



Prince Albert Foundation Scholarship programme update

As another academic year begins at Wellington we are delighted to share with you the latest update on our Prince Albert Scholars' progress.

We are delighted to report that those Scholars that left in the summer have ended their time at College with impressive results achieving outstanding A Level and IB results.

While we are sad to see this group of inspiring students leave the College community, we look forward to keeping in touch with them as they start the next chapter of their lives. As a reminder as part of our commitment, we keep in particularly close contact with all our PAF alumni until the age of 25 years old.

Thanks to the success of last year's Giving Week, we have been delighted to welcome 13 new PAF Scholars to the College taking our total number of Scholars currently on the programme to 26.

Summer Exam Results

As mentioned above we were thrilled for our leaving Scholars with their exam success. Throughout the last 2 years our 6th Form Scholars have been closely supported by Sarah Miller (Head of the PAF programme) who has been pivotal in helping our students decide on their future direction beyond Wellington.

Overall, destinations for PAF Scholars are as follows: One student has accepted a place at St Andrews University to study International Relations, while another will be starting at King's College London, to study International Development. Two students have been offered places to study Accountancy, Finance and Business Management at Bath University and Loughborough University respectively, while another will develop her artistic skills at Camberwell Art College (Foundation year).

Out of the three Scholars who have decided to take a year out before continuing their studies; one hopes to study Dentistry at University from 2023, one is seeking a finance apprenticeship, with a deferred place at Loughborough, and the other is hoping to train with a professional rugby team in South Africa before recommencing academic life at Bath University or possibly in the US.

You can read more about the successes of two of our Scholars, Thierry and Alex, by following [this link](#) to the UK Independent Schools' Directory. We wish all of our PAF Scholars enormous good luck for the coming months and look forward to sharing their achievements with you in future updates.

Other PAF highlights

Please note that in order to respect the anonymity of current PAF Scholars, we have created false names and therefore false initials for them.

Last summer term was a busy one for our PAF Scholars, where there were many achievements beyond the classroom.

- 'I' and 'H' both moved one step closer to completing Duke of Edinburgh Award Gold, with a tough week long expedition on Dartmoor in July. Silver Award assessments were completed by 'J' and 'N' in the 4th form.
- 'H', whose previous experience of singing was at her church in London, has developed her confidence and range whilst at College and has performed in a wide range of concerts and on stage in various productions.
- At Speech Day fourth former 'J' has been very involved with a number of school productions and is developing into a highly skilled performer.
- 'H' is a regular performer at the *Welly unplugged sessions*.
- Two PAF Scholars received Speech Day academic prizes, and Leadership Colours' Award winners included three PAF Scholars at 6th form.
- 'K' attended the CCF Camp in June, and two other PAF Scholars are in the Drum Corp.

PAF Scholar Reports

We have highlighted a number of comments that our Scholars have received in their summer term reports which we hope gives you a sense of how these young people are flourishing at the College.

'It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know him over the past two years and he can be immensely proud of his contributions to his house and College. He is a fine Wellingtonian and a young man destined for great things.'

"She has had a superb first year!"

'He has embraced all the opportunities that Wellington has presented him with...and is a superb role model to many. He can be incredibly proud of all he has achieved over the past two years. It has been a privilege to be your Housemaster and wish

you every success in the future!'

'Where do I start? What a journey it has been for this top young man. I don't think I have met a man of such depth, such maturity and such

'Her maturity, intellectual curiosity, and work ethic bode well for a bright future.'

'I was delighted to see him receive his offer from Bath University.'

'She has been impressive in setting her own goal and being in charge of her future. She knows her own mind and has not wavered once from her independent approach and her goal to succeed.'

'He has settled into Wellington brilliantly this year and made great friendships across multiple year groups. He is without doubt making the most of what is on offer here, and that is great to see.'

'I would like to thank her for the real brilliance she has brought to the House. She is a young woman of absolute integrity and compassion.'

' She is a very hard working, sensible, utterly trustworthy young lady with impressive resilience, rigor and motivation.'

'She is a genuine, generous and attentive student.'

'It has been a pleasure working with him over the past two years and I am grateful to all he has brought to the House and the College. He can be incredibly proud of the transition he has made and the mark he has left on Wellington.'

'It is of no surprise to me that she has taken full advantage of everything on offer and she is flourishing as a very promising person indeed!'

In addition, here is what the PAF Scholars have said about the programme:

'The PAF programme really helped me in terms of personal growth as I got to try new things and get out of my comfort zone, making me an overall better-rounded and confident person.'

'So far I believe that Wellington has surpassed my expectations'

'The PAF programme covers a lot of costs in terms of uniforms, trips and extracurricular lessons which means that students can engage with all aspects of the College and means that they don't feel like they are left out from the others who can afford to do fun things at school. The uniform I think particularly is important as I never had to worry about what to wear, the cost of my uniform and whether I looked smart enough when I went to lessons. Money related issues were one less thing for me to worry about and meant that I could focus on my studies and enjoy my time at Wellington.'

'As soon as I feel like being at Wellington is becoming normal I just look at the buildings and facilities here and I immediately have a sense of gratitude. Academically, I have improved massively and it has opened doors to universities and ambitions that I've never considered before.'

We hope you have enjoyed reading about our PAF Scholars achievements over the past few months and thank you for all your support for this exceptional programme.