



Culford

Leave a Gift to Culford

**YOUR LEGACY CAN CHANGE THE LIVES
OF FUTURE GENERATIONS**





Do all the good you can, by all the means you can

These words, attributed to **John Wesley**, underline the Methodist principles on which Culford School and the East Anglian School were founded. You are amongst many who have enjoyed, and benefitted from, all that Culford offers: the education, the friendships, the setting and the facilities.

You are part of the school's history and you can be part of its future too.

Like you, I want to see Culford continue to thrive, competing at a high level academically whilst remaining distinctive and inclusive; being competitive in so many sports and able to attract and retain talented pupils and the best staff to underpin all these things, irrespective of background or means.

Remembering Culford in your Will, is one of the most personal and significant ways you can help safeguard the long-term future of

Culford. With your help we can continue to provide life-changing opportunities for young people who require financial support as well as maintaining and preserving the historic park and buildings. You can do this without it costing you anything in your lifetime.

It is one of the most meaningful ways of making a lasting impact and one for which we are incredibly grateful. I hope you are inspired to join us and make a difference to the future of Culford by leaving a gift in your Will.

Claire Bentley Head

Why leave a gift to Culford?

As Culford is a registered charity (No. 1142794), some choose to give to the school during their lifetime, through one-off gifts, regular donations or sponsorship. Other people prefer to make their final legacy a tribute to Culford and a gift in your Will is one of the most significant ways in which you can help the school and future pupils.

Your loved ones must always come first but please consider adding Culford as an additional beneficiary by giving a percentage of your estate or by considering the other types of legacy detailed on page 8. You are remembering and supporting a cause close to your heart by committing a gift to the school. Even 1% can have a serious impact.

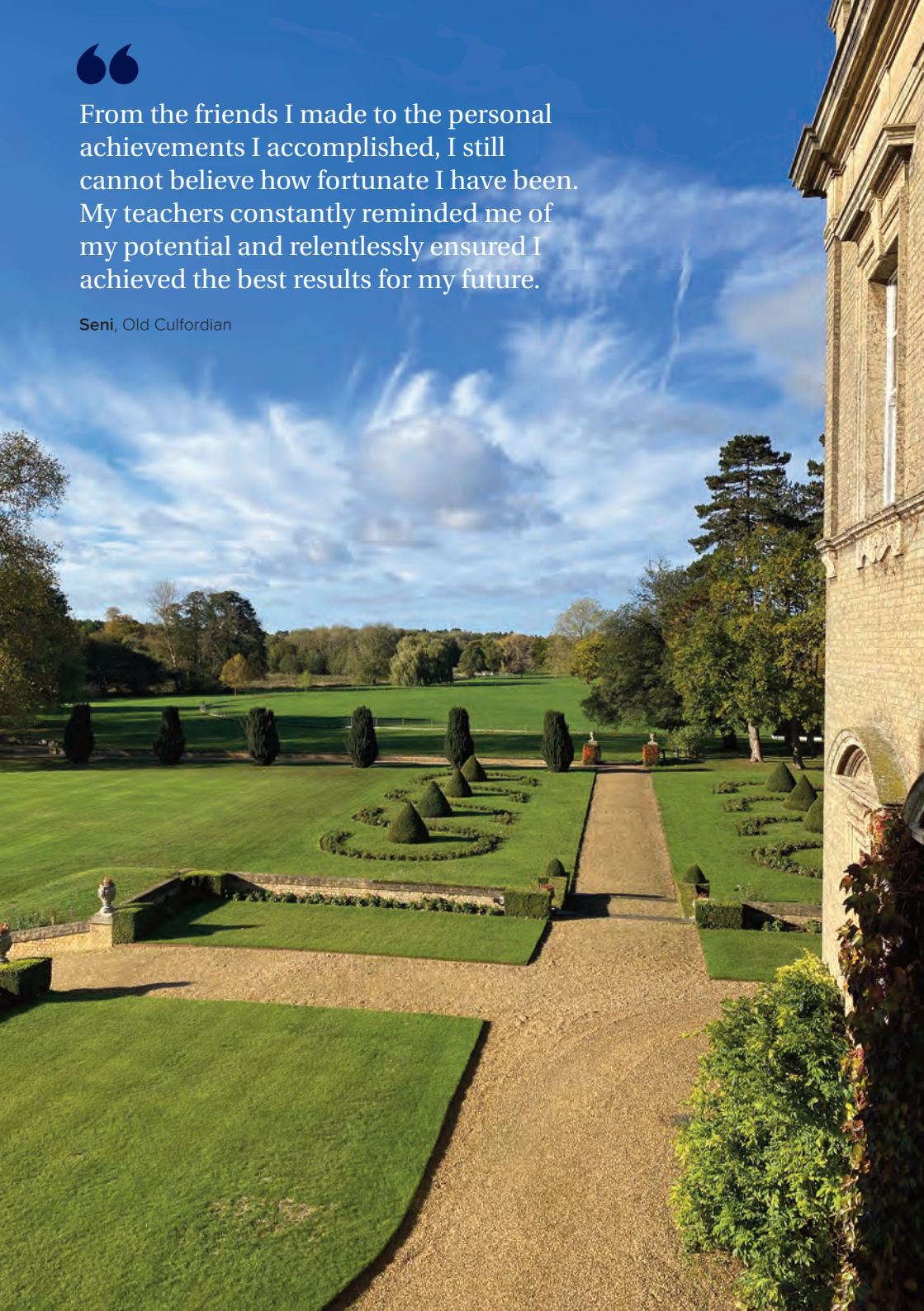






From the friends I made to the personal achievements I accomplished, I still cannot believe how fortunate I have been. My teachers constantly reminded me of my potential and relentlessly ensured I achieved the best results for my future.

Seni, Old Culfordian



What will be the impact of my gift?

Your gift will directly support Culford, whether you choose for the school to use it where it needs it most or whether you would prefer it to be used for a particular purpose.

Culford does not have an endowment or capital fund and, while fees cover the day-to-day running of the school, we want to ensure that this special place is financially secure for the future.

The days of Government Assisted Places, County Awards and Church Bursary schemes have long passed. Today, it falls to the school and its benefactors to fund bursaries. By leaving a gift in your Will, you can help young people realise their potential so they go on to make a positive difference in the world.

In 2022/2023 three pupils received 100% bursaries and a further 67 pupils received means-tested bursary awards, totalling £760,000. Benefactors have supported pupils whose family circumstances have changed, so they can continue their education at Culford.

As the custodian of Culford, the school has a responsibility to preserve and maintain the historic buildings and 480 acres of parkland of which we are so proud. Many buildings and resources have been funded thanks to the philanthropy of Old Culfordians and friends of the school. A gift in your Will can ensure this beautiful place will be enjoyed by generations to come.



Did you know?

Culford School is a registered charity (No. 1142794) and as such any legacies made to Culford School are exempt from UK Inheritance Tax.

Any donation will be taken off the value of your estate before Inheritance Tax is calculated or, if 10% or more of your estate is left to charity your Inheritance Tax rate is reduced.

The Inheritance Tax threshold is usually reviewed in the UK Government Budget each year and information on the current level is always available from: www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax

We recommend you seek professional legal advice regarding your Will.



Types of Legacy

There are various types of legacy that you may wish to consider and professional advice will help you choose the most appropriate.

Residuary The remainder of, or a specific percentage of the value of your estate is left to Culford School after you have provided for your loved ones.

Pecuniary A specific amount of money is left to Culford School.

Conditional Your estate would pass to Culford School in the eventuality that no named beneficiary survives you.

Specific This leaves items of value other than sums of money, such as stocks and shares, property or jewellery to Culford School. In many cases, the school would seek to realise the value of the gift, if permitted by the terms of the Will.



Thanks

The 1935 Society



The decisions you make about your Will are a personal matter but we would like to thank you and recognise your support if you intend to remember Culford in your wishes.

Once you notify us of your intention to leave a gift to Culford, you will be invited to become a member of The 1935 Society. Named after the year the school moved to Culford, members are invited to events throughout the year as well as the annual 1935 Society lunch with the Head.

How to leave a Gift in your Will

If you have decided to leave a gift to Culford School, here is a quick summary of what you will need to do, in conjunction with your solicitor.

- 1.** Decide how you would like your legacy to benefit Culford School.
- 2.** Decide what sort of legacy you intend to leave.
- 3.** Contact your solicitor and inform them of your decision. An example of the wording they will need to use for a residuary legacy is given here:

“I give free of tax ...% of my estate to Culford School of Culford, Bury St Edmunds, IP28 6TX (Registered Charity No. 1142794).

I declare that the receipt of the proper officer of the said Culford School for the time being will be a full and sufficient discharge of said legacy.”

4. Please complete the Legacy Notification Form and send it to the Foundation Office at Culford School. This is not a legally binding document. You will be entitled to join The 1935 Society, if you wish, and this will enable us to thank you during your lifetime for the legacy you are planning to make.

5. If you have already made your Will and now want to make an alteration to it, you will need to complete a codicil form and send it to your solicitor.

Please contact Samantha Salisbury in the Foundation Office if you have any queries about the process or would like to discuss leaving a legacy for a special purpose.

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