
A GREAT CAMPAIGN

YOUR LEGACY TO GIRTON



GIRTON COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE



An Invitation to Create a Legacy

Girton is a remarkable institution that has enabled generations of young people, from all walks of life, to realise their full potential. Our success is rooted in, and sustained by, philanthropy. Early benefactors gave generously during their lifetimes and after their death; generations of alumni and supporters have continued this tradition. As we approach the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the College in 2019, your gifts in cash or kind are more important than ever before.

You might already have recognised this very special need by volunteering, donating to specific causes, or joining A Great Campaign – acts of generosity that are cherished by all who live and work here. In these uncertain times, however, you can make a critical difference by remembering the College in your Will. With your legacy pledge we can make firm plans to transform the life-chances, experiences and opportunities of the next generations, harnessing that pioneering spirit which stands for all that is best about higher education. Your commitment today to a gift for tomorrow will secure the future for an institution that has changed the world; for a style of higher education where inclusion, diversity and distinction go hand in hand.

“Education is one of the things I believe in deeply. The College looked after me, as the first from my family to attend university. I know that the College shares the values that are important to me and very many Girtonians; educational excellence, equality, inclusion and that ability to push boundaries in a positive way. That is why I have chosen to remember Girton in my Will”

Girtonian of the 1970s

Introduction from the Mistress of Girton, Professor Susan J. Smith



I write on behalf of today's ambitious young people, and for generations of students to come, whose energies, aspirations, and potential have yet to be unleashed. For some of the brightest, most thoughtful, caring and motivated of our future citizens and leaders; for those young people who hold the future in their hands, I invite your help. At Girton, they will enjoy a world-class learning experience in whatever subject they choose. They will combine depth with breadth, and experience everything that is best about a degree from the University of Cambridge. And they will graduate with a deep sense of their own ability, and responsibility, to make the world a better place.

This is something that money cannot buy. Places at this College are offered entirely on merit, irrespective of family background, financial circumstances, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or disability. Girton is the gateway to a supportive, enabling working environment; to a place on the international educational stage, where students have every opportunity to achieve the best there is. The cost of delivering this is high. Girton is a lean, efficient and prudently-managed operation, with a sparkling track-record and ambitious plans. In a financially uncertain world, this precious future is at stake. To protect it, we need help; we need you. Your legacy pledge will reduce uncertainty, maintain stability, and bring new projects to life.

By remembering Girton in your Will, you can make an enormous difference to individual lives, and to the wider world. Read on to learn more about the game-changing step every one of us can take.

Why Leave a Gift to Girton?

In 2012 Girton launched an ambitious fundraising campaign – A Great Campaign – ahead of our 150th anniversary in 2019. To embrace the next half century, the College is formulating new and far-reaching plans. To maintain excellence, remain at the forefront of innovation, do the very best for our students, and create a sustainable financial future, we shall have to add very substantially to the endowment. Our immediate target is £50 million; a successful legacy campaign will enable us to plan for this and for the longer term too.

Legacies are already playing a key role in achieving our Campaign aims; on average one third of donations each year are in the form of legacies or bequests. Recognising that such gifts are essential to Girton's future, more and more alumni, supporters and friends, including younger people, are choosing to remember the College in their Will. Might you feel able to join them?

Girton was established in 1869 by Emily Davies with the support of a small group of exceptional men and women like Barbara Bodichon, Sedley Taylor and Henry Tomkinson. This was a daring initiative that proclaimed a fierce belief in equality of opportunity and equality of access to higher education. In its early days the growth of the College depended exclusively on donations. It was not until nine years after its foundation that Girton could afford more than one resident lecturer! Perhaps the most transformative gift in the early years of the College came from Jane Catherine Gamble, who left a residuary legacy of £19,000*. It was this gift that allowed the College to build Tower Wing, including the famous square tower, and to buy the land which extended the estate to Girton Road. This enabled the College to transform the grounds from farmland to a park landscape, making Girton quite unlike the city centre colleges.

*a sum of close to £2 million at today's prices

How will your Legacy be used?

That, of course, is up to you! However, we hope you will support the ideals of A Great Campaign, which has three central priorities. These are to:

- Achieve financial sustainability for a world-class enterprise by increasing the College's endowment;
- Support scholarly excellence, nurturing the very best in teaching and research; and,
- Realise the potential, as an educational resource, of our fine buildings, spacious grounds and first-rate facilities, and create a vital space for living and learning.

Because legacies are realised over the longer term, the very best way to help is to leave a gift to the general endowment. This will allow the College to direct your support to where it is most needed, to underpin our central objectives at any particular moment. This will not prevent your name, or the name of someone you wish to be remembered, from being linked to a building, a Fellowship, a bursary, a prize or other aspects of College life should you so wish.

For a confidential discussion on any aspect of leaving a legacy please contact our Development Director on +44 (0)1223 339893 or our Legacy Officer on +44 (0)1223 338901, development@girton.cam.ac.uk.



I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Girton. It could have been a daunting experience but the College provided a friendly and supportive environment, with Fellows who, I felt, actually cared whether I was happy or understood what I was studying, while maintaining the academic rigour expected of a Cambridge degree.

I believe that I owe my career as a City solicitor, and my success in it, to my time at Girton. Having been an undergraduate in the 1970s, I received a first-rate education that was entirely free. I have left the College a legacy because I want to help put it on a firm financial footing so that others, in years to come, can benefit, as I did, from what Girton can offer. I hope that many of you reading this will do so too, as a "thank-you" for what Girton did for us and a commitment to the future.

Dr Margaret Mountford (Gamble, 1970)

What your Legacy can do for Girton

Securing Financial Sustainability

The quest for financial sustainability has been a continuing feature of Girton's history. The creation of the College revealed enormous demand for women's higher education, and Emily Davies felt keenly that there was a moral imperative to expand with all possible speed. Consequently, Girton grew at breath-taking pace; but this placed tremendous strains on the College's finances.

It is no surprise that the importance of building the unrestricted endowment was well understood by one of the College's founders, Barbara Bodichon. When leaving £10,000 to the College in her Will, she told Emily Davies that 'I have placed the sum of money which I am leaving to Girton College entirely at the disposal of the College, believing that those who are managing its affairs will be in the best position for judging of its needs, according to the circumstances of the time.' [Girton College Archive GCPP Bodichon 3/54]

Today, faced by a new set of financial challenges that are transforming the landscape of higher education, the future of the College again depends on growing our endowment. A gift, whether large or modest, invested in the endowment creates a legacy that will last in perpetuity. The capital remains unspent, while the interest is used to underpin every activity in the College. You may wish to know that Girton's endowment and investments are professionally managed, and supervised by a committee which includes qualified alumni and College Officers.





Dr Sabesan Sithamparanathan, Tucker-Price Research Fellow in Electrical Engineering, is conducting ground-breaking research that will enable organisations, such as high street retailers, inexpensively to monitor the location of an item in real time. He is a winner of the Sir William Siemens Medal, awarded annually to the country's top 18 science and technology students. Dr Sithamparanathan has also recently been awarded a Royal Academy of Engineering (RAE) Enterprise Fellowship, which will help him and his fellow collaborators turn the battery-less radio frequency identification system (RFID) technology into a viable business.

The Tucker-Price Fellowship was founded in 1940 with a legacy from Miss Edith Tucker, specifically for scientific purposes. Miss Tucker was one who wished for, but did not achieve, a college education herself, and so became determined to make it possible for others to have what she could not.

Supporting Scholarly Excellence

At the heart of Girton's mission is the pursuit of excellence in teaching and research. Our ability to provide a world-class education in a research-infused environment is crucially dependent on attracting the very best scholars to our various Fellowship positions. This is only possible because of the generosity of our benefactors.

In 1910, for example, four donors created Girton's first Research Fellowship. Today, competition for these prestigious awards attracts an international field of hundreds of outstanding postdoctoral researchers from around the world. Over the years these posts have helped us to support the careers of promising young scholars who have gone on to transform their subjects, in fields ranging from medieval history to electrical engineering. Our named Research Fellowships ensure that Girton always remains at the cutting edge of discovery.

Teaching excellence at Girton is likewise underpinned by Fellowships that have been created through donations, such as the Wrigley Fellowship in Classics, the Tausky Fellowship in Mathematics or the Jane Martin Fellowship in English. Posts like these are crucial to the College's ability to provide small-group supervisions with some of the world's leading academics. We continue to fundraise for more of these named Fellowships. This will help secure Girton's distinctive educational ethos for the future and ensure that the College remains a place that is at once challenging and supportive – what one recent student has described as 'a safe place to be intellectually daring'.

Adding Breadth to Depth

The hallmark of a Girton education is an emphasis on all round personal development. We recognise that transferable skills, together with opportunities to engage with music, sports, literature, poetry and the arts, are all complementary to scholarly success. Twenty years ago a benefactor nearing the end of her life bequeathed us the Austin and Hope Pilkington Music Fellowship. Thanks to this catalyst, Girton today has a flourishing mixed voice choir, an array of instrumental ensembles and a vibrant classical and popular music scene. Thanks to the foresight of a single, visionary donor, students from all subjects have every opportunity to work with an outstanding complement of professional musicians. You too can make this kind of difference.

Creating the Physical College

Girton is built on bequests. Without the legacies of Jane Gamble or the College's co-founders Lady Stanley of Alderley and Barbara Bodichon, today's College would look and feel very different indeed. Over the years, the memory of our major donors, or of their families and friends, has become quite literally written into the fabric of the site: the Stanley Library, the Eliza Baker Court, the Duke Building, to name but a few. This is a wonderful way to celebrate and commemorate those whose wisdom and vision have made the College what it is. We would like to continue that tradition as we add names to a whole range of facilities across the College from wings, colonnades and courts to sporting and musical facilities. If this is the right thing for you please contact our Development Director on +44 (0)1223 339893 or our Legacy Officer on +44 (0)1223 338901, development@girton.cam.ac.uk.



Leaving a Gift in your Will

We are grateful to all of those who remember Girton in their Will. A legacy gift can be written into a new Will, or added to an existing one using a Codicil form. We recommend that you seek professional legal advice when making or amending a Will.

There are currently several methods by which you can remember Girton in your Will:

A **residuary legacy** is a gift of all, or a percentage of, your estate after other bequests, taxes and charges have been met. We ask you please to consider the merits of leaving a residuary legacy; it protects your gift to Girton against inflation, while insulating your other beneficiaries from the effects of deflation, as well as from any decision you may make to reduce the size of your estate for your own needs in older age. So this can be a win-win arrangement.

A **pecuniary legacy** is a monetary gift of a specific sum; to safeguard its future value it can be index linked.

A **specific or non-monetary legacy** allows you to leave items to the College: for example, stocks and shares, property, furniture, paintings or other fixed assets, either to be used, or to be sold to generate funds.

A **reversionary legacy or life interest trust** leaves your assets to named beneficiaries to enjoy in their lifetime. Upon their death the whole, or a proportion of what remains, could pass to the College.



As with any form of donation, gifts to the College for general purposes offer the most flexibility as they can be directed to the areas that require most support at any given time. Girton is naturally, however, also happy to receive gifts directed to specific areas of College life.

Whichever option you choose, we suggest that you use the following wording when leaving your gift to Girton:

'I give to the Mistress, Fellows and Scholars of Girton College, Cambridge (Registered Charity Number 1137541)[the residue of my estate] [____ % of the residue of my estate][the sum of _____] free of tax for the Unrestricted Permanent Endowment Capital of the College and I declare that the receipt by the Bursar or other authorised Officer of the College shall be good and sufficient discharge to my Executors.'

As a registered charity Girton pays no tax on gifts bequeathed and a legacy to the College may reduce your estate's Inheritance Tax liability.

Alumni and supporters of Girton in the United States can make a planned gift to the College with Cambridge in America. To discuss this, or if you are making a Will outside the United Kingdom, please contact the Development Office.

The leaflets in the folder at the back of this brochure provide you with more detailed information about leaving a legacy and allow you to give us more information, should you wish, about your intentions. Should you wish to make a change to your existing Will you can use a Codicil, but in doing so we would recommend that you consult a solicitor.

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Recognising your Generosity



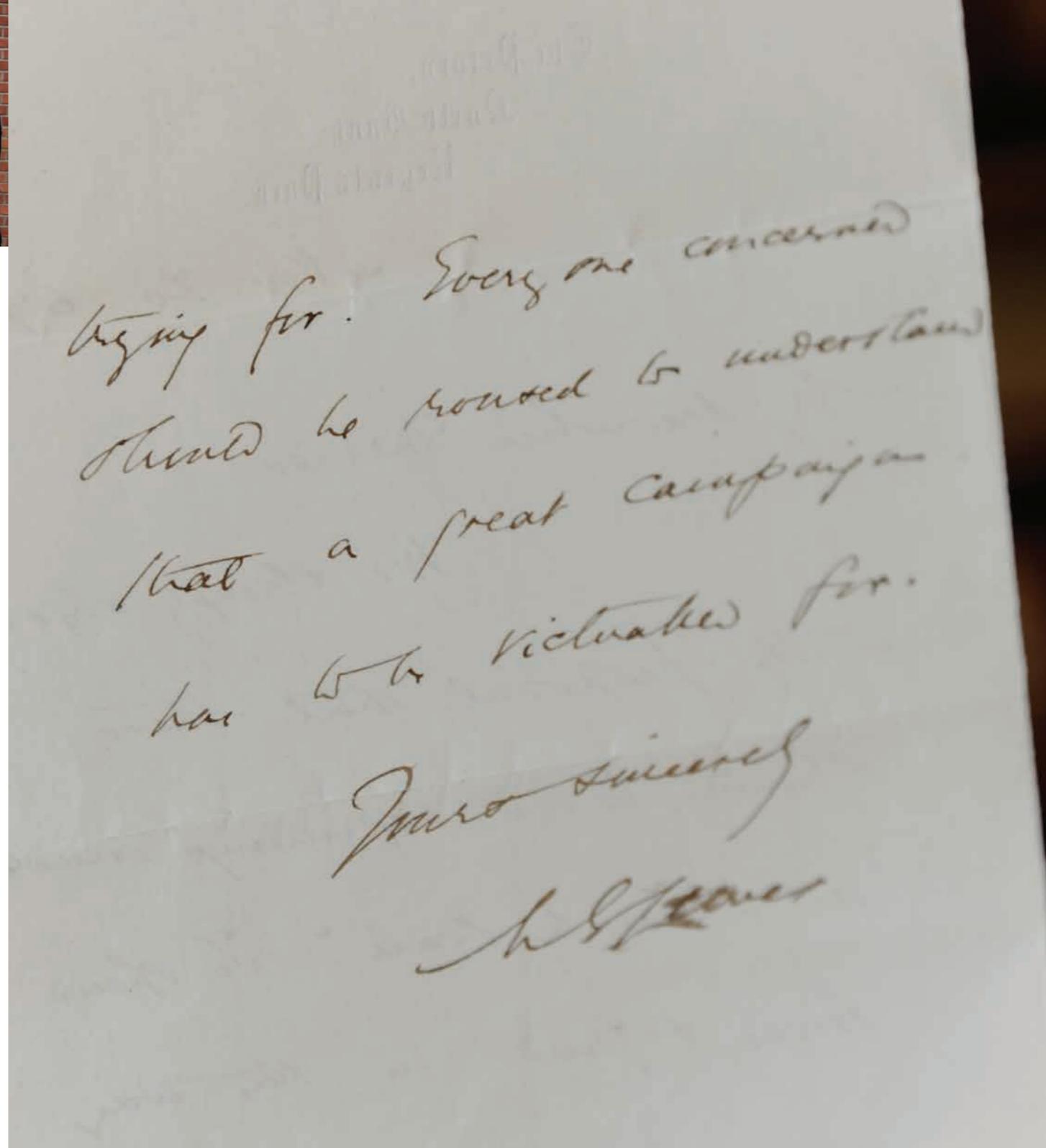
The College recognises that leaving a legacy is a very personal matter and one that you may wish to keep private. However, by telling us about your Will you can have an immediate impact; not least because it will enable us to plan. It will also allow us fully to understand your wishes and express our thanks for your generosity.

As a legator you are eligible to join the 1869 Society, named to recall the year of the College's foundation. Members of the 1869 Society will receive a purple lapel pin and they, and a guest, will be invited from time to time to events hosted by the Mistress.

There may also be opportunities to name Fellowships, scholarships, prizes, bursaries and buildings for certain gifts, please do get in touch for more details.

By leaving a legacy you are supporting a unique institution that has helped shape the Higher Education landscape. With your support we can seize the opportunity to write the next bold chapters in Girton's inspiring story.

On behalf of the Fellows and students of Girton for many generations to come, thank you for sharing this vision and helping to secure our future.





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