

Good evening everyone,

My name is Tanmayi and as a vice president, I am absolutely thrilled to join our headteacher and the student leadership team in welcoming you all to our open evening.

Standing here tonight, I can't help but remember sitting exactly where you all are sitting right now. I remember looking at the big corridors, looking up at the older students, and feeling a mix of massive excitement... and if I'm being honest, a little bit of panic! High school feels huge when you first step inside. But I'm standing here today to promise you one thing: the nervous feeling you might have in your stomach right now? It won't last long. Kettlethorpe become home incredibly fast.

What makes this school so special isn't just the amazing facilities or the subjects you will get to try; it's the people. The teachers here don't just teach the subject; they genuinely care about who you are and what you can achieve.

Personally, when I first started here, I really struggled with maths. It just wouldn't click, and I used to dread the lessons because I was so afraid of getting things wrong. But the teacher in our maths department completely changed that for me. They patiently helped me break down the hardest algebra and equations into simple steps and constantly reminded me that mistakes are just how we learn. Because of their encouragement, I feel genuinely confident today.

This is the Kettlethorpe way. Every single teacher in this building is ready to lift you up when you find things tough and celebrate with you when you succeed.

Parents, I know choosing a high school is a massive decision. You want to know your children will be safe, happy and pushed to do their best. I can promise you that Kettlethorpe does exactly that. It has given me the confidence to stand here tonight, and it will give your children the space to find out who they are and what they are capable of.

We are so excited to welcome you to our community!

Thank you and enjoy your evening!