

The Alumni Bursary Fund



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Dame Allan's Schools – a tradition of social inclusion and widening participation

Dame Allan's Schools have a long history of providing support to pupils who would not otherwise be able to access the excellent opportunities the Schools offer.

Indeed this support was a founding principle of the Schools in 1705, when Dame Eleanor Allan's endowment provided an education for 20 poor girls and 40 poor boys from the parishes of St Nicholas and St John in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Now, over three hundred years later, we draw strength from this heritage and though the Schools have changed greatly in the intervening years, that sense of charity and of providing an excellent education remains central to our ethos. We believe that bursaries enrich school life, enhancing academic standards, promoting inclusivity and contributing to social mobility.

Our aim is to develop a fund which will allow us to provide bursarial support to pupils entering all parts of the Schools, from juniors through to the Sixth Form where we welcome, amongst others, students from schools without a Sixth Form of their own.



"A good education is a huge advantage in preparing for life and we believe that is what we provide at Dame Allan's Schools. To make that experience available to as many families as possible we need to create a fund which will be large enough to allow boys and girls of all backgrounds to access education at the Schools. Your contribution can make a difference by helping us to achieve this aim for future generations of able and interested young people."

Bill Lomas - Chairman of Dame Allan's Schools Development Trust.

Why we need your support

Bursaries at Dame Allan's Schools are means tested based on parental income, this means they are only ever offered to children who would otherwise not be able to benefit from a Dame Allan's education. The amount offered can be anything from a five per cent to 100 per cent fee remission, to support families.

Dame Allan's is always eager to attract able and interested children into the Schools, regardless of their background. One way in which we do this is by working closely with maintained schools in the area. This includes running a series of master classes which are held not only to introduce children to different subjects and technologies they may not have at primary school, but also to introduce them to Dame Allan's. We are pleased to receive applications and bursary requests from these families who may not otherwise have considered Dame Allan's as an option for their children.



"The excellent education that I received at Dame Allan's has been a firm foundation throughout my life and career and the Alumni Bursary Fund seems an ideal way to get involved and give something back. Boosted by gift aid and my employer's matched giving scheme, I'm delighted that my contributions will help offer the benefits of Dame Allan's to future generations."

Sandie Deane (1975-1983)

In previous years we have been fortunate to receive funding for bursaries from two regional trusts, however the Schools anticipate annual increases in requests for bursaries and your donations would help put us in a position to support these needs.

Fundamental to the character of the Schools, bursary holders are part of the Dame Allan's family; this includes giving grants to ensure that they are able to benefit from all aspects of school life, for example taking part in expeditions, trips and a range of other activities. Bursary holders are fully integrated into Dame Allan's and contribute greatly to our unique spirit.

Dame Allan's would love to be able to offer more bursaries for bright and able children to join the Schools and we hope that the fund will make this possible. We believe that by making greater provision for such bursaries, we can continue to sustain and advance the original philanthropic ideals of our founder.

Students who benefited from bursaries at Dame Allan's

Ashley Clift

I came to Dame Allan's Schools for the Sixth Form and was awarded a full bursary to the Schools, which was also generously part-funded by a local businessman. I have so many good memories of my time at Dame Allan's, but my favourite are probably the Choir Tour to Paris in upper sixth, and being a member of the production of *The Crucible*.

I left Dame Allan's in 2010 after finishing my A Level studies and went to study Medicine at Christ Church, University of Oxford. After attaining my First from Oxford I went on to complete my medical studies at Imperial College London. I passed my finals in March 2016 after which I spent some time at Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong, on a surgical elective placement.

I've always been interested in combining a surgical career with academia, hence my first job after university as an Academic Foundation Doctor. I've also been fortunate to work as a Research Associate at Imperial College London and Managing Editor for five oncology journals.



I absolutely loved my time at Dame Allan's, and made the strongest friendships I've ever made, which I'm privileged to still have. I owe a lot to Dame Allan's Schools and the opportunities afforded by my bursary.

Laura Jane Robinson

I started my time at Dame Allan's in Year 7 aged 11, in 2004-2005, which was the year the school celebrated its Tercentenary. I still remember the exciting day that the Queen came to open the Queen's Building. I completed my GCSEs and A Levels at Dame Allan's Schools.

I received a 100 per cent bursary which meant I was able to attend Dame Allan's. There is no way I would have been able to go to Dame Allan's without this bursary. I am very grateful to the Schools – I really do feel that I received a first class education which meant I was able to go on to do many other things I dreamt of doing.

I have very fond memories of many of the subjects I studied at Dame Allan's. I have particularly good memories of studying Gothic Literature as part of my A Level English Literature course, modern world history A Level studies and history lessons in the lower Girls' School.

I enjoyed a huge variety of opportunities at Dame Allan's that I really don't think I would have had otherwise. I represented the school in netball, hockey and athletics. A personal highlight of my time at the school was a choir trip to Paris organised by the music



department, we had a fantastic tour, we sang at Disneyland Paris and at several impressive venues in Paris.

Since leaving Dame Allan's I have graduated from the University of Manchester with a BA (Hons) in Classical Studies. I now work for a top UK law firm and I am working towards qualifying as a solicitor in the near future.

I am very grateful for the bursary I received as I feel that I received a first class education, made some of my best friends and became part of the wider Dame Allan's family, of which I still feel a part today.

I feel very privileged to have had these opportunities afforded by my bursary.

The application system for Bursaries

Bursary applicants follow the same entrance procedures as all other applicants - papers in English, Maths and non-verbal reasoning followed by an interview. For the Sixth Form entrants the places are conditional on GCSE results.

Decisions about whether to award bursaries are based partly on academic merit and also on parental income so that bursary holders may receive anything from a five per cent to 100 per cent fee remission to support families with a limited

income. Bursary assessments are rigorous to ensure that the most deserving families benefit and include consideration of a family's savings, property and dependant relations as well as income, and they are subject to annual review.

A great example of this work is our relationship with four link primary state schools in the city that come to Dame Allan's Schools to attend master classes on subjects ranging from dance to philosophy. An increasing number of these pupils are being awarded a bursary to attend Dame Allan's, something we hope to build on.



"Education at its best is liberating and life enhancing. It is also costly to provide. The excellent scheme of bursaries, which has its origins in the original endowment of Dame Eleanor Allan, enables boys and girls to fulfil their potential unconstrained by the financial position of their parents. It is deserving of widespread and generous support."

Robin Forrest (1955 - 1963)

How to give



"We hope that you will consider supporting the Alumni Bursary Fund by making either a regular gift over a period of years, or a single gift which will allow us to continue to support able and interested pupils to access the excellent opportunities Dame Allan's Schools provide.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of donating, or about the fund in general, please do feel free to contact the Schools' Development Office on alumnirelations@dameallans.co.uk or 0191 275 1500"

J R Hind - Principal



Dame Allan's Development Trust

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