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"I came to Dulwich in 1957 as part of the Dulwich Experiment. My father had died from his war disability when I was two and my mother struggled to make ends meet. Success was something that happened to other people, not to us.

At the start of my third year, I found myself in Science 3B. To my surprise, at the end of the Michaelmas term I was top of the form. So success could happen to me.

After that I worked much harder and the next year found myself in 4A, the A stream. I wanted to be top again. I never achieved that goal, but the brilliant Dulwich education helped me to excellent A Level grades and a place at Cambridge University at the age of 16. There is no doubt that Dulwich taught me self-discipline and self-confidence, for which I am eternally grateful.

Over 50 years after graduating from Cambridge, I am still doing consultancy work and loving it. I know that none of this would have happened if I had not gone to Dulwich. I feel proud to be able to leave a legacy for bursaries to the College in my will and to contribute towards giving more boys access to the same opportunities and inspiration that I received."

