

The 1553 Guild – Pledging a Legacy



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Legacies to the Bridewell Foundation have been vital to our founding mission over the centuries, enabling us to provide bursaries for children in need of a boarding school education and pastoral care. This need continues today at King Edward's Witley.

John Attwater, Headmaster

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Please consider a legacy to the Bridewell Foundation and join the 1553 Guild of legacy pledgers. 1553 Guild members receive a certificate acknowledging their pledge from the Headmaster and an invitation to an annual exclusive event.

As a registered charity (no. 311997) a legacy to the Bridewell Foundation is in most instances tax free and if you leave 10% or more of your taxable estate to charity then you will qualify for a reduced rate of inheritance tax.

For further information about pledging a legacy please contact the Development Office tel: 01428 686773 and email: development@kesw.org

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We all want to look after our loved ones first and having done so we would like you to consider a legacy to the Bridewell Foundation to support King Edward's Witley and to help us continue in our founding mission of providing for the education and care of young people.

What your legacy can do

Unrestricted legacies to the Bridewell Foundation of King Edward's Witley allow the Headmaster and Governors to support areas of greatest need in the School now and in the future. However we do appreciate that you may wish to stipulate a particular area for support. Some options include supporting bursaries to help young people in need benefit from our boarding school education and pastoral care, or contributing towards new or improved School buildings and facilities, generally or in a specific area.

Type of gift

There are different types of bequests, from a specific sum of money to a percentage of your estate once other bequests have been made. Your legacy may be in the form of money or financial assets, such as shares or property.

Our Development Manager would be happy to discuss these with you but we recommend that you seek professional advice from a solicitor when making or changing your will.

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We recognise that a legacy to King Edward's is a special kind of gift. Whatever the motivation, a legacy creates a lasting tie between the donor and the School and is something that will always be remembered. We would like to recognise and thank every person who pledges a legacy to the School by inviting them to join the 1553 Guild, our Benefactor group, whose members are invited to an annual special event at King Edward's Witley. You may choose to remain anonymous but it is still useful if you inform us of your intentions which will remain in the strictest confidence.

"I was one of those children greatly in need of boarding school education. I started at the school in 1954 and for the next seven years it was my place of stability. I owe my faith, my education and my ideals to King Edward's and I would like others to benefit in the same way."

Old Witleian 1954–61 and 1553 Guild member

"I know that I was not alone in terms of need. I would ask that others who have also prospered as a result of the education they received at KESW, pledge to help future generations".

Old Witleian 1959–66 and 1553 Guild member

"The Bridewell Foundation truly is a foundation for life, not just in education but all aspects of the construction of wonderful characters that come and go through our School. I have made lifelong friends here for sure and made many memories along the way. When I have my kids one day I hope that they can come to King Edward's to understand why I would always say to them that this really is an amazing school.

I feel honoured to have had the privilege of being a pupil at King Edward's Witley and I am determined to do all that I can to enable others to enjoy the same advantages that I have had".

Current Upper Sixth pupil

For further information or an informal discussion please contact: Mrs Emma Harrison, Development Manager, on tel: 01428 686773 & Email: development@kesw.org

Or visit the Legacies section on our website on: www.kesw.org/Make-a-gift