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1837 Society

YOUR LEGACY, THEIR FUTURE



Your Will, Your Legacy

Inspiring the future generation of Wellingtonians



In the immortal tone of Marks and Spencer...this isn't just any education. And a Wellington experience is not just any opportunity. Indeed, we are unlike any other community I have come across. We have ambitions for the school that place us at the vanguard of educational practice around the world; it is a dream and challenge that our community deserves and a reality we are planning for. Wellington's family ethos, grounded roots, love and deep appreciation of our individual diversity provides a much needed launchpad from which young people can access audacious dreams of their own. Life is too short not to think big and aim high.

Giving and donating in any way goes directly to those who need it the most. It opens doors. It changes lives. Our sincere thanks for anything you can do to help; a deep gratitude that will most keenly be felt by those whose life possibilities are changed forever because of it.

Thank you so very much.

Best wishes,

Alex Battison
Head

A Bursary Student's Journey

Charlie Pemberton (Foxes / Beech '16)

Bursary recipient and currently studying for a PhD at Cambridge University.

Coming to Wellington meant the world. I'm from an underprivileged background and had a significantly tough childhood. To put it bluntly: I came with a hefty amount of baggage. Nevertheless, Wellington (and specifically Mr Pearce) decided to take a punt on me.

After taking the entrance exam and having a scholarship interview, I received an academic bursary of 66.6% (two thirds) from Wellington, the other third paid for by an independent charity. Around half way through my schooling, I was also awarded a music exhibition to help with singing lessons. When home circumstances became difficult during my application for Cambridge, they also funded my boarding. At every hurdle – be it financial, pastoral or otherwise - Wellington delivered.

I am studying for a PhD in Classics at Newnham College, University of Cambridge, alongside being a choral scholar at Selwyn. The lifestyle is demanding but infinitely rewarding. The ambition and drive which Wellington fostered in me has proved invaluable.

Without Wellington, I would not be where I am today. It may sound a tad hyperbolic to some, but I really do owe the school my life.

I view several members of staff and the school collectively as a family. I came to the school as a (very small) bundle of potential, but that potential needed support, guidance and stability in order to flourish. Wellington provided all this, and so much more.



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Our Future

Wellington's ethos rests on three principles: building outstanding relationships, the pursuit of excellence and a love of learning.

There is a strong sense of community across the school and we hold dear values such as kindness, inclusivity, equality and empathy. From our relationships flow a strong sense of belonging, and we want children of all ages to feel known, valued and understood.

We believe that children who feel safe and secure at school will feel empowered to excel, to be the best they can be. Supportive staff encourage students to aim high and to work hard as they strive for their goals. Excellence is distinct and unique to every individual, and getting things right in the end often means taking risks and making mistakes along the way. We aren't afraid of that.

Curiosity and a desire to engage with the world are central to our approach to learning. Achieving the best possible grades is obviously crucial, but we believe that there is a lot more to a premium quality education than measurable academic outcomes. Our remarkable co-curricular programme offers students of all ages and abilities the opportunity to get involved, and we want every child to develop those personal skills they will need to thrive in a competitive and increasingly complex world.

We are a proudly process-oriented school. While celebrating the outstanding achievements of our students, our focus is on the processes which yield these great results. School should be a joyful time and youngsters ought to feel confident as they grow into adults. Wellingtonians go on to do great things; they leave us confident but not arrogant, ambitious but not entitled.



Capital Projects

Projects such as the **Corner Capital Project** that enabled us to have a new café and re-vamp the astro turf pitch have enabled the School to stay ahead of the game and plan strategically for the future. School buildings in a school such as Wellington need constant upkeep to preserve them in trust for future generations and there is a need to invest in new facilities so we can offer the best we can in in technology and environment. Today schools cannot rely solely on fees and it is for this reason that we are asking for your help by considering leaving a gift to Wellington in your will.

Bursaries

We are able to support those not able to afford school fees, through the provision of fully funded bursaries, means tested bursaries and hardship support. A bursary can have a transformational impact on a young person's life. They help to broaden access offering more children the opportunity to experience the Wellington Community, just as you did.



“Hakim’s dreams and aspirations have been fulfilled by a bursary opportunity from Wellington School, and his future possibilities are now endless.”

Hakim had been studying in local schools in inner city London and faced many challenges due to high levels of anti-social behaviour within the local community. Hakim was an intelligent child and his mother helped him as much as she could, by enrolling him in private tuition.

“A bursary from Wellington School changed everything and paved the way for Hakim’s transformation in a way that no other educational establishments in our local boroughs could match.”

Hakim has embraced all the opportunities offered at Wellington and taken part in a vast array of cocurricular activities (CCF, rugby, cricket, basketball) - activities which he had only previously dreamed of! These activities have already helped Hakim gain a huge amount of confidence in himself whilst also allowing him to forge incredible friendships along the way. Academically, he is flourishing and developing into an excellent student who has aspirations to pursue an Oxbridge future. As a boarder, he has thrown himself into the life of the School, loves coming back after the holidays and is a fantastic ambassador for the School and a mentor to the younger children. He has a strong sense of social responsibility and hopes to be able to contribute significantly to society in the future and give back to the community.

“Hakim is in a very safe environment far from the London streets where crime, gangs and stabbings are a constant reality. This has indeed transformed our family lifestyle as a whole and it is humbling and extremely comforting to know that there are people and organisations who want to support and help others. We will always be grateful for this opportunity.”





Your Legacy

A gift in your Will costs nothing in your lifetime but from the moment you pledge you know you are making a difference to the future of the school. A legacy gift need not be large to make a difference. Gifts at any level are valued and endowed gift can make your support go even further.

As a registered charity bequest to the Foundation are currently exempt from UK Inheritance Tax. As a result of this legacy gifts have the potential to reduce the tax burden on your family whilst maximising the benefit of the gift to the school.

Of course, writing a Will is a deeply personal matter at the heart of which is your desire to help the people closest to you, but it also means by which you might continue to shape the future for generations to come.

We are asking you to support Wellington for what the School can become in the future.

1837: Your Legacy, Their Future

Recognising your support

If you do include Wellington in your Will, please do let us know. This will help us plan for the future and enable us to thank you for your support. Any information you give us will be treated in strict confidence and does not involve you in any binding commitment. We will recognise your generosity by inviting you to membership of the **1837 Society**.

Each member of the 1837 Society with their partner will receive an invitation to the annual 1837 event as well as other key events in the school year. Membership of the society is entirely voluntary and we only publish names with your express permission. All sizes of legacies are vital to the School's future. Even the smallest legacy can make a real difference and leave an impact beyond your lifetime. We very much hope that you will wish to support the School in this way and become a member of this exclusive and very special donors society.

What a legacy can do for Wellington

A gift in your Will is a simple way of helping Wellington School to fund its future. Examples of expenditure that the School is considering today, with the support of philanthropic giving, include:

£5,000

A gift of £5,000 could help towards the cost of extras for bursary students

£10,000

A gift of £10,000 could support an annual lecture in your name

£25,000

A gift of £25,000 could help towards the cost of extras for bursary students

£50,000

A gift of £50K could assist with the refurbishment of a science laboratory

£75,000

A gift of £75,000 could create a new social space

£100,000

A gift of £100,000 could cover the cost of a Sixth Form Bursary Award in your name

£250,000

A gift of £250K could help towards to cost of a new science laboratory

£500,000

A gift of £500,000 could full fund a bursary award, or the complete refurbishment and upgrade of a boarding house



Your Pledge

There are several ways to remember Wellington in your will:

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| Residuary | Once family and friends have been provided for the remainder or a percentage of your Estate is donated. |
| Pecuniary | A fixed sum of money. |
| Specific | A specific or in-kind bequest for instance property stocks and shares works of art or antiques. |
| Reversionary | A legacy gift which allows named individuals to benefit from your estate during their lifetime after which the designated assets will be given to Wellington School. |

However, if you decide to remember Wellington, we endeavour to follow your wishes and intentions wherever possible. We recommend you seek legal advice where appropriate.

Your application



I/we (full name/s)

Postal address

Email address

Years at Wellington School

House

Please tick the appropriate boxes

I/We would like the following names to be **included** in published donator lists

I/We would prefer to **remain anonymous** and not be included in published donator lists

I/We would like our gifts to be used as follows:

Unrestricted - to be used as the School requires

Other - please provide details below

Bursaries - long term support via Wellington School Bursary fund

Capital Projects

Completing this section is optional but will help us to assess donations and areas of interest

I/We have made provision for

in my/our Wills

I/We intend to make provision for

in my/our Wills

The current value of our gift is £



Access our online form

Signed

Date





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