



CHRIST'S COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

What shapes
tomorrow...
Starts today.



Your College legacy – a guide
to leaving a gift in your will



Generational support

From its inception, Christ's College has attracted support from a caring and generous community. In 1851 Maria Somes became College's first benefactress, and her inspiration and vision lives on today. We are fortunate, as College strives to provide the very best educational opportunities, that a consistent history of philanthropic support has helped shape our vibrant culture and environment.

To place your name by gift or bequest in the keeping of an active education institution is to... make a permanent contribution to the welfare of humanity.

Calvin Coolidge

30th President of the United States (1923–1929)



Benefits of a bequest

- Opportunity to honour a loved one or decide how you will be remembered
- Provide a lasting legacy to serve as inspiration for others
- Change lives through education for generations to come
- Assets remain in your control during your lifetime
- No effect on your cash reserves for retirement
- Your bequest can be easily modified at any time as circumstances change
- Invitation to join the Sewell Society and form a special relationship with College.

If ever you
wanted to make
a difference
in somebody's
life, this is
your chance.



What your gift can achieve

Understanding why you want to leave a bequest to College will help you decide what kind of gift you want it to be.

Any gift, no matter how big or small, will make a difference at College. Your gift can be used for whatever purpose you choose.

Your gift can open up initiatives that might not otherwise occur. It can be the motivator that inspires, challenges, and opens the minds of our boys.

Your gift is an investment for the future and will enable College to continue to be a leader and innovator in a rapidly changing educational world.

Your gift will enrich College by supporting new scholarships, new facilities, new programmes, professional development and special projects.

Find out more

If you would like to know more about leaving a bequest;

Please complete the Bequest Information | Notification form included and mail to College in the freepost envelope provided, or contact direct;

Development Office: 03 364 6851

Email: development@christscollege.com

www.christscollege.com/giving/leaving-a-legacy

Every
bequest is a
powerful gift.

On the shoulders of giants

A bequest letter received by College

Dear College,

If I tell you my father's lawyer is "old school", I imagine you know what I mean. He is a kindly man, a solicitous solicitor you might say. And if ever my father travels (which is not so often these days), he insists that Dad first puts his affairs in order. In other words, he recommends Dad updates his will. We might smile, but it's fair enough, regularly updating your will is a sensible thing to do.

It prompts us to reflect on what matters most - people, obviously, family, those we care about. But beyond that, what else is important? Where would we like to make a difference in the world?

At College, I know you instil in all boys the value of philanthropy. As young Old Boys you tell us that our biggest gift is to send our own sons to College. And then, later in life, as a loyal and valued Old Boy or friend of College, you ask us to consider a bequest. We are invited to reflect on the value of education, to individuals, to society as a whole and, in particular, to think about this wonderful school.

I have done this.

Isaac Newton famously said, "If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants." Without doubt, all who attend Christ's College stand on the shoulders of giants, those who came before...our generous benefactors past.

Now it's my turn. Now it's my time.

A bequest is not a donation, it's an investment.

I enclose my bequest form and payment.

Yours supporting College,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C' and a trailing flourish.



“One boy at a time
being inspired
to change lives,
communities and
the world.”

Garth Wynne
Executive Principal



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