

Ciara Payne – a true team player

A real team player, Ciara exemplifies the true spirit of Woldingham having represented the school in numerous sports including netball, hockey, tennis, rounders and athletics. Ciara took part in nearly every activity available making the most of the school's fantastic grounds and sport facilities.

Receiving a bursary for Woldingham was really significant for Ciara and her family as it came after the sad death of her father when Ciara was still a teenager. A bursary wasn't just important for Ciara but for her whole family.

Ciara's mum Nicky said: *'I am so proud of Ciara and how she has dealt with everything. And the fact that she appreciates everything that the school has done for her and for us all.'*

'I made amazing friends at Woldingham, who I see all the time. I have the best memories of my time there,' said Ciara, who is now at Oxford Brooks University studying anthropology and criminology. At Woldingham, Ciara's favourite subjects were history and politics. *'I loved the subjects and the teachers were so engaged. The support I got from Woldingham was amazing,'* Ciara added.

Nicky said being at Woldingham was so important as it gave Ciara the confidence for life after school.

Asked why she agreed to be a Woldingham bursary ambassador Ciara said: *'Being at Woldingham really helped me and I hope more girls can benefit from a Woldingham education like I have.'*

Nicky added: *'If you are thinking of donating, don't underestimate the impact it has to the people who receive that bursary because it really is life changing.'*



Ciara with netball and hockey teams.
Ciara and her mum.

