

## **A tribute to Daniel Spargo-Mabbs, son and brother**

Daniel Spargo-Mabbs died on 20 January 2014 aged 16. He was the loveliest boy. It is impossible to sum up such an amazing and rich character in just a few words. Dan was a real individual: funny, passionate, caring, considerate, courageous and outrageous, committed, strong, charming, chatty, witty, quirky, articulate, intelligent, loving, kind, trustworthy, loyal, practical, adventurous, mischievous, cheeky, warm, energetic, silly, political, interesting and interested, humble. He had a strong sense of justice, was passionate about issues of right and wrong, and he had ambitions to join the army and then to be an English teacher. He loved drama, playing the guitar, playing golf, playing Xbox and being with his friends. Emerging as he was as an adult, it was very exciting to see the potential he was displaying for the person we knew he could have become. He engaged everyone he met, and those of us who lived with him have had our lives enriched by his presence in them. Whilst deeply regretting the years that no longer lie ahead, we can all take comfort from the sixteen years in which he grasped every opportunity to experience as much of life as he could.

**Fiona, Tim and Jacob Spargo-Mabbs**