



15th October 2021

To: All members of the last year's 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 2021

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 from the E H Thompson Bequest.

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.

Please send your application (guidelines below) for this award (by email to furlongl@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk), addressed to Ms Lucy Furlong at the School, with 'EH THOMPSON BEQUEST' clearly indicated in your letter or email, by Monday 1 November 2021.

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.

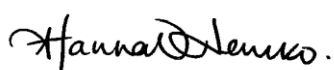
Your application must include a clear, detailed explanation of the impact the money will have on your studies, the relevance of your course, and the contribution you made to the school during your time at Dame Alice Owen's (minimum of 500 words). A detailed breakdown of all costs must be supplied with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

The Headteacher will review all the applications and select those students who will be invited to attend a brief interview at school in which they will be given an opportunity to elaborate upon their application. **The date for interviews this year is Monday 13 December 2021.** 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.

With best wishes for your future studies.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Hannah Nemko
Headteacher