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THANK YOU: WRITE A MESSAGE TO CURRENT BRISTOL STUDENTS

Dear Mr Sample

Saying thank you to our University's most valued supporters, like you, is one of the things I enjoy most about being on the student telephone fundraising team. Your gifts help thousands of Bristol students, like me, enjoy a rich academic and extracurricular experience, and I'm reminded of that when I speak to alumni, like you, and tell you what your gifts achieve here on campus.

Today, to help more students understand the importance of your gifts, I'm delighted to tell you we're planning to **celebrate your generosity by placing a bookplate in your name** in one of the University libraries next month.

As a final-year Law student, I spend most of my time in the Wills Memorial Library. It was actually during one of my late-night study sessions that I first came across a donor bookplate in one of the texts I was reading. Now, I find myself looking out for them as I scour the shelves for my final-year research project. It's inspiring to be reminded in intimate little ways – as well as more substantial ones – how alumni, like you, give back to the University, and I'm greatly looking forward to joining such a generous community when I graduate in June.

Together, you've helped modernise our study spaces, fund scholarships and bursaries, and create so many opportunities for us to enjoy sports, societies and the arts outside the classroom. You've also helped fund incredible research that begins in the laboratories and libraries across campus and goes on to have global impact. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Please write a message to current students

Since you made your first gift in 2008, you've shown a remarkable commitment to Bristol. Thank you so much! Your continued support demonstrates how much you value our University, and I would love it if you could **please write a personal message** on your bookplate before **Friday 4 March** to remind current and future students just how extraordinary and generous Bristol alumni are.

I can't wait to read what you write. As a telephone fundraiser, I feel honoured to have been able to chat to donors, like you, and hear about your University experiences. You've given me invaluable advice on my academic and professional career, inspiring me every step of the way. Thank you. By writing a message on your bookplate today, you'll inspire hundreds more students too, every time they open a book in the library.

We'd also love to share your message more widely online, to reach even more students and encourage other alumni to give back to Bristol. I hope you are happy for us to do this, but please do let us know if that's not the case.

Of course, you don't have to include a personal message if you'd prefer not to. We can write a bookplate on your behalf, and will acknowledge you as **Mr Andrew Sample**, unless you advise us otherwise at alumni-web@bristol.ac.uk or +44 (0)117 394 1046 before **Friday 4 March**.

As much as we'd like to, I'm sorry to say that we can't accommodate requests for bookplates in specific books or libraries, nor tell you the exact location of your bookplate. But we can promise that hundreds of students will admire your bookplate and appreciate your kind donations.

Thank you so much

I really hope you'll spare a few minutes to share a piece of advice, a note of encouragement or a few words of inspiration on your bookplate today. Your gifts are so important to our University, and we simply can't thank you enough for your continued support.

With best wishes from all of us in Bristol



Alexandra Savilo (Law 2013-)

PS Thank you so much for the support you've shown our University since 2008. I do hope you'll spare a few minutes to write a personal message on your bookplate by **Friday 4 March** to inspire hundreds of current and future students.

PPS Do you have a memorable photograph from your Bristol days that you would be happy to share with the wider alumni audience? If so, please let us know (and tell us the story behind the photograph) at alumni@bristol.ac.uk.