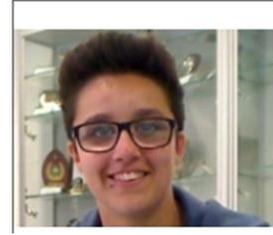




Hello,

My name is Dylan Jones, I am a College Ambassador, member of the Sixth Form Leadership Team, study buddy and Managing Director of the Young Enterprise Group. I am currently studying A level Religious Studies and BTEC Public Services. I am going to summarise a few of the reasons why I decided to come to 6th Form here instead of elsewhere.



I attended the College from year 7 onwards, consequently I know all of the teachers very well and this was a big factor in deciding Colleges. I thought that I would learn better in a familiar environment with teachers who already knew my strengths, areas to develop and my preferred learning styles. I didn't want to be in a completely impersonal classroom with lecturers rather than teachers. I feel that this choice has been successful; having smaller class sizes allows extra one to one tuition and support which can only be beneficial to your education.

Not only are the teachers enthusiastic about your learning inside the lessons, you'll find that they give up their free time to offer the extra support you need. Our progress in our studies is very closely monitored by both our subject teachers and our form tutors. We are set targets from the start and have already received a half termly progress check to make sure we are meeting our targets, but if you are not, the support is always there for you! You will no doubt be challenged in class and there is a step up from yr11 into post 16 regarding the work, but our Induction Day helped us prepare for this transition.

By choosing this College I have been able to become highly involved in the leadership and volunteering aspect of the college by helping out with a number of College and community events, including charity events, Poppy Appeal, Christmas in the Community and many more. The enrichment programme will help me gain extra qualifications like the Community Sports Leadership Award levels 2 & 3, Sports Coaching and the Young Enterprise Business Groupnot to mention I'm currently keeping trying to keep fit in the Halo fitness suite.

All of these things look fantastic on my CV and will no doubt prove invaluable when it comes to University and Job interviews in later life – my advice is this, do things that make you stand out from all the others? In other sixth forms I felt there was a danger of just being put through the system with no extra-curricular activities, or personal support, especially with trying to time my day around train times which could have cost up to £200 per year.

I think that ultimately you will get out of college what you put into it. So if you are willing to work hard then you will get the grades you want regardless of the College you attend. It was this philosophy that made me think I needed to get the edge, something more than just the good grades which a lot of people are achieving nowadays. I honestly feel that this edge is far easier to get at the Earl Mortimer College. My final advice is this, if you want to be a successful individual, then come to the Earl Mortimer College Sixth Form because there are plenty of opportunities for you to succeed!

See you soon!

Dylan Jones