



FUNDING: Former John Leggott College students Niall Jeffrey (left) and Alistair Godley at the Bagmoor Wind Farm, who have both been awarded a £1,000 scholarship from Ridge Wind which will go towards university fees

Students given scholarships windfall by renewables firm

Two former John Leggott College students have been awarded scholarships by a leading wind farm developer.

Niall Jeffrey and Alistair Godley are both in their first year of university after leaving the college last summer, and have been given funds by RidgeWind to support their education.

RidgeWind owns the Bagmoor Wind Farm on the outskirts of Scunthorpe, and the firm's bosses are developers of rural wind energy projects.

The developer offers £1,000 scholarships to support students living within the vicinity of its wind farms.

Each year the firm presents scholarships to talented young academics, and Niall and Alistair are the latest recipients.

Niall, 19, who is in his first

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year studying physics at Imperial College London, said: "Our head of department at John Leggott mentioned the scholarship in August last year, and we both applied thinking there was a remote chance we might be successful.

"It came as a massive shock to hear we had been awarded a scholarship each, as there were a lot of talented students who applied.

"We were both delighted to be awarded these funds.

"The money is a real boost to us, and will definitely help make our university experience less stressful.

"It is great to have the support of RidgeWind, especially

given our interest in renewable energy."

Alistair, 18, is in his first year studying physics at Manchester University.

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He said: "The energy sector is something we have both been considering as part of our studies, and renewable energy is the most new and exciting development.

"Renewable energy is a field that holds my interest, because

the work you do has visible results in a short space of time, unlike some other areas in physics.

"I was delighted to receive this scholarship, and pleased to have the support of RidgeWind. It is worth bearing this relationship in mind for the future, as after four years studying I could consider some work experience with them."

Marjorie Glasgow, managing director of RidgeWind, said: "It gives us great pleasure to support Niall and Alistair as they begin their chosen degrees at university.

"It is RidgeWind's intention to support students living within the vicinity of our wind farms.

"They have demonstrated a clear commitment to their studies and we wish them every success for the future."