

Leaving a Legacy to St Cross College

On behalf of the Master and Fellows, thank you for considering a legacy gift to St Cross in your Will. Philanthropic support is vital to the continued development and success of the College community. Over the years, gifts of all sizes have had an impact on our students, helping us provide scholarships, support those in financial need, enhance our facilities, and much more. We are always happy to discuss the details of your legacy, if that would be helpful.

We recommend that you obtain legal advice if you plan to leave a legacy to St Cross. Solicitors often ask for suggested wording and confirmation of the charitable status of the College, and this is provided below. There are two main types of legacies: (1) pecuniary, whereby a fixed sum of money is left to the College; and (2) residuary, whereby all or a percentage of an estate is left to St Cross. If leaving a pecuniary legacy, we recommend index-linking it to protect against inflation.

Some donors prefer to allocate their gifts to St Cross' general purposes while others wish to support particular aspects of College life, such as scholarships or buildings. If you have a specific area that you wish to support, we would be grateful if you could get in touch to discuss this with us. We always aim to meet your aspirations, and a conversation will help us ensure that we can appropriately honour your wishes.

Suggested wording

"I give the sum of £.... OR% of the residue of my estate [in figures and words] to the Master and Fellows of St Cross College in the University of Oxford to be used for *its general charitable purposes* OR _____, and I declare that the receipt of the Bursar or other duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors."

Charitable status

The University of Oxford and St Cross College have full charitable status. This may offer you the opportunity to reduce the tax due on your estate. These benefits vary internationally and we recommend seeking independent advice.

St Cross College is a Society of the University of Oxford, constituted as part of the University by Council Regulations 11 of 2002. Gifts to St Cross College are made through the University of Oxford Development Trust (OUDT). OUDT is an unincorporated charitable trust, which functions as a vehicle for the receipt and allocation of gifts to the University of Oxford and its associated Colleges. OUDT is an exempt charity and therefore has no charity registration number. It is recognised as a charity by HM Revenue & Customs, with the reference number XN80595. The University of Oxford's administrative offices are at Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JD, UK.

Once you have confirmed your intentions...

After you have decided to remember St Cross in your Will, we would be grateful if you could inform us, so that we may thank you and enrol you in our legacy giving circle, the Audrey Blackman Society. Society members are invited to exclusive events and enjoy an annual lunch hosted by the Master. And once you have made your Will, it would be helpful for future planning if you could share the details of the clause(s) that are relevant to St Cross. Thank you for thinking of supporting the College in this way and please feel free to get in touch with any questions.

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