



# Transforming *Lives*

BURSARY APPEAL



**THE PRIOR FOUNDATION**  
An Education for Life



# Providing for Prior

## HEADMASTER'S FOREWORD

— *Studying at Prior Park College is an extraordinary experience in an exceptional location. Over its long history Prior Park has been proud of the many opportunities, academic and co-curricular, it has been able to offer to members of our College community. We have helped to transform and shape the lives of many pupils over the years.*

Providing outstanding pastoral care of an “encouraging, supportive” nature is a key element of the College’s Mission, alongside provision of a Catholic Christian education of the highest quality.

One way we are able to practically live our Christian values is through the bursarial support of children who would benefit from everything we are able to offer. I have experienced first-hand how the opportunity to experience life at Prior Park can profoundly change the life of a young person in a positive way. I believe passionately that we should work actively to help more children and it is our goal to grow our bursarial funding for this purpose. We aim for our door to be as wide open as possible. I warmly invite you to help us.



James Murphy-O'Connor, MA (Oxon)  
Headmaster, Prior Park College  
Principal Prior Park Schools



# Sam's Story

## Case Study



— *Sam joined us in September 2010 eagerly looking forward to spending his senior years at Prior Park a place he quickly came to love. From the age of 5 Sam and his sister were part of a single parent family and life was not easy. Sam welcomed the stability that Prior brought, and the support from his house master and teachers to guide and encourage him.*

In 2009 Sam's Mum was diagnosed with Huntington's disease and the impact on the family was significant. Mum was unable to continue with her career and the family downsized in order to try and make ends meet. Despite these difficulties and with grateful thanks to additional financial support from generous Alumni, Sam sat his GCSEs in summer 2015 and achieved 7A\*s and 3As.

Due to the continuing financial support of our community Sam is now studying for his A levels. He is so grateful that he has been able to continue his education at Prior Park he makes the most of every opportunity that comes his way! He is one of 55 students forming the Headmaster's Academic Society, has acted as Head of House, has been nominated for several academic prizes, and he is heavily involved in the Naval CCF Contingent and using this opportunity to gain a number of additional qualifications in sailing and leadership.

Sam spends every minute being involved in aspects of community life at Prior. He is 'indispensable' to our junior house, where he helps with practical and pastoral assistance, providing an important role model for younger students. Sam sings in the Senior Chapel Choir, joining recently as a sixth former. His current project is being part of the Senior School Musical and he is working towards his Grade 8 in singing to complement his LAMDA Grade 7 drama. Sam's energy and enthusiasm seem boundless. His ambition is to go on to study medicine.

*Sam shares what Prior Park means to him:*

*“Prior Park is like my second home. I am never as happy as when I walk into the common room to be welcomed by the smiles and camaraderie of my friends around me. I never thought that I would be this lucky to study on such a beautiful site. I cannot imagine being anywhere else. I will carry what I have learnt from Prior through the rest of my life, acting as an ambassador for the school which I love so much”*

Sam has made such an impact during his time at Prior that we are delighted to announce that for the academic year 2016/2017 Sam has been selected by the Headmaster to be Head Boy.

He was selected after a very thorough application and interview process. Sam was chosen because of his commitment to the College and the students and his total understanding of the Values of Prior Park. He has always been honest and open-minded and, most importantly, himself.

We are committed to raising funds to help students like Sam benefit from a Prior education. His story will resonate with many Alumni who have also benefited from what Prior has to offer and who are now keen to ensure that their legacy is to extend this gift to those whose financial circumstances preclude them from accessing or remaining at the school.

*We want to be in a position to respond. We cannot do this alone.*



*An enthusiastic scholar ready to learn*



*Making the most of every opportunity*



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# Changing Lives



— *An education at one of our Prior Park Schools should be open and accessible to our most talented and enquiring minds. In order to keep our school community vibrant, diverse and available to pupils from less advantaged backgrounds we want to respond positively to this challenge and therefore we are launching our bursary appeal to help us deliver this.*

We wish to increase the level of bursarial support available to pupils joining our schools whilst providing an essential safety net for those facing an immediate and unexpected change of circumstance who are already with us.

It is our aim to raise a £2m bursarial fund which will be maintained annually thereafter. Such a fund, regularly maintained could support 20 full scholars attending Prior Park Schools for the whole of their academic lives. This will require significant and continuing financial investment and with your support we can create and preserve this philanthropic legacy for future generations.

The bursary fund will resonate with many who were beneficiaries of the assisted places scheme (abolished in 1987), but who were able to access a Prior education as a result. In the absence of state support, our bursary fund will be vital in preserving the social diversity that is central to our modern Christian Catholic identity.

**THE NEED FOR A BURSARY CAMPAIGN**

— *Unlike some other charitable institutions we do not benefit from endowed funds to draw from, yet we have a rising demand for financial assistance to support children each year. Financial support up until now has largely come from our operational budget. This campaign will ensure that we can do more in support of our Mission, and not be constrained by lack of resources.*

We do not want to turn away children who will clearly benefit from being a part of our community but if this support is not established, we will be unable to meet the rising demand and we risk losing many gifted pupils. We aspire to be needs-blind, based on ability and potential and not just the capacity to pay.

**To offer your support, and sponsor a pupil like Sam, or add to our endowment fund for future support please contact Melanie Ball, Director of Development, on +44 (0)1225 835353 Ext 257, e-mail mball@thepriorfoundation.com or complete the attached donation form marking your gift to bursaries.**

*On behalf of Sam, his Mum and all pupils needing our help we thank-you.*

# Why?

**YOUR SUPPORT WILL TRANSFORM LIVES**

— *High quality education and opportunity should be available to all bright children regardless of their economic circumstances. Donating to a bursary fund at Prior Park supports a student who could flourish with us but may not have the opportunity to do so for financial reasons. Their success will depend on your generosity.*

All donations will go directly to our bursary appeal. Think of your support not so much as paying back to your old school, but investing in a Modern Christian/Catholic Education for a new generation who will make a positive difference to society and the world around them.

We invite the support of our community to make regular monthly gifts, one-off gifts, and legacy pledges, which will enhance our ability to meet the demand for new places. Donations range from a regular £10/month pledge to offers of sponsorship of a whole school place for seven years (approximately £105, 000)

The education of a child is an excellent social investment and this can help a talented scholar like Sam.

Our fees cover the daily operating expenses of the school, while donations as investments provide the facilities and infrastructure we require to continue to ensure that our academic offering remains excellent. Our Bursary Campaign is deliberately ambitious and will facilitate more open access to our schools. Our experience is that those in receipt of such support help maintain the diverse character of our schools. Their enthusiasm, strong motivation and many gifts have a positive influence on the whole school community.

**ARE YOU IN A POSITION TO HELP?**

— *If so, then do please complete the attached donation form or if you would like further information then please contact:*

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