

I am incredibly proud of my son, Morgan, and the journey he has had, thanks to his school sports scholarship. This opportunity has truly shaped him both as an athlete and an individual.

The scholarship has provided Morgan with access to great coaching and athletic training, enabling him to refine his skills and unlock his full potential. He has had the privilege of playing alongside senior pupils and the first eleven hockey team, which has been a huge stepping stone in his development. Through this, he was given the chance to compete at Regional and National levels, an experience that has been both challenging and rewarding.

One of the most valuable aspects of the scholarship has been the relationships Morgan has built with teammates and coaches. These connections have not only supported his athletic growth but will also serve him in his future career, both in sports and beyond. He has also had the chance to meet and bond with athletes from other schools, expanding his network.

The Scholarship has taught Morgan invaluable life lessons, particularly in decision-making and team-building. These lessons extend far beyond sports and have made a significant impact on his approach both to life and future opportunities, what he has gained through this scholarship has also been a huge boost, giving him the confidence to play for both Canterbury and Kent, which is an achievement that both him and we, as parents, are very proud of.

Sport is extremely important, especially for boys, from both a mental and physical perspective. It provides a structured environment that promotes discipline, teamwork and resilience. For Morgan, sport has been an outlet that has not only helped him grow physically but also given him the mental strength to face challenges head-on.

There have been some truly memorable moments along the way. One that stands out is Morgan's participation in the U16 National Tier 3 tournament in Nottingham, where he was the youngest hockey player in the entire competition. (He was only 13 years old). He has also been a key part of his team's success with the Cross Country events, with highlights including StEdmunds boys winning the Steven's Cup at Northbourne School in 2023 against five other schools, and in 2024 Morgan taking 1st place individually.

The scholarship has also given Morgan the opportunity to travel, experiencing the thrill of competing in various locations while growing as part of a close-knit team. It's been an incredible journey that I'm sure will continue to open doors for him in both his athletic and professional future.

This sports scholarship has provided Morgan with an instrumental part of his growth, and I am excited to see what the future holds for him.

