

Our existence and continuing success as a leading academically-selective boys' school owe much to the foresight and generosity of past generations of benefactors including Old Redingensians, teachers, parents and Governors. Thanks to recent gifts and bequests the School has been able to improve the buildings and facilities on its historic campus but we must find new money to maintain and conserve the precious Grade II listed architecture that we remember from our own days at Reading School, so that the Victorian buildings remain fit for a 21st century education.

Bequests can also help finance our important co- curricular programme, which enriches every boy's education here through a range of activities and experiences that complement classroom teaching and develop personal skills and talents. Every legacy, whether great or small, will help the School and its pupils to thrive and achieve.

Would you consider making a bequest in your will for the School? By leaving a legacy, you can help Reading School to continue its high standards in education, ensuring that our boys benefit today and tomorrow from the best facilities and teaching possible. Your bequest will have a perpetual impact on future generations creating those fine young men of tomorrow.

All bequests to the School will be held by the Reading Foundation an independent registered charity that holds the School's assets including its property and premises in trust for future generations. The trustees of the Foundation steward, invest and manage funds including legacies and make substantial grants to Reading School to finance buildings, facilities and awards that provide the finest education for boys.



The Benefit to You & Your Heirs

Making a will ensures that you control what happens to all your possessions after death, and after providing for your family and loved ones, you may want to help causes and institutions you were involved with during your lifetime. Such bequests ensure that your support of the important causes you care deeply about, like Reading School, continues long into the future.

There are also practical advantages to your heirs in making a charitable bequest. As all gifts, including legacies, to UK charities are tax free, leaving a legacy to your favourite charities such as the School will reduce liability to inheritance tax, or remove it completely.

Bequests

There are several types of bequests that you might consider: all will help the School and reduce the taxable value of your estate. The most powerful is a residuary legacy: reversionary and conditional bequests also afford the opportunity to make significant gifts. Pecuniary and specific bequests are perhaps best known. If you decide to make a pecuniary bequest, you may wish to index-link the sum so that your generosity is not eroded by inflation. Further details of all these are on the School's website : www.reading-school.co.uk

If you have already made a will, you can easily include Reading School by means of a codicil, which your solicitor can insert for you. Should you wish to support a particular aspect of the School, such as science, music, sport etc, please do get in touch with us before you make the bequest to ensure that we fully understand your wishes and will be able to carry them out in the future.

Bequests should be made to
The Reading Foundation,
Erleigh Road,
Reading
RG1 5LW
(Reg. Charity No. 294640).

Please return this response slip to

Reading School,
Erleigh Road, Reading
RG15LW

or email: development@reading-school.co.uk

Name:.....

Address:.....

Email:.....

Tel:.....

I have already made a Bequest to Reading School and wish to be part of the Legacy Club:

This bequest is:

Residuary..... Specific.....

Pecuniary..... Conditional.....

Reversionary.....

with a current value of £.....

I intend making a legacy to the School when I revise or make my will. I propose leaving a:

Residuary..... Specific.....

Pecuniary..... Conditional.....

Reversionary.....

legacy with a current value of £.....

I should like to discuss my wishes in confidence

Please ring me on

or email me



A Lasting Legacy So Reading School May Flourish!

The origins of Reading School go back many centuries to the founding of Reading Abbey in 1125, making it one of the oldest schools in England. Refounded as a free, or liberal, grammar school by Henry VII in 1486, it has changed and developed, weathering many challenges throughout the centuries, and recently embraced a new status as an Academy Trust. It remains true to its founding ideal of a liberal, academic education, by educating fine young men for the 21st Century. As a selective, all boys' day and boarding school within the state system, Reading School seeks to be a school that inspires, nurtures integrity and develops open minds in boys so they become responsible members of a global society.

Today, we ask for your help in ensuring a sound and secure future for the School in the coming centuries since we need to continue to change and innovate to meet the challenges ahead. A legacy for Reading School will help us continue the tradition of educating the fine young men of tomorrow.

If you have any questions about the work of Reading School or would like to discuss your intentions in confidence, please call 01189 015600 ext 249 or email development@reading-school.co.uk

Honouring Your Bequest – Our Legacy Club

We will respect any benefactor's wish for anonymity but we would like to acknowledge publicly and with pride our gratitude for legators' generosity during their lifetime. So that we can thank you for your bequest and honour your generosity, all legators will become members of our legacy club. Members are invited to an annual event at School, and will receive special communications to maintain a warm relationship with Reading and to keep up to date with the School's news.

Thank you for your continuing support

Finally, thank you for considering helping us in this very special way. We would like to be able to thank you personally for taking this important decision to leave a legacy, and it will be a great help to our long-term planning to know who has made provision for a bequest.

Returning the attached slip to the Development Office will enable us to do both these, but does not commit you irrevocably in any way.

