teachers and that makes all the difference in the stressful exam period. I feel that if I have a problem with one of my subjects or I'm struggling, I could talk to any one of my teachers and they would be more than accommodating. However nervous I am about my coming exams, I feel like I have been prepared in the best way.

I am sure you will make the right choices for yourselves and we both wish you all the best for the future. We have both explained to you why we like being in Hayesfield. I could go on but there's a school for you all to look around! We both genuinely enjoy being here and doubt that we would have been happier elsewhere. Make the most of looking around tonight and ask the guides and students lots of questions. Thank you and enjoy!