

June 2010

Dear Parents,

HARRY HARDIE ANGLO-AMERICAN EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP

As a result of the generosity of the late Mr Thomas Hardie, an alumnus of Gilman School, Baltimore, a Scholarship exists between St Edward's School and Gilman School. The intention of this Scholarship is to provide a four week period, every year, in which a selected representative of each of these schools will visit the other and benefit from an Anglo-American exchange. Since Gilman is a boys' day school, this Scholarship is open to boys only. Girls now have the opportunity of applying for an exchange to Roland Park Country School – across the road from Gilman.

Mr Hardie set up this Scholarship in memory of his father, Mr Harry Hardie. The Scholarship provides free accommodation and tuition at Gilman; generous hospitality is provided by families associated with the School.

The scholar from St Edward's, who will be in his Lower Sixth year and over the age of 16, will go to Gilman for a four week period. The exchange takes place over the Easter holidays and may extend into the first few days of our Summer Term. The benefits of this exchange are enormous: it is a potentially life-changing experience.

The St Edward's scholar will stay with the family of his opposite number. The scholar from Gilman will come to St Edward's for a similar period from mid-June until July 2011 and join St Edward's as a boarder for two weeks. He would then expect to join the St Edward's scholar's family for the final two weeks.

Applicants for this exchange will be required to produce an essay and have an interview with the exchange co-ordinating committee. The selectors will take into account the past and present academic performance of candidates and their capacity for independent work. The results will be published by the end of the autumn term. Generations of St Edward's boys have been given a wonderful welcome in Baltimore and many say that the exchange was a highlight of their life.

It is anticipated that the recipient family would be resident in the UK and will provide hospitality to the Gilman Scholar. Adult members of the recipient family will be required to undergo checking by the Criminal Records Bureau which St Edward's will arrange.

St Edward's School credits the successful candidate with £500; this can be used to purchase the air tickets, visa and insurance. On arrival in Baltimore he will be given approximately \$1000 as pocket money. This money comes from a fund established for the purpose by Mr Thomas Hardie.

If your son wishes to apply for the Harry Hardie Scholarship, please complete the slip below and return it to me as soon as possible and not later than Tuesday, 7th September 2010. If you would like to discuss the exchange programme before the closing date, please contact Mr James Askew who organises the Scholarship. His telephone number is 01865 319265 or email askewj@stedwards.oxon.sch.uk

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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HARRY HARDIE SCHOLARSHIP

Name of applicant:
(Block capitals, please)

Date of Birth: House:

I wish to apply, on behalf of my son, for his entry for the Harry Hardie Anglo-American Scholarship for 2010.

Signed: Date:

Please return by Tuesday 7th September 2010