**Careers Voice Feedback – Anita Hill (Setting up your own business)**

**Dates of visits to Hillcrest: Assembly on 23rd and 24th September**

**Entrepreneur workshops 30th September**

*As a previous student of Hillcrest, it was a lovely experience to go back into the school after 25 years to engage the students about entrepreneurialism and what starting up their own business could bring to their lives in the future.*

*The students were very interested in what running your own business is like and what skills and abilities are required. They also listened intently about my own start-up story.*

*The students who met with me in the group session were clearly ambitious, inquisitive and bright young women who are considering all the opportunities that are available to them in today's society.*

*I'd recommend to anyone wishing to engage young people about the career or entrepreneurial opportunities that are available to them when they leave secondary education, to get involved with their local schools and to speak to students to help educate and inspire them about their future.*

***Anita Hill, Founder of Comfyse***

**Student views – What did you learn from meeting Anita?**

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* *she recommended a book if you ever need help or advise*
* *she told us some problems you will face*
* *she told us how you can solve these problems*

*EB*

* *Anita explained about her product and how she developed it.*
* *She explained about how she got to where she is now and how she plans to expand in the future.*
* *She gave an insight on the different aspects of having a business.*

*GL*

* *I learned about what it takes to start a business*
* *What qualities are required to start a business on your own*
* *How business can help women build a work life around their families*

*CO*

* *Everyone had the chance to ask questions and Anita answered them very well.*
* *She talked about how to advertise, get manufacturers, and how to develop a team for a business.*
* *I learned that confidence and how to propose your business plans to others is very important.*

*JB*

* *It was very helpful with all the information she told us.*
* *And it was very good how she told us how to make our own business.*
* *And also it was very inspiring for me*