

SELECTION OF SPEECHES WRITTEN BY YEAR 7 STUDENTS FOR OPEN EVENING 2010

Hello, my name is Jasmine.

Many people would say they were nervous on their first day of Secondary School, but I was excited. I couldn't wait to just dive into the action, become more mature, and learn. And Haydon is certainly the place to become more mature and learn. In just two weeks, I am a completely different person; I am organised, hard-working and focused!

I could have gone to many other schools, yet I chose Haydon, and it was the best choice I have ever made. The lessons are interactive and fun, getting everyone involved. Everything we are learning excites me, even Maths! I'm constantly working to the best of my ability at Haydon.

The older students are all good carers, looking out for us and telling us where to go if we're lost. It's a privilege to come to Haydon and be a part of its community, and the best part is I know I am getting a fantastic education out of this school!

Making friends wasn't exactly easy, but once you have, it's just twice the fun having someone to share all those moments with.

So I'd like to say thank you to everyone at Haydon, the staff and students for catching me when I fell and pulling me back up to my feet, for giving me new experiences and things to learn and for creating this wonderful environment for me to learn in.

I admit it's hard at first, letting go of Primary School, but I'm ready to grow up now and I'm looking forward to the years ahead. Also, to all the future Year 7s, I wish you luck! Thank you and good evening.

Jasmine Chenery (7V1)

When I first started at Haydon I was quite nervous because I barely knew anyone and the school looks so big. I have grown to really like this school although you will get lost a few times.

I've only been at Haydon for two weeks and I'm already seeing that I can achieve more things. I have really learned a lot so far and I'm really enjoying my time here.

Lucy Parrish (7D1)

Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls to Haydon School's Open Evening. My name is Paras.

I recall sitting in the audience this time last year when I was shown around the huge school premises. I was fascinated by the fantastic technology and the work students had produced.

Before I came to Haydon I felt excited and nervous. The things I most looked forward to were going to a big new school, getting many new friends and enjoying the fun and exciting lessons. On the other hand, I felt apprehensive about the older children, but in fact there is nothing to worry about, they are actually very friendly. Once my friends and I were lost and an older student (on his way to his lessons) showed us to our next lessons thus being late to his own.

So if you are planning to go to Haydon then I think you have made a really wise choice in choosing this school. In summary, I have really enjoyed my time at Haydon so far.

Thanks for listening and I hope to see you next year. Have a nice evening.

Paras Hirani (7E2)

On my first day at Haydon I was really excited but at the same time a little bit scared, as everyone is. Going from being one of the oldest in the school to the youngest is a huge change. Haydon, as you probably noticed, is such a big school so at some point you are bound to get lost. Only the other day I walked into the girls changing rooms and there was a boy sitting there pulling up his socks. But after a couple of weeks you'll get to know your way round the school.

My first few weeks have flown by, I've had help from all sorts of different people from my form tutors to sixth formers, and that's really helped me settle in. It's not just been all study.

Haydon has a huge variety of extra-curricular activities including drama, trampolining, swimming, gym and dance, street dance, football, rugby etc. I'm sure you'll find something to interest you.

It's only three weeks since I've started at Haydon but I'm really glad I got a place here and hope to see many of you next year.

Tanya Kekic (7V1)

Ahlan, Hola, Bonjour (Arabic, Spanish and French). Just some of the languages you can learn in this outstanding school. Haydon School, a name all members who work or study in this building should be proud of. I am glad to say that I am one of the young students who was lucky enough to continue their education under the calm, trustworthy hands of the staff in this school.

Before I came to this outstanding school it was quite hard to keep a smile going on my face but as you can see it just won't go away now even in the toughest of moments. However, on my first day the school did seem totally massive with strange faces that I haven't come across before, but that is normal. After your first two days at Haydon you'll like everyone and you'll be liked by everyone. As well as that, it is really important that you keep your confidence high and never give up, which means you shouldn't be afraid of bullying. Well not in this school.

It's totally different from primary school. It's a lot quicker because you move around a lot into five or six different classes. You can work easily because it's a calm atmosphere with rooms that accommodate 30 students and there is enough space to get some fresh air. Overall, in my opinion this school is the best in the Borough.

Hashim Ali (7D2)

Coming to Haydon School for me was a big change. After seeing the size of it I thought that I'd never find my way around. Then again most of you would be thinking that as well. I stuck next to my only friend from my old school in my class and followed her everywhere until I finally overcame my nervousness to approach my other class mates. It was good because they were friendly and I realised most of them felt the same as me.

Now I can find my way around and even if I do get lost, most of the older students are willing to help me. I made new friends and after that, I couldn't have dreamed of a better form than my own.

Rhiannon Phipps (7V1)

When I was waiting to come to Haydon, I was very nervous, but really excited. Even though I'd been here many times before I was terrified about losing my way, the amount of homework, and all the other things that are new when you come to Secondary School.

However, when I came for an Open Evening, it really helped. It helped because I could find out about who was coming to Haydon, I could start to find my way around the school and, in a speech just like this one, I could find out how the Year 7's felt when they came to Haydon for the first time.

On my first day here I was very nervous, but, when I got home, I was so happy about my day and I couldn't stop grinning. All the teachers were really kind and helpful, showing us where we had to go. They answered all our questions and made us feel really welcome.

As I got even more used to the school, I realised how stupid all my fears were at first. There was no use in me being scared or nervous at all. As the next week came, I already felt like I'd been here a lifetime, because you can find your way around and get used to the pace of lessons in a day.

There was one more thing that helped me out: friends. Some of the people I already knew, and everyone knew how I was feeling. This helped because we could have a great laugh. Even if, like my best friend, you are the only person coming here from your junior school, by the first hour you are friends with about 45% of the class, and by the end of the day at least 75% are your friends, and the other 25% are your best friends. So just don't be scared because you have an army behind you and they are friends.

Meg Moore (7E1)