



MAKE YOUR LEGACY THE GIFT OF A WGHS EDUCATION



A GIFT THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Wakefield Girls' High School (WGHS) was founded in 1878. Since then the gifts our Old Girls have left in their wills have helped shape our school. Many have enabled the completion of small yet important projects; others have inspired the creation of larger buildings. Most importantly of all, some have given the gift of a life-changing WGHS education.

We remain committed to providing means tested bursaries to enable girls to benefit from a WGHS education. In fact, we provide financial support to one in five of our Senior School pupils. Funding for these bursaries comes largely from the Foundation.

It is our ambition to continue to provide these much-needed bursary places. However in a changing world and with costs increasing, we cannot be sure that we can sustain this level of

bursary support. Our ambition can only be realised with your help. Leaving a gift in your will to the WGHS Bursary Fund will make a real difference to those girls who follow in the future.

Supporting Other Areas: Of course, we understand that donors may prefer to direct their legacy to other areas of the school such as facilities, the performing arts or sport. The Development Director would be please to discuss any such legacy gift with you. You can find contact details on the back of the brochure.

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES



“As we look back at the creation of WGHS in 1878, which led to educating the women of the Wakefield District, which led to women gaining the vote; that wasn’t indulgent. It was visionary and farsighted. It was about creating the kind of country we all want to be part of. The reason I support the school is because I want future generations of the very brightest girls to enjoy the very finest education regardless of their backgrounds.”

Amanda Mackenzie OBE DL, (OG,1982) Chief Executive Business in the Community

The future is in your hands

From the 58 girls WGHS welcomed in 1878, to the 900 we have today, we have always been committed to helping each and every one of them to reach their full potential. By leaving a gift in your will to WGHS, we can ensure brighter futures for the next generation of girls.

“WGHS was life-changing for me. Education is the answer to social mobility and, for girls, a single sex education brings so many advantages. I was very lucky and am very grateful that I was able to benefit from the Assisted Places Scheme and the superior educational offer at WGHS.”

Kathryn Davis (OG, 1983)

Non-executive director, trustee, board adviser, retired law firm partner

A WAY OF SAYING 'THANK YOU'



The 1878 Society

Miss Allen was the first Headmistress of WGHS and she was also the first person to leave the school a gift in her will. After 16 years leading the school, she recognised how important it was that girls continued to receive an exceptional education. This sentiment was echoed by Miss Knott some years later when she too left WGHS a gift in her will. We hope the foresight of our former inspirational leaders, inspires others to give the gift of an education. Those who decide to follow this tradition, are invited to join the 1878 Society.

By becoming a member you will:

- Continue to feel an integral part of WGHS school community
- Receive regular updates on how legacies are making a difference
- Be invited to special events
- Be on our Legacy Society supporter roll



Make a Difference -Leave a gift in your Will to WGHS and fill in the form attached to start to enjoy the benefits of being part of the extended WGHS family.

HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A legacy donation is one of the most meaningful and enduring gifts you can give. All legacy gifts, regardless of amount, will directly benefit the WGHS students that follow you.

Your Legacy

1. **Decide on the type of legacy:** You will need to choose the type of legacy that you would like to leave. See the following page for further details.

2. **Send us a pledge form:** You will find enclosed a legacy pledge form for you to complete and return to us. This form is not a legal commitment and you can change your mind at any time. However, it is a simple way for you to express your wishes and having knowledge of legacies that have been pledged helps us to plan for the future. It will also enable the school to thank you properly for your gift during your lifetime.

3. **Inform your solicitor:** If this is your first will, you simply need to ask your solicitor to insert a paragraph in your will detailing your wishes. Some suggested wordings are enclosed with this brochure. If you already have a will, you can ask your solicitor to update it by adding a codicil.

4. **Confirmation:** Once we have received your pledge form, we will be in touch to confirm all the details with you.



TYPES OF LEGACY

There are a number of different types of legacy that you can leave to Wakefield Girls' High School dependent on your circumstances. The most common three, which are detailed below, are Residuary, Pecuniary and Specific legacies.

Residuary Legacy- This legacy leaves all or that part of your estate that is remaining after all other bequests have been made and expenses have been met. This is the safest way to ensure your legacy retains its value.

Pecuniary Legacy- This legacy leaves a specified, set sum of money. You can index link the amount to the Retail Price Index to avoid the problems associated with inflation.

Specific Legacy- This legacy leaves a specified possession such as property, valuables, works of art or stocks and shares.

Tax Benefits- Your estate can pay Inheritance Tax at a reduced rate of 36% on some assets if you leave 10% or more of the net value to charity in your Will. Wakefield Grammar School Foundation is a registered charity (charity number 1088415).
For more information go to www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax

Getting advice: Please note that this leaflet is not intended to constitute legal advice by Wakefield Grammar School Foundation or Wakefield Girls' High School. We would strongly advise anyone wishing to make or update their will to seek independent professional advice from a solicitor.

Any questions: Please contact
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PLEASE FIND OVERLEAF SAMPLE LEGACY WORDING



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SAMPLE WORDING FOR YOUR SOLICITOR

Should you wish to remember Wakefield Girls' High School in your will you may wish to take the following wording suggestions to your solicitor.

Wakefield Girls' High School (WGHS), along with Queen Elizabeth Grammar School make up a registered charity known as Wakefield Grammar School Foundation (The Foundation). Any gifts should be made to this charity expressing a preference for supporting WGHS. Although the Foundation is not legally bound by your wishes in this regard, the Governors will do their utmost to ensure that your wishes are followed.

To give a fixed sum or percentage of your estate to fund bursaries at WGHS:

I give the sum of pounds or% of the residue of my estate absolutely to Wakefield Grammar School Foundation, Registered Charity Number 1088415, of 158 Northgate, Wakefield, WF1 3UF. I express the wish, without imposing any binding trust or legal obligation, that the funds be used for bursary support at Wakefield Girls' High School as deemed appropriate by the Bursar or other proper officer at that time. The receipt of the Development Director or the proper officer for the time being of Wakefield Grammar School Foundation shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.

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The Gift of a WGHS Education

To give a proportion fixed sum or percentage of your estate to WGHS for general purposes:

I give the sum of pounds or% of the residue of my estate absolutely to Wakefield Grammar School Foundation, Registered Charity Number 1088415, of 158 Northgate, Wakefield, WF1 3UF and I express the wish, without imposing any binding trust or legal obligation, that the funds be used to benefit Wakefield Girls' High School. The receipt of the Development Director or the proper officer for the time being of Wakefield Grammar School Foundation shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.

It is important to ensure that the following clause is inserted, whichever wording is used:

If at my death any charity named as a beneficiary in this Will or any Codicil hereto has changed its name or amalgamated with or transferred its assets to another body then my Executors shall give effect to any gift made to such charity as if it had been made (in the first case) to the body in its changed name or (in the second case) to the body which results from such amalgamation or to which such transfer has been made.