

Phoebe Avbulimen - a doctor in the making

Phoebe is well on her way to becoming a doctor thanks to her hard work and support of a bursary enabling her to attend Woldingham School.

Phoebe joined Woldingham in Year 10 staying until the end of Upper Sixth in 2018. She is now in her second year studying Medicine at university.

'I really thrived in the peaceful and calm environment,' said Phoebe. 'When I joined everyone was so welcoming and kind. I did well in my GCSEs and A Levels because I was encouraged and supported to study hard and achieve.'

The small class sizes and enthusiastic teachers helped Phoebe excel and find her love of learning, which is holding her in good stead now she's at medical school.

Outside of the classroom, Phoebe was a keen netballer at Woldingham. She has taken her enthusiasm for the game up to university with her, which is a great antidote to her long hours of studying.

'As well as the sport, one of my highlights was taking part in a dance show in Lower Sixth. I did a street dance and all my friends came to encourage me. The audience was amazing and I loved performing. It made me so happy,' added Phoebe. 'The Dad/Daughter event in the Sixth Form was also one of my favourite events.'

Phoebe gives back too. In November 2018 she took part on the Rickshaw Challenge for Children in Need organized by the BBC's The One Show. As part of Team Rickshaw she cycled in a group of six from Calais to Manchester over six days. The challenge of cycling up the steep Malvern Hills is still a clear memory for Phoebe, but it was worth it as the team raised an amazing £4.8 million.

'I am so grateful for my time at Woldingham. It helped me to do well academically to get the grades I needed to get in to medical school. Woldingham is a lovely place. I feel very lucky to have received a bursary to allow me to attend. I hope other people will have the same opportunities as I have had,' added Phoebe.



Phoebe with Michael Palin after the BBC Children in Need Rickshaw Challenge.

Phoebe with her university netball team.

Phoebe about to go on work placement.

