# The 1553 Society

King Edward VI School owes its existence and heritage to the Guild of the Holy Cross, a social and religious membership organisation, and to one of its chaplains Thomas Jolyffee who endowed the school in 1482. King Edward VI re-endowed the School in 1553 by Royal Charter after the Reformation, enabling the education of generations of students for over 460 years since.

We have established The 1553 Society so that we can thank during their lifetimes, those who have pledged to support the School with legacy bequests.

Through the Society, we want to celebrate the School's achievements and share our plans, so that donors can appreciate how their gifts will help support the School's future successes.

# Legacy Bequest

**Members of The 1553 Society will receive:**

Regular information about the School's achievements and plans

The opportunity to attend an annual Society event

Invitations to other social and informative events

Recognition/acknowledgement amongst the School Community if desired

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For more information, or to discuss your legacy, please contact the Development Office at

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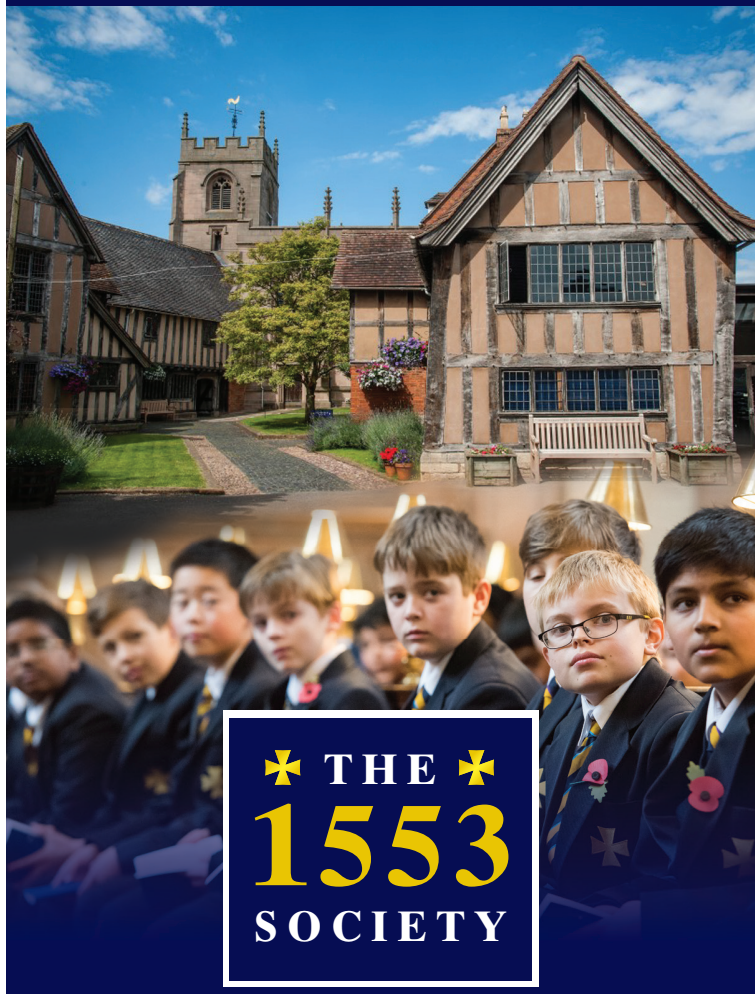

# THE 1553 SOCIETY

***Your legacy support can help us continue to provide exemplary education in the future.***

# Legacy Bequest

Charitable legacies offer a way for you to give back by helping others, and in the educational world to influence the opportunities for future generations of students. Whether your legacy is small or large, it can help King Edward VI School continue to provide to all its students a huge range of opportunities at the very highest standards.

King Edward VI School is an exceptional school and is regularly ranked in the top West Midlands Schools in the Sunday Times Guide. We seek to prepare our students for rewarding lives, aware of their obligation to serve the local, national and international communities in a fast changing world, and to inculcate in them a sense of pride in the unique character of Shakespeare's School.

Our success is built both on the educational benefits we deliver, and the strong sense of School community we seek to foster. We are delighted that our alumni wish to help future generations of K.E.S. students.

# Advantages

**A legacy enables you to support the School in a way which may not be practical or possible during your lifetime.**

**Legacy giving is highly tax effective**

- **It reduces the overall Inheritance Tax on your estate**
- **It is free of Capital Gains Tax and Income Tax**

A specialist financial advisor will be able to give you specific advice for your circumstances.

# How to make a bequest

Making a bequest is simple, and can be included in a new will or added as a codicil to an existing will. There are several types of legacy, the most common being a pecuniary legacy which defines a specific sum to be left to a particular recipient.

We recommend that you seek professional legal advice to decide what is right for you.

We recognise that your will is a private matter. However, if you have already decided to leave a legacy to King Edward VI School, or it is your current intention to do so, please let us know by returning the attached Pledge Form.

*We would be delighted to recognise your commitment and support by making you a member of the 1553 Society.*

# Legacy Bequests Pledge Form

Let us Know your intentions

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Telephone:.....

Email:.....

**Please tick the following statements as appropriate:**

- ☐ I am intending to include a legacy in my will to benefit the School
- ☐ I have already remembered the School in my will
- ☐ I would like to discuss leaving a legacy before I make a decision. Please contact me.

Those who intend to support us in this way will be invited to attend selected events at the School.
If you would prefer not to be contacted please tick here. ☐

Please return this form to KESFuture at the School Office, or by email to future@kes.net. All correspondence will be treated in the strictest confidence

Legacies will be used where the need is greatest at the time. However, if you have a particular wish please let us know—we will honour your wishes wherever possible.