



Newsletter April 2021

The Lillingstone Trust is a small charity operating in the local areas of Buckingham and south Northamptonshire. The Trust has been operating since 2013, with the principal aim of encouraging the study of Science in our local community by offering scholarships, supporting science fairs for local primary schools, awarding grants for science teaching facilities in local schools and sponsoring a regular program of community science lectures.

Review of Activities 2020/21

The Trust has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, but takes this opportunity to thank all those students and the teaching staff for their efforts in what has been a very difficult year. The Trust has remained active, appointing an additional trustee and relaunching our website— www.thelillingstonetrust.co.uk— in the knowledge that the promotion of science learning has assumed a greater importance during the pandemic.

Scholarships

The Trust has continued to offer support to local students through the scholarship scheme. We are currently supporting a total of 27 students. That includes 14 students from local schools who were awarded scholarships to study science subjects, on entry to their chosen universities in October 2020. A further 9 scholarships have been awarded to pupils at local schools, who, subject to their examination result, intend to enter higher education in October this year.

The Trustees wish them all great success in their studies.

The Trust has continued to offer scholarships to undergraduate students wishing to study STEM subjects at **Nottingham University** and has linked with **Buckingham University** to provide undergraduate scholarships for local students wishing to study computer science or psychology, and is in discussions with the new **Milton Keynes University**, due to open in 2023.

Community

The science lecture programme, held at the Discovery Centre at the Royal Latin School, has been disrupted since March 2020, however the lectures in early 2020 proved to be popular on subjects as diverse as ‘*A Brief History of Mars’ Moons*’ and ‘*Animal--Computer Interaction*’ The pandemic has brought a new interest in science. The Trustees believe that bringing science into the community is important, they are grateful for the facilities offered by the Royal Latin School that allows these lectures to be offered free of charge.

The Trust hopes to be able to recommence its support for the lecture programme in September 2021-- details can be found by clicking on the link in the website.

Another aspect of the Trust’s community programme that has been disrupted is the support of the outreach activities, bringing science learning to primary schools. The Trust will be pleased to continue to support this important initiative.

Capital projects

The Trust has committed to fund the equipping of a “Mind and Body Zone” in the new sports facility at the Royal Latin School and the funding of a programme of sports science lectures that will be available to the local community.

The Future

The Trustees intend to continue to offer scholarships to pupils wishing to enter higher education to study STEM subjects, but who may be deterred from doing so for financial reasons, and hopes to continue to bring science to the community.

The Trust welcomes enquiries from schools in north Bucks and south Northants that may wish to participate in the scholarship scheme.

Big thank you

The Trustees would like to thank all those who have helped it, over the past years, to achieve its objectives.

Scholarship application forms, details of the lecture programme and further information, including contact details, can be found on the Trust’s website at

www.thelillingstonetrust.co.uk

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