



# BURY

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

## ROGER KAY LEGACY SOCIETY



Preserving the past...Protecting the future

## A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

Bury Grammar School exists owing to a long and honourable tradition of benefaction by previous generations. Henry Bury in the sixteenth century, and Roger Kay in the eighteenth, knew that they had been fortunate in life, and through their generosity they ensured that generations to come, who might not be so fortunate, would be blessed with the priceless opportunity of a fine education.

As the School has grown, that initial vision has provided funds for both the expansion of the campus, with the provision of ever-improving facilities, and the creation of more bursary places for pupils whose families would otherwise be unable to send them here. This development has been made possible only by continuing that tradition of benefaction, within which legacies from Old Boys and Old Girls have played an indispensable part.

All of our pupils, past and present, owe some element of their education to the generosity of those who walked the corridors before them; and each new gift that we receive forges another link in a chain of generosity, inherited from the past, which will continue to secure our future. **We therefore ask you to consider remembering the School in your Will.**

By recognising in this way all that Bury Grammar School means to you, you will help us to maintain our tradition of excellence in education, and bring lasting benefits to generations of future pupils. We have a proud past, and with your help can look to a still greater future. We would be extremely grateful if you would consider supporting us in this way.

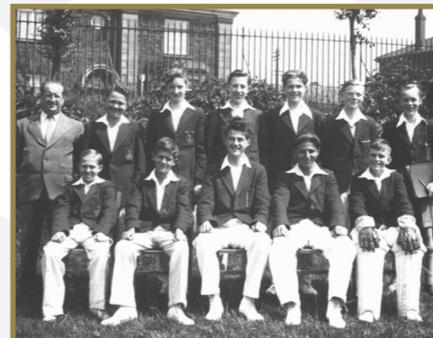


## MAKING A LASTING GIFT

At BGS, we understand that protecting the interests of your family and friends must be your first priority. However, we hope that the time you spent at BGS had an immensely positive influence upon your life and career. Your bequest could provide much needed help for our Bursary Funding, or the improvement of buildings and facilities. This act of generosity will ensure that others will have the same advantages that you enjoyed.

It will also give you the opportunity to:-

- *Leave your legacy*
- *Give something back to your School*
- *Make a contribution that may have been impossible in your lifetime*
- *Reduce Inheritance Tax on your estate.*



## THE ROGER KAY SOCIETY

### *Our way of saying "thank you"*

Should you choose to leave a legacy to Bury Grammar School, you will be welcomed as a member of The Roger Kay Society, named after our early benefactor. The members of this special group will be acknowledged and thanked during their lifetimes.

At our annual lunch, members will have the opportunity to share their interests and memories with like-minded friends, meet the pupils and Headteachers, hear about our plans for the future and experience some wonderful entertainment.

You will also be included on our invitation list to all major School events.

Membership is discreet and confidential and anonymity will be respected if wished.

## A PLEDGE FOR THE FUTURE

With your help we can preserve our rich tradition of education and continue to achieve excellence and to create opportunity in an ever expanding world. Pledging a gift to BGS will cost you nothing today, but will leave a lasting legacy for generations of pupils to come.

We should be most grateful if you would let us know your intentions by completing the Pledge Form in the back of this booklet. Your reply will be treated in the strictest confidence. If you already have a Will and would like to make a bequest to BGS please contact your Solicitor to complete a Codicil. **If we can help you with this please do let us know.**

## TAX ADVANTAGE

BGS is a registered charity, therefore all legacies and lifetime gifts to the School are free of Inheritance Tax; this can greatly assist with Estate Planning by reducing any tax payable by your estate.



## WHERE WE NEED HELP

If you would like to leave a legacy for a specific part of the School, or for a bursary, we should be delighted to discuss this with you to ensure that we fully understand your wishes.

The School is constantly evolving and our needs change, so gifts which are not dedicated specifically are extremely valuable and will enable us to channel resources to areas where the need is most pressing.

## THANK YOU

Your gift can do wonderful things at BGS; it will help us build upon our strengths, our way of education, our unique environment and our distinct values. No gift is too small to be valuable to us; all are welcome, gratefully acknowledged and spent wisely.

*Thank you for having the will to give.*

## MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS....



Founders' Day



Swimming Pool



Roger Kay Hall



Buckley Wells



Cologne Exchange



Bury Parish Church



Gym



Miss Batty's Dog



Sports Day



Headmistress' Office



School Songs

For more pictures and memories visit the [BGS Digital Archive](#) page on our website. Among the memories which evoke many emotions are the School Songs. Please visit the School website and you can listen to the Boys' and the Girls' School Songs. [www.burygrammar.com/Alumni](http://www.burygrammar.com/Alumni)

## WHAT A LEGACY CAN HELP US ACHIEVE.... OUR MORE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS



Arts Centre



6th Form Centre



Kindergarten



Sports Pitches



Dance & Fitness Studio



Upgraded Sports Hall facilities

## BURSARY SUPPORT

Through our Bursary Fund, we endeavour to provide as many talented young people as possible from low-income families with the life-changing opportunity of a BGS education, by contributing wholly or partly to their school fees. Sponsoring bursary pupils is not only essential to the success of our School, but it also means that the most academically gifted children, regardless of means, can benefit from the type of education we provide. Through legacy gifts, we have been able to supply hundreds of bursaries over the years.

## CLIFFORD BILLINGS 1923 -2016

The development of our Sports Pitches and the upgrade of the Sports Hall facilities have been made possible through the enormous generosity of Old Boy, Clifford Billings.

Clifford remained close to his School and passionately believed in the type of education we have to offer. In addition to his generous contributions to the expansion of our campus over the years, Clifford also helped several boys complete their education with BGSB through our Bursary Scheme.

We are indebted to this true gentleman and his legacy will continue to enrich the educational experience of our pupils for generations to come.



## WHAT BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL MEANS TO ME....

Sanctus Clavis Fores Aperit. The Bury Grammar Schools are very special. I want them to be able to pass on that Key which opens the Holy Doors of Wisdom and Understanding to future generations of Bury youngsters. My commitment to the Legacy Fund will help to ensure that future. Please join me.

**Janet Lawley, Headmistress 1986-1998**

The Bury Grammar Schools have been a huge part of my life. Our traditional values and extensive educational opportunities give the pupils the greatest foundations for life. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to see our youngest children develop into mature and confident young adults who make a positive contribution to our society. My legacy will provide the treasured gift of education to a child of the future.

**Diana Robinson, Head of Kindergarten 1984-2009, Chairman of the Old Girls' Association**

We are always proud to say we were educated at the Bury Grammar Schools and appreciative of the grounding we were given for life. It has been most pleasing to return many years later to see how well the Schools have developed into thriving places of education, adequately matched to these modern times in both the sciences and the arts. The development of the musical education is spectacular and has resulted year after year in most excellent concerts and shows. We wish that it had been like that in our day.

**Raymond Bennett 1952-58 and Elaine Bennett 1953-58**

Our future was determined when we met, aged five, in Kindergarten. Since then Bury Grammar School has remained at the very heart of our lives. Our commitment has been further strengthened by the shared pride and joy as our children flourished at BGS, as our grandchildren do now. We deeply value the friendships forged at BGS; the spirit of our youth and warm affection for our School is evident to this day. We know we are fortunate. Repaying the advantages that BGS gave us is important and our legacy is a simple, yet essential way, of handing on the baton.

**Derek and Barbara Calrow, former pupils, former Governor and Chairman of Development Committee**

I have been involved with Bury Grammar School for most of my life, from a young boy of ten to a schoolmaster retiring after some thirty years of teaching. I owe the School a great debt of gratitude for the education I received and I am glad of the opportunity to help others benefit in the same way. It has been most rewarding over the years to meet with former pupils and see how their time at Bury Grammar School prepared them for their future careers and future success. The Legacy Fund ensures that the School will continue to open its 'sacred doors' for years to come.

**Geoff Bennett, Old Boy, Master and Past President of the Old Boys' Association**

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*From the past to the present - we thank you*

By pledging to leave a bequest, you will be recognising all that Bury Grammar School means to you and contributing to the lives of future generations of pupils.

*Sanctas Clavis Fores Aperit*