

# LEAVING A LEGACY

YOUR GIFT TO THE FUTURE



HUGHES HALL  
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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**A**s 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

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

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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.



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My father benefitted 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.

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**PAT HAWKINS**

son of Desmond Hawkins  
(Legacy Donor,  
and President 1989-1993)

# HELPING FUTURE GENERATIONS OF HUGHESIANS

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## How your gift makes a difference

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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;**

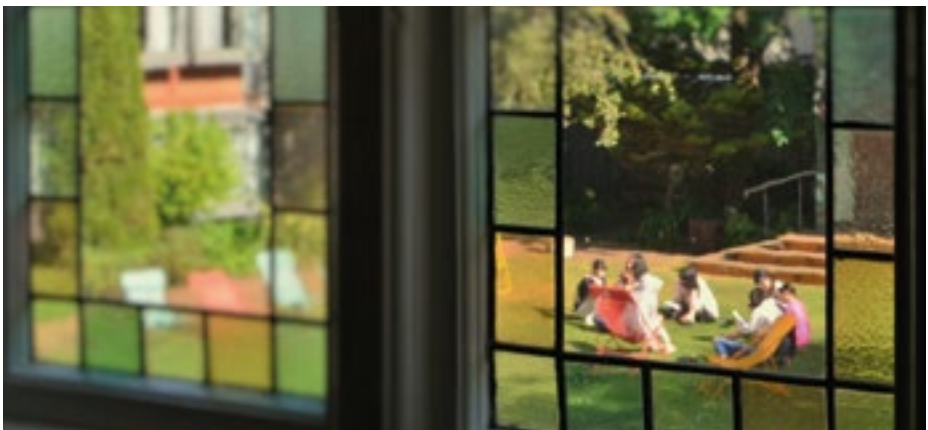
- growing our endowment to safeguard the long-term security of the College
- developing the College estate to build thriving spaces for learning and community
- establishing Fellowships to attract world-class researchers and educators
- providing scholarships to give students from all walks of life access to outstanding higher education.

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## Benefits of making a legacy gift

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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. This is strengthened by UK legislation introduced in 2012 which allows for a reduction of the inheritance tax (from 40% to 36%) imposed on those who leave 10% or more of their net estate to charity.



# RECOGNISING YOUR GIFT

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

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We are delighted to invite all legacy donors, who share their intentions with the College, to join our legacy circle, 'The Marsh Marigolds'. This golden flower has been associated with the Hughes Hall community since 1885, having grown in abundance along the Cam and in the water meadows near the College's first home in Newnham. Members will be welcomed back to the College for our annual donors' event, when the College thanks its members for making such an important decision.



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I would like to convey my special thanks to the donors whose kind benevolence has provided me with the wonderful opportunity to study at Cambridge. Thanks to my Scholarship from Hughes Hall, I have been able to undertake my PhD research into the development of a rapid test for studying kidney function to prevent drug overdose in neonates, that can be used in Intensive Care Units. The Scholarship has been of immense help to me, allowing me to focus my energy on my research and to do what I have come to Cambridge to do – Science!

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**MADHURI MANOHAR**

(2019, PhD Biotechnology)

# HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY

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We suggest using the following wording to leave a bequest to Hughes Hall in 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."*

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For US taxpayers we suggest using the following wording to leave a 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

A legacy to the College may be included in your Will, either when it is first drawn up, or by the addition of a Codicil to an existing Will. If using a Codicil, it needs to be separately signed, dated and witnessed by two Witnesses, as for a 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.

Trusts or Charitable Lead Trusts. If your estate will be liable for taxation in both the UK and the US, please consider leaving your bequest to Cambridge in America (UK) Limited, a registered charity in the UK which is also recognised by the IRS in the US. CAM would be delighted to discuss any of these 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.

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## Contact Cambridge in America

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The Office of Planned Giving,  
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# NEXT STEPS

## BEQUEST RESPONSE FORM

The College recognises that your Will is a personal matter that you may wish to keep confidential. However, if you do choose to inform us of your intention to make a bequest to Hughes Hall, it will give us the opportunity to thank you for your support and to ensure we fulfil your wishes long into the future. You can contact us by phone or email (01223 334895, [development@hughes.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@hughes.cam.ac.uk)) or you can detach and return the completed form below to the Alumni Relations and Development Office.

**PLEASE TICK AS APPROPRIATE:**

- I would like my bequest to remain anonymous.
- I have remembered Hughes Hall in my Will.

**PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS:**

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

..... POSTCODE .....

EMAIL .....

*The personal information you provide will be processed in accordance with our alumni and supporter Data Protection Statement, which can be found on our website at [www.hughes.cam.ac.uk/data-protection-statement](http://www.hughes.cam.ac.uk/data-protection-statement)*

**MEMO TO SELF**

To my solicitor,  
I wish to leave a legacy to Hughes Hall.  
It should be directed to the  
President and Fellows of Hughes Hall,  
University of Cambridge.





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