



NEIL LAING BURSARY FUND

Neil Patrick Macdonald Laing 1950–2006
Epsom College 1974–2006

*‘Once in a lifetime you meet someone
who is truly inspirational to you.
For me, it was Neil Laing. He was a one-off!’*

Kate Davidson QC (White House 1978-1980)

Neil Laing, one of the most respected and much loved members of the Epsom College Common Room, will be remembered as a dedicated teacher, sports coach and Housemaster. He joined Epsom College in 1974 and a whole generation of Old Epsomians remember a brilliant and inspiring teacher of English, a dedicated, fair and totally committed Housemaster of Robinson, and a passionate and skilful coach of hockey and cricket.

Neil will be remembered first and foremost as a gifted teacher. He had an inherent ability to inspire and enthuse the boys and girls in his charge, and communicate to them his passion for the English language and the richness of its wonderful literature.

‘He was far and away the best teacher I ever had, certainly the most admirable. He believed in me when (in my angry adolescence) it seemed nobody else cared at all. Neil made literature seem muscular and powerful rather than weedy; as you know, such things matter to a 16-year old.’ Jeremy Vine (Holman 1978-1982)

The long-term aim of the fund is to raise a capital sum of £500,000 which would generate enough income to provide a full bursary in perpetuity. Bursaries really do change lives, enabling talented students whose parents could not afford the fees, the opportunity to study at Epsom.

Since its inception, Epsom College has educated generations of young people, many of whom have gone on to make significant contributions to society. The Headmaster and Governors are committed to building upon this distinguished history, by widening access to the College.

If you would like to know more about fundraising at Epsom College, or would like to make a donation to the Neil Laing Bursary Fund, please contact Helen Tranter, Director of Development at helen.tranter@epsomcollege.org.uk or on 01372 821290.

Remembering our past ~ Inspiring our future



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and thank you for your kind consideration*

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