



Hundreds flock to College Preview Event

Large numbers of hopeful Year 11 students braved the cold, wind and rain to attend a busy and successful Preview Event at Havering Sixth Form College on January 16th.

The Preview Event, or open day, is held twice a year to enable potential College students to have a look at the buildings and facilities, meet staff and current students and ask questions about courses.

Although it rained constantly during the day, hundreds of students, mainly from surrounding boroughs, made the journey to attend with their parents to 'get a feel' for the College. Students from within Havering attended a previous Preview Event in November.

Student Ambassadors greeted visitors as they arrived at College, giving out directions, advice and planners for the day's events.

Staff from the various subject areas ran question and answer sessions or presentations on the huge number of courses available and were impressed with the enthusiasm and interest shown by the youngsters.

Principal Paul Wakeling's Presentation was held in the Library at set times throughout the day and College careers staff were on hand to answer queries. The College canteen provided hot and cold refreshments and a welcome rest for weary legs to sit down for a while!

One student who attended with his mum and was looking to study A Level Philosophy, Media Studies, English and History, said: "I found the day really helpful and all my questions were answered. The subject sessions I attended were good and all the staff and students I spoke to were very friendly. I made up my mind that I definitely want to study here if I get a place."

Jill Wilkens, Assistant Principal, Teaching and Learning, said: "The Preview Event attracted high numbers of pupils and their parents – despite the terrible weather! Many pupils travelled a long way to get here which is a testament to the excellent reputation of the College.

"The feedback has been really positive and many pupils have handed in their application forms already. I would like to thank all the staff and the Student Ambassadors who were professional and courteous to our visitors and made them feel very welcome."