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## Open Evening 2019 Student Speeches

### **Head Boy & Head Girl: Luey Madden and Kaila Madden**

*LM: Good evening, I'm Luey Madden and I went to Lowerhouse Junior School I moved to Shuttleworth in 2015 and I am proud to be Head Boy here.*

*KM: Hello, everyone, my name is Kaila Madden. I went to Lowerhouse Junior School, left in 2015, and now, I'm happy to be Head Girl at Shuttleworth College.*

*LM: At Shuttleworth we have many different types of student voice and leadership opportunities such as:*

*Prefects,*

*Student council,*

*Student ambassadors,*

*And mental health ambassadors.*

*These people participate in the wider life of the school. As prefects our main purpose is to model the school values and support other students to do the same. We also dedicate our lunchtimes to running activity clubs specifically for year 7 students. We help other students when they have any concerns about something by offering support and guidance. Prefects have had safeguarding training so we can spot when people aren't feeling themselves and we know how to help, making them feel stronger, safer and more secure.*

*KM: When I leave school in 2020, I have the intention of continuing my educational journey doing A-levels in Spanish, Psychology and Criminology. Although I'm not completely sure about my future career, I know I would enjoy being a translator or joining CID. There are so many options available for your GCSEs and choosing Spanish was a very good idea for me personally. Furthermore, following my choice of triple science for my GCSEs, I have realised how interesting, exciting and thought-provoking science can be.*

*LM: When I am older I will become a police officer; for this I will have to go to college and study law, criminology and psychology. Shuttleworth has helped me with this as, here, I have not only been helped to succeed academically but I have learnt team building and communication skills that I never knew I would need in a real life context and will be extremely helpful to me in the future.*

*KM: I wasn't sure if I wanted to go to university, but Shuttleworth made me focus on my goals and made me aware of what I need to do to achieve them. Through our visit to Lancaster University I have learned that moving on isn't anything to be afraid of. The visit to Nelson and Colne College helped me realise that I was very interested in a Criminology A-Level, as we were very lucky in that we had the opportunity to try a session of any A-Level course to see if it interested us. After my time at Burnley College in our Your Future Your Choice week at the end of Year 10, I learned skills that I otherwise wouldn't have, such as interview skills and teamwork, and now I am eager to start this new chapter of my life.*

*LM: There is so much support at Shuttleworth if you're struggling in lessons, for example: intervention lessons are for those who are struggling, students can go to a teacher during break or dinner or even after school and the teacher will assist them overcome their challenges. Period 6 for Year 11s is used for revision or more teaching as currently we are learning a whole GCSE subject, Statistics, in Period 6. We also revise for every other lesson in Period 6 and it has proved very useful as my test grades in maths have gone up dramatically.*

Not only are the teachers at Shuttleworth here to teach, they are also here to support you. Shuttleworth is a nurturing environment for all, especially for year 7, making the transition from Primary to Secondary school seem a lot easier. With our safe-haven, mental health ambassadors linked to Burnley Football Club and our own counsellor, it has never been easier to get help. Come to Shuttleworth if you want unconditional support throughout your secondary school journey, as well as academic rigour.

Now, we are coming to the end of our journey at Shuttleworth, but it's important to hear from people whose journey is just starting. Thank you.

### **Year 7 students**

Good evening, my name is **Charlie Harding-Bannon** and I am a year 7 student here at Shuttleworth College. I live in Bacup and I came here from Thorn Primary School. The first time I saw Shuttleworth College was during enrichment where we did fun one-hour sessions of activities or sports on a Wednesday after school. I first met Mr Turner this time last year and I sensed a connection to the school straight away. As I come from a little further away, I'm actually the only person to come here from my primary school, Mr Turner liaised with my parents in order to give me the best possible start to life at secondary school. Also, two older students named Becca Wilkins and Cameron Wilkins have helped me to settle in and have boosted my confidence in every way. They are ambassadors and I met them at the enrichment sessions and now I spend my breaks and lunchtimes with them. I immediately felt a part of the Shuttleworth family and look forward to coming to school every day!

Lexie will share more about the transition process.

Thanks, Charlie. My name is **Lexie Dutton** and I have just left Whittlefield Primary School. Starting secondary school is a big and scary change but coming to transition week really helped with that. Transition week is a great opportunity to get used to the school grounds, meet new classmates and teachers completing lots of fun activities and experiences along the way. During my transition week we spoke to a man who makes drones, we got to ask questions to a courtroom judge and even FaceTime a man who makes spacesuits for NASA in America! Transition week was an amazing experience; I enjoyed every minute of it.

Harry, what helped you to settle in at Shuttleworth?

Hello, my name is **Harry Faragher** and before I came to Shuttleworth College I was at Padiham Primary School. Over the summer holidays I came to summer school which was brilliant! If you decide to go to summer school you will be separated into groups where you will get to meet new people and I made some great friends. You will also have different activities to do during your time at summer school such as sports, English and drama. Also at the end of the week there is a talent show to celebrate! It was fantastic as it helped me get to know my way around the school better. I also enjoyed meeting all the staff and students before starting in September. By the end of the week you will definitely be ready to start Shuttleworth College at the end of summer!

Every single member of staff I have met has been very nice and friendly which has helped me settle in really quickly. Jolie will talk more about our values and ethos.

Hello, my name is **Jolie Forrest** and I came to Shuttleworth College from Padiham Green Primary school. Feeling safe, happy and supported in school is really important. Starting secondary school is a very big change, but already we now feel as if we've been here for a whole year! We feel this way because of the ethos and values we all try to live by. Every morning in form time we all stand with our right hand over our hearts and say the school pledge. This is important as the pledge reminds us that each day is a new opportunity and gives us a positive start to the day. The pledge was written by students and is based on our school values: achievement, perseverance, resilience, pride and

community. Each day we have a moment of reflection focusing on a different value which we strive to embody inside and outside school.

Before we start each lesson we are greeted by our teachers at the classroom door; we shake hands with them on our way in which shows the respect that they have for us and we have for them. After that we sit down and get on with what we have planned to do for that lesson: we come into class calmly and focus on what has been set.

Lessons are really engaging and we have already learned lots! Joseph, will you talk more about lessons?

Thanks Jolie. My name is **Joseph Nolan** and I went to Barden Primary School and ever since we came to Shuttleworth we have had lots of fun. It has been a massive change - a new school with new people, new staff and new classrooms. However, the teachers are extremely friendly and as Jolie said, always greet us at the start of each lesson with a handshake and a smile.

My favourite lesson is art. I love the amazing displays in the classroom, the new equipment we are being taught to use and the work the teacher sets us. I have learned so much this year already and achieved a lot. Every minute of every lesson is fun as we are learning something new and exciting all the time. Even the homework is fun! I am proud to call myself a Shuttleworth College student.

Also, I won an award for my 'Literary Passport', which was the English homework was set over the summer by Miss Roach. Emily won a prize too.

I did! Hello, my name is **Emily-Jae Smith** and I went to Lowerhouse Junior School. Over the summer holidays we were set the task of creating our own 'Literacy Passport' which contains lots of reading and writing activities. Miss Roach asked us to read books from various genres, both fiction and non-fiction as well as completing a range of writing tasks. There were extra award activities which we were challenged to complete. This was fun and helpful over summer as it meant that we could get our brains ready for the first day of secondary school. This was a rewarding experience as I won a prize for my Literary Passport – the winners are going on a trip with Mr Turner and we will spend the book vouchers we have won.

Getting involved in school life is easy! At Shuttleworth there are multiple extracurricular clubs to choose from, these include the cookery club, sport clubs, dance clubs and many more. The clubs are held at lunch time or sometimes after school. It is important to join an extracurricular club as it can boost your learning experience. I have joined the netball club which is on every Wednesday after school, and I love it.

Catarina, how have you found making friends?

Hello, my name is **Catarina Romao** and I went to Cherry Fold Primary School. I thought that I'd be scared before I came but everyone is friendly, approachable and caring. Teachers are really engaged with the work we do which shows they care. Like Lexie, I came to transition week which made me feel calm and confident. I have made lots of new friends because I have opportunities to talk to lots of new people. I've been introduced to other people's friends now too! Making relationships with staff is important as well; seeing your form tutor each morning is important as you become very familiar with the routine and it helps set you up for the rest of the day. Your form tutor is also a point of contact if you have any worries or needs. Thank you for listening to our perspective of Shuttleworth. Please can I now introduce our Headteacher, Mrs England.