LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

HOMERTON COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
WHY I’VE CHOSEN TO LEAVE A GIFT IN MY WILL

‘Homerton made me the woman I am today. My tutors took on an unconfident teenager and helped me to fly academically. I made lifelong friends, found self-belief and a sport I still love today. I learned just what I was capable of during my time at Homerton and want others to have that same experience and opportunity, and that is why I have made provision for the College in my Will.

Coming to Homerton and to Cambridge was the focus throughout my sixth form and it didn’t disappoint either academically or socially. I was given enough space to explore, question and fall down whilst being nurtured and encouraged to stretch my intellect as far as possible, as well as having huge amounts of fun. I had the best time socially, making lifelong friends; I am now a Godmother as a result! I took up rowing, a sport I still participate in and my experience with HCBC led me to represent both England and Scotland and compete all over the world, as well as being a Gamesmaker at the 2012 Olympic Regatta.

I didn’t spend too much time in the College Bar; preferring to spend my time on the river rowing! I also attempted to work my way through a Formal Hall at every College – I got to about 15! As a confirmed ‘boatie’, I thoroughly enjoyed Boat Club Dinners and the fun and excitement of Lent and May Bumps as well as the feeling of being in a crew. I made so many friends and some of my closest friends to this day are those I made at Homerton. It was a time full of laughter, adventure and top level academic study, all of which I embraced fully!

I want others to have the opportunity to have the wonderful and formative experience I had at Homerton so that is why I am leaving a legacy to the College.’

Julie Hogg
(BEd, 1991–95)
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Homerton College is a Registered Charity, 1137497

Since the foundation of the College in London in 1768, legacies have helped fund student life and teaching at Homerton. Alison Shrubsole, Hilary Shuard, Joan Simms, Jacqueline Welford, and others have enabled the College to achieve ever greater success in our core activities of teaching, education and research. Legacies provide Homerton with the means to meet our real needs, and to grasp opportunities as they emerge.

Legacies of all sizes will become increasingly important to the College as a source of long-term income. To expand its support, the College encourages Homertonians to provide for a gift in their Will.

Our priorities are:

‘Greatest need’
This is a general, unrestricted contribution and the College will apply the funds to where they are most needed.

Student support
Academic support for current students, both undergraduate and graduate. Examples include:
• New books for our Library, travel grants, research support, Year Abroad support, and the ‘academic skills’ programme
• Hardship grants to help meet living expenses – to prevent any student dropping out of their course.

Enhancing the student experience
Non-academic student support:
• Extra-curricular activity: e.g. sports, music, drama
• Personal development and employability: e.g. internship bursaries, the ‘life skills’ programme

Graduate bursaries and scholarships
Students graduate from their first degree with debt, and need robust funding for graduate study in order to stay in Higher Education.

Investing in teaching
Increasing the quality and quantity of teaching we provide to our students.

Developing the estate
Enhancing the College environment and facilities: maintenance of the gardens and buildings, and new construction.

Legacies are a traditional form of giving to a charity and one of the easiest ways of making a substantial gift that has benefits for you and the College. The College, as a registered charity, pays no tax on gifts of money or property bequeathed in this way. Additionally, the gift may have benefits for your estate by reducing the amount liable to Inheritance Tax.
PRACTICALITIES

We suggest you use the following wording when donating to Homerton in your Will:

I give to the Principal, Fellows and Scholars of Homerton College in the University of Cambridge [the residue] / [% of the residue] of my estate [or] [the sum of £X] free of tax for the general purposes of the College. I direct that the receipt of the Bursar or other proper officer for the time being of the College shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors.

We encourage you to leave money for 'general purposes', as this will allow the College to direct the money to the areas of most need at the time. However, we also welcome bequests for specific areas of College life and we will be glad to discuss the terms of any proposed bequest. Such consultation helps to ensure that there is a clear understanding by the College of the wishes of the donor, so that they may be faithfully observed.

There are four main ways of leaving a gift to Homerton in your Will:

A **residuary bequest** leaves to the College all or part of the remainder of your estate, after other legacies and charges have been met. A residuary bequest has the advantage that its value is not eroded by inflation.

A **pecuniary bequest** leaves a specified sum of money to the College. If you already have a Will, a Pecuniary Bequest can be added by means of a Codicil. This form of gift is very simple to arrange and can be index-linked to prevent its value being eroded by inflation.

A **reversionary bequest** leaves your assets to a named beneficiary for their lifetime, for example your spouse or other dependant. On their death the whole, or a specified proportion, will revert to the College.

A **specific or non-monetary bequest** allows you to leave shares, property, valuables and works of art to the College either on terms that they be retained or that they may be sold and the proceeds devoted to other College purposes.

Making a Will is an intensely personal matter and it may be that you do not wish to inform the College in your lifetime. It is also understood that dispositions made in a Will can change accordingly over time. The College is, however, particularly grateful when it’s members choose to inform us, since we would like to express our gratitude. To let us know of your intention to include the College in your Will, you may wish to use the attached form.
A PLEDGE TO HOMERTON COLLEGE

If you decide to include Homerton College in your Will, or are considering doing so and would welcome more information or discussion, it would be greatly appreciated if you would return this pledge form to the Development Office.

A pledge is in no way binding and involves you in no legal obligation whatever, but is simply an expression of your current intentions. As such, it is a most encouraging indication of your support and assists the College in our long term planning.

All correspondence and discussion will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Please indicate as appropriate:

At present I intend to Will to Homerton College:

☐ A Pecuniary Bequest
☐ A Residuary Bequest
☐ A Reversionary Bequest
☐ A Bequest in Kind

The approximate value in current terms is £ ____________________

While it would be helpful to have an indication of the value of your bequest, please do not feel obliged to give this information if you would prefer not to.

☐ I would like to discuss further about how I might make a Will to benefit Homerton College
☐ I am not yet ready to state an intention, but please feel free to contact me in the future

Name ________________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

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__________________________________________ Postcode ________________

Signature __________________________________ Date _______________________

Please return this form to:
The Development Office, Homerton College, Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 8PH