

# ROGER LUPTON SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



NOVEMBER 2020

## FROM THE NEWSDESK

The first Half Term of the School's academic year is complete. In some ways, nothing feels any different to any other year. The corridors are crowded, the Houses ring out with laughter through open windows, and the gentle clicks of hockey stick on ball can be heard across the road from the pitches.

But this is not a normal year. Pupils have returned to the School having not stepped foot on site since March. Masks must be worn, bubbles adhered to and sports fixtures are not yet being played. Of all the emotions which have been visible in our School, there is one which stands out – gratitude. The whole School community is grateful to be back in familiar surroundings, grateful to see their peers and teachers and most of all, grateful that during tricky financial times, their education is a financial priority for their families and supporters.

In times of hardship, we all look at our out-goings and are forced to review our financial priorities. Independent education has a significant value and, for many of our families, is a significant expense as part of their overall budget. That our School remains with a healthy number of pupils on roll is testament to the value Sedbergh families have placed on the School's ability to nurture and educate children.

Our Hardship Appeal which ran from March to August has supplemented a significant number of pupils' fees whose families had suddenly lost income due to the pandemic. We also know that the long-term financial effects are as yet unknown for many. The Roger Lupton Scholarship scheme will, without question, have an increasing number of able pupils looking for assistance, coming from deprived background, and I ask you to help us help these young individuals with the transformative opportunity of a Sedberghian education.

**Isabella Bennett** MA Cantab  
Foundation Director



16 scholars



Over 6300 donations  
(inc. direct debits)



£2 million raised  
since 2012

## DIRECT DEBITS

Almost 100 donors have set up direct debits which has raised nearly £280k and we hope that even more of you might think about this option. Small, regular gifts, boosted with Gift Aid, can soon build to a significant contribution.

£10 pm x 5 years =

**£750**

(Including Gift Aid)

**£3,750**

(Including Gift Aid)

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL ANDREW FLECK



Andrew Fleck

This year seems to have passed more swiftly than most – who could possibly have imagined the current situation a year ago? Of course the Covid

pandemic dominates our thoughts which alternate between concern for those affected and unease about the future. Sedbergh has been fortunate to escape the worst of the outbreak and our wonderful environment has meant that lockdown has been only a modest inconvenience. We hope that you are safe and have managed to adapt to our new way of life.

The Roger Lupton Scholarship scheme offers an important means by which we may continue to help our pupils and their families. Since its inception in 2012, the fund has raised £2m and supported 16 pupils. We are very grateful to all those who have contributed. However, I am deeply anxious about the next generation of Sedberghians and determined that we do our utmost to ensure children who would benefit from such a special education are enabled to do so. Sedbergh imbues in its pupils ambition and courage coupled with the knowledge that they must invest in the lives of others less fortunate than they. If ever there was a moment when society needs Sedberghians, this is the moment.

So, please consider contributing to the Roger Lupton Scholarship scheme. It will provide a young person with a life changing opportunity and they, in their turn will transform the lives of others.

**Andrew Fleck, Principal**

# THE YEAR AHEAD

Current Roger Lupton Scholars continue to impress, with Oli Kay (W) being appointed Head of House and Mo Bashir (H) a Prefect for this academic year.

Scholars also feature as Captains for a range of activities and sports. These roles are a reflection of the commitment our Scholars make to investing their full potential into their time at Sedbergh.

This attitude reaps rewards as they enter the Sixth Form and receive nominations for positions of pupil leadership.

During my time at Sedbergh, I played schoolboy rugby at the highest level, whilst being consistently supported throughout my academic studies. Friendships forged both on and off the field of play are set to last a lifetime. As a Sedberghian, I learnt the importance of reciprocation. Awareness not only of my own standards, actions and ambitions, but also the aspirations of other students in Winder House provided me with the opportunity to give back. After receiving three A\*s I decided to further my studies and playing career at Exeter University, where I am reading PPE with an intention to pursue a career in the City.



John Bailey (Winder 18-20)

**John Bailey**

# THANK YOU!

In July we said farewell to four of our Roger Lupton Scholars who have completed their time at Sedbergh School.

Oliver Quinn (P) went to a prestigious London drama school, Cameron Melville (S) left to read English Literature at Newcastle, Oliver Melville (S) left to study at Glasgow and play rugby with the Warriors and our final 'leaver' John Bailey (W) is going to study a challenging PPE course at Exeter.

During their time at the School, these

four young men not only excelled in their studies and activities, but were also real figureheads for their peers, whether through academic excellence or being a port of call for younger Sedberghians looking for a fellow pupil in their House to talk to.

Without the generous support of our donors, these boys would not have benefitted from the opportunities at Sedbergh School. On behalf of our 'Class of 2020', thank you!



# THE BIG GIVE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE DOUBLE YOUR MONEY!

This year we have again been accepted by 'The Big Give Christmas Challenge', the UK's biggest online match funding campaign. Last year, thanks to your support, the campaign raised over £40,000. This year the live period for online donations to the Roger Lupton Scholarships to be matched is 7 days from midday 1st December to midday 8th December. Please be as generous as you can. We – and particularly the Scholars – will be very grateful to everyone who supports this Appeal. Look out for emails nearer the time on how to donate!

## XMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are available to buy online at [www.trybooking.co.uk/GRZ](http://www.trybooking.co.uk/GRZ). All proceeds to the Scholarship Appeal.

## SEDBERGH FOUNDATION FREE WILL SERVICE

Sedbergh School Foundation is able to offer a free will writing service for parents, OS and Friends.  
Tel: 015242 79217 or email: [foundation@sedberghschool.org](mailto:foundation@sedberghschool.org) for details.

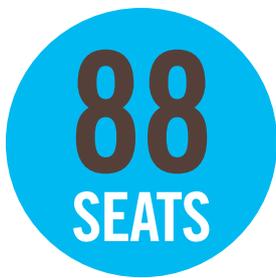
## Upgrade your direct debit

If you already donate by direct debit would you consider upgrading your monthly gift to help us continue the education of Roger Lupton Scholars today and into the future? All you need to do is fill in the section at the back of the form and we will do the rest.

**SEDBERGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION**

Support the Roger Lupton Scholarships  
and donations will be doubled between  
midday 1<sup>st</sup> December and midday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Donate at [www.sedberghschool.org/foundation](http://www.sedberghschool.org/foundation)

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CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE 2020  
11 DECEMBER 00:00 - 23 DECEMBER 12:00



## SPONSOR A SEAT

Have an inscription of your choice on the one of the seats in Powell Hall if you choose to support the Appeal with £1000. Simply fill in the relevant section of the attached form.



## SHARES AND OTHER ASSETS

Giving shares to the Foundation can be a very tax efficient way of making a donation; you do not normally have to pay any capital gains tax and income tax relief is also available. The Foundation has a small portfolio of investments and the Trustees would like to build this into a substantial investment to provide sufficient income to pay for Roger Lupton Scholars every year. For more information contact the Foundation.



## OVERSEAS GIVING

OS, parents and friends based in the USA can give tax efficiently through the BSUF (British Schools and Universities Foundation). Supporters in Hong Kong can make tax deductible donations through the Chapel & York HK Foundation. Donors based in a number of European countries can give tax efficiently through TGE (Transnational Giving Europe). For more information contact the Foundation.

My time spent at Sedbergh School will have forever-lasting memories. An amazing school with views you only dream about. It was truly such an honour to be a Roger Lupton Scholar. The friends I have made at Sedbergh School I shall always stay in touch with even though with time we may all go in different directions. I also found the teachers to be so very encouraging, going up and beyond their role. I loved how the music department had so much to offer me every day from chapel to big band concerts and tours to Young Choir of the Year. In year 10 I was also able to complete my Grade 8 exams passing with High Distinctions for my Lamda and LCM Musical Theatre Exams.



Oliver Quinn (Powell 2017-20)

Powell House was fantastic, a proper little family with Mr Seymour always trying to get the very best from us every day. My highlights were singing in the chapel and playing the role of Dionysus in *Agave* and *Joseph in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* in the school theatre performances. There is no feeling in the world better than changing and creating a different character on stage.

New challenges were always there for the taking from swimming Lake Windermere to my Silver DOE. Saturday afternoons were filled with conservation, something I really enjoyed doing. Sometimes a five-mile run with a ballet class the next day was on the schedule. There is always such an amazing choice of opportunities at Sedbergh School.

This year I was fortunate enough to be successful in auditioning to move into the training choir of the National Youth Choir GB and also offered places after auditioning for the National Youth Music Theatre and the British Youth Music Theatre unfortunately due to the current situation all theatre performances were cancelled.

My dream has always been to perform from a very young age and I have never had a second choice because that would be giving up on my first!

In September I started my three-year course at Bird Conservatoire for the Performing Arts in London. This year I am the only sixteen-year old boy who has been fortunate enough to gain a place on the course for a Diploma Level 6.

Training at Bird every week day for the next three years with the older BA Degree Students I find very inspiring and it helps me to perform to my best ability because they are all so amazing. The course covers singing, acting, every form of dance and everything I will need to know for auditions and performing. The days are very long just like at Sedbergh so no time for idle minds which suits me since I love being busy. The next three years will be constant training and then I hope to be able to start work performing, living my dream while changing my level 6 to a BA Degree. This can be done on a monthly night course, which I will have hopefully completed by the time I am twenty.

I am forever grateful for the support I received at Sedbergh and the values I have learnt which I shall take forward through life. I also want to thank everyone for their contributions and support given to me and other Roger Lupton Scholars. One day if I am fortunate enough to be even a fraction as successful as Lara Pulver, an amazing actress and now a Hollywood Star who started her training at Bird, I shall certainly give my full support to a Roger Lupton Scholar on their journey.

A big thank you,  
**Oliver Quinn**

# Sedbergh School Foundation Donation Form

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If you are making a donation, please complete sections A or B along with C. This will allow the Foundation to claim an extra 25% at no cost to yourself, if you are a current tax payer.

If you would like to sponsor a chair in Powell Hall please complete section D.

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Credit card

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The Roger Lupton Endowment fund

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