



Times past..

...Times present

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The Wrekin College Foundation



Times past

Wrekin was founded in 1880 by John Bayley, schoolmaster and entrepreneur.

From relatively humble beginnings, the School has developed into a co-educational centre of learning endowed with amazing facilities and one that the Headmaster and Governors would like to remain accessible to children from all social backgrounds.

For many years pupils have been helped by the award of scholarships and bursaries which have enabled them to study at Wrekin. Initially such awards were made on the grounds of academic excellence and no regard was paid to the socio-economic background of the pupil concerned. Nowadays the aim of the School is to open its doors to gifted students whatever their status. For some years Wrekin benefited from the Assisted Places Scheme which partially fulfilled this role. When this Government support was withdrawn from families of modest means, it was hoped that the establishing of a Foundation would serve to bridge this gap. Now Wrekin is totally dependent on charitable resources for the funding of future gifted pupils who would, because of lack of funds, be excluded from the opportunities offered by the facilities of a leading public school.

On his death in April, 1952, John Bayley left monies to endow scholarships and since then others have done the same. Legacies are an ideal way of fulfilling the aims clearly stated by the Governors and Headmaster today, following on the vision and enthusiasm of the Founder.

Established in March 2005, the Wrekin College Foundation has already supported a number of students during their Wrekin careers. Obviously, because of the present level of fees it is difficult to give the fulsome support that the Trustees would like and more funds are necessary. During the last year or two, the Foundation has received a number of legacies which have been very beneficial and others are promised.



Times present

The Bayley Society

All gifts however large or small are very important and warmly welcomed. We are very proud of our alumni and very grateful for their support in making, or indeed pledging, a bequest to help future Wrekinians.

Those who have made pledges will be invited to join The Bayley Society by the Trustees in recognition of their future gift as the School wishes to honour all its future benefactors. It is hoped that the members of The Bayley Society will meet annually on a suitable date closest to Founder's Day, the 14th March. This is to celebrate John Bayley's contribution to Wrekin and to inform Bayley Society members of the current developments and the future plans for the School.

A bequest of a very large sum of money, in excess of £250,000 for example, would enable the benefactor or his family to name an award either after himself or someone dear to him and thereby ensure a lasting memorial for future generations to remember an individual's outstanding contribution. If an individual considers that there is a particular aspect of the School that could be improved through a legacy however large or small, the Foundation Manager, President or one of the Trustees would be very happy to discuss his ideas before deciding upon a bequest for a specific purpose; this is to ensure that we can acknowledge and fulfil your wishes. It is important to make sure that your proposals will be able to be sustained in future years and ensure that your gift will be fully recognised.

"Two words stand out above all others and remind me vividly of yourself (John Bayley) and my schooldays under your charge – those words are 'determination and tenacity'"

A former pupil of John Bayley

"Wrekin College is more than just a school. We are a living, developing community. Our life evolves through the year because it is created by the people in the school, staff and pupils alike. It is all about people and individuals, growing and learning together."

Current Prospectus



How can you help

The Importance of a Will

Making a will ensures that you control what happens to your possessions after death, rather than this being determined by the law and can alleviate extensive demands being made by the taxman. Bequests can be made when first drawing up a will, or added later by means of a codicil.

All bequests made to The Wrekin College Foundation are free of tax; this can lessen the liability of your estate for Inheritance Tax.

It should always be remembered that it is wise to consult a Solicitor when drawing up your will and it is worthwhile to review the provisions you make from time to time as your wishes or circumstances change. For this purpose we have included the contact details of a number of Old Wrekinians who are practising solicitors who have offered their help to the Foundation in this way.

Miles Barker-Davies (S66-71) Coventry
Tel. 0247 622 2001 E. richardson_davies@lineone.net

Tom Hoyle (T62-67) Blackburn
Tel. 01254 274000 E. tom.hoyle@roebuckslaw.co.uk

John Kay (S60-65) Manchester
Tel. 01706 356666 E. jkay@moleworths.co.uk

Types of Bequest

There are several types of legacy that you may wish to leave to the Wrekin College Foundation in your will:

A residuary legacy: after providing for your family and loved ones, the remainder of your estate (or a portion thereof) is left to the Wrekin College Foundation.

A pecuniary legacy gives a specific amount of money to the School. You can index link the amount in order to protect it from the ravages of inflation.

A reversionary bequest offers a very attractive way of providing for your family first, then benefiting the school at a later date. Your assets can be left to Trustees whom you appoint to see that your beneficiaries enjoy the income from your estate during their lifetime, then the whole, or part of, the estate passed to the Wrekin College Foundation after their deaths.

A conditional legacy: your estate would pass to the school in the eventuality that no named beneficiary survives you.

A specific bequest leaves items of value other than sums of money, such as stocks and shares, property or jewellery to the Wrekin College Foundation.

Life Assurance: a different way of benefiting the Wrekin College Foundation after your death is to take out a Life Assurance policy on your life with the Foundation as beneficiary.

We will always honour legators' wishes as long as it is practicable to do so, and we would recommend that you leave a letter of instruction outlining your wishes with your will, so that your executors fully understand your intentions.

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Your future intention

If you intend to leave a legacy to the Wrekin College Foundation, or have already done so, it is very helpful for the Foundation to know what you are planning in order to assist in the working out of our mid-term plans.

However if you prefer not to be specific at this stage, let us know that you have made, or are considering, a legacy so that we can thank you promptly. This response form does not bind you with any obligation, but simply indicates your future intentions. The school will keep the information in confidence, and will enroll you as a member of the Bayley Society, so that you can keep in touch with developments at school.

- I have already made a bequest to the Wrekin College Foundation
- I have made a residuary legacy
- I intend leaving ashare/.....% of my estate
- I have made a pecuniary legacy of £
- I have made a specific legacy of
- In today's terms, the estimated value of this legacy is £
- I intend to include a bequest in my will
- I would like to discuss how the foundation might use any intended bequest, so please contact me

Name

Address

..... Postcode

Telephone

Email

Signature Date

Thank you for supporting the Wrekin College Foundation

Please return to: Serena Kyle, Foundation Manager
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Legacies will be given to the general fund held by the Wrekin College Foundation.
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