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In Ollie's Name

The primary aim of the Ollie Young Foundation has been to fund paediatric brain tumour research, with specific focus on the type of tumour – a glioblastoma multiforme – that took Ollie's life in February 2012, only 12 weeks after his diagnosis. Brain tumour research receives only 0.7% of national cancer funding and this spreads very thinly across the 120 known types of brain tumour, which is why funding from charities such as ours is so vital.

The Ollie Young Foundation are excited and delighted to announce that Emily Pinkstone has now started her PhD research in Ollie's name. Emily graduated from University College London with an MSc in Clinical Neurology and she is now based at the Brain Tumour Research flagship laboratory at Portsmouth University, where she is working under the guidance of Professor Geoff Pilkington and his team. She will be specifically conducting research into abnormal cellular metabolism in paediatric glioblastoma. Emily is the personification of the truly phenomenal fundraising we have all achieved together and we sincerely hope that everyone who has contributed in any way shares our pride in this milestone.

Emily says "I cannot say how excited I am to be starting this amazing research and it is an honour to do it in Ollie's name. I am looking forward to working with the Foundation and would like



to thank them for their dedication and support so far."

Sarah Young (Ollie's mother) says, "What an emotional roller-coaster. This very same week that Emily has started, two years ago we were sitting in the doctors wondering what could possibly be up with our poorly little boy ... a very bittersweet moment. This is what we set out to do and I believe Emily with all her heart will succeed in trying her absolute best to put us on the right path to achieving something amazing, something that will hopefully change another family's life forever and one that I so wished could have been us two years ago."

Simon Young (Ollie's dad) says, "I'd like to thank all the Ollie Young Foundation committee members for all their hard work to achieve this fantastic milestone, and all of our wonderful supporters too. It is really exciting for us to have Emily starting the research and I can't wait to meet her and thank her in person. I hope that we can support the research for many more years in the future."

As always, to find out more, to donate or support the charity go to: www.ollieyoungfoundation.org

