

# Hallfield School: Speech & Prize Giving Day 2024

## Head Boy Speech by Dhyan, Year 6

Good Morning everyone. My name is Dhyan Johal and I stand here, addressing you all as Head Boy of our incredible school, Hallfield. Although, I have to say, it feels a little bit like I am the Prime Minister, speaking to the nation ahead of the general election!

Before I go back in time and share with you all my amazing journey here, I would like to thank you all in advance, for listening to me. For me, standing here and having this opportunity, has to be my proudest achievement to date.

Many of you will know my journey here goes back to when I was the grand age of 1! I have now pretty much become part of the Hallfield furniture. I have loved being in school so much, I can count my total absences on one hand, I blame my sister for those absent days - thanks Aariyah for bringing that delightful sickness bug home.

My memories here roll back to the time when I started Hallfield First, crawling into school with my nappies on. This was also the start of friendships with many people that I know will last a lifetime. I can recall each time my Dad would arrive to collect me, and my friend Ansh would rush to my peg and collect my coat for me! I am glad to say, that we still look out for each other today too.

As I moved into Pre-Prep, Mrs Rafiq gave me a brilliant head start supporting me through the phonics phases. 's-a-t. sat!' she beamed at us as we got to grips with our graphemes and phonemes. Some of my Pre-Prep memories include the many earth shattering questions that Key Stage 1 children would have; who would be the line leader? Who could cover their school jumper with the most praise stickers? And who would get "star of the week" on a Friday? This is when my healthy competitive side came out, and I've put in 110% ever since. I've embraced every opportunity such as joining chess, jigsaw and Lego club. You name it, my parents signed me up. You would think they didn't want me to come home!

One core memory for me in Pre-Prep, was sports days! Each year I would pray that I was not placed in the same sprint as my twin friends Jai and Hari. Because, if that was the case, you had no hope of winning! 3rd place it would have to be. They are faster than Usain Bolt! Even now, 5 years later I'm praying I'm not against them on the field.

Sadly, my Pre-Prep days were over and it was off to the 'Big School'- Hallfield Prep. Here I became part of the school choir. I joined ensembles and became a school councillor. Anything else that was thrown at me, I would give it a go!

Hallfield has given us all so many opportunities to go on excellent trips and residential over the past years. From Cranedale to London and most recently Paris, these experiences have really helped me become independent, and explore new things out of my comfort zone. And guess what, each time I have come back in one piece and in no one else's underpants!

Not only has Hallfield helped me excel academically, but I have also gained key life skills such as resilience, confidence, being a team player and public speaking- core attributes that will be valuable for the rest of my life- and ones I have certainly used as Head Boy!

That's not to say I have been the best at everything.

Rugby was an epic fail! I think it's safe to say I will stick to cricket and football, Mr Moffat! Art- well we can agree that I won't be the next Picasso!

However, what I have learnt at Hallfield is even when something is not your strength, you must persevere, give it 100% and most importantly, enjoy the opportunity.

In the future, I will look back on my time at Hallfield and remember the friendships that I made; I know these will remain with me for life. I am so grateful for the school's encouragement and support in helping us all build such positive relationships. Ansh, Rohan, Matthew, Marcus, Thomas... and the list goes on and on! I will stop now...before I offend somebody, Year 6 - I LOVE YOU ALL!

Mr Morrow, you have certainly pushed my baking skills (I can safely say the recipe book for cakes is closed) I will miss our meetings, and feel so lucky that you believed, and trusted me to take on this leadership role.

Knowing that I will be leaving my sister in Reception, in safe hands with Hallfield, will allow me to remain connected with you all, I hope to visit in the future- you can't get rid of me that easily!

I wanted to give some special mentions to people who have helped give me a brilliant foundation. Firstly, my parents and grandparents for their support.

Mrs Rafiq in Pre Prep, Mrs Finnegan who pushed my boundaries, Mrs Murray- Smith the happiest teacher, Mr Lowe, Mrs Florida James and Mrs Raffermati for giving me the most wonderful academic and fun Year 6 memories. I am forever grateful to you all.

Whether I become a famous surgeon, a You-Tuber, (yes you heard me correctly, have you seen how much money Ryan's toy reviews has made?), or a Future Prime Minister, I promise that I will continue to make you all proud.

Finally, I just want to say that we are all special and unique in our own ways. Don't give up when the going gets rough and having a sense of humour helps get you through the tough things

To everyone here today, thank you very much for listening to me. I would like to wish the next Hallfield Head Boy and Head Girl the best of luck, you will be amazing!

Goodbye and Good Luck.