



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL
FOUNDATION

THE SIR THOMAS
COOKES
LEGACY SOCIETY

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?



YOUR PRESENT, THEIR FUTURE

Founded in 1553, and re-endowed by Sir Thomas Cookes in 1693, Bromsgrove School is one of the oldest schools in the country with a long and distinguished history. We continue to draw on our past, remaining true to our core values whilst ensuring that the education provided is dynamic, progressive and rooted in the care for the individual. We are inspired, not constrained by our history.

We believe that the broad education they enjoy at School, prepares young people to go on to lead motivated, moral and fulfilled lives in the future. As with so many of their predecessors, our aim is that Old Bromsgrovians will share the talents and qualities they have developed at School, in partnership with parents, and use them to enrich the lives of others, regardless of the paths they choose to follow.

When they join us, some Bromsgrove pupils are at the very start of their educational journey whilst others are within a few years of making their way confidently in the rapidly changing world. We have day pupils and boarders; for some home is very close by, whilst others have travelled across the world to learn with us; there are a wide variety of subject and course options including A level, International Baccalaureate and BTEC. Whatever their chosen ambitions and passions, be they members of the Nursery, the Pre-Preparatory, the Preparatory School or Senior School, we value every pupil as an individual and seek to find personal pathways for them to find success and fulfil their potential.

By giving a legacy to Bromsgrove School Foundation, you can choose to support children who might not otherwise be able to attend the School, regardless of financial circumstances.

What Bromsgrove Means to Me...

"Ten family members have been educated at Bromsgrove and it seems to improve generation after generation. There can be no doubt the School has maximised the potential of our children both educationally and as individuals. They love it! If only everyone had the same opportunity."

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

There are powerful reasons why all those with a connection to Bromsgrove should remember the School in their will. Most people who leave a gift to Bromsgrove are happy to support 'where the need is greatest'. This allows us the opportunity to use your gift where it will have the most impact, usually our 'Life-Changing Bursaries' scheme. However, we welcome specific gifts covering all areas of School life.

RECOGNITION

All those who have pledged a legacy to Bromsgrove are invited to join The Sir Thomas Cookes Society, an association which is held in deep respect and affection by everyone at the School.

Sir Thomas Cookes re-founded the School in 1693 and provided the financial endowment that would see the School begin to flourish on its current site.

Members of the society are invited to an annual lunch with the Headmaster and Chair of the Foundation, and their names are recorded on the Donor Tree.

What Bromsgrove Means to Me...

"We could all list a thousand different answers, as every pupil has an individual experience to tell of. Experiences that include sport, music, art, drama, Combined Cadet Force, the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and within the House system – but most importantly the friends and staff that are there with you. These things are what have guided me through School and will continue to do so throughout life."





ARRANGING YOUR LEGACY

Bromsgrove School and its Foundation are registered charities, which means that bequests are deductible for estate tax purposes, subject to your country of residence.

If you have already made a will, it can be amended with a codicil to include Bromsgrove School Foundation.

When making a bequest in your will, please note that the beneficiary should be listed as Bromsgrove School Foundation, registered charity number 1118435.

If you are registered with the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) in the UK, you can nominate Bromsgrove School Foundation as a beneficiary through their Expression of Wishes form.

We strongly advise that you consult your legal advisor before drafting a new will or updating an existing one.

REMEMBER A CHARITY

We are working with the organisation, Remember A Charity, which will help you to find a solicitor in your area. There's also lots of advice available about how to leave a gift to a charity or update an existing will. For further information, please visit www.rememberacharity.org.uk/

**REMEMBER A CHARITY
IN YOUR WILL**
Help the work live on...

TYPES OF LEGACIES

There are a number of different types of legacy:

A Residuary Legacy

This allows you to leave all or a percentage share of your estate after debts, other legacies and liabilities have been met. This has the advantage of automatically keeping up with inflation.

A Monetary Legacy

You can also choose to leave a sum of money, also known as a pecuniary legacy, which you can arrange to be increased in line with inflation.

A Specific Legacy

This is the gift of something valuable like property, a piece of jewellery or stocks and shares. The form of wording is the same as a pecuniary gift, except that the gift is specified instead of a cash sum.

A Reversionary Legacy

This enables dependents to be put first as beneficiaries of the will. They enjoy the assets during their lifetime then the legacy reverts to Bromsgrove upon their death. Your solicitor or legal advisor will be able to provide you with wording for this form of legacy.

THE NEXT STEPS

We understand that your first priority will be family, however, we hope that you might then consider leaving a gift to support future generations of Bromsgrovians. If you wish to inform us of your intended legacy, please complete the reply form.

This will ensure that we record you as a member of the legacy society and invite you to future events.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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CONFIDENTIAL REPLY FORM – LEGACIES

Title:

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Years at School: Start - End - House:

I would like my legacy to support:

- ☐ Wherever the need is greatest
- ☐ Bursaries
- ☐ Learning Facilities/Department
- ☐ A House
- ☐ Another area
- ☐ Please tick this box if you wish your legacy to be anonymous

If you would like to inform us of the approximate value of your intended legacy, please use the space below.

