

Daisy Harrison

Good evening everyone,

My name is Daisy Harrison and it's a real privilege to say that I am head girl at Shuttleworth College this year. It's fantastic to see so many of you here tonight, coming to have a look around and decide if this is the school for you. 6 Years ago, I sat in the seat you are sitting in now; I was in year 5. We had decided to have an early look at high school.

The next year covid would hit making it impossible to look round the school. But I had already seen Shuttleworth and my mind was made up. I remember sitting there my parents either side of me, a mixture of excitement and fear washed through me as I listened to people telling us all about the school, and I remember thinking, what do I want from secondary school?

What's really important to me? As you move around the school this evening I know those questions will be on your mind as well. Tonight you will see some of the fantastic facilities that will help you to achieve your best academically, you will also meet the staff that help make our college a community. It is this side of our school that I'd like to highlight to you all tonight, the community, the compassion and the care of the staff. If someone had told me last year that I would have been stood here as head girl, I would not have believed them.

I came to Shuttleworth from Padiham Green and I can see a few of you here tonight. I'd always loved school and settled quickly into the routines of life at high school.

As I have moved through school I have always felt supported and encouraged. This is so important and now, as I prepare for my GCSEs, I am proud of the journey I have been on, and how Shuttleworth has enabled me to think big, chase dreams and succeed together with my peers.

So to go back to my earlier question, what was I looking for in a secondary school? What was really important to me? It was for school to see me as me, to understand that everyone has different needs and different motivations and to embrace that, to know that when I come to school my teachers care about me as an individual not just a grade I'm going to get or just another statistic. To know that whatever comes my way during this journey, they will be there walking alongside of me.

I found the answer to my question here at Shuttleworth and I know you will too.

Thank you. Next we have Bethany.