



Jack Petchey Achievement Award winners named

College students have been recognised for outstanding achievement and success through the Jack Petchey Foundation Award scheme.

Each year the College participates in this scheme which gives the opportunity to recognise those students who have achieved through tremendous effort, shown huge progress, positive attitude and determination, have given their time to help others or who have been successful in the face of adversity.

The initiative is not necessarily about being the best in class or achieving the best grades and students have to be nominated to be considered for an award by a member of the College.

Students chosen for an award are presented with a framed certificate and £200 to spend on a College project of their choice.

Winners of 2009-2010 so far are as follows:

Chloe Edmunds – Award given for demonstrating an incredibly positive attitude in the face of adversity.

Rebecca Calcott – Award given for excellent attendance and attitude towards College in the face of adversity.

Lewis Goldberg – Award given for stopping to give assistance to a member of the public in considerable difficulty.

Craig Ingram – Nominated for being a sporting ambassador for the College and for being chosen as a volunteer for the Eastern Region at the National Volleyball Championships.

Kelly Sears – Award given for academic excellence in the face of adversity. Kelly suffers from narcolepsy and although she is not able to attend all her lessons and has to work from home, she has recently achieved excellent grades in her January modular exams.

Nasim Fard – Award given for overcoming adversity. Nasim came to the UK from Iran having few friends and family here. As well as supporting herself and having to overcome language difficulties she has worked extremely hard and is described by the tutor who nominated her as being a remarkable young woman.

Nominations for future awards can be made by email to College Senior Tutor Graham Hall, stating why the student is deserving of an award.

Background to the Jack Petchey Foundation scheme

Jack Petchey is one of the UK's most successful businessmen. Born in East London in July 1925, Jack came from a working class background with very few advantages.



Having left school at 14 Jack worked as an office boy before joining the Fleet Air Arm in 1943. At the end of the Second World War Jack left the Navy and became a clerk. He applied for a management position but was told by the personnel officer of his firm: "You'll never make a businessman"!



So Jack Petchey decided to go it alone. With £60 to his name, he bought a motor car and founded his first Car Hire business. From there a thriving Car Sales business was formed. Jack eventually branched into property and in 1969 was introduced to the idea of a holiday complex in the Algarve, Portugal, which he still runs to this day.

Having just celebrated his 83rd birthday, there is no sign of Jack Petchey slowing down. He currently manages Petchey Holdings Plc and Petchey Leisure, a management company for several holiday resorts in Spain, Portugal and the UK.



In 1999, he set up the Jack Petchey Foundation as he wanted to give opportunities to young people in London. Over the last 10 years he has donated more than £65million to schools, clubs and projects which benefit young people in London. In 2004 Jack was awarded an OBE.