LEAVING A LEGACY
YOUR GIFT TO THE FUTURE
Letter from the President

As a Legator myself, I know how important it is to feel you are contributing to something that is not only important, but which will endure. The Hughes Hall of today is a truly exciting place, where talented students and academics lead the world in vital research, and I am proud to be a part of this community.

Among our alumni I have met inspirational individuals who are making an impact all over the world, all of whom talk about the profound effect our corner of this justly famous University has had on them. It is to ensure that more and more students are able to join us and fulfil their potential that I and our whole community are reaching out to you, those who came before, to support the future with us. In an uncertain world, your legacy could give us the greatest gift of all: stability.

If you choose to make provision for the students and researchers of tomorrow in your will today, I know I will not be alone in both thanking you and congratulating you – that is, thanking you for your generosity, and congratulating you for your foresight and for your vision. The College has a clear vision for its future – forward looking, inclusive, committed to excellence, but building on the firm foundations laid by our alumni. I am honoured to be able to invite you to join this vision.

Dr Anthony Freeling
President

A tradition of benefaction

Legacies have contributed greatly to Hughes Hall from its earliest days and are vital to its future. Many generations of Hughesians have benefited from the generosity of predecessors who have helped the College to flourish by making legacy gifts.

This tradition was established by Jürgen and Emily Pfeiffer, whose legacy in 1895 enabled the College to build the Margaret Wileman Building, and is remembered in the Pfeiffer Room and the Pfeiffer Fellowship. Throughout its history, legacies have helped Hughes Hall to expand and thrive into the vigorous intellectual community it is today.

We are now looking to build a bright and dynamic future for the next 100 years of College life, and we would very much appreciate your support in this endeavour.

“My father benefited from a free university education and went on to enjoy a long and interesting career in medicine. Later, as President of Hughes Hall, he was fortunate enough to see so many brilliant young women and men pass through Hughes Hall, and took great pleasure in both their company and achievements. Being in a position to leave a gift in his will, he hoped to give future generations of hard-working students the opportunities that education opened for him.”

Pat Hawkins, son of Desmond Hawkins (Legacy Donor, and President 1989-1993)
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Soterios Loizou (Law) PhD Student (2013)

Recognising your gift

The College recognises the generosity of members, past and present, who have indicated their intention to leave a legacy to Hughes Hall.

All legacy donors, who make a pledge, will become part of our legacy circle ‘The Marsh Marigolds’ and will receive a badge illustrating a Marsh Marigold. The Marsh Marigold has been associated with the Hughes Hall community since 1885. Legacy donors will be invited back to College annually and will be given special recognition in the College Benefactors’ Book.

Helping future generations of Hughesians

How your gift makes a difference

The College aims to set the highest academic standards and create the best possible learning environment, whilst also building a College community rich in social, sporting and cultural activity for its students. Our vision for Hughes Hall is to be a recognised leader in the University of Cambridge.

Legacy gifts can help the College achieve this vision in many ways: by helping to grow our endowment, develop new buildings which provide a home away from home and a supportive environment for learning and discovery, supporting Fellowships that contribute to world-class research and the future of science, law, education and business, establishing scholarships that make a Cambridge education possible to people from all walks of life and providing new resources for the Library.

Benefits of making a legacy gift

Many Hughesians and their families who wish to make a significant gift to the College are unable to do so during their lifetime because of everyday commitments. Including a legacy in your Will offers you the opportunity to make that gift, while the charitable status of the College means that legacies and bequests to it may be free from UK Inheritance and Capital Gains Taxes, hence reducing the total liability on your estate, depending on your personal tax status and the prevailing regulations.

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How to leave a legacy

A legacy to the College may be included in your Will, either when it is first drawn up, or subsequently by the addition of a Codicil to an existing Will.

We recommend in any event using a qualified solicitor to ensure your Will is valid. A legacy to be used at the President’s and Fellows’ discretion is the most beneficial way in which you could help further the College’s aims. It gives the College flexibility to use your gift in the most effective way at any given time in the future. However if you would prefer to direct your bequest to a specific purpose, we would be happy to provide you with a list of our current requirements.

We suggest you use the following wording when donating to Hughes Hall via your will:
I give to the President and Fellows of Hughes Hall, Cambridge, CB1 2EW (Registered Charity Number 1137471) the residue / a proportion of the residue of my estate / the sum of £ (amount) free of tax for the President and Fellows to apply in such a manner as they in their absolute discretion think fit for the benefit of the College and I declare that the receipt of the Director of Development or Bursar, or other authorised officer for the time being of the College shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executors.

If using a Codicil, it needs to be separately signed, dated and witnessed by two Witnesses, as for a Will.

The College also recognises that your bequest intentions are a personal matter which you may wish to keep confidential.

Next steps:
If you would like to notify us of your bequest intentions, so the College can recognise and thank you appropriately, you are welcome to contact the Development Office by post (Wollaston Road, Cambridge CB1 2EW), telephone (+44 (0) 1223 334895) or email (development@hughes.cam.ac.uk).

Legacy giving in the USA

For US residents a planned gift can offer significant tax benefits, substantially reducing capital gains and estate tax, and can provide immediate income to you or a beneficiary. US taxpayers wishing to support Hughes Hall through an estate plan may do so with Cambridge in America (CAm).

We suggest you use the following wording to leave a specific bequest to Cambridge in America in your will:
‘I bequeath to Cambridge in America, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the District of Columbia with the business address of 1120 Avenue of the Americas, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10036, the sum of ________ [dollars or percentage of estate], to be used exclusively for its charitable purposes. It is my hope that these funds will be utilized by the President and Fellows of Hughes Hall, Cambridge, CB1 2EW for support of general operations.’

** Under its charter and in accordance with U.S. tax law, Cambridge in America may not receive restricted gifts. However, the Board gives every consideration to donors’ requests when allocating gifts to Cambridge and its Colleges.

There are many other ways of giving in a tax-efficient way, including retirement plans, life insurance policies or life income plans, such as Charitable Remainder Trusts or Charitable Lead Trusts. CAm would be delighted to discuss the options with you and recommends that you also seek the advice of counsel when preparing your will or codicil. US supporters making legacies are also eligible for membership of CAm’s legacy society, The 1209 Society.

Next steps:
To notify Cambridge in America of an estate provision, or to obtain further details about planned giving options available to you and information about the 1209 Society, please contact: Sarah Shevchik, Associate Director, Principal & Planned Giving, Cambridge in America, 1120 Avenue of the Americas, 17th Floor New York, NY 10036. Tel: 212-201-0778 | Email: sarah@cantab.org | Web: www.cantab.myplannedgift.org

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"Having a bursary from Hughes Hall allowed me to focus my attention on my academics and my sporting commitments so I didn’t have to worry about my finances."

Rosemary Ostfeld PhD Student (Land Economy) and CUWBC Blue Boat Cox 2016