

FEE-ASSISTED PLACES



SUPPORTING UPPINGHAM'S
COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME

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Fee-assisted places were the backbone of Uppingham School when it was founded 440 years ago. Thanks to the support of donors we still welcome children regardless of their financial background, with a particular focus on the local area, much as Archdeacon Johnson did back in 1584.

Over the past year we have seen the work of our Community Outreach Programme come to fruition, with the strengthening of the relationship with the Mead Academy Trust in Leicester. We are delighted to welcome five additional pupils on significant fee-assistance in September, with three coming from the Trust.

As much as the fee-assistance offers an opportunity of a life-changing education, the talented pupils who join Uppingham bring with them their drive and ambition and in doing so enrich the Uppingham community. You can read more about the positive impact the pupils have in this report, starting with an update from the Outreach Manager who has been pivotal in opening doors to Uppingham.

Thank you for your continued support.



Community Outreach

Led by Iain Hendry, our Community Outreach Manager, Uppingham's Outreach Programme gained momentum in 2023 and we were delighted to welcome the first pupil Vijay to join us with a fully funded place from September 2023.

The programme has established new pathways for young people to join the School. In alliance with our partner schools in the Mead Academy Trust we have engaged with over 100 young people from central Leicester through numerous outreach events including Sports Masterclasses, STEM Debates and Music Workshops.

"This engagement has inspired pupils from inner city Leicester to explore the possibility of an education at Uppingham - we have been able to offer funding for three Mead Trust pupils joining in September 2024."



Iain Hendry
Outreach Manager



My Uppingham Experience Deborah Kargbo (NH 17)



competitions, I found an identity within the School. However, my biggest challenges stemmed from apparent barriers in thought and background.

"In spite of these challenges, my greatest achievement wasn't becoming School Captain; it was the small victories I experienced every day when I pushed myself out of my comfort zone. Each time I faced a situation that made me nervous, I grew a little bolder and more confident in myself. I wasn't just the girl from Leicester; I was the victrix ludorum, the short story winner, the chapel reader, the friend, the academic, and much more.

"Uppingham provided me with the opportunity to realise that attending an American university was within my reach. It shaped me into the embodiment of a Morehead-Cain Scholar: academically accomplished, athletically inclined, skilled, and committed to community service.

"My experience acclimatising at Uppingham prepared me for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) where I serve as a DEI fellow in the University Office for Diversity and Inclusion. I am also a member of the boxing club, have been accepted into the Shuford Entrepreneurship Program, and have participated in undergraduate research in epidemiology.

"As advice for current pupils, I urge you to confront your fears and embrace new challenges. It is in those moments of fear and uncertainty, whether it's joining a new club or picking up a new sport or instrument, that you discover the incredible and capable person you truly are."

"Before attending Uppingham, I went to English Martyrs Catholic School in Leicester. I was an active but timid member of school life, not fully aware of my capabilities and potential.

"My parents knew Uppingham was a place that carefully nurtured each pupil, helping them grow into well-rounded individuals. I was also curious about what lay beyond the walls of Leicester, and a fee-assisted place allowed me to experience much more than I had thought possible.

"My initial visit was filled with a mix of emotions. I was impressed by the mentor-like relationships between teachers and pupils, as well as the plethora of clubs and activities available for participation. However, I also felt a sense of apprehension knowing how different the environment was from what I was accustomed to. Nevertheless, upon arriving at New House, I immediately felt at home.

"What I cherished most about my time at Uppingham was the sense of community. Whether it was through sports or the spirited inter-house

A Family's Journey

Ethan Heath-Drury (M 19)

Alannah Heath-Drury (L 20)



Ethan and Alanah joined Uppingham in the Lower Sixth from Frederick Gough School in Scunthorpe. Alanah had the following to say of her time at Uppingham.

"My brother applied after being recommended through rugby. After visiting, our family loved the School and everything that it had to offer, I knew immediately that Uppingham was where I wanted to go to and push myself.

"I was nervous before going to Uppingham, however everyone was so welcoming. The School itself is just beautiful and every person I encountered was so inclusive. Going into The Lodge with all the new Lower Sixth girls made it much more comfortable to settle in as everyone was in the same boat and had moved away from home.

"I loved the amount of new people that I met, people that I wouldn't have come across had I not gone to Uppingham. It was just a whole different environment where people shared diverse interests. I also loved the amount of support that the School had to offer and that I was constantly

pushed out of my comfort zone which really developed my character.

"My biggest challenge was moving away from home and being away from my family for the first time. It was daunting but there was always something to distract me from feeling homesick for too long.

"My biggest achievement was becoming House Captain and Netball 1st VII Captain after only a year.

"I absolutely loved my time at Uppingham and if I could go back and do it again, I would. My advice would be to take every opportunity and push yourself out of your comfort zone, this will really develop you as a person and it's a once in a lifetime opportunity.

"I am at Cardiff Metropolitan University and really enjoying my time, continuing with my netball. I feel as though Uppingham prepared me for university with moving away and developing my life skills."

Ethan and Alannah's father, Steve, describes the importance of the fee-assisted places to their family.

"Our son was awarded a Rugby Scholarship to Uppingham after being signposted via the Leicester Tigers Academy. Without the financial support, there was no chance of him being able to take such an amazing offer.

"We had no experience of boarding schools prior to this and were apprehensive of being separated from our son for such long periods. These concerns were removed once we understood the quality of the pastoral care that he received in our absence. All doubts were relieved to the extent

where only one year later we were supported by the School once more, to enable our daughter to attend. We had no hesitation in believing that this was the perfect place for her to develop and grow too. The academic support on offer was incredible, enabling both my children to achieve the highest A level marks possible and catapult their opportunities into university and their chosen sports. They matured rapidly in the social arena, learning valuable life skills in becoming House Captain and Praepostor, and 1st team Captains of Rugby and Netball.

"I cannot thank the School enough, and indeed all the donations that have enabled my children to become the best versions of themselves.

"Fee-assisted places have changed my children's lives, I would like to thank all of the generous people personally but unfortunately that is impossible, so wholeheartedly a huge thank you to all."



2023 leavers

Ben (Fgh 21)

Ben joined Uppingham from a local state school. An accomplished academic Ben threw himself fully into life at the School, and within his House where he has definitely left his mark. With a clear passion for the piano Ben dedicated himself into the development of his playing with vigour, he is a natural talent. After Uppingham he made his way to the University of St Andrews to study Maths and is very involved in the Film/Cinema society.

Andrew (WD 18)

Andrew is a fantastic musician who excelled in the oboe and is a promising countertenor, leading his peers to a close second in the House Singing Competition. Andrew is currently in Canada working as a Music Assistant at a school for his GAP year. He is clearly articulate with an incisive mind which will likely take him down a less travelled path.

Martin (B 21)

Martin joined Uppingham in the Lower Sixth from a state school in Corby. From the start Martin consistently showed himself to be a compassionate and supportive individual with a wry sense of humour. While at Uppingham he dedicated time to support and mentor some of the boys in the lower years. At times the academic rigour required at Uppingham was a challenge for Martin, but he really gained momentum and has successfully started his degree course in Maths at Loughborough University.

Naomi (NH 21)

Naomi certainly made an impression on New House, both socially and academically she showed huge growth, resilience, determination, and most of all fun. Even in the tougher times Naomi never doubted herself and went from strength to strength during her time at Uppingham. She decided against going to university on leaving and has since applied through UCAS to study Computer Science at four reputable universities. While on her gap year Naomi not only took the time to decide on her next steps; she also became the Editor-in-Chief of a magazine and achieved a certificate from the prestigious 'Inside LVMH' programme specialising in the subject of 'Creation & Branding and Retail & Customer Experience'.





2024 leavers

Marie (Fd 22)

In the short time that Marie was at Uppingham she certainly left her mark. She was an Academic Scholar in the truest sense, and her dedication and approach to her studies had a positive impact on her peer group in the House; she is remarkable and inspirational.

Outside of the classroom Marie was a first team footballer and was part of the side that won the ISFA National Shield in 2024. She was also a first team cricketer, as well as taking an active role in the local Army cadets. Her more academic pursuits included being a member of the Leighton Group for Oxbridge applicants and being on the editorial team of 1584 Magazine. For further proof that Marie threw herself wholeheartedly into life at Uppingham, she was also part of the Flecker Society, the Politics Symposium, and member of the School Quiz Team and the Debating Team that went through to the ESU Debating Regional Finals.

Marie's loyalty to Uppingham is phenomenal and her leadership qualities have really shone through. A fine role model who has particularly inspired both staff and girls.

All Marie's hard work and dedication paid off as she was delighted to accept a place at the University of York after achieving AAB in her A levels.

Paul (Fgh 22)

Paul is academically extremely strong and he approached his work in a positive manner.

His big passion outside of academics is his desire for a military career. He has secured an Army Scholarship with a guaranteed place at Sandhurst, and is unsurprisingly, really committed to the CCF. Aside from the CCF Paul played rugby for the 3rd and 4th XV, was a feature in the Cross Country and Shooting Teams that gave him a good break from the books.

He had a leadership role within the House, and he is really kind, thoughtful, and caring.

After achieving an AAB in his A levels, Paul is off to the King's College London to study Physics.

Felix (WD 22)

Felix thrived at Uppingham; he joined the School for the Lower Sixth and had been a pivotal role within the 1st XI cricket and quite remarkably, he was also awarded his School Colours. Following a successful tour of Sri Lanka over the Easter break, Felix featured prominently in the 1st XI for the 2024 season, he is an excellent leader and a talented all-rounder.

Polite and courteous, he was popular among his peers and is an excellent example of the fee-assisted places system. He is obviously a busy person and learnt how to juggle his various sporting demands with his academic studies.

Upon leaving Uppingham, Felix hopes to secure a 'rookie contract' from a local cricket club, he also has a place at Loughborough University to study finance and management after a gap year in New Zealand.

Sophia (L 22)

Sophia is a superstar musician and while at Uppingham, she achieved her Grade 8 with distinction for piano and Grade 8 in singing and cello. Sophia has also earned her diploma for the flute.

Sophia is an open and honest communicator who shows a real maturity and understanding of how to manage expectations as was evident in her organisation of the House entry to the House Singing Competition. Sophia also performed a solo concert in the Parish Church, and she sang a solo in the Advent Carol Service showing her confidence in her musical capabilities.

Being in the Chapel and Chamber Choir, Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band made her one of the busiest girls in House and yet she came across as a gliding swan. On the work front, Sophia coped very well with her A levels and the DELF (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française) French to date. She was chosen for the XXV Club, a rightful recognition of her involvement in the wider school life.

After achieving AAB in her A levels, Sophia has accepted a place at the University of Nottingham to study Music.



Current beneficiaries

Freddie U5th Drama Scholar

Freddie is a fantastic young man who joined Uppingham in September from a school in Northamptonshire. He is a well-liked and enthusiastic young man, and academically he has impressed his teachers with the effort he consistently shows in all his subjects.

As to be expected from a Drama Scholar, Freddie jumped straight into life in the theatre and has featured both behind the scenes and on the stage. He recently took on a well-earned role in *Oh What a Lovely War*, furthermore, he had a role in the junior school play, *Macbeth*, last year and it was a pleasure to watch him perform so confidently. He is currently preparing for his Grade 6 Drama award.

Vijay U6th Maths, Physics, Chemistry

Vijay joined Uppingham from a multi-academy trust in Leicester as the first pupil to do so through the Community Outreach Programme. He has adapted well to life at the School and each day his confidence amongst his peers is growing and with that his feeling of belonging. Academically he takes his studies seriously and he is clearly a very strong mathematician impressing his teachers with his grasp of some of the complex lesson material. He is also progressing nicely in his other chosen subjects of Physics and Chemistry and his hard work and desire to improve has been rewarded with A and B grades throughout the year so far.

Out of the classroom Vijay is often on the badminton court, or in the archery suite and although there is fierce competition, he has hopes to represent

the School during his time here. He is charming, engaging and a delightful young man and a pleasure to be around, he gets on well with the boys in house, and he has been a welcome addition to their year.

David U6th Maths, Physics, Economics

David is a highly valued member of the House community, and he is well regarded by his peers.

The transition to Uppingham, combining face-to-face teaching, full boarding and the higher demands of A levels was a challenge but there are clear signs of progress. He is a very talented defensive basketballer and his work ethic and passion on the court have been evident. David has worked hard all year to continue to develop as a player and as a result, has become a mainstay in the matchday squad. Not only is he a fantastic defender, he is

also an excellent team player. David has also been spending time in the community garden and has been trying out percussion lessons.

Aaron U5th Design and Technology Scholar

Aaron is an exceptional pupil who joined Uppingham from a school in London; now in his second year he has had another excellent term. He has a genuine curiosity across all his subjects, but most notably in design and technology, and all things computers. His interests in these fields see him constantly engrossed in building and creating computing projects in his spare time. Aaron plays an important role in the House community, and his digital artwork which he made for the House Concert Programme is now adorning the walls.

Academically, Aaron continues to impress, particularly in the sciences,

where he has a clear passion for Chemistry. Outside the classroom he is involved in Badminton, Beekeeping, DT Scholars, Anatomy Society, Product Creation and his Computer Music Production lessons reflect his full involvement with the wider opportunities available to him.

Overall, he is an impressive young man, who is motivated and hard-working, and genuinely cares for the people around him. He is well respected by his peers in the House and across the wider School.

Charlotte U5th Maths, Economics, Politics

Charlotte is superb addition to the School and the House. She took to boarding and her new life well, and has made some super friendships from the outset. Charlotte has shown herself to be not only a dedicated and talented sportswoman, but also someone who is

Current beneficiaries (continued)



well-engaged and keen to be involved in all aspects of school life. She has grasped the opportunities available to her, regularly taking part in Model UN, Politics Symposium and Christian Forum. She has even challenged herself to go beyond her comfort zone with a reading in Chapel and taking part in the Lodge Chapel talk. She has set up a Plyometrics Club, and she is currently liaising with the Chaplain to set up a charity which raises awareness about Sickle Cell Anaemia and encourages people to give blood.

Unfortunately, an injury set her back in her usual training sessions but prior to this she has had first place finishes in competitions in the U20 age category. Charlotte is making good progress on her USA university applications and has a clear target for herself in terms of her track times as well as straight A's in her exams with the goal to secure a Sports Scholarship to an American university, she is currently working through applications to Princeton, Boston, Kentucky, Stanford and Texas.

Molly U5th **Art Scholar**

Molly shines brightly both academically and socially. Her academic prowess consistently places her among the top performers each year. She consistently excels in Biology and Chemistry and is surpassing her target grades. Additionally, she demonstrates a solid understanding of the texts covered in English class, showcasing her strengths in that subject area.

As a skilled Art Scholar, she generously lends her expertise to the Leonardo, enriching the artistic endeavours of the community. Her warm personality

and quick wit make her a favourite among her peers in the House, with everyone eager to share space with her, her kindness and humour uplift those around her, creating a welcoming atmosphere. She is also involved in the theatre and showcases her versatility, earning her a coveted role in the Lower School play. Molly is also a keen tennis player, a further example of the scope of her talents.

Chris U6th **Maths, Geography, Politics**

Chris has made an excellent start to the Sixth Form and in spite of the difficulties of a somewhat complicated daily commute to and from the School, he has settled well.

A keen sportsman Chris was disappointed to miss much of the rugby season due to an injury. He was still however very much involved with training, and he was delighted to be back to full strength for the football season. He is absolutely making the most of all that is on offer at Uppingham, most notably this year his major role in the senior school play *The Pillowman*.

Within the House he is very much part of the furniture and is increasingly a central and positive figure within the year group having formed some strong friendships. He is a natural leader and his propensity to encourage his peers has led him to take on a role in the House which allows him to support the other boys.

In the classroom he set a firm foundation during the first year of A levels.

James U6th **Maths, Further Maths, Business, Economics**

James has been positive and upbeat in his approach to the Sixth Form. He has found the step up to A level a challenge in some aspects especially as he is pursuing four subjects. However, over the course of his first year there has been an upturn in James's approach to learning which will stand him in good stead to achieve his desired grades.

In the House he has got stuck into all the activities and has forged some good friendships. More broadly his enthusiasm for basketball has been evident from the off and he is already a valued part of the School team, which has enjoyed some real successes. He shares a similar dedication to the training in the CCF and James has taken part in the recent field weekend and is clearly enjoying exploring the varied activities on offer.



Penelope U6th **Maths, English, Latin, Politics**

Penelope made an excellent start to life at Uppingham, she has built strong relationships in her House and although sometimes she is reserved she has shown herself to be determined and diligent. She is very studious and is impressing her teachers across all of her subjects, she excels in English where her teachers enjoy her insightful and mature approach to the texts, in particular romantic poetry.

Penelope is committed to her extracurricular activities, in particular her involvement in the Politics Society, she is also really engaged in the Debating Club and the Leighton Group. When she is not in lessons or attending her clubs, she really enjoys CrossFit and cross country. Penelope has taken on some leadership roles in the House and she offers invaluable support in the wellbeing and progress of the other girls. Looking ahead, Penelope is focused on maximising her grades in preparation for applying to study Law at prestigious universities, emphasising the importance of performing well in upcoming exams.

A message from the Uppingham Foundation

Supporting fee-assisted places is an ongoing and fundamental objective of the Uppingham Foundation. As can be seen in this report, a place at Uppingham can be genuinely life-changing, impacting on beneficiaries both professionally and personally long into the future. The young men and women featured in this report have all benefited from the contributions of OUs, parents and charitable trusts and though they may never have an opportunity to express their gratitude we know that the support they have received means the world to them.

We would like to offer a huge thank you on their behalf to every donor who has contributed to the fee-assistance programme and to encourage our supporters to continue to offer their support. If you would like to know more about our work, or to discuss the funding of life-changing opportunities, do please contact the Foundation Office.

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