

Good evening, everyone,

My name is Eva Leyland and I'm the Deputy Head Girl here at Shuttleworth College. It's lovely to see so many Year 6 students here today, because I remember being in your position and wondering what secondary school would be like.

My primary school journey wasn't always easy.

One thing I particularly struggled with was maths, and at the time, I never imagined that I would eventually become confident in it.

Moving to secondary school was quite a big change, and I remember feeling nervous about making friends, meeting new teachers and keeping up with all the work.

But when I came to Shuttleworth, I was given opportunities to grow and challenge myself.

With the support of my teachers and the people around me, I became much more confident. I've worked hard, and I'm proud to say that I'm now in the top set for all my subjects.

And that's something I never would have imagined when I was in primary school.

My journey at Shuttleworth has also given me the opportunity to take on responsibilities.

As a senior prefect and Deputy Head Girl, one of the things I'm particularly proud of is supporting our Year 7 students.

I know how nervous starting secondary school can feel, so being able to reassure younger students and help them settle in is really important to me.

Looking towards the future, I'm considering taking A Levels and I'm interested in a career in a creative field, veterinary medicine, or another career where I can help people or animals.

Helping others and caring for animals are both very close to my heart, so I hope whatever I choose, I can make a positive difference.

So, if there's one thing, I'd like you to take away from my story, it's this: don't let something you find difficult today decide what you can achieve tomorrow.

I struggled with maths in primary school, but with support, hard work and confidence, I've completely changed my relationship with it.

I hope you enjoy looking around Shuttleworth today, and maybe one day, I'll see some of you here as part of our school community.

Thank You!