

From the Head of Latymer Upper School
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*Inspiring
Minds*

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Dear Bim and Pardeep,

I do hope you and your family are keeping safe and well.

I wanted to thank you for the gift of £3,000 which we received from the Sandhu Foundation for our Emergency Bursaries Fund. Every penny of this will go towards helping us to provide short term bursaries to those Latymer families worst hit financially by the pandemic.

I would also like to thank you for agreeing to the transfer of the unspent portion of your kind sponsorship of Stem Academy to our Community Response Fund, which is supporting the Latymer Hub for the children of key workers and providing access to Wi-Fi for students of local schools. Many students from the most deprived backgrounds risk falling even further behind their peers in their education as they cannot access online learning from home. As a result of the offers of support from people like you, we have been able to respond swiftly to requests from local Headteachers and we have already provided some 300 pre-loaded dongles for immediate use.

Thanks to our *Inspiring Minds* campaign, the Latymer Foundation is in a more secure position that it would have been otherwise. We have reassured everyone currently receiving a bursary that their funding is unchanged, and we have reached out to those expecting to join Latymer in September thanks to a bursary, confirming that we look forward to seeing them and that their funding is also secured. We have already been in close contact with those pupils in our school whose families are most vulnerable, offering them IT equipment and access to data to help them study at home, or indeed supervised space at Latymer where they can study if their home environment can't provide it.

The Governors and I are so grateful to you for your unstinting support both for Latymer and its students, as well as for our work with the local community.

I send you both my very best wishes in these uncertain times,

Kind regards,

David