



From the Head Master of Eton College

Dear Head of Year 11,

Are there talented boys in your current Year 11 who might benefit from a fully funded Sixth Form boarding place at Eton?

If so, we would love to make them aware of the Orwell Award. This is a Sixth Form programme targeted at boys with academic potential, for whom an opportunity to go to a boarding school, free of charge, might be transformative. While students with this profile have been coming to Eton since 1440, and are absolutely integral to our vision of the education that we offer, this award seeks to reassure and encourage boys, especially those with some particular reason to board, that a place at Eton is within their grasp.

Up to 12 free Sixth Form places a year will be offered as Orwell Awards to Year 11 boys studying in UK non-selective state schools.

The easiest way for your students to find out more is through the collection of films that we have uploaded to www.etoncollege.com/OrwellAward. We are also hosting an Orwell Award Open Day on Sunday 15th September (1.30-5pm), which any interested boy and their family would be very welcome to attend. Please register your interest by emailing the Admissions Office - admissions@etoncollege.org.uk.

The Orwell Award will recognise that academic achievement may have been held back by personal circumstance, and so will not be offered to only those with the highest grades. Instead, applicants will be assessed on academic potential and against specific criteria such as if a boy has refugee status or is a Looked After Child, if a boy would be the first generation of his family to go to university, or if they are in receipt of the Pupil Premium.

The Award is named after author and Eton alumnus George Orwell, himself the recipient of financial aid, and aims to give recipients access to a transformative experience. Funding will cover a Sixth Form place, including boarding, and includes additional financial allowances to enable boys to fully participate in the life of the school.

Applications are now open on our website: [Sixth Form Application \(etoncollege.com\)](http://Sixth Form Application (etoncollege.com)). Please note applications will close on Friday 20th September 2024. We are looking forward to receiving, and are grateful for, all applications from schools who have applied in the past, and welcome applications from all schools who may be applying for the first time.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Simon Henderson'.

Simon Henderson