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## BURSARY IMPACT REPORT

IN WORDS **ANDRE REIHANI  
(02-09)**

A bursary at MGS opened a world of opportunities that would have otherwise been unavailable to my family and me, that undoubtedly gave me the ability to reach my full potential through benefiting not only from the world-class education on offer, but to mix with bright and engaging teachers and boys.

MGS gave me the confidence to pursue the subjects I was passionate about, the same subjects that ultimately ended up shaping my path after leaving the School, and it set me up in the best possible position for continued success given the values of continued hard work and conscientious learning that the school had instilled in us.

After leaving MGS, I completed my Bachelor of Economics degree at the University of Manchester, graduating with First Class honours, before spending over two years in management consulting in London, working with banking clients. Wanting to specialise further in finance, I was successfully admitted to the MPhil in Finance programme at Christ's College, Cambridge University, where I was awarded the Whittaker Judge Business School Bursary, and where I graduated with Distinction. Since September 2016, I have been working as an investment analyst in a macro hedge fund, based in London.



**MHARAB  
CHOUDHURY  
(09-17)**

An excerpt from Mharab's speech at Founders' Day 2017: **Teachers and pupils have no idea, and they won't ever be able to tell who was or wasn't on a bursary. We are all pupils of MGS. And that's what I believe is part of what makes MGS so special.**

It is a school where every boy is accepted and celebrated. There are no other schools where you can have this level of social and ethnic diversity and have the highest standard of education like we do at MGS. Boys from all backgrounds are able to come here, rejoice and share their passion for learning, no matter their situation. This is what the Bursary Fund has enabled us to achieve. This is the foundation of what the school is built on. Accepting boys on their intellectual potential, regardless of their financial income. It's not a place where boys just achieve top grades. It's a place where you are able to discover the person you want to be, and achieve it.



**ALEX AZIZI  
(02-09)**

I grew up in Swinton, Salford, with my mum and sister. I was lucky that my family was always determined and they instilled that in me. I started at MGS in 2002, sang in the choir, performed in several plays and was a keen lunchtime footballer.

I was made a school officer in Sixth Form and left to study Medicine at Jesus College, Cambridge. At Cambridge, I became a College supervisor for the first and then fifth year medical students, and lectured on one of the clinical school's optional modules. Since then, I have worked for the CDC in China, presented papers at international conferences and completed my foundation training in London. Now I am back and studying for a master's degree in oncology at the Cancer Research UK Manchester Institute.

I know that my life would not have been the same without MGS, and that I could not have studied at MGS without the bursary. I am very grateful for everything MGS gave and taught me, and very pleased to be part of this testimonial. My next step is to support someone like myself through the School.

Long may the Bursary Appeal continue!



**ADAM CHEKROUD  
(03-10)**

I grew up in Middleton, Manchester, with my parents and twin brothers, Sammi and Ameen. It would be a gross understatement to say that our house was lively growing up – I'm sure anyone that knew one of us could give you a more vivid description!

I was at MGS between 2003 and 2010, when I left to read Experimental Psychology at New College, Oxford. Since then, I have been a Philip Wright Scholar at Wadham College, Oxford, worked on a PhD in Clinical Neuroscience at Yale University, and founded a mental health company in New York City, where I work currently as Chief Scientist.

I enjoyed my time at MGS greatly, and they were some of my most formative years. I was the second worst player on most of the MGS sports teams, had impeccable attendance at lunchtime football and Saturday detention, and was fortunate enough to be taken under the wings of some phenomenally skilled and caring teachers in mathematics and biology. I would not be where I am today if not for the perseverance of pastoral and academic staff during my time at MGS, and I'm grateful for it to this day. The Bursary Fund plays a critical role in developing diversity of thoughts, beliefs, character, and socio-demographic backgrounds at MGS, and my brothers and I could not have attended if not for support from the Fund to our family. I look forward to supporting the Fund in any way possible, and toast its continued growth and success.



**JONATHAN HUNT  
(02-09)**

From the Open Day where I first learned of the educational experience that MGS offered, I knew it was where I wanted to go to school. The support of the MGS bursary helped me reach that goal. I have many great memories of my time at MGS, from the very first day walking down Old Hall Lane.

I played rugby, visited Russia, France and Germany, and became school Vice-Captain in my final year. The wealth of opportunities available helped foster my intellectual curiosity and prepare me for a life after MGS. With the support of MGS, I was accepted to Harvard University and moved to Massachusetts. Following my graduation in 2013, I lived in Boston, MA, for a while, travelled around Europe, and eventually landed in Canada. I have now settled in Toronto where I work at PwC in a risk advisory and audit role. I am enormously grateful for the opportunities MGS afforded me, and I certainly wouldn't be where I am today without the support of my parents and, of course, the assistance of the MGS bursary. As someone who has benefited from the generosity of the bursary I can attest to its importance. I am delighted to see MGS pursuing the 'Next 500 Appeal', so that any boy who is deserving of a place at MGS is not held back by financial barriers.



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