



THE PRINCE PHILIP
GORDONSTOUN FOUNDATION

Changing lives... forever.

KURT HAHN

A Founding Principle of Gordonstoun - 1934

*Free the sons of the wealthy and powerful
from the enervating sense of privilege.*

*Decadence is not always an inexorable decree
of nature, more often it is a wilful waste of
a splendid heritage. The 'poor' rich girls and
boys wholly thrown into each others' company
are not given a chance of growing into men
and women who can overcome. Let them share
the experiences of an enthralling school life
with sons and daughters of those who have
to struggle for their existence.*

*No school can build up a tradition of
self-discipline and vigorous but joyous
endeavour unless at least 30 percent
of the children come from homes where
life is not only simple but even hard.*



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FOREWORD BY

HRH The Prince Philip,
Duke of Edinburgh KG KT

Ever since its foundation, Gordonstoun has welcomed entrants from a wide variety of backgrounds. I can say from experience that this is a great advantage to the whole School, as well as to all its individual members. Needless to say, this diversity cannot be achieved by pure chance. I, therefore, warmly welcome the creation of this Foundation, which, I hope, will ensure that the School can continue to attract entrants from the widest possible variety of backgrounds and nationalities.





THE LAUNCH OF

The Prince Philip Gordonstoun Foundation

Peter Green - Principal, Gordonstoun

The launch of The Prince Philip Gordonstoun Foundation was a landmark moment in Gordonstoun's illustrious history. Since its inception in 1955, the Gordonstoun Foundation has supported and helped hundreds of students who would otherwise not have been able to afford to attend the school.

However, the demands on its resources are greater than ever, and fundraising has not kept pace. As a result, the School funds most of the bursarial support from its annual income.

Our commitment to supporting children from a wider socio-economic group is one of Gordonstoun's founding principles. As one of Kurt Hahn's 'Seven Laws of Salem', Hahn stressed the need for those with privilege to 'share the experiences of an enthralling school life with sons and daughters of those who have to struggle for their existence'. He added that no school 'can build up a tradition of self-discipline and vigorous but joyous endeavour' unless at least 30 per cent of children are from less privileged backgrounds.

Our commitment to having a diverse group of students that thrive together is what makes Gordonstoun so unique. For the past 90 years, we are proud to have remained true to this commitment and today around a third of students benefit from bursarial support.

It is fitting that the Foundation is now named after one of our most well-known former students, the 11th student to walk through the school's doors following our formation in 1934. We are honoured that His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, agreed to give his name to the Foundation, putting our bursary programme in a global spotlight.

By inviting your support for the Foundation, our aim is for even more students to benefit from a unique Gordonstoun education. Our target for The Prince Philip Foundation is to grow the fund so it is sustainable in the long-term to replace the support currently given from annual School income. This is an ambitious target, and one which will take some time to achieve. But we are certain we can achieve it with the support of the whole school community.

In the coming pages we outline the impact that bursarial support can and is having on our young people past and present. We also explain how we aim to grow The Prince Philip Gordonstoun Foundation to achieve our financial target. My vision is to take Gordonstoun 'back to the future' by fully embracing the principles of Kurt Hahn.

We hope that on learning more about The Prince Philip Gordonstoun Foundation you will want to become part of this fulfilling journey which will change the lives of hundreds of young people for ever.



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Norway Expedition 1937



THE HISTORY OF

bursarial support at Gordonstoun

*Since its foundation in 1934, Gordonstoun
has had a strong tradition of bursarial support.*

Kurt Hahn's educational philosophy was heavily influenced by Plato's Republic; he believed that it was society's duty to produce 'all-rounders', with a balance of body, mind and character, willing to serve their community. One aspect of this was that he believed a school should contain children of differing ability, from a variety of societal backgrounds. He viewed the British boarding school establishment as damagingly elitist; fees meant that only well-off individuals could attend and entrance exams selected only students of superior academic ability.

Hahn vowed that Gordonstoun would be different, so replaced the entrance exam with a thorough interview process, which was used to assess character, and instituted an elaborate fee system, which required parents to assess their capacity to pay above or below the 'standard fee', with those that paid 'above' the fee, supporting those who could not afford it.

Since then the School has always maintained a significant percentage of students on some form of support, with over 30% of students currently receiving assistance with fees. There is a strong history of individuals and institutions supporting students at Gordonstoun.

These are just some of the many organisations which have made awards.

HOLT SCHOLARSHIP 1938-61

Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co of the Blue Funnel Line funded scholarships for children from villages on the Moray coast.

MARINE SOCIETY 1947-56

Provided scholarships to the Nautical Department of Gordonstoun. Preference was given to the children and orphans of seamen.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION 1948

Donated \$10,000 for scholarships for German students to attend Gordonstoun.

THE HUNTER FOUNDATION

Supported numerous students from Africa with Sixth Form places.

THE LILTON SCHOLARSHIP

Donated by OG Matthew Tawse; awarded to students displaying particular sporting prowess.

BEADLE SCHOLARS

A legacy left by OG Christopher Beadle; supports students displaying breadth in their talents.

RANK FOUNDATION

The Rank Foundation supports students attending a variety of Schools in the UK, of which Gordonstoun is one. These awards are given to students showing particular leadership qualities.



PREVIOUS

Bursary Recipients

IAN DURANT

BRUCE 1976, KEASBEY MEMORIAL SCHOLAR

Chairman – Greggs and DFS

The Keasbey Memorial Scholarship, which allowed me to attend Gordonstoun, unlocked a lifetime of experience and enduring friendships. It opened my eyes to a world and future of possibilities if only I was prepared to pursue them.

Reflecting on my time at Gordonstoun, I loved the breadth of activities and freedom to pursue your passions. I remember with great affection the Fire Service, those expeditions in Torrindon, the Sea Spirit and the team sports. I was inspired, perhaps surprisingly, to a lifelong love of literature thanks to an inspiring teacher and the School's first Writer in Residence, a South African poet. Above all the school gave me the confidence to try, and the resilience to see failure as a step on the journey.



IAN DURANT

PREVIOUS

Bursary Recipients

COMMANDER CATHERINE JORDAN

WINDMILL 1993, NORTHERN EDUCATION BURSARY

Naval Aviator and Ship Commanding Officer

Gordonstoun was a fabulous opportunity for me.

I learnt not to be scared to try anything, especially things out of my comfort zone; to try my best at everything; and to dig deep to surprise even myself in the most demanding situations - something that has greatly helped my military career.

It definitely provided the springboard for me to dive head first into adulthood and seize every opportunity, balanced by the community spirit to help where you can and make a difference no matter how small.

That never leaves you.



COMMANDER CATHERINE JORDAN

PREVIOUS

Bursary Recipients

RYCKIE WADE

CUMMING 2005, GORDONSTOUN FOUNDATION ACADEMIC BURSARY

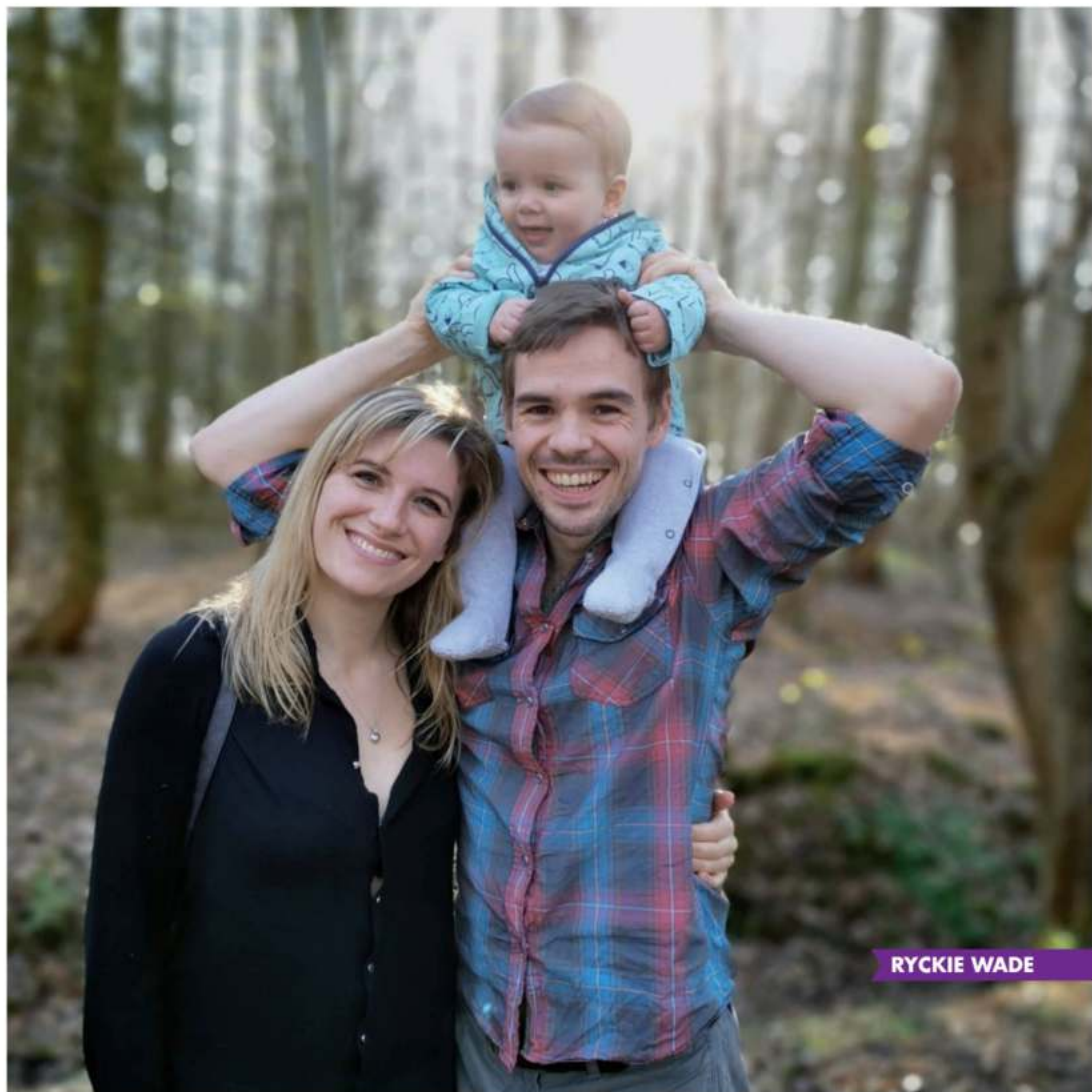
Academic Registrar in Plastic Surgery

From Gordonstoun, I gained resilience.

*I was incredibly lucky to win an
academic scholarship and I feel
that it was the making of me on many levels.*

*I loved every moment, from the academia
to outdoor pursuits and I have many
brilliant memories.*

*Gordonstoun helped me to learn that,
with a little resilience,
life is very bright indeed.*



RYCKIE WADE

PREVIOUS

Bursary Recipients

HEATHER STANNING OBE

PLEWLANDS 2003, NORTHERN EDUCATION ALL-ROUND BURSARY

Double Olympic rowing Gold medallist

It was the breadth of my experiences at Gordonstoun that taught me about the importance of teamwork, taking opportunities when they present themselves and drawing on the support of the people around you.

These experiences have had a lasting impact on me and I learned to follow my ambitions, despite the hurdles in the way..."



HEATHER STANNING OBE

PREVIOUS

Bursary Recipients

DR SEUN ARAROMI

CUMMING 2004 – RANK FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP BURSARY

Research scientist in wearable robotics at Harvard University

My two years at Gordonstoun were without exaggeration two of the best years of my life.

I had an amazing time training as a volunteer firefighter, discovering a talent for theatre, developing my leadership abilities by being a Colour Bearer and Sports Captain and of course geeking out over my physics classes! I hadn't dreamt that during my time at the school, I'd break down my shyness and develop a habit for venturing outside my comfort zone.

Several years later I find myself working abroad as a Research Scientist at a world-renowned institution (Harvard University), an achievement I attribute in large part to the life education I received at Gordonstoun. I am genuinely grateful for the experiences I had and the difference it's made to my life, and will no doubt continue to make.



DR SEUN ARAROMI



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How your support can change lives...



Ways to support The Prince Philip Gordonstoun Foundation

*In making a gift to
The Prince Philip Gordonstoun Foundation
you are changing young people's lives... forever.*

Donating to The Prince Philip Gordonstoun Foundation will help those students who need support with their fees to attend the School.

You can make a monthly, annual or one off gift, or leave a legacy gift in your Will. UK gifts to The Prince Philip Gordonstoun Foundation will be eligible for Gift Aid and higher rate tax payers can claim back the difference between the Gift Aid rate and their own tax rate in their tax return. Legacy gifts to The Prince Philip Gordonstoun Foundation are free of inheritance tax and those leaving a gift in their Will are eligible to join the School's legacy society, The Kurt Hahn Foundation, whose members enjoy private lunches and other events throughout the year.

Whilst no gift is too large, neither is any gift too small, and all gifts to The Prince Philip Gordonstoun Foundation really do add up. To find out more about how your gift to The Prince Philip Gordonstoun Foundation can make a difference, or to donate, please contact us at development@gordonstoun.org.uk or call +44 (0) 1343 837 744.





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