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## The 2020-2021 Prince Albert Scholars' Update

### Welcome

At the end of every academic year, we produce an update on our Prince Albert Scholars for our wonderful supporters of the programme. Despite an incredibly disrupted and difficult past 16 months our PAF Scholars have continued to thrive here (and online). As one of the students in the L6th said to me 'even having only 2 out of 3 terms this year has been an incredible experience'.

We were also delighted to be joined this year by Sarah Miller as Head of the Prince Albert programme. A major part of Sarah's role is to ensure that the transition to Wellington for the Scholars and parents/carers is as smooth as possible.

Another key objective of Sarah's role is to work closely with each Scholar to develop an individualised learning plan and to help each young person feel able to make the most of the many opportunities that exist here at Wellington. Making sure they try their hand at as many things as possible including; debating, DofE, music lessons, work experience and much more.

Sarah has also been busy recruiting new students for this September and we are delighted that we have 8 more brilliant young people joining us. Six will be joining the 6th form and two will be joining the 3rd form. We were able to expand the numbers of young people we were able to offer Scholarships to this year thanks to the extraordinary support that was given during last year's Giving Week, and we are excited about what we can achieve together during this year's Giving Week 18th - 23rd of October.

As a College, we continue to benefit greatly from having these young people with us to help us navigate our way to becoming a more diverse and inclusive school community. One of our recent Prince Albert graduates has been a key member of the team that is overseeing the development of our soon to be launched *Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion* whole College strategy. We are indebted to her and her fellow students - their impact will have a long and powerful legacy.

I would like to end by expressing my enormous thanks to all the Prince Albert supporters who provide much needed support in a wide variety of ways we are so grateful to you for everything you do.

Murray

Murray Lindo  
Head of the Wellington Community

## **A Year like no other**

Despite all the difficulties of the last academic year, four of our Prince Albert Scholars graduated this summer all having achieved outstanding results in both IB and A levels.

Our other Prince Albert Scholars have all had a successful year and have benefitted greatly from having bespoke enrichment plans. These individualised plans help each child to make the most of the opportunities available to them not only during term time at College but also during the holidays. For example this summer four of our lower 6<sup>th</sup> Scholars are participating in Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, two have elite sport training plans, one has a confirmed internship via Welly Connect (our online networking platform). On top of that two of our scholars will attend an event with Royal Springboard (one of our educational partners) to share their experiences of the programme here at Wellington with other younger students hoping to receive a scholarship to an independent school in the future.

The new 2020 Prince Albert Scholars have had a great year and two of them have been put forward for consideration for 3rd form Scholarships which is a tremendous achievement.

When providing an update on current Prince Albert Scholars to our funders we aim to give you an insight into their progress but at the same time making sure we respect their anonymity. To preserve their anonymity, we have changed names and made other adjustments. Despite this requirement we hope the following excerpts from recent reports will give you a sense of how they are all progressing.

### ***'Anna'***

*"Anna must be warmly congratulated for everything she has achieved at a new school for Sixth Form and for the past two years.*

*Wellington College has been a better place for her presence, and I hope that she will look back at everything she has achieved with a great deal of pride and happiness.*

*Anna has flourished in so many ways and can now look forward to a strong set of IB results in July."*

### ***'James'***

*"...I knew from the moment I met James that he would thrive at Wellington, and I do hope that he will look back at everything he has achieved and the way in which he has grown as a human being with a great deal of happiness and pride.*

*He should be commended for the way in which he has balanced his elite rugby pathway with outstanding academic development whilst also remaining the most delightful and likeable of young men at the same time."*

### ***'Will'***

*"It has been an absolute pleasure to have had Will with us for the past two years. He is a remarkable young man in so many ways.*

*I have been particularly impressed by the courage and leadership he has shown in recent months around the topic of boys' mental health and our community has been a better place for his presence and contributions."*

**'Thomas'**

*"Thomas has impressed me a great deal this year, he has settled into life at Wellington well and is fully embracing the opportunities available to him.*

*Thomas is a pleasure to have in the house and has established a strong friendship group in his house and the wider College. Academically, he has ramped up his focus in recent months and has shown a real drive to succeed and achieve the best grades possible."*

**'Patricia'**

*"It has been a real privilege to have welcomed Patricia to the house over the past few months. She has slipped into the running of things at Wellington with complete equanimity and composure and would appear to be very comfortable, in a good way, with her new home.*

*Her mature independence is striking and something I am going to want to make full use of in her academic prefect role from September.*

*There is much about her disciplined attitude to work, her confidence in hewing out your own academic path and ability to make full use of the resources at Wellington which younger girls will clearly learn from."*

**'Mark'**

*"I was delighted to see him apply for a leadership position and believe that he will have a positive impact on the 5th Form next year, he has already been proactive this term, building strong relationships and continues to treat those he is working alongside with respect and kindness.*

*Academically, he has ramped up his focus in recent months and has shown a real drive to succeed and achieve the best grades possible. His summer exam results were solid and will provide him with a strong foundation as he embarks on his upper sixth year.*

**'Alesha'**

*"Alesha has worked exceptionally hard this term and has taken advantage of a range of co-curricular clubs such as listening to the Fireside Talks and Politics club.*

*Her commitment to art has been recognised with an Art Scholarship, one of only 5 in the year.*

*Alesha has had the challenge of taking on three new languages this year (German, Latin, and Mandarin) and although this has not been easy in the least, she has shown great resilience and has decided to continue with Latin for GCSE and take up Ancient History to complement her studies in this area."*

## **Update from OW Prince Albert Scholar, James Brown (Hg 18-20)**

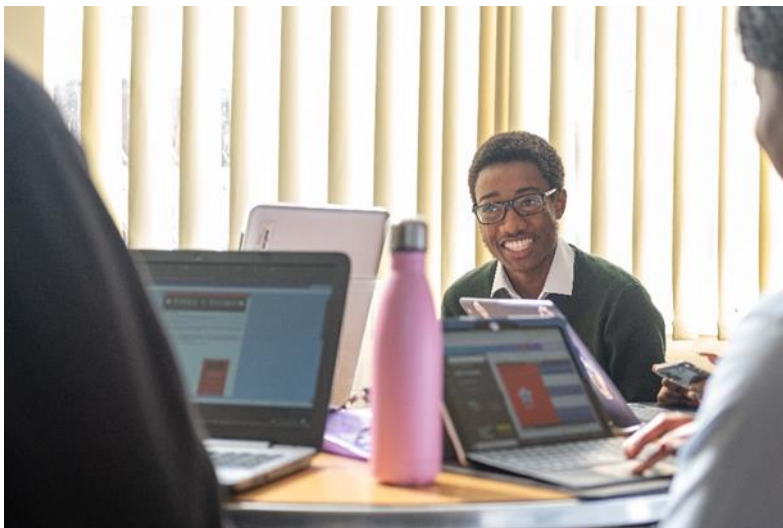
We asked OW James Brown to tell us about what he has been doing since leaving Wellington.

*“Since leaving Wellington I have completed my first year at Oxford University studying Theology and am currently interning at a Hedge Fund.*

*My internship role is to set up a university scholarship for a young leader at Eastside Young Leaders Academy (the mentoring academy that helped me get into Wellington) with an interest in finance. This opportunity came from a talk I gave about the Prince Albert programme which inspired a parent to generously offer to set up this scholarship.*

*If it had not been for my time at Wellington and my close relationship with the Prince Albert programme this opportunity for another child to be blessed in the way in which I have, could not have arisen.*

*Looking forward into the future my plan is to build a career in the Law balancing commercial practice with a focus on religious liberty law as well as giving back to my community in every way I can.”*



*James running a ‘Pathways to Employment’ session with EYLA students*

## **Why the Prince Albert Foundation Scholarship programme matters**

As you know the Prince Albert Foundation Scholarship programme was founded to offer fully funded places to young people from disadvantaged areas of the UK. We know from many years of experience, that Wellington College has inspired and been inspired by having such talented, determined, and joyful young people – it’s a win-win situation where everyone benefits.

Your support, together with other like-minded individuals, has helped to raise over £15m since the programme was established in 2011. As a result, 25 students have already benefited from a fully funded Prince Albert Scholarship Award. Currently we have 16 students in receipt of an award with a further 8 students joining us in September.