

LEGACY GIVING



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WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL
FOUNDATION



Your will, your legacy

Inspiring West Buckland School's future

West Buckland School is unique, with a proud history. Its significance is not measured by reputation, size or wealth alone, but also by the foresight of supporters like you. Your generosity will reach out today and touch many lives in the future.

In 1858 Hugh Fortescue, 2nd Earl Fortescue, his son Viscount Ebrington and the Reverend Joseph Brereton embarked on establishing the Devon County School at West Buckland. Their generosity and vision turned into a legacy that is now West Buckland School. Every former student has benefitted from this philanthropy, and we hope that many of you will share in our wish to offer a life-changing education to others.

Some of the most significant gifts made to West Buckland School have come from legacies. The foresight shown by legacy donors has been transformative for the School. We celebrate the benefactors of the past whilst also focusing on West Buckland School's future. We thank the members of our community for their many ways of showing support to the School, both in experiences and financial support, and we are determined to enable this for generations to come.

We hope to inspire you to include West Buckland School in your Will. You may not have the means to give to West Buckland School in your lifetime. However, by leaving a gift in your Will you can provide for causes close to your heart and make a commitment to your old school which will, in turn, give us the assurance of a more secured future in these uncertain times.



Phillip Stapleton

HEAD

A BURSARY STUDENT JOURNEY



Molly Hanson

2018–2022G
FORMER STUDENT

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I was a bursary student at West Buckland School from Year 10 through to my final year in the sixth form. My story, like a lot of people’s stories, has not been easy. When I was 12, my mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer. In the early days of her illness my days were spent pouring baths, giving injections, calling 999, and later walking up to my local hospice after school. Things were hard, but we did our best, hoping and praying every day that the chemotherapy would work and that somehow, everything would be okay.

The day that I received the letter of confirmation of the funding for my place at West Buckland School was a truly pivotal moment in my life. My mother was ecstatic, I was ecstatic! After almost two years of stress and sadness, finally something good had come! Things were looking up. That September, I moved to West Buckland School for the new academic year, and although the stress from home was still very much prevalent, my life at School was so happy and enjoyable.

However, one month after I joined, my mother lost her battle to cancer. Without a doubt, I was heartbroken but the support I received was overwhelming. I received cards from classmates and teachers who I had known for less than a month. When I eventually came back to School, I was welcomed with a love I never expected, and that every day I was so grateful for. In December the same year, I became a part of the boarding community.

I got involved in all different aspects of school life. Working within the pastoral pillar, playing on the badminton team, and being a member of the School’s Charities Committee were highlights for me. They gave me such a strong sense of belonging, which is one of the things I really valued most here at West Buckland.

The School provided me with a healthy, happy, and balanced life. A place where, as a mixed-race person, I was accepted without question, a place where I had the support I needed to be able to thrive in my studies, a place where I am certain my mother would have wanted me to be, and where I know my father was delighted that I was.

My days were surrounded by the most wonderful people from all over the world, and despite moving school eight times, I have never found a place I have been able to call home as much as Parker’s, the sixth form boarding house. My houseparents played such a crucial role in supporting me when parental support hadn’t always been there in my life.

On World Cancer Day, I had the opportunity to write a piece on my experiences of my mother’s illness and how the school had helped me with my unfortunate situation, which was posted to the entire school community and received overwhelmingly positive feedback.

I am sure you’ve heard many people say this before, but West Buckland isn’t just a school – it’s a way of life. I feel so honoured to have been given the opportunity to study here.

I would like to say thank you both to the School and the Foundation. Truly, thank you so much, a million times over. You changed my life. You gave me the opportunities and the support to be the person I always wanted to be, and to achieve the things I never thought I would be able to.

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MOLLY HANSON
BSC PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT



Our future

West Buckland School offers students an extraordinary education and a world of opportunity beyond. With strong academic achievement, outstanding co-curricular activities and a focus on the all-round support and development of the students, this is a wonderful place to learn. Our students develop into compassionate, confident and enthusiastic young people, ready to make a real difference to the world.

To ensure the best and most influential young minds have the support and challenge they need to develop their potential West Buckland School Foundation supports the School by fundraising for:

CAPITAL PROJECTS such as Parker's Sixth Form Boarding House and the Michael Morpurgo Library and Study Centre; the 150 Art, Design and Technology building and the 150 Drama theatre.

To stay ahead of the game the School plans strategically for the future, looking outwards and asking for help and assistance when required. School buildings need constant upkeep to preserve them in trust for future generations, and there is a need to invest in new facilities so that we can offer the best we can 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 West Buckland School in your Will.

BURSARIES Bursaries 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 West Buckland School, regardless of their family financial situation.



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Graham Harrison

1959–1966C
FORMER STUDENT
PARENT AND GOVERNOR

Without a bursary I would never have been able to go to West Buckland School. I am therefore only too aware of the difference bursaries can make to students who would not normally be able to benefit from everything West Buckland School has to offer. As such, I am delighted to continue to support my old school by making a donation in my Will.

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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 an endowed gift can make your support go even further.

As a registered charity, bequests 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 is also a means by which you might continue to shape the future for generations to come.

We are asking you to make a legacy to West Buckland not because of what the School was in the past or what it is in the present, but what it could be in the future.

Recognising your support

You may wish to support West Buckland School because you feel that it was part of your passport to success in life and you want to give something back, or you want to help students deal with unexpected hardship, to ensure that no-one is denied opportunity for financial reasons, or you may choose to do so simply because you love the place. Whatever your reasons, West Buckland School will be delighted if you make a provision in your Will.

If you do include West Buckland School in your Will, please 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 1858 Society.

Each member, together with their partner, receives an invitation to the annual 1858 Society lunch as well as other key events and celebrations throughout the School year. Membership of the 1858 Society is entirely voluntary and names are not published without 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 to become a member of this exclusive and very special donors' society.

What a legacy could do for West Buckland School

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

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

A gift of **£25,000** could help the school reline the swimming pool

A gift of **£75,000** could support the refurbishment of the Old Gym

A gift of **£250,000** could help the school to refurbish four science laboratories

£5,000

£25,000

£75,000

£250,000

£10,000

£50,000

£100,000

£500,000

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

A gift of **£50,000** could support the running of our wellbeing hub and counsellors working with students for a year

A gift of **£100,000** could cover the cost of a permanent Sixth Form award in your name

A gift of **£500,000** could fully fund a named bursary award, or the renovation of a boarding house



How will my gift be managed?

West Buckland School Foundation oversees the management of donations on behalf of the School, ensuring that funds are either used as per the donor's wishes or invested for the optimum benefit of the School at the time of receipt. The use of any "unrestricted" gift will be determined by the Trustees of the Foundation in consultation with the School.

How can I make a gift in my Will?

Please contact the Foundation office for a confidential conversation. Making a legacy pledge is simply a statement of your present intention. By informing us, by completing the enclosed legacy pledge form, we are able to thank you and your family and celebrate your donation during your lifetime. Your solicitor will be able to advise the best type of legacy for you and add your wishes to your Will using a codicil. Please ensure your legacy is made to: West Buckland School Foundation (Registered Charity No 1096487)

If you would prefer to make a gift to the Foundation for the benefit of West Buckland School during your lifetime, so that you can see the benefits it will provide, we would be delighted to discuss options.

Please do get in touch if you have already included West Buckland School in your Will or are considering leaving the School a legacy. We look forward to welcoming you to the 1858 Society and thanking you for your support.

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Tabitha Osborne-Fox

NÉE FOX
1996–2009F
FORMER STUDENT

West Buckland School has had a profound effect on my life. It's a great pleasure to be able to pledge a gift in my Will to help students of the future enjoy the education I received.

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How will my gift be used?

Legacy donations support opening up a world of opportunities to children irrespective of their background or the development of the School estate for future generations. If you have a specific preference or passion we look forward to discussing this with you.



The Roland Bailey Sixth Form Award

Roland Bailey came to West Buckland School from 1956-1961 and was in the Fortescue. Roland left a legacy to the Foundation and wished it to be used for bursaries. In line with Roland's interests, his generous legacy has been invested and the income from the investment is being used to help support a talented Sport or Art Scholar coming into the sixth form at West Buckland School.



Michael Downward
1979–1997
FORMER HEAD

I am leaving a legacy to the Foundation because of what I value highly. Young people are valuable; education is valuable; West Buckland is valuable.



Your pledge

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO REMEMBER WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL IN YOUR WILL

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 life time, after which the designated assets will be given to West Buckland School.

However you decide to remember West Buckland School, we endeavour to follow your wishes and intentions wherever possible. We recommend that you seek advice from your solicitor to ensure that your Will is valid.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE 1858 SOCIETY (the Legacy Society for West Buckland School Foundation)

I/we (full name(s))

Years at West Buckland School House

Of (full postal address)

Email address

Have pledged or intend to pledge a gift in my/our will to West Buckland School Foundation and wish to apply for membership of the 1858 Society.

Once completed, please send this form to
Foundation & Alumni Director
West Buckland School Foundation, West Buckland, Barnstaple, EX32 0SX
Tel 01598 760188 Email foundation@westbuckland.com

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES

☐ I/We would like the following names to be included on published lists of 1858 Society members

☐ I/We would prefer to remain anonymous and not be included on the published lists of members

I/we would like our gift to be used as follows:

☐ Unrestricted (to be used as the School requires)

☐ Bursaries – long term support via West Buckland School Foundation's Bursary Fund

☐ Capital Projects

☐ Other (please provide details)

Completing this section is optional but will help us to assess indications of gifts and be aware of areas of particular 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 £

Signed Date