

London university that boasts of being one of the most diverse in the UK failed one year to admit a single white working class student, shows document

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Two top private schools have sparked a national race row after they rejected a £1 million scholarship donation intended exclusively for poor white boys. Dulwich College and Winchester College turned down the gift from philanthropist Sir Bryan Thwaites, 96, over fears it would break equality laws.

Dulwich headmaster Dr Joe Spencer said the college was “resistant” to donations “made with any ethnic or religious criteria.” A spokeswoman for Winchester College said “acceptance of a bequest of this nature would neither be in the interests of the school as a charity nor the specific interests of those it aims to support through its work”.

Sir Bryan, who was a scholarship student at both colleges, planned to help disadvantaged, white British boys after studies showed they performed worse academically than almost every other ethnic group. . . in what he hoped would help address “the severe national problem of the underperforming white cohort in schools,”

Sir Bryan defended his proposed grant by citing the rapper Stormzy, who established a Cambridge University scholarship scheme solely for black British students earlier

this year.

“If Cambridge University can accept a much larger donation in support of black students, why cannot I do the same for underprivileged white British?” he asked.

Former chairman of the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC), Trevor Phillips, blamed a “lethal cocktail of inverted snobbery, racial victimhood and liberal guilt” for the reluctance to help white boys, whom he described as “today’s educational left-behinds . . . two well-known fee-paying schools have lost bequests totalling over £1 million that might have supported some of our most disadvantaged children for one reason: the donor, like Stormzy, wants his money to go to people of his own background – poor but talented white British boys.”

I faced opposition in 1972 when I wanted to study for a degree, but my parents and I took no notice; 5 years later my efforts had made life easier for my young cousin to persuade his family to support his ambitions. It seems that in less than 50 years we have gone backwards.