

Investing in the Women of the Future

Leaving a gift in your will



Empowering lives one girl at a time



Throughout Manchester High School's 150-year journey, we have focused on creating a place where talented girls of any faith and background can flourish. **Now, we need your help to secure this future for our region's brightest girls.**

Manchester High girls are confident and passionate, ambitious and curious. They have a love of life, a caring spirit and a drive to play a positive role in the world around them.

But to ensure that we can continue to encourage girls of the future to become these agents of change, we need to continue to invest in our student community through bursaries as well as investing in pioneering, innovative and dynamic learning experiences. That means both building new facilities and improving

aspects of the current site; from providing further pastoral and sporting opportunities, to planning a permanent outdoor canopy that can be used for social gatherings, teaching and performing.

We also need to support talented girls from across the region with bursaries, awarded on academic merit and a means-tested basis, which in turn contribute to driving an atmosphere of aspiration, and academic achievement.

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It is our duty to make the world a better place for women.

Christabel Pankhurst
Class of 1897

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*Can you make an investment in the next 150 years of pioneering women?
What can you back them to become? What can you help them to achieve?*

A gift in your will could help change a girl's life

Legacy donations are a meaningful and enduring gift. All bequests, of any size, directly benefit future generations of Manchester High students.

We understand not everyone can afford to give right now, and that when the time comes, loved ones must be your first priority. But once you have provided for them, even a small amount left in a will can make a profound difference to a future student.

Whether you would like to change your will to support bursary funding or major school projects or wish to make a will to include the School, please speak with your solicitor.

If you would like to donate directly to school projects as well as the Bursary Fund, please provide your solicitor with the Registered Charity Number for the School: 1164323.

If you would like to support the Bursary Fund, please provide your solicitor with the Registered Charity Number for the MHSG Bursary Fund: 506823.

As a registered charity, any gift left in a will to MHSG would be exempt from inheritance tax.



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I think about my bursary donors a lot, and what they invested in me. I'm now able to pay that forward on their behalf. To me, they're the champions of girls' education. They are a group of individuals who had the foresight to recognise that how we build skilled, successful and thriving societies is through the education of girls.

Dr Seher Ahmad
Class of 2001
Chair of Primary Care
Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi

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The Bursary Fund has already had a huge impact on my life, and I think it will continue to. It's given me this foundational confidence, given me courage, and self-belief, and it's inspired me to help other people in a similar position.

Natalie
Head Girl 2023-24
Bursary Recipient

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Words from our bursary students...



I wish I could go back and tell eleven-year-old Tiffany, going to high school on a full bursary, that she'd be going to medical school seven years later. She'd be so proud.

Tiffany Agbobu
Medical Student,
Class of 2020



A Manchester High bursary sets you up to do anything you could possibly want to with your life. It gives you the freedom to choose your own path.

Lucie Hinton
Head of Aviation Business
Development, Manchester
Airports Group,
Class of 2010

Join our Ivy Leaf Society

Our Ivy Leaf Society includes those who have decided to leave a gift to the school in their will. It's a special community, bonded by the passion we share for investing in the talented girls of our region.

All society members receive special invitations to school events, like our annual spring lunch with the Head Mistress to talk about ongoing plans and activities.

Members also receive our gold-coloured ivy leaf pin, first introduced as the school's emblem in 1899, to represent students' 'faithfulness to the school and to themselves'.

The names of all society members (should they wish), are displayed on a plaque in the main reception of the School.

To be part of the Ivy Leaf Society, all you need to do is let us know you are leaving a gift in your will to the school – joining the 57 current members who have done the same. (We do not need you to tell us the amount you plan to leave).

Establish your legacy today, and leave your positive stamp on the future.

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Join me in leaving a legacy gift



I had such a great time at school that I wanted to be able to give someone who may not be able to, the same experience and opportunities. Its inspiring when the Head Mistress talks about the School aiming towards eventually being 'needs blind'. It's so important to be able to give back and ensure that the very best and brightest young pupils can excel and be empowered by a school like Manchester High.

Rachel Peynado (Hardy)
Class of 2008



The breadth of the education I experienced proved a lasting resource, opening career opportunities and underpinning the confidence needed to interact with colleagues. Whilst the excellence of the science teaching provided a springboard for my fulfilling career, complementary studies in languages and the arts, alongside my engagement with sports, choir, and orchestra, cemented my identity as a MHSG pupil. This is why I have decided to leave a gift in my Will to MHSG, so girls in the future can enjoy the breadth of education provided at MHSG, just like I did.

Adrienne Jones
Class of 1963

If you would like a confidential discussion about leaving a gift in your will, please contact the Director of Development, Zabina Kosar-Ahmed on 0161 224 0447 or email zkosar-ahmed@mhsg.manchester.sch.uk

The importance of making a will

Making your will now will give you the peace of mind to know that your loved ones will be looked after, and your wishes will be carried out after your death. You can update your will at any time, if and when your circumstances change.

There are a number of specific reasons for making a will:

1. If you do not make a will, you have no control over how your estate passes. None of your estate would pass to charitable causes.
2. Planning your will carefully can lead to a large saving in inheritance tax.
3. You will be able to pass your estate to people and organisations you most want to help, and in whatever proportions you choose, thus helping to protect beneficiaries who need help.
4. You choose who you wish to be in charge of administering your estate. These people are called your Executors and in most professionally drafted wills, they would also be called your Trustees.

We recommend you seek advice from your solicitor in drawing up your will as all solicitors are required to be fully regulated by the SRA.

If you have not yet made a will, but this has prompted you to do so, please contact your solicitor. If you wish to amend your will to include Manchester High, please fill out a codicil form and have this witnessed by your solicitor.

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Thank you, you have changed my life.

Orla
Mathematics Student,
Class of 2022

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