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To: All members of the Upper Sixth Form undergoing three- or four- year courses at university
** This letter also applies to ex-students from Dame Alice Owen's, currently in higher education **

**Awards available to University Entrants from
Dame Alice Owen's School, Autumn 2017**

I am very pleased that you will soon be commencing a three- or four- year course at university and wish you every success in your studies.

You are probably aware that university entrants from Dame Alice Owen's School are eligible for a number of Awards from the E H Thompson Bequest and one award annually from the F E Beecham Award.

E H Thompson Bequest

This trust was established on 27 September 1969. On 1 January 2006, the assets of two other Trusts that were set up for the benefit of Dame Alice Owen's School pupils undertaking university studies were transferred to the E H Thompson Bequest. These were the G A H Beams Bequest and the Maurice Daphne's Bequest (Students' Fund). The Trustee of the E H Thompson Bequest is the Brewers' Company.

Normally you are eligible to apply for only one award during your course of studies. However, if you undertake a post-graduate degree you may, if funds allow, apply for a further award. All awards are competitive. Applications can only be made after successfully securing a place to study a course at a university. Applications may also be made after or during the first year at university. The criteria for awards are set out below.

- Studying at an English University, preferably but not exclusively, Oxford or Cambridge, ideally Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Modern History or Political and Economic History. However those studying other courses will also be considered.
- For Foreign Languages studies with preference for Russian, Chinese or Spanish and preferably to enable students to further their studies of such languages by a period in the relevant country.
- In connection with the above criteria, awards may be made to fund the purchase of special equipment or materials needed for the furtherance of such studies or to support students in their studies throughout the duration of the course.



- Experience shows that successful bids are highly specific about what students require and how this will have an impact on their studies, and include costings. The Trustee does not generally fund general living expenses. Examples of successful bids include but are not limited to the purchase of textbooks; trips essential to your studies; specialist equipment; specific travel expenses, and the like.

FE Beecham Award

This award is available only to students of Business Studies at a university who intend to enter the business world upon completion of their degree. There is only one award to the value of £400 and it will be allocated on the basis of financial need.

All awards are typically in the region of £400 to £500 but this may vary according to the number of successful candidates in any one year. These awards are competitive, and the Headteacher is responsible for drawing up a shortlist of 10 candidates from all applications received for the Thompson and Beecham awards each year. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an informal interview at Brewers' Hall with an awards panel, which will make the final decision on the allocation of awards.

Please send your application (guidelines below) for this award (by email to whiterc@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk), addressed to Mrs Carol Whiter, Sixth Form Manager, at the School, with 'THOMPSON/BEECHAM AWARDS' clearly indicated in your letter or email, by Monday 2 October 2017.

Please make sure that you provide all your contact details, including a mobile number and email address – please also supply both a term-time and holiday address if these are different.

Your application must include a clear, detailed explanation of the impact the money will have on your studies, the relevance of your course, and the contribution you made to the school during your time at Dame Alice Owen's (minimum of 500 words). A detailed breakdown of all costs must be supplied with each application.

The Headteacher will review all the applications and select those students who will be invited to attend an interview at Brewers' Hall when they will be given an opportunity to elaborate upon their application. **The date for interviews this year is Monday 18 December 2017.** Awards can only be made to those who attend for interview, and we regret that we cannot offer an alternative date.

We shall be very pleased to hear from you at any time, or to meet you here at the school. With best wishes for your future studies.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Hannah Nemko
Headteacher**