

# Enrich the lives of future generations

# By leaving a lasting legacy to Epsom College





# Your part in shaping the future of Epsom College

Making a legacy gift is a powerful way of giving something back, as well as providing opportunities for the next generation of students. Since its earliest days, Epsom College has been the very fortunate and grateful beneficiary of many legacy gifts, which provide a vital source of funds. Bequests, both big and small, have helped shape the College from its foundation to the present day.

A legacy gift can contribute towards exciting building projects such as the Mermaid - a building that will transform the educational experience of its pupils, with a particular focus on Sixth Form. Located at the heart of the campus, and spread over 2,000 sq m, the building will equip students with the skills to succeed in the 21st century. The new facility, and the additional support it provides, will foster a seamless transition into undergraduate life.



"I owe everything I have ever achieved to Epsom.

During my lifetime I am able to make relatively small gifts to the College.

My legacy pledge allows me
to make a much more meaningful contribution later".

George Pincus MBE (Hart-Smith/Forest 1955-1961)

# Making a lasting difference

Your legacy gift could make a huge difference to talented pupils who have the potential for academic excellence. A core strategic intent of the College is to enable young people of aspiration and ability, but not the financial means, to benefit from Epsom's well-rounded education. The main way in which Epsom works towards fulfilling this important need and building upon its philanthropic legacy, is in the provision of bursaries.

Epsom College's main bursary fund is the General Bursary Fund. The College is also seeking donations for two named bursaries: the Maxwell Phair Bursary Fund and the Neil Laing Bursary Fund. The aim of both funds is to raise £500,000 to provide a significant bursary in perpetuity.



"There are many things that I have done here which simply would not have been possible without bursarial support. Whether this is being given the chance to reach my full academic potential in the public exams, or playing top level school sport,

I recognise the value of being afforded these opportunities.

To all donors, on behalf of myself and others who have received, or are receiving bursarial support, thank you very much."

Harry Williams (Fayrer 2011-2016)

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Epsom College encourages everyone to aim high in all that they do at school, whether in academia, sport, art, music or drama. You may consider supporting your favourite department, donating items to the archives, or you could leave a more general gift to the College. A gift to 'where the need is greatest' will allow the College the flexibility to allocate the funds to the area which would provide the most benefit to pupils.



"Epsom College gave me stability at a time when I desperately needed it, some wonderful friends for life, and a deep and abiding love of drama and sport.

I was very lucky to have been a pupil there.

Without Epsom I would not have had a career in broadcasting or play writing. At one stage I was in danger of leaving Epsom as we couldn't afford the fees, but a legacy saved me.

That's why I'm leaving one: to help someone in the same way. Social mobility, a lack of it, is one of the great issues of our time and by leaving a legacy we can at least make a small but significant difference in that respect."

Jonny Maitland (Wilson 1974-1979)

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Are there any tax benefits to leaving a legacy to Epsom College?

You may qualify to pay inheritance tax at a reduced rate of 36%, versus 40%, if you leave 10% or more of your net estate to a registered charity such as Epsom College. Please contact your solicitor for tailored advice and further information.

Further guidance can be found on HMRC website: https://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax-reduced-rate-calculator

#### What different types of legacies are there?

It is important to seek professional advice on which type of legacy is most appropriate, based on your personal circumstances. There are several types of legacy that can be considered, all of which are exempt from UK Inheritance Tax. Any one of them can be specified in your Will or by codicil, in consultation with your solicitor.

**Residuary Legacy** All or a set percentage of your estate.

**Pecuniary Legacy** A specific sum of money.

**Specific Legacy** Property, assets, shares or any physical items

which you own.

**Reversionary Legacy** Made payable after the death of a named person.

Conditional Legacy Made payable after the conclusion of something else

e.g. your grandchildren's education.

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#### How do I leave a legacy to Epsom College?

It is recommended that you visit a solicitor to make or amend your Will. If you wish to discuss the options please contact Helen Tranter, the Director of Development on 01372 821290 or at helen.tranter@epsomcollege.org.uk.

By notifying us, this creates an opportunity to draft a Memorandum of Understanding, which is a simple statement of your present intentions. This document, which is in no way legally binding, is held by the Development Department and can be attached to your Will to ensure your intentions are clearly understood in the future.

#### How do I add a legacy gift to Epsom into my existing Will?

Adding a legacy gift to an existing Will can be done through a codicil. A sample codicil form is available to download from our website. Please take care to ensure that it is signed, dated and witnessed by two independent witnesses, as for a Will in its own right.

#### Can my legacy pledge remain anonymous?

Those making a legacy gift are encouraged to notify the Director of Development of their intentions. This creates an opportunity for the donor to discuss and clarify his or her intentions and helps the College plan for the future. It is recognised that some donors prefer not to make their intentions known but if you would like to discuss your plans, please contact the Director of Development. We appreciate that making a gift in your Will is a very personal decision. We hope that you will inform us of your intentions so that we can thank you for your kindness and generosity during your lifetime.



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If you would like to receive further information or to speak in confidence about leaving a legacy to Epsom College, please contact Helen Tranter, Director of Development at helen.tranter@epsomcollege.org.uk or on 01372 821290

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