

Press Release

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Halifax's new branch in Fleet set for premiere opening

Halifax is opening a new branch in Fleet on Monday 8th September and will be holding a "Premiere" opening event at the new branch from 9am on Thursday 11th September.

Situated in its new premises at 130 Fleet Road, Fleet GU51 4BE, the new Halifax branch has 2 cashier points, 3 interview rooms, 2 ATM's and an express pay in machine.

On the way into the branch, customers and visitors will pass down a red carpet. They will also be served non-alcoholic cocktails and can help themselves to popcorn and Halifax goody bags.

As part of the "Premiere" opening event on Thursday 11th September, **Thomas Yau**, the star of the latest Halifax High Interest Current Account TV ad, will be visiting the Premier event to meet and greet new and existing customers.

A prize draw is also being held which offers a fantastic first prize of a 40" LCD television with home cinema system. Other prizes include a digital camcorder and a portable DVD player. Visitors can enter the prize draw by filling out a prize draw coupon and handing it to a member of branch staff. Entry closes at 4.15pm and the draw will take place at 4.30pm on Thursday 11th September.

Kirsty Ruffell, branch manager at Halifax's new Fleet branch comments:

"There will be lots going on during the official opening event. We are delighted that Thomas will be at the branch on the day to welcome all of our new and existing customers and colleagues."

Fleet branch opening hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Wednesday 9:30am - 5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 12:00noon

Ends.

Editor's Notes:

If you would like to send a photographer along to the event, please contact Rebecca Malish on 01422 333 253

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2. The branch network

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