

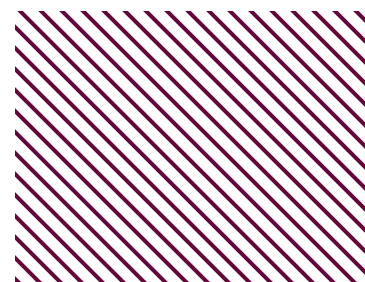
The Chaudhary Scholarship Newsletter

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Welcome back to the Chaudhary Scholarship Newsletter.

Offering an insight into this fantastic new initiative, we aim to keep you up to date with our work so far and how the scholarship is supporting up-and-coming young talent in the life sciences.



Chemistry student Joshua says laptop proved “such an important part of my education”.

Being given the support to access his own laptop made the world of difference to Joshua in his academic studies.

The former Bede Sixth Form College student was among the first batch of STEM learners to benefit from The Chaudhary Scholarship.

“The laptop I was provided with has been such an important part of my education. I’d go as far to say essential,” said the 19-year-old from Billingham.

Studying A level Biology, Chemistry and Religion, Philosophy and Ethics at Bede, Joshua explained that the technology proved vital supporting his studies at home.

Now at Newcastle University, he said: “Having this laptop has been essential because all of the materials used for learning are on the internet and would not be easily accessible at home without it.”



“Helping students with a strong opportunity to succeed in their education can set up their whole life because succeeding in A levels is one of the first stepping stones to a prosperous career.”

- Joshua, former Bede student

Unsure which direction he wanted to take in his career at the time, the former Northfield School and Sports College pupil opted for STEM-related subjects at college.

He said: "When I started at Bede, I wasn't fully set on my career path or which area I wanted to pursue further.

"Each subject I chose was out of personal interest because I thought they would be the best way to be educated on concepts and questions I had always been curious about in the world.

"Additionally, I was aware that STEM subjects were great for future prospects and employment."

Regardless of specific careers, he said that university was always the plan.

Ultimately during his time at college, chemistry proved a favourite and that was the subject he chose to pursue.

Talking about his plans for the future, Joshua explained, he hasn't settled on future career choices.

He said: "As of yet I haven't truly explored each of the fields of chemistry in full depth. However, at the moment I have had a particular interest in green chemistry and renewable energy."

Whichever direction he chooses, no doubt, the future looks bright.

Of the support he received from The Chaudhary Scholarship, he said: "Something I've found in A levels and university is that having access to technology provides an extremely beneficial support to education. This is because you are able to access resources which can be essential to learning and practice.

"I think the scholarship is an amazing programme that provides support that aids the education and personal life of students who might not otherwise have the resources needed to reach their full potential."

Unlocking Potential through the Science Scholarship, a word from our Head of Faculty, Katie Haigh.

"We are thrilled to share how the Chaudhary Scholarship is helping students reach their full potential. By funding laptops and resources, the scholarship has removed barriers to learning.

"Last year for two of our Year 13s, having a dedicated laptop meant they could finally ditch their phones for revision, instead using full-sized screens for past papers and practice questions. Their hard work paid off with fantastic A level results and spots at their chosen universities.

"Our Year 12 vocational students are also feeling the benefit, using their new devices to research and write up coursework with ease. From funding university visits to the inspiring trip to the Centre for Life, this scholarship is truly fuelling the next generation of scientists."



What is the Chaudhary Scholarship

For anyone new to the newsletter, The Chaudhary Scholarship has been created to help support young people from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds looking to build meaningful future careers in the life sciences.

Those studying Biology, Human Biology and Applied Science at Bede Sixth Form College in Billingham can apply for small grants to assist with the purchase of equipment to enhance their studies such as IT equipment, publications and journals.



Subhash Chaudhary MBE

What you can do...

There are several meaningful ways businesses and supporters can help:

Provide opportunities - Offer internships and career opportunities for scholarship recipients. This will help bridge the gap between education and employment.

Donate - Contributions can help grow the scholarship to cover a wider cohort initially and in the medium to longer term a broader range of subjects and career paths, ensuring the scheme has long-term sustainability.

Subhash says: "It is early days, however, together, I believe, we can create a lasting impact."

Donations welcome!

If you would like to donate to the fund, payments can be sent (quoting ref. Chaudhary) to:

The Education Training Collective

Account ref: **03038327**

Sort Code: **20-82-26**

You can register your donation for Gift Aid by scanning the QR code.



Successful student applicants so far...



Our initial aim is to support 30-50 young people. Updated each issue.