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**THE ARTS SOCIETY ALTON
ART FOUNDATION SCHOLARS**

The Arts Society Alton Scholarships for Excellence in Art (One Year Foundation Course) Sponsored by The Arts Society Alton

EMILY BARNETT

My love of Textiles began at the age of 14 when I started my GCSE Textiles course. For my birthday, I was given a Janome sewing machine and over the next few years I undertook a number of workshops at 'Stitched by You' (Alton) and 'Sew Creative' (Petersfield). I enjoyed doing work experience at Stitched by you in 2015 and found Caroline Beacon, the shop owner to be a helpful and encouraging mentor.

As my confidence increased, I discovered a passion for embroidery and have developed this interest through my A level textiles course at Alton College. A level photography also taught me many new skills and I learnt how to get the best from photoshoots of my finished designs.

This year has gone well, having produced a portfolio and completed my UCAs application, I am currently working on my final piece based on Hungarian folk design. Having previously designed and completed an embroidered leather handbag, I am hoping to further my skills in leather work during this project by embroidering a Hungarian design onto a pair of leather boots purchased from a charity shop and designing a leather handbag.

My scholarship money has paid for two semi-industrial leather sewing machines – one for straight stitch and a smaller more versatile machine for intricate stitching. I am very grateful for the money as it will help me develop my skills, it has been a privilege to receive such a generous award.

In January, I attended an interview at the Royal School of Needlework at Hampton Court Palace, and I am delighted to have received an unconditional offer on the BA course for hand embroidery in fashion, interiors and textile art, which will be starting in September 2019.

Over the summer, I am planning to make myself a small leather rucksack, embroidered using a tropical theme. This should give me a good opportunity to experiment further with my new machines.

The Arts Society Alton Scholarships for Excellence in Art (One Year Foundation Course) Sponsored by The Arts Society Alton

LEAH COLES

Since being awarded my arts scholarship, I have had so much more self-confidence in my work. Not only does this really help to motivate me to keep up the good work, it also makes me want to prove I am worthy of such an award.

Using the money I received as help towards the final payment, I purchased an iPad Pro and the Procreate app. With this, I have produced many works of art - graphically (for my projects and Final Major Project) and for my leisure. I find it incredibly useful as it is a tablet that I can take anywhere, anytime and be able to take photos, draw works, write notes etc. Whilst researching which graphics tablet to buy, I found out that soon, Adobe and Apple are going to release Photoshop on the iPad Pro; this is what persuaded me into purchasing the product.

With my current graphics project, I am finding my workflow to be a lot smoother with the use of the iPad and that I can write down ideas as quick as they come into my head as my iPad is always by my side. It is an all-in-one tablet and extremely convenient. I have also considered a small Wacom tablet which I hope to purchase soon as an easier way of navigating around Creative Cloud on my MacBook. Not only will these help with my graphical arts course at the Winchester School of Art (which I cannot wait to attend in September), they are also helping to improve my artistic skills and my mentality towards my artworks. I am very proud of my achievements and hope to only get better in the future.

The Arts Society Alton Scholarships for Excellence in Art (One Year Foundation Course)

Sponsored by The Arts Society Alton

MAISY VENN

I am currently doing the Art Foundation Course and have just begun my final major project. I am basing my project on the environment, specifically sea pollution and man's contribution to the contamination of the sea through the use of plastics and other waste products. On a recent trip to the Devon coastline I managed to fill several carrier bags with rubbish that had been washed up on the beach, to use in my artwork. I am planning to build an installation that will use this detritus and hopefully open the onlookers' eyes to the type of waste that we all produce, which inevitably ends up in our seas, contaminating the water and endangering the wildlife. I will be experimenting with these objects further by melting and sewing them together. My plan is to raise awareness of the plastic pollution that is destroying our oceans.

So far, the money I have been awarded has helped me travel to places where I have found materials for my final project. I will use the remainder of the money to help me travel across Europe where I will be visiting different countries and immersing myself in their cultures. I have researched exhibitions on route that are related to my interest in the environment - one I am particularly looking forward to seeing is at the Museum of Natural History in Berlin called 'ARTE FACTS'. This exhibition focusses on the impact people have on the environment, including food, air, climate, water and energy. Throughout my journey I will be gathering visual research, in order to help me in my first year studying 3D design and craft at Brighton University.

I was recently lucky enough to be selected for the RBA Rising Star awards, where 247 entries were put forward and only 21 were selected overall. I have the honour of displaying my work in the ROSL gallery and Mall galleries. Being selected for this has given me a confidence boost and persuaded me to push my work even further.

FIRST YEAR SCHOLARS

Scholarship for Excellence in English

Sponsored by the Alton College Alumni Scholars

SOPHIE JONES

With my final exams coming up for geography, a lot of my time has been dedicated to revising however I have still managed to balance this with my other two courses. As well as this, I have started an EPQ and hope to look at either environmental sustainability or the recent knife crime epidemic occurring in London.

Currently in English we are beginning our coursework, this entails writing two pieces that vary in function or audience and I hope to write two non-fiction pieces on similar topics as mentioned above. These are two issues that are so important and relevant, in my opinion, which is why I would like to spend time researching and writing about them. I have already submitted an article for The Alternative (the college magazine) on ways to reduce your carbon footprint so to build on this foundation would be interesting.

So far I have spent some of the scholarship money on books. One is a revision guide for English so that I can get head start on revising during the summer holidays, another is a book called 'What ya chattin bout?' which gives you a brief history on Multicultural London English as well as a dictionary of London slang and some cultural information on London. The third book I have pre-ordered is called London's Armed Police: Up Close and Personal. It is written by a veteran of the Metropolitan Police and gives insight into various cases, the training and operations within the Armed Police, and why there is a need for such a unit in the city. Sadly the book won't be released until the end of August but I am thoroughly looking forward to reading it!

Scholarship for Excellence in Humanities

Sponsored by the Mr Nicholas Branch

JOCELYN ELLEBY

The last few months I feel have been successful in terms of my progression in my studies. As university application deadlines grow closer, I have been working to create a large portfolio of academic activities to incorporate into my personal statement.

One recent opportunity that I have accessed is a work experience placement at WSP, an engineering firm based in Guildford. A personal reference has allowed me to receive a week summer placement within the firms urban planning department. WSP has worked on multiple projects such as Crossrail and the Earls Court Redevelopment, an area of work that greatly interests me. The placement will not only enhance my knowledge of urban planning, but also allow me to further my understanding of a professional work environment and I am extremely excited to complete it.

A recent use of the money granted to me by the scholarship, was to fund a trip to University College London. On the 9th April I went up to the UCL campus in Fitzrovia to attend a day masterclass session on the topic of urban planning. It was taught in a degree lecture style and allowed me to explore a new topic to an extremely high level. Even conversing with the lecturers and professors allowed me to improve my skills of analysis and encourage higher

thinking. I intend to attend more masterclass sessions and possibly summer schools in the future.

In the upcoming months I will begin to closely work on my extended project qualification, and after my university session, I have decided to focus on a title related to urban design. After learning the basics of the subject, the vast complexities and influencing factors on urban design greatly intrigued me and I would like to take the opportunity in my research project to go into greater depth and if possible, have further correspondence with the academics at UCL. Becoming a scholar has motivated me to focus not only on the curriculum, but further opportunities to advance my education and knowledge.

Craven Brothers Scholarships for Excellence in Engineering

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CAMERON BUSH

At college, I am still completing and enjoying my BTEC level 3 Engineering course. I hope I am able to carry on getting top marks on all the assignments. I am also on course to get a 4 or 5 in GCSE English.

Outside College, I am now working at a land rover garage “Cross axle services”, where I did my work experience and am learning a lot each and every day. However, I would still like to find, and am looking for, some work experience at an aerospace, or civil engineering company, as I hope this will help me to lead on to a more interesting career.

I am still undecided on whether I am going to move onto an apprenticeship or university course after College. However, I hope that finding work experience in an area I want to work in will help me decide on which route is best to take.

I have, so far, spent a lot of my scholarship money on basic tools, being a socket set, screwdriver set, pliers, wire cutters, soldering iron, and spray gun. I have already made good use of these tools on my own car, which now is nearly finished, and on other projects. Tasks I have completed with these tools include, among other things, fitting a new radiator, break hoses and fixing my gearbox oil leak, as well as a full respray, which has made it look a lot tidier.

Craven Brothers Scholarships for Excellence in Engineering

Sponsored by the Ellis Campbell Charitable Foundation

JAMES CUDBERTSON

My studies at Alton college are progressing well, I am continuing to achieve my desired grades in all aspects of my course work.

I have almost completed my first year fabrication project of a tool box, I believe I have made an accurate and well constructed tool box from sheet metal using multiple joining methods. I have enjoyed learning how to complete joining methods and learning the benefits and downfalls of each, I’ve also enjoyed using a wide variety of tools to construct individual components of the tool box.

I am also enjoying the design aspects of my course where we are learning about industry style drawings, completing our own drawings using 2D and 3D drawing packages.

We have a task in one of our current assignments where we are having to design a 20 m water tower which will need to support 94 tonnes, in this task we are having to stick to strict design requirements similar to what designers in industry have to deal with. We are also having to look at material selection alongside this to ensure we choose the correct material for the design and that it's characteristics match the needs of the water tower. The software we are using also allows us to run simulations to see whether our designs withstand the weight of the water tank and weather conditions such as wind.

I have yet to spend my scholarship money, however I plan to spend it in the summer break when I undertake my level two cytech bike mechanics qualification, I am having to wait to complete the course due to needed a 2 week period when I'm not in college to complete it.

Craven Brothers Scholarships for Excellence in Engineering

Sponsored by the Ellis Campbell Charitable Foundation

ROSS MCKENZIE

Over the last month, I've continued working hard towards my goal of achieving the grades needed to attend university and study civil engineering.

One of the first things I did with my money was buy myself more technical drawing equipment to help enhance my sketches. I bought myself two sets of Windsor and Newton Pro-markers (Grey and black tones set, and student designer set), as well as a new bullet pad. Before buying these markers, I was limited to just using four colours (all shades of grey). With these markers I can now begin to introduce more life and colour into my drawings while maintaining a more professional look. They will not only help me build up a possible portfolio, but also help greatly with my Product Design A Level, which heavily features designing of certain products. It also allows me to consider the opportunity of exploring a more design orientated Extended Project Question (EPQ).

The bullet pad is very small in size, 14cm x 9cm, meaning its very portable and easy to carry. This will allow me to take it with me wherever I go and record quick sketches of things I have seen which I can incorporate into my own work or use for personal use in my spare time.

I also plan to attend multiple university open days in Scotland and England. It's always been a dream of mine to have the opportunity to study in Scotland, which is where my family is from and where I grew up. I plan to use the money to help me pay for the train journeys up to Scotland, and possibly areas of the north of England. I also plan to attend more lectures hosted by universities, although this is more likely to be at the beginning of my second year.

Richard Frankel Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Medicine

Sponsored by Mrs Merula Frankel

EVE GRESHAM

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you again to Mrs Merula Frankel, for the amazing opportunity you have me given through Richard Frankel Memorial Scholarship. It is already helping me massively in preparing to apply for medicine.

So far, I have used the money to purchase the first year textbooks for all of my A level subjects. They have been really useful to me, as I have found they are much easier to use and refer to in class than the online textbooks. I have also spent some of the money on revision guides for my subjects, which have been great to have while starting to revise for my first year mock exams. I plan on buying more books for wider reading around medicine and the NHS, as well as UKCAT and BMAT practice books so that I am well prepared to take the exams. I will also use the scholarship to cover the fees for taking the UKCAT and BMAT tests in the summer.

My A levels are progressing well - I'm on track to achieve the grades I will need to apply for medicine this year. Currently, I am starting to revise and prepare for the mock exams which take place after May half-term, to ensure I will have the necessary predicted grades. I have also started to working on the initial research for my EPQ, and still plan to research a medical condition in depth as the main focus of my project.

I have been volunteering at Petersfield Hospital again for a couple of hours every Friday, in order to gain some more work experience there. The highlight for me so far has been getting to spend a morning shadowing a doctor working on the ward, and having the opportunity to talk to him about his experiences working in medicine. In order to broaden my own experiences, I have also been trying to find more opportunities to spend time in medical environments - I am organising some shadowing at a GP surgery, and hopefully I will be able to spend a week at the surgery during half term.

This scholarship has given me not only a great opportunity in terms of funds, but also a lot of motivation to stay focused and enthusiastic. The next few months will definitely be busy, but I feel well equipped to continue working hard towards medicine.

Scholarship for Excellence in Science

Sponsored by Mr Peter Gaffney

ANNA PICKETT

I am honoured to have been awarded this scholarship and are thankful for the opportunities it will bring.

My studies are going well with me consistently getting my target grades in tests and staying on top of my work load doing 4 A levels. I am looking forward to my EPQ, which I am just starting and the interesting research it will allow me to carry out. The EPQ subject will be dog nutrition a topic I have an interest in thanks to my part time job in a local pet shop that specialises in the pet nutrition. I have started looking forward to my end of year exams and revising so I can get the best possible grades for my UCAS application.

I have used some of my scholarship money to finish paying for the trip to CERN I am going on with college in June. I have also spent some of the money on getting a subscription to New Scientist magazine to keep up to date on new scientific findings. I have bought tickets for New Scientist Live in October where I look forward to listening to talks from leading scientists.

I have started planning my visits to universities over the next few months.

Scholarship for Excellence in Music

Sponsored by Mr George Heller

SCOTTIE THOMPSON

I think that my studies at college have been progressing well. I feel like I have come a long way in all of my subjects since the beginning of this academic year, having learnt very much and making great friends along the way. The teachers have been extremely helpful in putting me on the right path so that I can succeed not only in my A Levels, but in my applications to conservatoires too. I've also attended some workshops in the music departments from various visiting musicians, which have been incredibly inspiring and given me some perspective of the music industry outside college/university. Furthermore, enrichment ensembles such as the contemporary music ensemble has been very exciting for me – not only has it improved my playing within a group, but we have also been able to workshop our own compositions which is crucial for composers to get an idea of how their piece will sound in real life!

I'm saving my scholarship money to put towards music summer camps, to enhance my performing and composing. I recently auditioned for the National Youth Jazz Collective summer camp, so am hoping to be accepted there! I'm also looking at potentially attending the Sound and Music summer school, which is a composition camp in which you are able to get your own music performed by professional musicians. The scholarship money will therefore be incredibly beneficial, as it will pay for the majority of the fee of the camps.

I recently received a distinction in my ARSM performance diploma in classical piano, and at the end of March I finished my commissioned piece for the Martin Read Foundation. This piece will be workshopped and performed by professional musicians at Alton College on the 28th April. I'm very excited about this, and about future opportunities that may come my way!

Scholarship for Excellence in English

Sponsored by Sir Simon and Lady Virginia Robertson

ZOE OFFEN

I would first like to thank you again for this opportunity! The money has (and will continue to make) a huge difference. So far, I have only bought a few books – two needed for our coursework and a book full of helpful analysis. As well as those, I am planning on booking tickets to see a livestreaming of Measure for Measure which I am very excited about. Over the half term I want to look for a new laptop to help with my general studies and this money will be a great help towards it (as I would likely otherwise be unable to afford it). There is also a long list of other books I would love to work down; I have always found an interest in the classics and yet have not had the chance to read a lot of them.

Very soon I will be going up to Oxford for the day and during the trip will be attending an English lecture, as well as an advice session on admissions. And later, in July, I am going on an Oxford UNIQ residential for about a week to study Race and Protest in History, which I applied for a couple of months ago. I would love to apply to Oxford, come University applications, so I hope that these trips will give me some very valuable insight and also boost my personal statement.

My studies are going very well; I am still on track to achieve an A* in all four of my A Levels and am enjoying all of them thoroughly. We are about to start our coursework in English

Literature and the play which we are studying ('Jerusalem') in particular interests me, so I enter the new term with a reawakened passion for the subject. I have also just started the research for my Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and look forward to beginning to look more thoroughly into the topic. I haven't finalised my focus yet, but I think I am going to look into the Romanian Revolution of 1989, or the French Revolution of 1789-1799.

Thank you so much again for the scholarship. It has, and will, mean so much to me and continues to improve and enrich my education.

Alastair Graham Scholarship for Excellence in Modern Foreign Languages

Sponsored by Sir James Scott

LOTTIE TELLYN

I was honoured to receive the Alastair Graham Scholarship for Modern Foreign Languages earlier this year. My studies are going well, I am on track to achieve my target grades and am enjoying the content we are covering in my classes.

Since the award of my scholarship, I have been elected as Vice President of the student union, which has really strengthened my interest in politics; having seen democracy working on a college level, I am now more interested in the workings of the government. This has led to my degree interests changing, and I am now looking at studying PPE, hopefully at Oxford, instead of international relations as it would give me a broader scope for learning.

Furthering my interest in politics, I was invited to the Houses of Parliament to listen to a speech by Greta Thunberg. I spoke to some local MPs there too and hope to get in contact in the future to arrange possible work experience shadowing one of them. We were also lucky enough to be invited to watch the House of Commons debate an urgent question put forward by Ed Milliband on the climate crisis. The whole experience further sparked my interest in politics.

Just after I found out I had been awarded the scholarship, I was lucky enough to be invited to Paris to meet Mayor Anne Hidalgo and attend the C40 Cities WomenForClimate Conference to discuss the work I'm doing, alongside others, to raise awareness of the climate emergency. It was my studies in French which, in part, gave me the confidence to attend this conference involving a lot of conversational French. While it was challenging, I feel that I really benefited from the experience and that I will be able to speak French more confidently in the future.

I have also been invited to give a speech at the UCL ANGEL Conference next month. It's an international conference, attended by educators and policymakers, which encourages discussion of global education and implementation of sustainable development goals. Through the study of a modern foreign language, I am more aware of the way education works around the world, and will hopefully feel more confident to participate in discussions. I hope to use my scholarship money to fund my travel and accommodation for the conference.

Overall, my studies are progressing well. Both inside of and outside of college, I am involved in interesting and stimulating activities, partly made possible by this scholarship. I would like to thank you for your generosity, and I hope to continue to use the scholarship in ways that benefit my education and further my interests in related topics.

Scholarship for Excellence in Engineering

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JOSEPH FRIEND

So far, my studies are progressing well and I have already started to revise for my UCAS exams in June.

My favourite subject so far is engineering because I really enjoy the practical side in the workshop, and also the theory in electronics. I like the manufacturing as it engages me and makes me think how I could use the skills I learn in lesson on my projects at home and later on in a job. I have already spent some of the money on materials to build a new computer case for work and projects. I wanted a small, portable computer that I could take with me when I go to university and later on in life. When I looked online to buy one, they were all too expensive, or would not fit modern components into them, so I decided to build one instead. I used free CAD software to create a rough design of the case and then used sketches and the software to create a final design and a template that I can use when making each part.

I am also thinking of using the remaining money to go towards a 3D printer that I could use to prototype and create parts (for my computer case and other future projects). It would allow me to make components faster, find flaws or parts I could improve and altogether reduce the time taken to build what I want to build. In the future I would like to learn more about electronics and programming systems as we do not cover much of that in our engineering course, as it would broaden up my career options and help me to find a university course or job that I would enjoy more than if I had not looked into these other subjects.

Scholarship for Excellence in Mathematics

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Alton

BEN WILLIAMS

Since the scholarship ceremony I have started delving into maths and computing. All the applications of computing to mathematics interest me and I intend to spend a portion of the scholarship money on a better computer to run some simulations. To prepare for upcoming MAT/STEP exams I have started attending extra maths sessions. The applications of maths to computing is really starting to interest me and is something I intend to delve into further using the money provided to me.

Going into something maths related is something I fully intend to do and no doubt the scholarship money will allow me to do that. While currently computing is my topic of choice, the maths intertwined in it is very interesting, specifically the decision maths and linear programming. Studying computing at university using the maths skills I will hopefully acquire over the course of my time here and will develop further with the money from the scholarship.

Ultimately I want to get a degree in computing science and go on to have a career in it. Specifically, artificial intelligence and modelling with computer simulations. 3D sketches and visual representation of mathematical ideas are very interesting to me. This is why a powerful computer to run algorithms and identify different patterns in data would be amazing, and is what I intend to spend my money on. The mathematics involved in some of the computing sketches I have done thus far has been both interesting and developmental for both my current knowledge of maths and computing.

Scholarship for Excellence in Business

Sponsored by Mr Peter and Mrs Lissa Wilson

APRIL STOKER

My studies at college are going well at the moment and I am enjoying the topics that I am currently studying. Recently I had a business studies mock exam where I received an 'A' which was a great achievement which gave me more confidence and motivation to consistently receive good grades in all my subjects by working hard and revising key topics.

At the moment I am studying for my upcoming mock exams that are taking place the first week of June. These mock exams are important because they will forecast what universities would be suitable for me to apply for and whether the courses I am taking are the correct ones for me. There are a lot of topics that I need to go over but I enjoy finding creative ways to revise them. Therefore, with this in mind I am going to use some of the money to purchase items which will help me study. For example: notebooks, revision flash cards, folders to organise my notes from my classes and my revision notes and textbooks in order to help me revise successfully so that I can achieve the grades I am looking for and to hopefully achieve the best I can. Also, to improve my current laptop I am thinking about purchasing Microsoft software to make downloading documents and work sheets from my teachers easier and to able to edit them and use them to enhance my revision material.

At the moment I am learning to drive which is a really daunting but exciting experience but I am hoping that in the future this will make my college experience easier because it will help me manage my college work, trampolining and job better due to more time from getting home from college much quicker.

SECOND YEAR SCHOLARS

Scholarship for Excellence in Science

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BEN HUDGELL

My studies are progressing well. With my exams nearing, I am currently spending most of my time revising for them, so I do not have much time to spend on other activities. Considering that I am still doing four A levels, all of which requiring a large amount of revision, I have decided to prioritise these over everything else.

Recently, I participated in a Biology Olympiad that was taken online at college. I achieved a gold award in it. I have also been achieving well in mock exams as of late, suggesting I am on course to meet my exam requirements for university.

Most of the money was spent on the physics summer school I attended last year, so my spending options are limited. In addition, most of my time has been spent studying for my final exams since the start of the academic year, so I have not had much time to consider what I should spend it on exactly.

My general idea is that I will spend the remaining scholarship money in preparation for university. Since I plan to study Natural Sciences at Durham University, if all goes to plan, I will probably be spending the money on science textbooks and other related materials, so I am better prepared for the course and will have a better understanding of what is covered.

I also plan to buy a further maths textbook, since I am required to study some parts of further maths as part of the Natural Science course. This is because I intend to go for a more physics focused course, although I may change to a more biology or chemistry (or biochemistry) focused course, as my scientific interests have shifted away from physics in the past year.

Scholarship for Excellence in Performing Arts

Sponsored by Alton College Foundation

DEMELZA SEARS

My studies are progressing well, and I am hoping to achieve an A* in Sociology, A* in Drama, A in English Literature and B in Dance by the end of the year. I have completed the practical exam for A Level Drama and recently found out that I achieved an A* in the coursework. I have also completed my A Level Dance practical exam and A Level English Literature coursework.

I have spent the scholarship money on an audition workshop at GSA, pointe shoes, my Bronze LAMDA acting exam -in which I achieved a distinction with 93%- and my Intermediate ballet exam. On the trip to get my pointe shoes, I also attended a Ballet class at Pineapple Dance Studios which was extremely inspiring. The main bulk of the money was put towards my auditions to study acting at: GSA, LIPA, East 15, Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, Drama Centre London and the Central School Of Speech and Drama.

I succeeded in gaining a place on the Certificate Of Higher Education in Theatre Arts at East 15, which I am extremely happy about as it was my top choice and the competition was extremely tough. After completing the course, I will audition to do a BA Acting course, as well

as applying to University. If I don't get onto an Acting course, I would like to do a degree in English or Sociology, or maybe English and Drama. If I do go to University, then afterwards I would like to audition to do an MA Acting course at a drama school.

Scholarship for Excellence in Sport

Sponsored by Alton Lions

LUCY WILLIAMS

The last year has been full of ups and downs; it began with glandular fever which put me out of judo training for several months and ended up with being talent spotted by a University!

Between March and June 2018 most of my judo consisted of coaching the younger judoka, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Competitions started again in June with the Kent International, where I took a Silver medal. This was the beginning of my come back from illness.

With the support of the Alton Lions funding, September saw me spending most weekends in Europe competing in The International Hainault Cup (Silver), Tornooi Van de Middenkurst (Silver) and the Ranking Open Van Brabant (Silver). These competitions were a good stepping stone to move up to the Junior section of judo.

October saw me attending the Welsh Junior Open in Cardiff. This was a tough competition, with some very experienced players in my group. I fought hard and managed a 5th place which gave me my first ever ranking points as a junior competitor.

November was full of extra training sessions, getting ready for Nationals in December. Unfortunately, three weeks before I was due to compete I badly sprained my ankle, ending up on crutches!! My coach wanted to pull me from the competition but with lots of determination and will power I managed to recover sufficiently to fight with my ankle strapped for support and again took another 5th place. This helped to put me 7th in the country for my age and weight.

More training followed, with more rehab with a physiotherapist which I was able to fund via my scholarship money. March saw me compete at the English Junior open where this time I managed a superb 2nd place.

Over this year I have also completed my Level one judo coaching course and have 80 points towards my 2nd Dan Grade....only 20 points to go!

Two weeks ago I was also talent-spotted by Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge who have offered me a Judo scholarship, which I have readily accepted.

The continued support from the Alton Lions has helped me achieve so much over the last two years and I would like to whole heartedly thank them.

Scholarship for Excellence in English

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STELLA EYERS

As this year I have been doing exams I have not been to the theatre, but I have plans for after exams are over, since I have such a long summer! I did go to see Matthew Bourne's Cinderella as I hoped I would, and it was incredible! Such a brilliantly thought through method of telling the story, adding a whole other layer to what is my favourite fairytale and yet also incredibly simply done.

I bought various books, old and new, about Robin Hood to assist with my Extended Project, and even though it is over I still maintain an interest in the subject, and - despite not needing to any more - am always finding more books I want to read about him, and the variations of his tale in different eras.

I have really enjoyed looking at Keats' poems in English Literature, and has renewed an interest in the romantics. I am hoping it will come through positively in the exams, that are looming rather imminently. My coursework raw marks have all been very positive, which helps give me a positive outlook towards the exams.

I have a place at Oxford, to look forward to (I applied for English and History and they changed it to History) if I get three As, at Exeter College which I chose to apply for in part because it is the college of Tolkien, and I am very excited to be surrounded by history of literature. I will also be spending a lot of time in Blackwells and have a feeling my book collection will grow even more in the next year!

Scholarship for Excellence in Modern Foreign Languages

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LUCY BAYLISS

As a languages scholar, I'm incredibly grateful for the financial support that the foundation has given me because it has enabled me to be able to put my language skills into practice. I used the majority of my scholarship in the summer when I spent 7 weeks working in various locations around Germany and staying with different families out there. The trip was absolutely life-changing and I learned so much during my time away, not only about the German language, but about the culture, society and the history of the country too. I particularly enjoyed my week in Leipzig, during which I spent many hours learning about the city's fascinating history, from its role in the reformation to the peaceful revolution of 1989. I was also extremely lucky during my trip in that the people I met were absolutely wonderful and I made many new friends along the way who I am still in contact with and hope to visit again in the future.

The other thing that I have put my scholarship money towards is travelling to Cambridge to attend an inspirational German conference where current university undergraduate and post-graduate students gave presentations and led discussions on their specialist areas of study, many of which were linked to their years abroad. The day was brilliant because not only did it introduce me to so many new elements of German (such as German sign language) which I had never even thought about before, but it also gave me an insight into the sorts of projects I will hopefully be able to explore within my degree in the next few years. I'm hoping to study

a joint honours degree in history and modern foreign languages and I am currently revising hard for my A-level exams and using the feedback I received from my mocks to focus my studies to try and make this goal a reality.

In November, I was also involved in an amazing project around the centenary of World War 1. I was invited to attend a 'youth for peace' conference in Berlin for 4 days where I worked as part of an international group of young people to look at the historical impact of World War 1, as well as the ways in which we can try and maintain relative peace between our nations. This was not only a great opportunity to explore the history of this conflict, but also to practice my linguistic skills and to make some wonderful new friends with young people who share my enthusiasm for these topics. In an unbelievable turn of events, my group were fortunate enough to be selected to present our work at the closing ceremony of the conference and, as part of this, I was chosen, along with two others, to take part in a trilingual panel discussion with President Macron of France and President Steinmeier of Germany. It was an experience that I shall never forget and it has given me even more motivation to pursue the subjects that I love.

Craven Brothers Scholarships for Excellence in Engineering

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KATELYN CHELBERG

I recently took a few days out of college to travel to the Airbus Factory in Chester to judge at the F1 in Schools National Final, the engineering competition I used to compete in. I was a verbal presentation judge, meaning over two days each team talked me through the design process of their miniature F1 car and showed me their portfolios and sponsorship strategies. I scored each team according to the mark scheme and put forward a few for special nominations. I was a great experience where I felt I could give back to the competition that started my ambition to study engineering. Furthermore, I really enjoyed a tour of the Airbus factory, especially as I applied to study aerospace engineering at University.

After a difficult application process, I was really pleased to receive an offer to study Engineering at the University of Cambridge. I will certainly revise as well as I can to achieve the offer requirements of A*A* in Further Maths and Physics and an A in Maths. The Cambridge interview was early in the morning and so I was glad I could use part of my scholarship money on transport and accommodation for the night before. Even though I initially applied for Aerospace Engineering, the Cambridge degree will allow me to explore all disciplines for two years, meaning I could end up studying anything from Biomedical Engineering to Sustainability and Energy. I am already exploring first year industrial placement options and looking at the many extracurricular societies on offer.

I'm constantly using the textbooks and revision guides I purchased at the beginning of the year with the scholarship money to aid my study and revision. I'll only have a couple more months at Alton College, but I've really enjoyed my time and I'm really grateful for the academic confidence I've gained from receiving the Alton College Foundation Scholarship.

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CRYSTAL KNIGHT

I feel I am working well in Product design and will soon have completed my coursework. I am very happy with my final prototype and hope to gain a good grade for my project. In English Literature I have completed my coursework and hope to achieve a good grade. I am currently working at a B/C level, but I continue to work hard to ensure I achieve the best grade. In Graphic Design, I have done well in all my first-year projects; achieving a D* overall and continue to work hard to make sure I achieve the same standard for my second year projects. I am now on my final project of the course and in the process of re-evaluating projects from earlier on in the year to ensure they are at a high standard.

I have decided to save my money for University trips and travelling within my course. In terms of my recent achievements, I have produced a functional prototype for my Product Design coursework been offered a place to study at my chosen university; UCA studying BA Interior Architecture and Design. I am pleased to have all my first-year projects in Graphic Design graded as D*.

I intend to go to University in Autumn 2019. I have chosen to study, BA Interior Architecture and Design.

At UCA, I felt that many of the courses offering product design had a very similar syllabus to A-level product design and I would be re-learning a lot of the same information. I feel that Interior Architecture and Design at UCA will be a good change and a chance to learn about something new and further my abilities in the field of Design.

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OLLIE SUATT

I am hugely grateful to have been awarded a scholarship in my first year. Now that I am coming to the end of my time at Alton College I have been able to reflect on the last two years and how far I feel I have come in the field of engineering. Since I wrote my last review I feel a lot has changed, I am now more focused on which engineering path I want to pursue.

Last November I managed to secure myself some work experience, at this point I knew that automotive engineering would be a safe option to pursue as it is something I feel that I am quite knowledgeable about. I secured one week at A&S Engineering, where I worked on a variety of Rolls Royce and Bentley motor cars, helping to restore them which I thoroughly enjoyed. However, one engineering field I did not know much about was the aerospace industry. I arranged a week's work experience at TAG Aviation, where I worked on the maintenance of private jets whilst moving around the company. I was then hooked on the idea of becoming an accredited aerospace engineer. Following the work experience with TAG I received an offer to work with them; however I am considering my career options and currently going through the long application process to join the Forces before I make a final decision.

In my previous report I mentioned that I planned to purchase a metal lathe with my scholarship money; however after weighing up the pros and cons I realised that I wouldn't quite use the lathe as much as I would have thought. I decided that a better use for the money

would be for high quality hand tools. I purchased a full set of metric ratchet spanners, Socket and ratchet set, as well as a few other small tools, which I have used on my classic sports car and intend to use on aircraft in the future. I also used the money to help fund me to get to my work experience placements and an engineering exhibition I attended in Birmingham. I was also able to use this money to help fund my final project in which I designed and then manufactured bike rollers which are effectively a rolling road for bicycles.

I just want to say a massive thank you for awarding me this scholarship as I feel it has made a huge difference to my studies, helping me to become a better engineer.

Scholarship for Excellence in Humanities (Geography)

Sponsored by Mr Nicholas Branch

MEAGAN HARRINGTON

I don't mean to sound dramatic, but this scholarship has changed the course of my life.

Like many of my peers, I will be going to university. Rather unlike many of my peers, classes start in August, and my college is 3,861 miles from home.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (also known as UNC or Carolina) is a state-funded university in the USA. They host a pair of scholarships; one of these is the Morehead-Cain. In short, it is the first merit scholarship in the United States, at the first public university in the United States. They select approximately 70 students each year for their incoming freshman class. Each one has their education funded fully – medical insurance, tuition, room, board, book allowance, personal stipend and summer experiences are all covered.

For reasons I still cannot explain, I am one of this year's recipients. I leave the country in July to spend a few weeks kayaking and rock climbing at Lake Superior, before heading to Carolina to move in, attend orientation and start classes.

I cannot tangibly explain the value of this scholarship to me; it gave me the confidence to dare to dream, to believe in myself, and to pursue the road less travelled by. Without the financial help of this award, I could not have afforded application fees or standardised tests, or attended USA College Day in London where I made the somewhat spontaneous decision to apply to the Morehead-Cain programme.

As for the present moment – the focus has shifted to final exams. The stress here is now entirely intrinsic, for I have no grades to meet to take up my place at UNC.

1 year ago, my plans were somewhat concrete, involving a small city in Oxfordshire and a course I'm still secretly in love with. Now, I am on a completely different path, and could not be more excited to start an entirely new chapter.

A special endnote here must go to Mr. Nicholas Branch – everything I have said above I dedicate to you. Thank you for your belief in my abilities and for your financial generosity. Your decision to sponsor me has changed my life. I am forever grateful.

And to the Alton College Foundation – know the difference every award can have on the life of a student. Thank you for your continued support of the entire college community.

Scholarship for Excellence in Humanities (Politics)

Sponsored by the Alton College Foundation

HANNAH KNIGHT

This year I have made the difficult decision to study Architecture instead of Philosophy, Politics and Economics at University, and have accepted a place at the Manchester School of Architecture, where I hope to start this September.

I've been working hard to get the grades I need for my course, and have been using my scholarship money to help with this through tutorship, subscriptions and revision guides. The money has helped me access more resources than I otherwise would have been able to and I am so thankful for this opportunity.

This summer I hope to begin gliding more frequently again and will also be completing my Grade 8 LAMDA Acting exam just after my A Levels.

Scholarship for Excellence in Humanities (History)

Sponsored by the Alton College Foundation

JESSICA WAGSTAFF

With the money I received from my scholarship, I have been able to complete many things beneficial to my studies. The majority of the scholarship went on completing my EPQ, which was a primary school lesson about archaeology. Within this, I created a small-scale archaeological dig using baking trays, play sand and fake artifacts from the internet such as arrowheads, beads and bits of pottery.

I also used some of the scholarship to purchase some books from the recommended reading list for Archaeology at Cambridge. On that note, I was fortunate enough to be offered a place at Cambridge for October 2019 at Downing College for archaeology. My offer is A*AA, which I achieved in my mock exams last year and achieved A*A*A in my most recent set of exams.

Moving forward to summer I plan to visit more archaeological sites and develop my experience in this way, as well as continue to immerse myself in history and the lives of my ancestors by attending ancient celebrations like Beltane at Butser Ancient Farm. I have not had the opportunity to read many of the books I have purchased due to revising taking up most of my time, so the summer is looking to be a wonderful time to enjoy these books and potentially visit the sites they talk about. I am particularly looking forward to exploring sites more locally to me such as West Kennet Long Barrow and Avebury stones, and potentially straying further afield. It has long been a dream of mine to visit Florence and experience the city that housed the great Medici, so the future may hold exciting opportunities such as this.

Richard Frankel Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Medicine

Sponsored by Mrs Merula Frankel

PETER MORRIS

This year, I believe my studies have progressed well. I feel positive about the results from my mock exams and well placed to start final revision for my A levels. I have recently been made offers to study medicine at Oxford, Bristol, Birmingham and Nottingham. I have accepted the offer from Oxford and chosen Bristol as my insurance choice. I intend to go to university in this year.

Last summer, I put some of the scholarship money towards attending a camp for physically disabled boys aged 10-18, run by the Woodlark's Charity. It lasted a week and was a very enjoyable, valuable experience. I developed a close bond with the boy I supporting, who had cerebral palsy and I am still in regular contact with both him and several of the other boys. I will be returning to the camp this summer.

Cambridge's Gurdon Institute, a cancer research laboratory, offered me a place on their work experience programme. I spent a fascinating week learning and practising lab techniques, attending workshops on topics like microscopy and cancer, seminars by experts in some really cutting edge research and completing a presentation on a paper on "neural stem cell quiescence and reactivation" in fruit flies. I used the scholarship money for accommodation and travel to Cambridge.

I spent a further 3 days doing work experience in Basingstoke Hospital, where I shadowed an orthopaedic surgeon in theatre and fracture clinic, an anaesthetist and a junior doctor in a cardiology ward. The scholarship was useful in affording transport to and from the hospital each day. In addition, I shadowed a GP in Basingstoke for a day, to see a bit more of primary care within the community, where I got to witness house visits and consultations.

This has all strengthened my desire to study medicine and I am very excited at the prospect of starting at medical school in September.

Scholarship for Excellence in Music

Sponsored by Mr George Heller

BEN JONES

I received the scholarship for music back in 2018, since then my journey to become a sound engineer and producer has come on a long way. With the money I received through the scholarship I bought a stereo set of recording microphones which gives me the ability to record instruments such as pianos, guitar and drums to a more professional level. Since purchasing these I have started recording and producing local singer songwriters and even blues guitarists demos in my home studio which they send out to labels and venues to enhance their careers.

I have also continued to work as a sound engineer at the Lounge Bar in Alton often independently running events with 4 or 5 bands a night, from heavy metal to folk, I also continue to assist with sound and lights at the Assembly Rooms also in Alton.

Through all this work I have been chosen to work for a large upcoming metal festival in Guildford featuring some of the largest names in Tech-Metal such as Animals as leaders and Toska where I hope to learn a lot and gain contacts. In college my plans remain the same to apply to Surrey University next year after I have received my A level results and had more

time to gain more work experience and knowledge before I apply to such a prestigious course. However, I am still keeping my mind open to different routes in to the industry such as apprenticeships and building a strong portfolio and client list. I have found the support of the college and scholarship really valuable in helping me achieve what I dream of doing. And would like to thank everyone who has supported me over the last year.

Alastair Graham Scholarship for Excellence in Modern Foreign Languages

Sponsored by Sir James Scott

ISOBELLE MILES

Firstly, I would like to say how beneficial this money has been to me to improve my studies in French and to improve my confidence in the run up to my A levels. This year I have continued with my weekly private French lessons which have really helped to develop my confidence, not only in writing but also speaking. Another thing which added to my improvement in conversation is the fact I made a return trip to Paris.

A large part of the oral exam is an individual research project, I chose to research and talk about Edith Piaf. Whilst in Paris, I went to a couple of locations that she sang in and experienced an authentic cabaret night at Lapin Agile. I visited her grave, where she was born and spent some time at the Edith Piaf museum where I could ask the owner (who knew Piaf) questions about her life and find information which isn't available online. I also bought a number of French newspapers which I have been reading recently in preparation for my speaking exam in two weeks' time. These have been especially beneficial as it's imperative to have an understanding of what's going on in France in relation to the topics for two out of three of the papers. Thanks to my improved understanding of French, I am hopefully going to be studying Linguistics with French at the University of Warwick where I will have a year abroad either studying or working in France. Because of the opportunities provided by the scholarship money, I feel a lot more prepared for these following years.

Scholarship for Excellence in Engineering

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NATHANIEL MARGETTS

My studies at college are now coming to an end within the next few weeks. I am very happy with what I have achieved. My skills as a future engineer have developed significantly, I find myself far more confident when tasked with a problem I have not come across before.

In February this year, I spent the remaining £200 I had on a Volvo 740 estate. I chose this as a project because it needed a lot of work before it would be MOT ready to get back on the road. Automotive mechanics and engineering is something I had never delved into before, and so I found it to be a big learning curve. Fixing the car involved replacing both of the rear shock absorbers, replacing the front headlight glass, and other small maintenance jobs. I now plan to use the car as a daily driver, as while it is not fuel efficient, it is cheap to insure and safe.

I am now applying for degree apprenticeships, hoping to work towards a bachelor's in electrical or mechanical engineering. After hopefully completing the apprenticeship, I would like to then continue to work my way up through the company I am with. So far, I have been offered a position with Edwards, at their site down in Hampden Park. As this may be one of the final reports I do, I would like to thank everyone involved with the scholarship scheme for

their hard work to keep the program running. The grant has enabled me to have opportunities and facilities I could never have imagined when I first joined Alton college.

Scholarship for Excellence in Mathematics

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Alton

MONTAGUE MORAN

Since I received my scholarship I wanted to make sure that I used the potential to the maximum, including both the notable achievement of being awarded the scholarship as well as the monetary help. From the start of my second year in college I worked hard for my application to universities, especially regarding the difficult interview process. Imperial College London, my firm choice for Physics next year, found my scholarship (alongside my other Mathematics prize) particularly notable. Hence, it has likely had a good hand in my success already. All my chosen universities decided to interview which also the fund helped largely with as well.

Since last year's report I also spent a large proportion of my time and monetary investment on a physics summer school in London which definitely cemented my enjoyment and interest for physics as well as a fantastic opportunity to talk to experts in the field while getting a feel for university-taught topics and teaching-styles. Due to this I would also like to attend further talks in London about Physics and Computer Science. Branching my interest before university may provide an edge in learning new topics as well as choosing new options in my later terms and years.

Thinking of recent work, I have achieved very good results in my final mock exams before A levels which I thank the work from teachers and staff alike. I intend to get my required grades and hopefully surpass the requirements in my A level results. Overall these past two years I have felt like the scholarship has been a firm denier of imposter syndrome and a drive of determination to do my best; so thank you to the Rotary Club of Alton and Alton College Foundation for my sponsorship.

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