Hello,

I'm Haleema and I feel sincerely grateful and fortunate to be a student at Withington Girls' School. As a bursary recipient, I'm also very thankful to all the donors who help to support my education.

I vividly remember the day when my family and I huddled around the piece of paper that would determine my future for the next seven years. I recall looking at my parents with trepidation but they looked at me proudly and smiled. From that moment, I realised that the generosity of donors in supporting the bursary fund would be the reason I would be attending Withington that September. I remember hugging my family and crying tears of joy; my dream of attending such a prestigious school had come to realisation.

Coming from a local primary school, I was a shy and quiet child who was unsure whether I would fit into the Withington community. WGS has allowed me to express my true personality and to feel confident in an environment where I feel that I belong.

As I approach the end of my time here, it feels like a blessing to say that Withington has become my second family. Each day has been a new and exciting adventure for me. Withington Girls' School has provided a welcoming atmosphere where I have created friendships for life and dedicated and hardworking staff that have enabled me to fulfil my potential. I never thought I would be fortunate enough to be part of such a close-knit community where everyone strives for their best. Withington has given me lifelong memories that will stay close to me no matter what.

Thank you for allowing me to pursue my dreams and be a student at this outstanding school. Because of people like you, I have had access to an education that wouldn't have otherwise been possible. Your support has allowed me and many other bursary recipients the opportunity to flourish and prosper, irrespective of our economic background. This experience has made such a big difference in my life. It truly means a lot to me and my family - thank you!

Best wishes,

Haleema

P.S. One day in the near future I hope to be a donor to the bursary fund in order to empower the next generation of girls to achieve anything they put their minds to!