

Hello everyone, I am Isla and I'm the head girl here at Shuttleworth College!

It is my pleasure to be speaking to you today. This isn't actually the first time I've spoken at Open evening, but the first time I did it I was in Year 7 and it was on a little YouTube video because of lockdown, so it's wonderful to be here in person today.

I think that Shuttleworth is a great place to go to learn and to prepare yourself for the future, I have had many opportunities since coming here such as:

- taking part in performances like *The Wizard of Oz* and the school's Winter Showcase
- becoming the head girl and leading our team of prefects
- going abroad on a residential trip to Madrid
- and many educational school trips!

My favourite thing about the school is the options that I have been able to take since starting my GCSEs. Shuttleworth offers a wide range of creative subjects – I take Media Studies, Drama and Art. After I've finished my GCSEs, I want to progress on to college to take A Levels. I'm not sure yet what I want to do after A Levels, but I'm confident in my options because the school works really hard to prepare us for the future by educating students on their post-16 options and giving advice for working life, as well as helping us to develop valuable skills such as punctuality, teamwork and perseverance.

Looking back from speaking in Year 7, to speaking now at the start of Year 11, I can reflect on how many positive opportunities I've had and how I've been supported to become the young person I am now. We all have individual aspirations and ambitions for the future, but I'm motivated and supported to succeed here. I hope you enjoy your evening here at Shuttleworth College.