



Fat-cats and thin times.

There's been a lot of publicity and protest recently about the mega-bonuses to so-called "fat-cat" bankers and other executives. Unfortunately, this public outrage has eclipsed many of the smaller stories of people who are unwitting victims of the credit-crunch.

Some of those affected have been Bancroft's students who were just trying to complete their education when financial adversity has come to their families. Whether due to redundancy or illness, a sudden drop in family income can place a student's future at the School in serious jeopardy.

This is the time when the Old Bancroftians' Sixth Form Scholarship Fund can be particularly needed. It was created by OB's to ensure that able students can enjoy the benefits of a Bancroftian education when their families are financially disadvantaged.

Currently, there are four students benefiting from the Fund.

If you feel that your time at Bancroft's has helped your career, then here is a chance to show your appreciation by helping others to achieve their full potential.

There has never been a time of greater need for the Fund. At a time of reducing investment income, the gap between where we are and where we would like to be can only be bridged by the increased generosity of OB supporters.

There are two ways in which you can make a difference:

1. A Donation or Standing Order will help close the gap between falling income and increasing costs. Please send whatever you can to the Treasurer at "Geenacres", The Street, Bacton, Stowmarket, IP14 4LF. Your contribution will go a lot further if you can also include a Gift Aid form which is available on the OBA website.
2. Many OB's have preferred to support the Fund by leaving a legacy. This can be done very easily the next time that you revise your Will. All you have to do is specify an amount that you would like to leave to the Fund (Registered Charity 1018172) so that it can carry on its important work.

If all active OB's were to donate just £20 each and Gift Aid it, we would be able to support another long term place for future Bancroftians.

Please support this worthy cause.