

Good evening everyone, my name is Oliver Hone and I am the Co-Head Student here at Isleworth & Syon. 7 years ago, I sat where you sit today wondering whether this would be the school for me, fast-forward to where I stand today speaking to you, I can say, unequivocally that I made the right decision. In the last 7 years I have been able to develop both my academic capabilities and more broadly as a young man. As I have grown, my interests continue to change, yet Isleworth stays relentless in facilitating me with the opportunities to pursue them.

For example, a trip in Year 9 visiting Belgium to learn about World War One catalysed the progression of my passion for history as I continue to study the subject at A Level. Equally, the Music department ignited my love for performance as I sang in the Chamber Choir and played the Clarinet in the Junior Concert Band, two things my Year 7 self would never have believed I was capable of. I have also been provided with an extensive range of physical and sporting opportunities from First Team Rugby to indoor rowing at the Olympic Park. Most recently, alongside friends, I have enjoyed taking on the challenge of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award in the Welsh mountains.

Isleworth & Syon's long-lasting history and traditions have also left me with an unceasing pride for the school as I am constantly able to represent the legacy of centuries worth of hard-working boys. This particularly sculpts a culture of respect between both staff and students as it feels there is a united effort to ensure you reach your full potential. In September next year I plan to start at university. Isleworth & Syon has helped to equip me as well-rounded individual prepared for the next stage of my journey. Thank you.