



ST ALBANS SCHOOL
FOUNDATION

Unlocking Potential

The Gift of Education

Leaving a Legacy to St Albans School



ABOUT US

The St Albans School Foundation exists to create the best possible facilities and opportunities for both current students and the generations of pupils still to come.

We remain committed to providing more bursary places, offering the best-possible education to as wide a range of students as possible.

We are immensely grateful to the OAs, parents and staff whose continued support makes this possible.

OPPORTUNITIES

In a very competitive environment, where expectations are extremely high, St Albans School aims for excellence in all it does.

However, the School's developing needs cannot be funded from fee surplus alone or from disjointed one-off appeals. In the absence of any state support, the Bursary Fund is vital in offering transformational opportunities. It preserves the mixture of academic and co-curricular excellence with social diversity that is so central a part of St Albans School's historic mission and character.

The School's finances are tightly run; we do not have a significant endowment fund to rely upon or extensive capital reserves that some well-known schools enjoy. Equally, we

do not wish to raise the fees markedly, which could put a St Albans School education out of reach for more families.

To ensure that current and future pupils can benefit from the richness, quality and opportunities of the education that previous generations have enjoyed, the School is reliant on philanthropic support.

It is thanks to the generosity of our supporters and benefactors, who recognise the need to pay forward for the benefit of future generations, that we can provide these life-changing opportunities for our pupils. From The Woollam Playing Fields to our current bursary provision, we could not have realised our many developments without the support of gifts.

A LASTING GIFT

The St Albans School Foundation was established in 2008, with the aim of raising funds in support of the School across the following four main areas:



BURSARIES:

After the regrettable demise of the Direct Grant scheme in the mid-1970s, the St Albans School Bursary Fund has become vital to the ethos of what we do – offering a first-class education to the brightest pupils, regardless of their parents' financial circumstances. Our means-tested bursaries are awarded in confidence, so that the beneficiaries can make the most of the wide-ranging opportunities of the School in the same way as any other pupil. The School is committed to increasing the number of bursary places it is able to award.



HARDSHIP FUND:

We recognise that for some families, extra financial support is needed in special circumstances. The Hardship Fund is a discretionary source of financial aid, set up to allow all pupils the opportunity to benefit from a full St Albans School education. The aim of the Fund is to assist families who have difficulties in paying for co-curricular activities such as school trips, as well as financial support with lunches, uniform and school buses.



SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Since its creation, the Foundation has invested thousands of pounds in special projects throughout the School. The criteria for project selection is based on a demonstrable and immediate impact on our students. This can range from micropipettes and electronic balances for the Biology Department, to new fitness suite equipment for the PE Department.



CAPITAL PROJECTS:

We are very aware that as one of the best independent day schools in the country, we need to continue to invest in our facilities, thus ensuring that we have the necessary resources to continue to recruit the brightest and most capable students. We are grateful to the generous donors who have contributed to our recent Building Futures campaign, helping fund capital projects including the Centre for the Performing Arts, the Science Faculty and Mathematics Building.

YOUR SUPPORT

A gift in your will can be a simple and tax-effective way of making a significant gift to the Foundation, that many would be unable to afford during their lifetime. Any gift to a registered charity made in your will, whether in the form of cash, shares, property or other items, is exempt from inheritance tax. Legacy giving enables many people who are ‘asset-rich’ rather than ‘cash-rich’ to make a meaningful contribution to future generations of pupils at St Albans School. Below are a few bequest options explained:

PECUNIARY BEQUEST:

This is a gift of a specific sum of money.

Suggested wording:

“I give the sum of £(amount in words) to the St Albans School Foundation being a restricted fund within St Albans School of Abbey Gateway St Albans Hertfordshire AL3 4HB (Registered Charity Number 1092932). The written receipt of a proper officer shall be a complete discharge for my Executors and Trustees.”

RESIDUARY BEQUEST:

This is a gift of part or all of the residue of your estate, after any other bequests have been made and any debts or expenses have been paid.

Suggested wording:

“I give all [the rest of] my property which I can leave by Will (including property over which I have a general power of appointment) to my Executors and Trustees to hold upon trust for the St Albans School

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SPECIFIC BEQUEST:

It may be that you would like to bequeath something other than money: a painting, share holding, piece of furniture, property or plot of land.

Suggested wording:

“I give to St Albans School Foundation being a restricted fund within St Albans School of Abbey Gateway St Albans Hertfordshire AL3 4HB (Registered Charity Number 1092932) my(detailed description of item) The written receipt of a proper officer shall be a complete discharge for my Executors and Trustees.”

REVERSIONARY BEQUEST:

This method enables you to provide for your family or others first, then the Foundation. Under your will you can leave your estate on trust so that named beneficiaries (family members, for example) would be entitled to the income arising on your estate during their lifetime, with the whole, or a share, of the capital passing to the Foundation following their deaths.

Suggested wording available from your legal advisor.

A SUBSTITUTIONAL LEGACY:

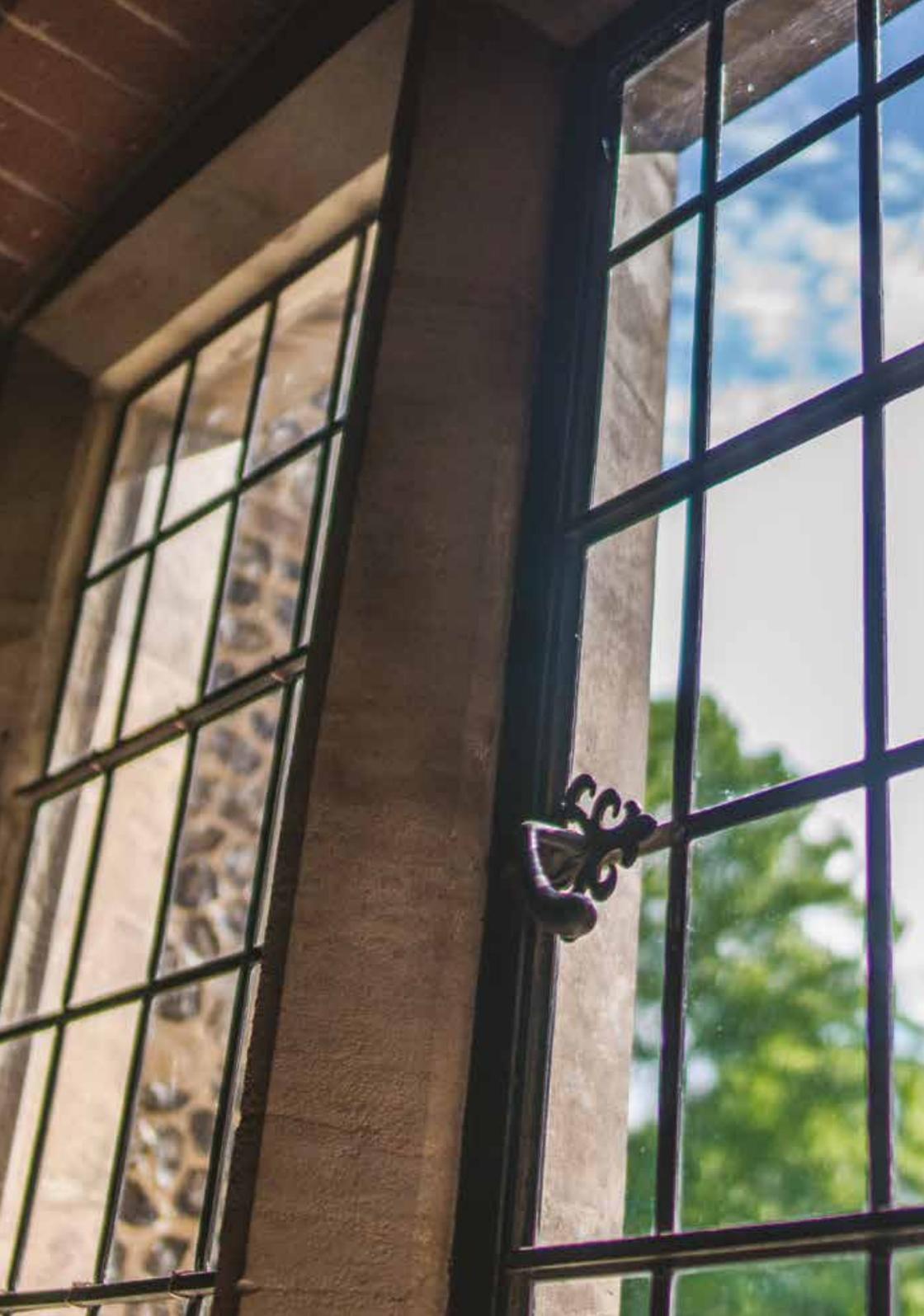
This means that you can leave a specific sum, object or share of your estate to a particular person or persons, but if they pre-decease you, the bequest would pass to the Foundation.

A DEED OF VARIATION:

If you become a beneficiary of someone else's will you may wish to consider transferring the whole, or part, of that inheritance to the Foundation using a Deed of Variation. The bequest would be exempt from the Inheritance Tax which might otherwise have been payable out of the estate in respect of the value transferred. A Deed of Variation must be executed within two years of the date of death of the person under whose will you are a beneficiary.

We strongly recommend that anybody wishing to support the St Albans School Foundation through a legacy should seek qualified legal advice to ensure that your interests are protected and your wishes properly recorded.







“ I experienced
seven wonderful
years at St Albans
School and received a
first-class education.
I believe whole-

heartedly in supporting the
education of future generations and
I feel honoured to give back to the
Foundation via my will”

**Mike Newell, Film Director, OA 1960,
Gateway Society Member**

THE GATEWAY SOCIETY

Membership to the Gateway Society is exclusive to those who have left a gift in their will for the St Albans School Foundation. You will receive an exclusive Gateway silk tie or scarf, as well as an invitation to our annual Gateway Feast – a unique dinner at the School with a different theme each year. You will also receive invitations to all key School events.





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RESPONSE FORM The Gateway Society:

I have included The St Albans School Foundation in my will.

Name:

In recognition of your pledge you will automatically become a member of The Gateway Society.

Address:

If you do not wish to become a member of The Gateway Society please tick here.

If you wish for your gift to remain anonymous please tick here.

Telephone:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

Any other information you would like to give us about your bequest:

Please return this form in the freepost envelope provided to:

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