

Appleby College extends helping hand to Russia

he first of three Russian students who will be studying at Appleby College on special scholarships this September was met and interviewed by History faculty member Chris Shannon during a recent school trip to the former Soviet Union.

The 18-year-old girl is bright and enthusiastic, according to Chris, and eager to arrive in Canada in early September.

She is looking forward to a career in mechanical engineering, making her the ideal recipient of a special scholarship funded by Husky Injection Mouldings of Bolton, Ontario.

The company has committed to paying

for two Russian students to study at Appleby, beginning in the 1993-94 school year.

"These kids will be going to live with a family up in Bolton during Christmas holidays and march break, they will have jobs at the Husky plant. They will be paid for what they do, and will be able to go home at the end of the school year for a month or six weeks," explains Jan Greenhalgh, a former Appleby parent and founding director of The Canada-CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) Development Foundation, which also arranged another scholarship for one student to study at Appleby.

"If they work out, and they're bright kids and have real ambition, Husky is prepared to put them through university. After that, because they want to go into Russia and open plants, the company is prepared to put these students into very responsible positions with Husky. They have also told me that they would be prepared to do this on an ongoing basis, year after year."

The Canada-CIS Foundation has also initiated another scholarship with the school on behalf of Frank Stronach, president of Magna International. Headmaster Guy McLean was invited to the Gala Dinner at the Royal York for Mikhail Gorbachev when he visited Toronto earlier this year, in recog-

nition of the fact that Appleby was chosen as the only independent school in Canada and the first recipient of the scholarship.

As to why Appleby was the school selected, Jan explains that she came to regard Appleby very highly when her son was a student there for three years.

"I think the school is a very good one, and I have spent so much time in the CIS (the former Soviet Union) that I really know what's good and what isn't. I realize the value and importance of a good education, and selected Appleby on those grounds."

For the time being Appleby will be the only independent school involved, but Jan is

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