

## HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARIES

If you are intending to progress to a University or other places of higher education this autumn, you will be interested to read and consider the following two opportunities.

The College is very fortunate to have a long history and tradition of supporting student progression into higher education. Linked to this history and supporting the aspirations of WQE students, the Vaughan and Thornton Funds exist to provide further opportunities for students leaving WQE to access support through bursaries where this is most needed to enable progression into higher education.

### THE VAUGHAN FUND (For students progressing to study In Higher Education)

The Vaughan Fund makes awards of a small number of bursaries each year to students of this College who are leaving to take up places in higher education. The awards are normally between £250 and £500 and are designed to assist students with some of the expenses which arise at the start of a course, for example, the purchase of books or special equipment. The Principal makes recommendations for the bursaries to the Vaughan Fund Committee, a sub-committee of the Corporation (governors). The primary criteria for selecting recipients are:

- ✓ academic record, in terms of attendance, achievement and effort;
- ✓ contribution to the life of the College and/or the wider community.

The committee will also take into consideration:

- ✓ a requirement for abnormally heavy expenditure on materials for a particular course, for example, specialist equipment or books;
- ✓ the financial circumstances of an applicant's family.

If you wish to be considered for a Vaughan Fund award, please complete the application form, setting out how you meet the first two criteria and, if you believe that either of the second two criteria should be considered in your case, explaining why in detail. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024**. Please note, the committee will not normally accept late applications. Applications must be submitted via email only to the following email address: [dawn.haywood@wqe.ac.uk](mailto:dawn.haywood@wqe.ac.uk)

The selection will be finalised following confirmation from UCAS of the names of students who have commenced a higher education course. We will write to all applicants to tell them the result of their application by the end of the autumn term.

## **THE THORNTON FUND (For students progressing to study Mathematics)**

If you are intending to progress to university this autumn to study Mathematics, you will be interested to know of the Thornton Fund, which awards a bursary of £500 each year to a student of this College who is leaving to take up a place in higher education. The award is designed to assist a student with some of the expenses which arise at the start of a course, for example, the purchase of books or special equipment. The Principal makes a recommendation for the bursary to a Committee of Governors. As with the Vaughan Fund, the primary criteria for selecting the recipient of this award are:

- ✓ academic record, in terms of attendance, achievement and effort;
- ✓ contribution to the life of the College and/or the wider community.

The Committee will also take into consideration:

- ✓ the financial circumstances of an applicant's family.

If you wish to be considered for the Thornton Fund award, please complete the application form, setting out how you meet the criteria, including details of the institution at which you will study and the course you will be taking. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024**. Please note, the committee will not normally accept late applications. Applications must be submitted via email only to the following email address: [dawn.haywood@wqe.ac.uk](mailto:dawn.haywood@wqe.ac.uk)

The selection will be finalised following confirmation from UCAS of the names of students who have commenced a higher education course to study Mathematics. We will write to all applicants to tell them the result of their application by the end of the autumn term.

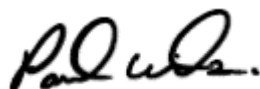
### **Information about Mr Thornton**

Ralph Thornton was the youngest of four brothers, each of whom gained a County Scholarship to Wyggeston Grammar School. Ralph and his brothers attended the school between 1924 and 1942.

He was awarded an exhibition in Mathematics at Merton College, Oxford in 1942 and with the financial support of a school leaving scholarship and a generous gift for initial expenses from the then Headmaster, Thomas Kingdom, was able to go up to University for 1942-43. After three years war service at the Royal Aircraft Establishment Farnborough, he returned to Oxford in 1946 and completed Mathematics finals in 1948.

In recognition of the support he received, Mr Thornton made a donation to enable this bursary to be offered to current students.

Yours sincerely



**Paul Wilson**  
**Principal**