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Dear Parents and Guardians

PARENTS' GAP SCHOLARSHIP

As you may know, well over half of our Sixth Form in the last few years have taken a Gap Year before proceeding to university. Far from being a prolonged relaxing holiday, many undertake demanding placements in testing circumstances, especially in developing nations. These may include teaching pupils English, other subjects and sport, undertaking conservation work at a practical or scientific level, or helping local communities construct much needed basic facilities.

As so many pupils are keen to help worthy organisations in this way, and we are convinced of the educational benefit of so doing, we have set up a separate fund, the *Parents' Gap Scholarship*, to help more of them. A panel of three existing parents and I, as Head of Gap Year, select suitable candidates and distribute the funds collected each year.

I hope you will agree that this is a worthwhile scheme and ask for your support by paying an extra £4.00 a term on the School Invoice, commencing in September. It will be identified as a separate item.

If you do agree to support the scheme, I would be grateful if you would complete the pro forma attached and return it to Stowe School, thereby making your child eligible for selection for a placement in due course.

As Head of Gap Year, I am in charge of administering the scheme at Stowe and will be pleased to supply further details on request.

Yours sincerely

Michael Righton
Head of Gap Year



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