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School

Bursary Report 2018

"As I draw closer to my final few weeks in Oundle, I begin to reminisce about the memories I've made here. My dream as a child was always to attend boarding school, and when the prospect presented itself I was ecstatic. I was nervous, as expected, but everyone was so accepting my worries were soon forgotten. The opportunity to travel around the world and the stories I gained from doing so will be greatly cherished. As I look back upon myself five years ago, I can happily and proudly say Oundle has shaped me into the young gentleman I am today. I look forward to continuing my journey and will be forever in debt to those who helped me reach my potential."

Oundle Society

Introduction

Bursaries play a vital role in Oundle's commitment to providing an education of the highest standard to children from a wide range of backgrounds.

The Bursary Programme offers means-tested financial support to families who would otherwise not be able to consider an Oundle education, and assists families who find themselves in financial difficulty part-way through their child's education, through no fault of their own.

Our approach ensures that the academic potential of each applicant is recognised as part of the process. We seek to give priority to those who would most benefit from being educated here at Oundle. Demand inevitably outstrips supply for bursary funding, and competition for these awards is increasing.

The Oundle Society is proud to work in support of Oundle's Bursary Programme and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our generous donors.

General Bursary Fund

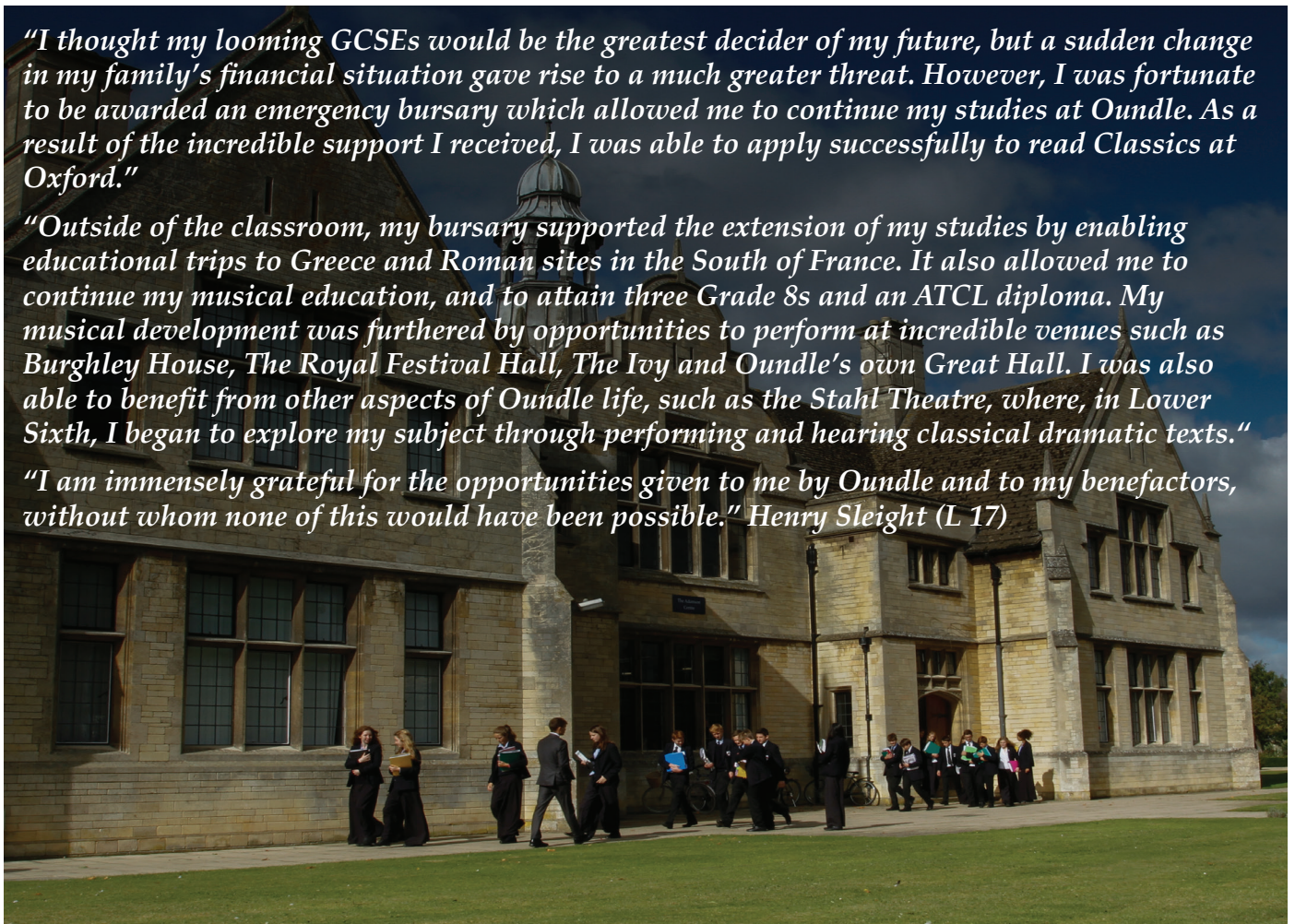
Exceptional bursary support exists to help parents whose children have started at Oundle or Laxton Junior who suffer unanticipated changes in circumstance and consequent financial hardship.

Limited funds are available, but the purpose is to support families so their child or children can complete their educational journey, be it to an appropriate 'break point' in their junior years or to complete their public examinations in their senior years. The aim is to limit the impact of an unexpected and significant change of family circumstances on a pupil's education and to support hardworking children.

"I thought my looming GCSEs would be the greatest decider of my future, but a sudden change in my family's financial situation gave rise to a much greater threat. However, I was fortunate to be awarded an emergency bursary which allowed me to continue my studies at Oundle. As a result of the incredible support I received, I was able to apply successfully to read Classics at Oxford."

"Outside of the classroom, my bursary supported the extension of my studies by enabling educational trips to Greece and Roman sites in the South of France. It also allowed me to continue my musical education, and to attain three Grade 8s and an ATCL diploma. My musical development was furthered by opportunities to perform at incredible venues such as Burghley House, The Royal Festival Hall, The Ivy and Oundle's own Great Hall. I was also able to benefit from other aspects of Oundle life, such as the Stahl Theatre, where, in Lower Sixth, I began to explore my subject through performing and hearing classical dramatic texts."

"I am immensely grateful for the opportunities given to me by Oundle and to my benefactors, without whom none of this would have been possible." Henry Sleight (L 17)



Life-Changing Bursary Scheme

The Life-Changing Bursary Scheme relies on identifying pupils who would gain the most from joining Oundle. Both the boarding experience and the ability to offer the pastoral support that these pupils and their parents often need, both in School and also in their communities, is vital to the success of the programme.

Oundle has been working in partnership with SpringBoard (the UK's biggest boarding school bursary charity) and Eastside Young Leaders Academy for the benefit of our pupils. A three-year survey undertaken by the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) examined the impact of an Oundle education on SpringBoard pupils and concluded that it has an extremely positive effect on both children and their families. We currently have five SpringBoard pupils (three boys and two girls) in the School, and the first of the cohort is now in their final year.

Last year, SpringBoard merged with the Royal National Children's Foundation to create the Royal National Children's SpringBoard Foundation (known as Royal SpringBoard). Oundle will have further opportunities to strengthen its links with this new organisation as we transfer from being a SpringBoard Beacon School to an accredited school with Royal SpringBoard and its many partner organisations. In parallel with this the School has redefined its pastoral network and has provided enhanced pastoral training for Housemasters,

Housemistresses and pastoral staff. With a focus on both emotional and mental well-being, the new roles of Head of Medical Services and Mental Health Lead are now well established.



During the Academic Year 2016 - 2017 there were:

- Thirteen Entry bursaries, 74% of grades achieved were A*/A/B with 43% at A*/A
- Eight Emergency bursaries, 64% of grades achieved were A*/A/B with 44% at A*/A
- Two pupils receiving bursary assistance who went on to gain places at Oxbridge
- Twenty-two bursary award holders finishing their Upper Sixth year with us. Seven awards were 100% (Two on entry and five emergency). A further eight awards were 50% or greater and a mixture of entry and emergency awards. The split between boarding and day was 13:9
- There was also one pupil on the Life-Changing Bursary Scheme who gained a place to study Engineering at a London University



For further information on bursaries and how you can support Oundle's Bursary Programme, please contact Michele Seymour, Development Manager, at the Oundle Society Office.

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