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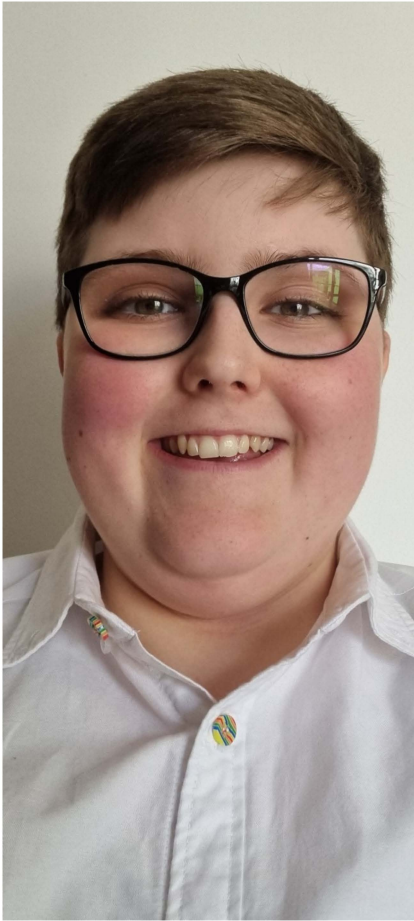
Since our foundation in 1495, the University of Aberdeen has been open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others. We work to fulfil our foundational purpose each year amid ever-changing circumstances such as inflation and the current cost-of-living crisis.

The challenging economic climate presents serious obstacles for many of our students. In this context, the generosity of our philanthropic supporters has never been more important. Every year, scholarships present transformational educational opportunities to dedicated and deserving students, allowing them to make the most of their potential, regardless of their circumstances.

I would like to thank you for your continued support of this valuable award, and for all it has done to help undergraduate medical students from disadvantaged backgrounds and those in financial need. I hope you enjoy learning, in the following update from the current Aberdeen Medics Scholar Claire, how your generosity has impacted her studies.

Should you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact our Directorate of Development and Alumni Relations. Over the coming year, we hope that there will be opportunities to welcome you to campus to discuss the positive impact of your generous support and thank you in person for all you have done for us..

Professor George Boyne
Principal and Vice-Chancellor



Claire

The Aberdeen Medics Scholar 2022-23

After a somewhat turbulent end to first year, I am very happy to say I passed my resit exams and have made my way into second year. I am also very pleased to say my health has greatly improved since last year, I am back to normal and have just regular routine checkups.

I have greatly enjoyed year 2 of Medicine. The systems we have covered this year were gastroenterology, head and neck, neurology, endocrinology, infections, and the renal and musculoskeletal system, all of which were captivating in their own way. I particularly enjoyed neurology as I find the brain a strange yet fascinating organ. Neurology has also allowed me to learn more about my own condition, which was riveting.

Year two is known to be a difficult year, and it has certainly been a challenge at times. The subjects we have learned about have been fantastic, but there is a lot of content to cover for each. However, it has been incredibly rewarding, and I feel my studying and time management skills have blossomed for it. And after a lot of hard work, I am very happy to say that I have passed all my exams, with a B in Anatomy and Clinical Skills and a C in Medicine 2.

A big adventure from this year has been moving into a flat with a friend. I have enjoyed it immensely and I have become a more independent and mature person for it. After waiting the required six months after my surgery, I could also start driving again, which was a huge relief, and has helped me to enjoy some extracurricular activities including a pottery class. I have also started attending the gym with a personal trainer. This has helped to not only improve my strength and fitness but also my confidence. I wouldn't have been able to achieve any of these without my scholarship.

My scholarship has been an immense help this year in multiple areas. It has helped me stay independent with things such as rent and the rising cost of gas and electricity. And it allows me to feel more relaxed with things like my car if any problems were to arise. The scholarship really came into its own when my computer stopped working a week and a half before the recent exams. It was a very stressful time, but thanks to some money I had saved from the scholarship, I was able to quickly replace it and only went without a laptop for a few days.

Finally, I would like to give a huge thank you to all the donors of the Aberdeen Medics Scholarship. Your continued support has been invaluable and has allowed me the freedom to live independently, try new things, improve my health and even help to get me out of a tricky situation. I am incredibly grateful for your help and support, and I can't wait to see what the next year brings.

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