

CECIL ISHERWOOD STAPLETON (1913-15)

He was born on 1 November 1899 and was the brother of William Howell Stapleton (1913-15) who died in WW1 and is included on the Chapel War Memorial.

After a successful time at the College he went to Exeter College, Oxford, where he was captain of cricket.

During WW1 he served in the Hong Kong Voluntary Defence Corps.

He died in 1989 and in his will he left a substantial number of shares in HSBC to the benefit of the College and Exeter College, Oxford (50/50). The shares (valued at up to £1m) continue to be held in trust in Hong Kong and although the income varies depending on stock market conditions the investment does generate in the region of £30,000 to £40,000. This income is used to fund a varying number of Stapleton bursaries each year for the 6th Form. The number of bursaries and the level at which they are awarded, varies each year. They commenced in 1992.

The basis of the bequest was for the "*study of 'Greats' at Exeter and the establishment of a closer association between my old school Framlingham College and my old college at Oxford...*"

When accepting such an award, the students are encouraged to investigate the possibility of pursuing further education at Exeter College, Oxford and the intention has been to arrange an annual coach trip of all Stapleton Scholars to Oxford.

The following is some further information on the Scholarships

Sixth Form Stapleton Scholarships

Sixth Form awards are available to students who are attaining academic excellence and have the potential to achieve 3 Grade As at A Level. These will be worth up to 50% of fees and are the gift of the late Cecil Isherwood Stapleton, a distinguished Old Framlinghamian and graduate of Exeter College, Oxford, whose wish was to see young men and women follow in his footsteps.

It is a condition of the scholarship that in the course of their A Level career, successful candidates will investigate the possibility of studying as an undergraduate at Exeter College, Oxford.

Before students are allowed to take the scholarship examination we require a report from the candidate's present Head giving estimated grades at GCSE and a clear statement that they are capable of excelling at Advanced Level.

Method of assessment

1) Competitive examination: students should select two subjects from their proposed AS Level choices. These should be identified on the Scholarship application form. Papers of one hour's duration will be sat in these subjects. Subjects selected at this stage are not binding and it is understood that scholars may wish to revise their AS Level choices later in the year. All awards are subject to confirmation in the light of GCSE results.

2) Interviews with the Head and the Senior Master.

3) A testimonial from the candidate's present school