

## WINNERS OF YEAR 7 STUDENT SPEECH COMPETITION OPEN EVENING 2011



**MIA LOVEDAY (7C3)**

I can't deny that on my first day at Haydon I felt very nervous. I'd gone from being at a school that was quite small and that I knew my way around, to being here where the chances of me getting lost are very high.

Three weeks on and I can honestly say that I have had the best weeks of my life! I have enjoyed meeting and making new friends from other schools. Everybody here has made me feel very welcome, from the teachers through to the older pupils. Any nerves I may have had have been replaced with excitement about my future here.

Not only am I looking forward to my lessons, especially the chance to learn new languages, but there are extra clubs I have signed up for as well, some of them being football and keyboard lessons, which I look forward to joining. In fact, there are so many that I would want to do that there may not be enough days in the week to do them all!

I hope you enjoy looking around my new school and like it as much as I do.



**NATHAN BROWN (7E1)**

My first few weeks at Haydon have been F.A.B! On my first day I was terrified but later on in the day I started to like it a lot and now I absolutely LOVE Haydon!

Now, finding lessons is quite hard at first but when you get to know where your lessons are in your head, it is easy. Eventually you will know Haydon like the back of your hand!

My favourite lessons are technology, art, maths, science, music, Mandarin, Italian and theatre studies.

The food here is really nice and all the canteen staff are really friendly.

The teachers are firm but fair and are always there to help you if you have any queries.

I'm sure that if your child comes to this school they will have a fantastic time here, just like me!

# RUNNERS UP FROM YEAR 7 STUDENT SPEECH COMPETITION OPEN EVENING 2011

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO ENTERED

I remember being in your position this time last year. I was so nervous and scared, those feelings stuck with me all through the holidays but they stopped the instant I got into my first lesson! My form tutor and teaching assistant were so helpful when I was lost or unsure of something.

Leaving primary school was tough and coming to Haydon, a shock. Haydon has a completely different atmosphere, but in a good way. There is always someone around the school to help. Everyone was so welcoming and friendly! All my first two weeks worth of lessons were really enjoyable; all the teachers create such a great vibe in the classroom.

Now a big majority of you are probably scared mostly because you're losing some friends and some of you might be the only one from your school coming here, I know I felt like I wouldn't make friends with anyone but, I realised that it's easy to make friends, especially after spending every lesson with them for two weeks! My new friends, Olivia, Helen, Alex, Tessa and myself have a great time outside laughing and playing on the HUGE field and tennis courts playing football or just wandering around.

So, for those of you who are scared..... don't be. Haydon is an amazing school with amazing opportunities. Trust me, you are going to love it here!

**Elle Banks (7C3)**

Hello year 6's! My name is Lauryn and I've recently started Haydon in Year 7. So far, I've really enjoyed it, teachers are friendly, lots of praises as well as consequences! There's also, lots of help around. Everyone worries when they start at a new school, but actually it's not as scary as you think. When I started I was scared as I knew the school was really big and lots of buildings to remember. Haydon are strict on certain things, but otherwise fun! I had mixed emotions but when I started I loved it! You get really used to it! I hope you like Haydon and put it as your first choice. And I wish you a successful but hard working future! Goodbye Year 6 and hopefully see you next year!

PS Always do your homework on time because, you get so much. If you knuckle down and work hard you won't get detentions but what you will get is a great future. I know which way I'm heading.

**Lauryn Mundle (7E1)**

On my first day at Haydon I was nervous and excited, but the day went very well. On that day I met my very nice form tutor Ms Mead. Then I met Ms Good who took us to our subject classrooms after every lesson. She made sure that we did not get lost and she has been true to her name. On the second day I got lost, but then all the teachers were helpful and guided us safely to our lessons. I enjoyed all my lessons and the teachers are all very nice. You cannot get detention in the first two weeks but you are still encouraged to and want to behave well. This gives you the practice to be good for the next few years. I came from a very small school and Haydon is a huge school. But if you get lost then always ask someone and never be shy. They will know you are year 7s and they will guide you safely to your lesson. The move to this gigantic school was not easy, but you get used to it. They made sure that our first two weeks were enjoyable so we like the school and can get used to it. I hope you enjoy your five or seven years in Haydon, I know I will.

**Saijad Dattoo (7D1)**

On my first day at Haydon I was very nervous. I didn't know anyone in my class so induction day had really helped me make new friends and get used to the sort of lessons I could expect.

My first couple of weeks here have had their ups and downs. At one point I thought I would be stuck in the corridors until I was a skeleton but after a while I got used to the twisting corridors and finally found my way to all of my lessons.

Everyone here is really nice and helpful; after the first few days I had loads of friends. All of the teachers are really nice (apart from a couple who were a little bit scary at first) and I have had a great time so far (well except for all the homework.)

There are many lunchtime and after school clubs to try out as well as football, trampoline, drama and many more. Some clubs you will have to take a trial for while others you just arrive and have a go.

I think you should choose Haydon because although you work hard, you will get something out of it. I feel really proud of belonging to Haydon and for those who join I hope you do to.

**William Earle (7C3)**

Hi, I'm Ria and I started Haydon School a couple of weeks ago.

I was so excited about my first day, but I was also nervous. I could barely eat with the adrenaline pumping in my body and the fear of what might happen on the day. But it turned out not bad at all. You make lots of friends here. Everybody is friendly, and when you start Year 7 you are in good hands for your first two weeks. Haydon is a huge school and you get lost everywhere you go. But you get used to it once you have settled in.

Haydon is committed to giving every student a chance, especially when it comes to learning. All of the teachers are prepared to help you in any way they can. You can also ask the other students anything you want to, whether they are older or younger. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first two weeks at Haydon and look forward to the future.

**Ria Thakrar (7E1)**

Hello, my name is Carl!

I'm going to talk to you about the first few weeks of high school and tell you what type of lessons you would have.

Firstly, I'm going to tell you about the first few days of high school. If you ever get worried about your first day don't, just ask a member of staff or a student in a year above you and they would probably tell you where to go. If you are late for a class you don't have to worry too much, your teacher will give you a warning and tell you not to be late again.

Secondly, I'm going to talk to you about the types of lessons and how difficult they get. When you do lessons they will seem easy like year six work, then the work will gradually get harder as you move into the year.

**Carl Thompson (7E2)**

I'd like to talk about my first couple of weeks at Haydon. At first I was worried about coming to this school with brand new people. I only knew two people in my form but I've got to know my form a lot quicker than I had thought. I've made some great friends. The teachers here are wonderful and the lessons are fun. If you are worrying about finding your way around the school, don't! You've just to get the hang of it. You have probably seen, we have a massive field where you can do a lot of activities. Also there are loads of after school clubs you can go to like netball, gym and many others. I feel very lucky to be a pupil at Haydon. Thank you.

**Tessa Purcell (7C3)**

When I finished Year 6 in Harlyn Primary School and we headed towards the summer holidays, I was all excited as it also meant that I would be starting high school after the break. It was a great feeling of growing up, however as the holidays went by this feeling started to disappear and a new feeling crept over me; I was changing from being the oldest in the school to being in the junior most bunch. The last week of summer was spent worrying about how it would be to see all the older students around and soon it became a lot of shivers and nervousness. I realised that I was now a bigger girl and I was going to High school.

I couldn't sleep the whole night and was ready to go to school very early in the morning while my family was still sleeping, however I was worried because I didn't know how to tie my tie and had never done it before. I woke up my dad who then taught me once and straight away I was a tie tying genius.

It was now a mixed bag of excitement and nervousness and the thoughts were changing ever so quickly resulting in a lot of butterflies in my stomach as my dad dropped me to school. As I was approaching the gates of the enormous school I realised I didn't know where to go but soon figured that plenty of help was at hand. Teachers would stand outside the gates to tell us where to go if we didn't know. They stand there every morning and after school.

Mr Robson greeted us with a warm welcome assembly. That warmth took away a lot of nervousness and we proceeded to our new class. This is where I not only met many of my fellow classmates from Harlyn but a lot of new friends who had come from different schools. Now I was ready to start my first lesson, the big difference in this lesson was that unlike primary school all lessons were to be held in different blocks and this time we had no idea where to go. We even got lost and then one of our senior students told us that there was a school map in our organisers, it was such a welcome relief and it was all so easy after that. Going from one class to another became very exciting and soon we were at the end of the day and now here we are, two weeks have passed and it seems we aren't new, we have been here always. Such is the magic of Haydon and I believe the comfort given to us by our seniors. I did worry about how the seniors would treat us, tease us or make us feel junior but Haydon welcomes youngsters into the big Haydon family exactly how we welcome the new arrival of a baby brother and sister in our homes.

**Aarushi Bahl (7D2)**