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To all girls in last year's Upper Sixth Form planning to commence three- or four- year courses at University

**** This letter also applies to eligible ex-students from Dame Alice Owen's, currently in higher education, and who have not previously received a Katherine Dames award ****

Katherine Dames Awards - 2023

I am very pleased that you are 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 and Scholarships, details of which will be issued separately. The Katherine Dames Awards are however available only to girls at Dame Alice Owen's School who wish to continue their studies at university but foresee financial difficulties which might prevent them from pursuing this course. In this eventuality, Katherine Dames awards can be made to provide financial assistance. [These awards mirror the Nicholas Barnes Trust bursaries which can only benefit boys.] **The bequest determines that at the time of applying, the applicant must be supported by only one parent and that parent must be her mother.**

I would be grateful to receive applications **by Monday 23 October 2023** at the latest, in the strictest confidence, from any girls having left Year 13 in summer 2023 and who meet the above criteria, and from any ex-students currently in higher education who have not previously received a Katherine Dames award. The panel would welcome a short letter (no more than a side of A4) from you outlining how you meet the criteria, and giving us an idea of how an award would help you. Most awards are in the region of £300-£400.

Please send your application for this award (by email to furlongl@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk), addressed to Ms Lucy Furlong at the School, with 'KATHERINE DAMES AWARDS' clearly indicated in your letter/email.

Please ensure that you let me have all your contact details, including a mobile number and an email address. Please also confirm that you have started your studies (please include details of your course of study and the university you have chosen, and evidence of your studying there, such as a term-time address, a university-based email address, or other relevant details).

I hope that the available funds will benefit one or two of our students. If you wish to discuss this further with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hannah Nemko, Headteacher