



Former students receive prestigious Bedford Scholarships

Two former Havering Sixth Form College students have been recognised for their exceptional achievement through determination and commitment by being awarded with prestigious Bedford Scholarships.

Alex Middleton and Georgina Hebron who both left College in July 2009, are now studying at Royal Holloway, University of London, and have received the £1,000 per year scholarships for their talent and academic excellence.

Former Hall Mead School pupil Alex, who achieved a triple Distinction in the Performing Arts BTEC National Diploma as well as a B grade in A Level English Literature, said: "I'm really proud to have received the scholarship as I think it's quite rare that they get handed out. It will definitely help towards the payments for books and other materials that I need and will help me to do the best I can while I'm here."

He added his Drama and Theatre Studies course at Royal Holloway is challenging, but is going well.

Georgina, a former pupil of Abbs Cross School, gained A grades in Classical Civilisation, History and English Literature (following five grade As in her AS exams) and is now studying a degree in English at Royal Holloway.

She said: "I was really pleased when I heard about the scholarship. It's great. It will help so much towards paying for my accommodation. I'm really enjoying my course, and this has made it even better!"

College Careers Co-ordinator Nikki Phelps said: "This scholarship is only offered to outstanding students who achieve 360 UCAS tariff points or a minimum of 3 grade As at A Level. Students must also be in receipt of a full or partial maintenance grant to be eligible.

"It is gratifying to see our students getting the recognition they deserve."

Nikki said both students spotted the opportunity to apply for the competitive scholarship early in their A2 study year.

She said: "They applied in March this year when they knew that Royal Holloway was their firm choice. Students applying to Royal Holloway for 2010 should check the website for more information because they might also be lucky enough to receive a scholarship if they apply by 31st March, 2010."

More information can be found at:

<http://www.rhul.ac.uk/Prospective-Students/finance/bedford.html>