

FROM THE HEAD MASTER OF ETON COLLEGE

We are so delighted that students from your school have previously applied to Eton to pursue their Sixth Form studies here within the Orwell Award programme. This letter is to ask whether you have students in your current Year 10 cohort who might benefit from a fully funded Sixth Form boarding place at Eton.

If so, we would love to make them aware of the Orwell Award. This is a Sixth Form programme targeted at boys with academic potential, for whom an opportunity to go to a boarding school, free of charge, might be transformative. While students with this profile have been coming to Eton since 1440, and are absolutely integral to our vision of the education that we offer, this award seeks to reassure and encourage boys, especially those with some particular reason to board, that a place at Eton is within their grasp.

Up to 12 free Sixth Form places a year will be offered as Orwell Awards to Year 11 boys studying in UK non-selective state schools.

The easiest way for your students to find out more is through the suite of films that we have uploaded to www.etoncollege.com/OrwellAward. They can find out more by contacting the Admissions Office admissions@etoncollege.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from them.

For an applicant to generally be successful in gaining an Orwell Award, we would expect them to be achieving the majority of their GCSE grades at a grade 7 or, ideally, above. The Orwell Award will, however, recognise that academic achievement may have been held back by personal circumstance, and so will not be offered to only those with the highest grades. Applicants will also be assessed on academic potential and against specific criteria such as if a boy has refugee status or is a Looked After Child, if a boy is in the first generation of his family to go to university, or if they are in receipt of the Pupil Premium.

The Award is named after author and Eton alumnus George Orwell, himself the recipient of financial aid, and aims to give recipients access to a transformative experience. Funding will cover a Sixth Form place, including boarding, and includes additional financial allowances to enable boys to fully participate in the life of the school.

We are keen to develop our partnership programme with 11-16 schools in the state sector all over the UK. If you might like to bring some students to Eton, or if you might be interested in visiting yourself, then please contact Tom Arbuthnott, our Deputy Head (Partnerships), by email at t.arbuthnott@etoncollege.org.uk.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Henderson'.

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