



# LEGACY GIVING

For the school that shaped you,  
leave a legacy that shapes the future



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Supporting The Portsmouth Grammar School with a gift or donation in your Will is a highly personal and unique way of giving.

Gifts in Wills to The William Smith Fund have proved to be a vital income stream, especially for our bursary provision - where currently 1 in 5 pupils in the Senior School are in receipt of a bursary. They are only able to thrive, and experience a PGS education, due to the transformational bursaries that we can offer thanks to our incredibly supportive community.

The William Smith Fund is fully funded by donations from the PGS community. Our school doesn't benefit from a large endowment, so we rely on active philanthropy to provide and forecast for future bursaries and areas to support.

We're incredibly lucky to have many OPs and friends who have pledged a legacy gift to PGS, which allows us to plan for the future. A bequest to PGS in your Will helps benefit future generations of pupils - ensuring that they receive the same transformational education that you received.

For many people, leaving a gift in their Will enables them to be more generous than is possible during their lifetime. We understand that you will want to look after your loved ones first, but we're incredibly grateful if you consider giving back to the school that shaped you.

A gift to PGS in your Will is an investment in future OPs. On behalf of everyone whose lives you may touch, thank you for considering this special way to leave your mark.

# How your legacy gift can make a difference

Receiving a bursary has not only opened a wide range of educational opportunities for me, but it has also **shifted my overall outlook on what I am capable of achieving.**

In the Senior School, thanks to such supportive staff, I have developed a large range of interests, both academic and personal, from linguistics to hockey and CCF. In the Sixth Form, it has been an absolute pleasure finding more independence in my academic life, aided by all the teachers who are ever so eager to chat about their subjects and more. But, not only am I given opportunities to find new interests, **I have extensive support to thrive** at what I enjoy doing.



Without a bursary here, I do not believe that I would have been capable of achieving such extraordinary exam results, or earning an **offer from the University of Oxford**. Nor do I believe that I would have become so hugely passionate and invested in so many areas. I give my greatest thanks to all of the donors and staff – I would not be here today without them.

**James, Year 13 pupil, and Head Prefect**



Being a recipient of a bursary enabled me to continue studying at PGS, an experience which I will forever be grateful for.

I received amazing support from the teachers and careers team throughout my GCSEs and A Levels, as well as the stressful time that was the medicine application process. I was able to participate in many different co-curricular activities such as sports, societies and various volunteering opportunities, enhancing my applications and **allowing me to grow as a person.**

**I have just started studying Medicine at Liverpool University with the hope of becoming a doctor**, something I'm not sure I would have been able to say without the incredible support from the PGS community. Thank you.

**Isobella, OP 2025**

# Why I'm leaving a gift in my Will



When I joined PGS in 1968 there were two ways of gaining admission. You could pass the entrance exam and your parents paid the fees, or you could be awarded a free place under the Direct Grant scheme by doing well enough in the national 11+. My parents put me in for the entrance exam, but I didn't get through. So you can imagine our delight when the 11+ results were published and **I'd been awarded a free place** instead. Looking back now, I realise just what they would have been prepared to sacrifice to give me what

they thought was the best chance in life.

I remember my time at PGS very fondly. Although I was never the greatest academically, I value the well-rounded education I received. Some of my best memories are from the RAF Section of the CCF and helping backstage with school productions. The former **sparked a lifelong interest in aviation** - even if it didn't quite lead to the RAF career I once hoped for.

Now that I'm in a position to give something back, it feels only right to **help others in similar circumstances**. The Direct Grant scheme has long gone, but The William Smith Fund bursaries now offer that same **lifeline I once benefitted from**. Long may they continue.

**Graham, OP 1976 and Legacy Pledger**



Looking back, my time at PGS left me with **memories and experiences that shaped the course of my life.**

I was never the most academic student, but I was fortunate to be encouraged by many good teachers, and some of my fondest memories came from sport and the CCF. Playing rugby at Hilsea (after cycling from school, often with a fish and chips stop in Tipner on the way!), along with CCF weekends at Browndown and summer camps further afield, gave me friendships and confidence that have stayed with me ever since. I still remember the surprise of winning the Leonardo Prize one year, despite being terrible at art!



The opportunities PGS offered, from rugby, cricket, swimming and rowing to taking on responsibility as head of the Artillery section of the CCF, provided a grounding in both academic life and the outdoors that ultimately **helped me pursue my long-held dream** of becoming an Army Officer. With hindsight, **I realise just how fortunate I was to have such a strong start in life**, and it's this sense of gratitude that has inspired me to leave a legacy gift. I want others to have the same chance to discover their strengths, seize opportunities, and follow their own ambitions – just as I was able to.

#### **Dougie, OP 1986 and Legacy Pledger**



# Leaving a legacy gift

A legacy gift can be tailored to suit your vision and wishes. There is no minimum that you need to pledge – leaving **just 1%** of your estate to The Portsmouth Grammar School could have an incredible impact on future generations. Please see below examples of gifts that can be made, and some suggested wording which you may wish to share with your solicitor if you decide to leave something in your Will to PGS.

**"I give to The Portsmouth Grammar School (registered charity number 1063732) either x% of the residue of my estate or the sum of £... and would like my donation to be used by the school for its general charitable purposes."**

## RESIDUAL LEGACY

Involves leaving a percentage of your estate (after any costs have been deducted). By giving a gift in this way, it won't be affected by inflation.

## PECUNIARY LEGACY

Allows you to leave a specific sum of money.

## SPECIFIC LEGACY

Allows you to leave a specific item of value such as property, stocks and shares to the School.

Did you know that PGS is a registered charity, and accordingly, all legacy gifts made to the School are exempt from UK Inheritance and Capital Gains Taxes? Charitable legacy donations are free of IHT, and donations of 10% or more of the taxable estate **reduce the IHT rate from 40% to 36%**. It is important that you gain professional advice when making or adjusting your Will to fully understand these benefits.



We've partnered with [FreeWills.co.uk](https://www.freewills.co.uk) to enable the PGS community to make their own **fully comprehensive, legally-binding Will for free**.

You can simply make your personalised Will online, from the comfort of your own home, with the added reassurance that it will be checked, vetted and approved by a solicitor.

Head to their [website](https://www.freewills.co.uk), or reach out to the [Development Office](#) for more information.

# What you can support

## Academic

Gifts would support any equipment or advancement in the classroom to ensure that we're constantly providing a first class education.

## Area of Greatest Need

The area that is deemed in greatest need of support at that point in time.

## Bursaries

Our bursaries are means-tested financial assistance which allow outstanding local children to experience a PGS education, no matter their families financial situation.

## Co-Curricular

Gifts would support the many co-curricular opportunities on offer to PGS pupils. This could be through providing equipment or supporting trips. Our co-curricular programme is a vital part of our education, where we look to broaden pupils' interests and knowledge outside of the classroom.

**If you would like to discuss a specific area for your support, or have any questions about the process, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Development Office.**

## 1732 SOCIETY

All of those who have pledged a legacy gift to The Portsmouth Grammar School are invited to join the 1732 Society. Throughout the year you can benefit from exclusive society events, and invitations to various activities across the school calendar.

If you have already remembered PGS in your Will, we would be very grateful if you would notify us of your intention so that we can properly thank you. This also gives us the opportunity to fully understand your wishes, and ensure that we carry them out as intended. You can let us know online, or by contacting the **Development Office**:



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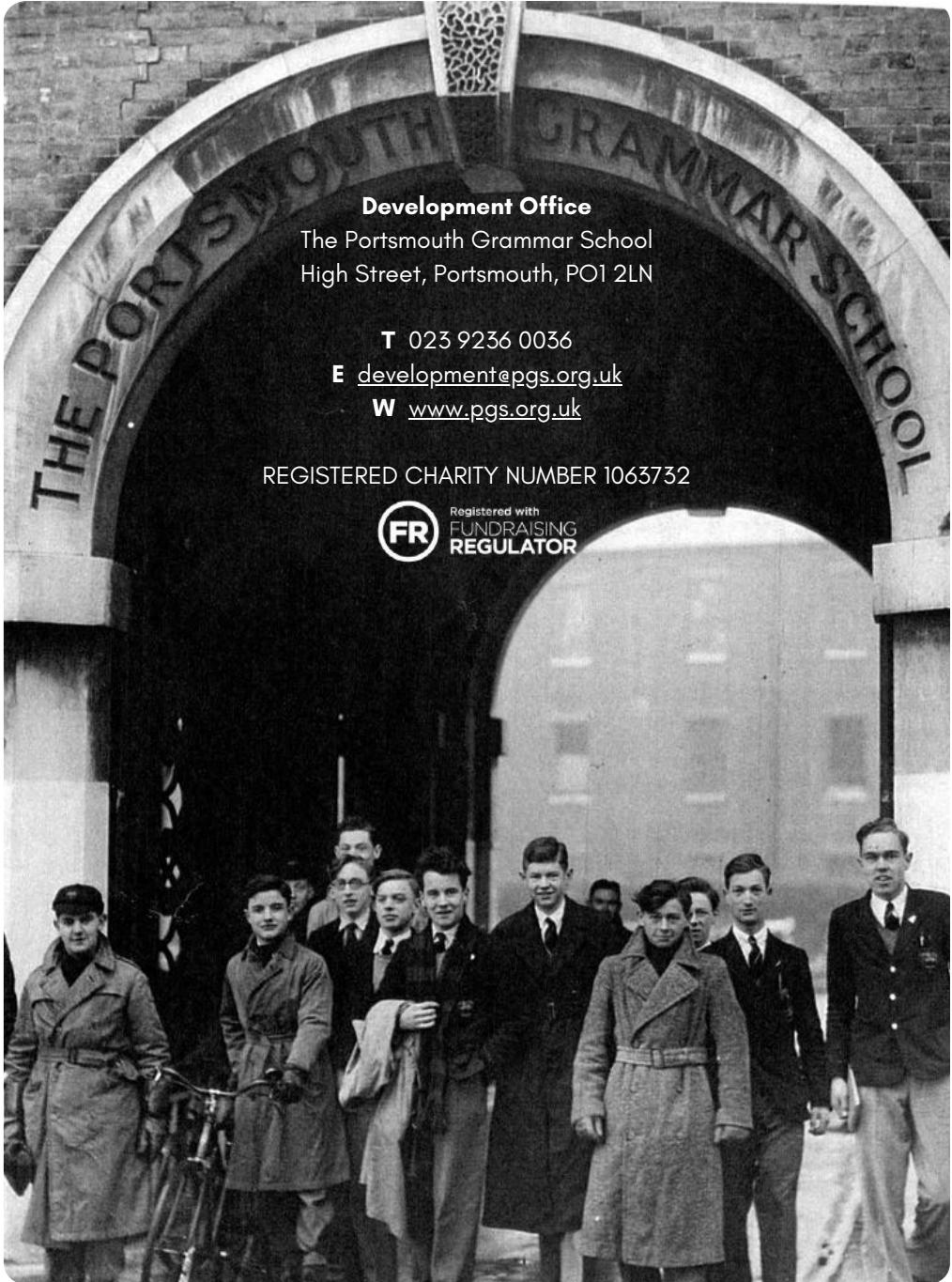
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