

From the Head of Latymer Upper School
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Inspiring Minds

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Dear Bin and Pardeep,

I hope you managed to have a relaxing and enjoyable summer and that Dillan has enjoyed his first week back at school. I wanted to thank you very much indeed for your generous gift of £6,000 to support the work of our Academic Mentoring Department. I know how much this means to Ceri and her team, who, as you know, carry out vital work to ensure all our students are able to reach their full potential.

Your cornerstone gift to establish a fund to cover the costs of diagnosis and interventions by the department will make such a difference to our bursary students, who might otherwise have to wait years for treatment, thereby hampering their progress in the meantime. Your kind offer to match other donations up to £4,000 will encourage others to contribute to this wonderful initiative. Knowing that there is this fund in place for those who cannot afford to pay for private consultations will be a great relief for many families.

The number of bursary students at Latymer continues to grow and we saw a record need for bursaries at 11+ this year (up 8% from last year). Thanks to the success of the early stages of our Inspiring Minds campaign, I'm delighted to say that 1 in 5 of the Year 7 cohort joining Latymer last week were able to accept their hard-won place thanks to a bursary, and likewise another 9 out of the 26 young people who accepted a place to join our Sixth Form will also benefit from a bursary (all at 100%). The extra support that your gift provides for will be a godsend to many of the 240 bursary students who are currently studying here.

Please accept my very sincere thanks for your inspirational contribution to Latymer, its students and our outreach work in the community. Your support of the Latymer Foundation over many years has allowed us both to get closer to our vision of a needs-blind Latymer, and to enhance the educational outcomes of young people in West London, both our own students and those in neighbouring schools. I hope you know how very grateful I am to you both.

Kind regards,

David