

RAVEEN KARIYAWASAM



We were thrilled to have past student Raveen Kariyawasam, who has become the first Sri Lankan in 54 years to secure a Rhodes Scholarship to study at the University of Oxford, join us in school on Tuesday 13th September.

Raveen, who is now one step closer to his dream of ensuring that advanced medical technology is available commercially, gave an inspiring presentation to years 11,12 and 13 explaining how hard work, persistence and a pinch of luck can get anyone anywhere.

Throughout his presentation, Raveen also emphasised the importance of work experience to students: originally he wanted to be a doctor but direct experience taught him that it is in fact bioengineering that is his passion. This led him to follow the path which has brought him to this exceptional achievement.

In addition to this, he also stressed the significance of a work-life balance, through sharing engaging anecdotes about university life away from the books!

This presentation was extremely illuminating for students, giving them an understanding of the challenges they may face in the coming years and how they can develop the skills to overcome them. We know all attendees benefitted immensely from Raveen's wisdom and guidance and we are so grateful to him for giving up his time to speak.