

Write or update your will for free and help us change young people’s lives through education.

With our Free Will Service our professional partners can help you write or update your will for free and protect your wishes.

It’s easy. It’s free. We cover the cost and hope you will remember us by pledging a gift to Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation in your will.

There are many types of gift you can leave in your will:

Residuary: *A share of your estate after you have provided for your loved ones.*

Pecuniary: *A set amount of money*

Specific: *A gift of an item such as a watch, car or house.*



Over a third
of our bursaries are funded by gifts left in wills.



£30,000
could support a local pupil or refugee attend the School for Sixth Form through a means-tested bursary.



£120,000
could endow a means-tested bursary.

Any gift you leave, big or small, will be gratefully received and help transform the lives of future generations of young people.

Your use of the Free Will Service will make a positive impact whether you are 21 or 81.



Scan this QR Code to find out more and start making your will for free.

John used our Free Will Service and pledged 10% of his estate to Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation.

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I used the Free Will Service. I am leaving a gift in my will because of the support I received to come to Durham School as a young man.

After my time at School, and the experiences I had there, I went into teaching, and though I retired from that career some years ago, I still volunteer with young people today.

Having worked with children all my life, why not support future generations when I’m gone?

I hope my legacy could encourage people touched by their time at School to realise they can pass the opportunities they had, and many better ones, on to the next generation.

I’ve done well, thanks to a good education, good luck and, at times, hard work. I can’t give away my good luck, but I can help others to have the same start in life I enjoyed.

Leaving a residuary gift in your will is a great way to do this, as your gift does not lose value over the years - and believe me I have no intentions of hanging up my fishing rod just yet!

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Your pledge makes progress possible. Gifts in wills help to fund bursaries for one in seven of our pupils across the Foundation.

Since 2015 our Burkitt Scholarship programme alone has provided help and support to over 50 young people to help them attend Durham School in the Sixth Form. Of these pupils all have gone on to higher education, with many receiving further support from the fund to go on to Oxbridge.

Gifts in wills, especially residual gifts, provide life-changing opportunities for young people at Durham School and Chorister School. They needn’t be complicated or cause delay in beneficiaries receiving your support after you are gone!

Here are five reasons you might want to act now - although we always encourage people to speak to a solicitor or will-writer first.

1. Tax – Any gift to charity from your estate is tax-free but by giving 10%+, your estate can qualify for a reduced IHT rate (36% instead of 40%).

2. Impact – When people leave a % gift or residual amount, the value is often around 10x a fixed gift. So for those who want to maximise their impact and shape the world long after they are gone, it can be a special way to do it.



3. Family first – A residual gift can be an easy way to ensure you get your gifts for family or loved ones in first, with any charitable donations coming in after that.

4. Monetary values change - The value of money changes over time, particularly with rising inflation, so a residual gift can help to make sure that your loved ones are taken care of, with a small share going to good causes. Just 1%, 5%, or 10% can go a long way for your favourite charity.

5. Flexibility – A % gift (or share of the estate) can be as small or large as you like. Whatever you decide - set sum or residual amount - it will be hugely valued.

The key is in getting good professional advice for your will and making sure it meets your needs – allowing you to support your family, loved ones and any good causes exactly as you wish.

Read more about the difference your pledge can make at www.dcsf.org.uk/our-community/giving/giving

Free

You save the average
cost of a simple will
(£90)

Expert

You get professional help from one of the UK's
leading will providers

Help

You can help to make a real difference
for future generations of young people.

< Open to find out more

Write or update your will today for free
using our Free Will Service with Octopus Legacy

Henry Burkitt was a pupil from Bishop Auckland who came to Durham School in 1926. A member of School House, he went on to study at both Cambridge and Oxford universities.

Like many of his generation, he fought in the Second World War. Henry served in India and the Far East. After the war, he returned to Durham before entering the civil service where he had a long and distinguished career in Whitehall.

Henry was in his early 70s when he died in 1985. In his will, he set up a fund which now provides much-needed bursaries for academic young people without the means to attend Durham School. It also provides further support should they follow Henry's footsteps and go to Oxford or Cambridge.

Since 1985, between three to six people each year have been given a Burkitt scholarship. Henry's legacy, now in its fourth decade, has changed the lives of nearly 200 young people - and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Like Henry, your legacy can make all the difference to those that follow you at Durham School or Chorister School.



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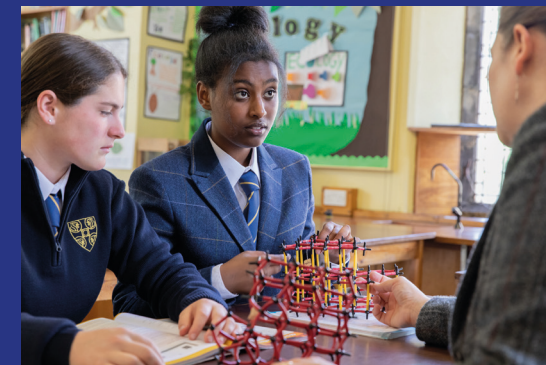
And now it's even easier to make a lasting impact. If you already have a will, next time you update it, please consider adding a gift to Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation (Reg Charity 1023407).

If you don't yet have a will, why not look at our Free Will Service - in partnership with Octopus Legacy:

- Write your will online: You can write your will for free in as little as 15 minutes through their step-by-step process, and each will is checked over by their team of legal experts. Start your will online here today: <http://tinyurl.com/DCSFWills2024>
- Book an appointment with a solicitor: You can also write or update your will over the phone or in person with a solicitor. Simply call the team on 0800 773 4014 and quote 'Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation'.

While many of our supporters choose to leave a special gift in their will, there is no obligation to do so if you wish to use the service.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss leaving a gift in your will, call 0191 731 9270 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/DCSFWills2024>



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