



1662
Investing in opportunity



Bradford
Grammar
School

A
LEGACY
FOR
CHANGE

Make
your
mark

Help them
make
theirs

AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATION FOSTERS MORE THAN JUST ACADEMIC TALENT

For almost five centuries, Bradford Grammar School (BGS) has provided an outstanding education to bright and hard-working young people, providing the strong foundations for a fulfilling life.

A BGS education does more than advance academic skills; it builds character and changes lives for the better. As an Old Bradfordian, you are living expression of this.

From the vision of our 1662 Royal Charter to the present day, we remain steadfast in our conviction that a BGS education should be accessible to all children with the potential to flourish here – not just those with the means.

The pursuit of excellence, determination, and the straightforward approach which characterises BGS has long inspired generosity. From the vision of our founding feoffees to the Direct Grant era of the twentieth century, we are proud of our abiding commitment to delivering an exceptional education.

Our founders' egalitarian ethos remains. It informed our move to going fully co-educational in the late 1990s, and was present in the impetus of the Hoc Age Campaign, which maintained Assisted Places for a new generation of pupils.

These changes have created the inclusive and diverse school community we enjoy today: a community which nurtures tomorrow's leaders, innovators, educators, and discoverers. Tomorrow's Old Bradfordians who will, through their contributions to the world, pay profound testament to their time here.



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WE ARE IN DANGER OF UNDERUTILISING A FANTASTIC RESOURCE. THAT WOULD BE A CRYING SHAME. THAT IS WHY I CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ASSISTED PLACES AND HAVE MADE FURTHER PROVISION FOR BURSARIES AT BGS IN MY WILL.

David Allanson (Old Bradfordian, 1974)

A SCHOOL BUILT UPON PHILANTHROPY

Our school and its quiet commitment to excellence has endured many social, political, and educational changes since its earliest incarnation in the mid-16th century.

From our origins in the precincts of Bradford Cathedral, to our current Frizinghall site, BGS has been a constant in our city – thanks to the fortitude of those who taught and learned here.

The power of BGS to transform lives has enabled us to adapt and respond to change, true to our Hoc Age spirit – always with the support of Old Bradfordians and friends. BGS is quite literally built upon philanthropy; the construction of our current, iconic school site was only made possible thanks to donations and bequests of all sizes.

During the Direct Grant era, almost half of our pupils attended BGS without charge, their lives forever changed as a result. Following the demise of state-funded bursaries in 1997, Old Bradfordians rallied to generate bursary support for children whose families would otherwise have been

unable to meet the school fees. Thanks to this support, we can still offer around ten BGS pupils an Assisted Place each year.

Notwithstanding these collective acts of generosity, demand always outstrips supply. Each year, almost half of all applicants request some form of financial support. Sadly, we are only able to support five per cent of this group.

The generosity of Old Bradfordians and friends helps to fund these pupils. However, the majority of this funding will be exhausted over the coming years.

To secure and increase the funding available, our long-term ambition is to establish a true endowment fund, which would make provision for Assisted Places in perpetuity. This will require substantial financial investment and can only be realised with your support.



LEGACIES ARE THE GIFT OF OPPORTUNITY

BGS is a truly special place, one of the great schools of the North.

Remembering BGS in your Will is one of the most personal and significant ways you can help to safeguard the future of talented young people in and around Bradford, and that of BGS itself.

All legacy gifts, regardless of size, help us to pass on the transformative gift of a BGS education.

With your support, we can continue to serve our community as we always have, by providing access to an education which provides the foundations of a fulfilling personal, intellectual, and professional life.

Legacy gifts will be directed towards the school's permanent endowment for Assisted Places, providing assurance that your gift will be preserved in perpetuity, just as you intend.

As your support echoes down the years, you can be confident that countless future Old Bradfordians will make their mark in the world, just as the likes of Frederick Delius, David Hockney, Frank Dyson, and Sir Ken Morrison did before them, enriching the worlds of music, art, science and commerce.

You will also leave your own enduring mark on the school which shaped you.



THE CLARKSON LEGACY

William Edward Clarkson taught at BGS for 39 years and was Second Master from 1939 to 1963. His commanding presence, firm communication style, and subtle sense of humour inspired respect from pupils and staff alike.

Clarkson deferred retirement to serve as Acting Headmaster during the Royal Charter's tercentenary year. When he eventually retired in 1963, he received a standing ovation at his last assembly.

In the 1980s, Clarkson and his sister Eleanor bequeathed their entire estates to BGS, enabling the completion of an Information Technology centre and a new home for the school's book collection. Following refurbishment, the Clarkson Library name was retained: an enduring tribute to a man who had so loyally served the school.



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**A SCHOLARSHIP WAS
MY CHANCE IN LIFE...**

Frank Dyson (Creator of the Greenwich Pips,
Old Bradfordian and Astronomer Royal)

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THE KEELING SOCIETY

William Hulton Keeling was BGS Headmaster from 1871 to 1916. Known as a ‘friend of the scholarship boy’, Keeling’s reforming leadership and determination to widen access to BGS inspired financial commitments from a wide range of benefactors. These included Old Bradfordians from as far afield as Queensland, Australia, to more local supporters, such as the noted industrialist and philanthropist Sir Titus Salt.

Keeling’s commitment to widening access to our school remains central to our present-day ethos. By pledging a legacy to BGS, you are securing Keeling’s ideals and enabling continued access to an outstanding education for many generations to come.

We show our appreciation to legators during their lifetime by inviting them to become members of The Keeling Society.

As a member of this Society, you will receive regular updates on how legacies are making a significant difference to life at BGS and invitations to special events. Members will also receive a Keeling Society lapel pin or brooch, and our annual Donor Report.

In addition, legacy benefactors will have their name recorded in a permanent book of remembrance, which acknowledges those whose bequests have been realised.

Membership to the Keeling Society is however, entirely optional – we understand you may wish to keep your intentions private.



MAKE YOUR MARK



MEET MARIAN CREEK

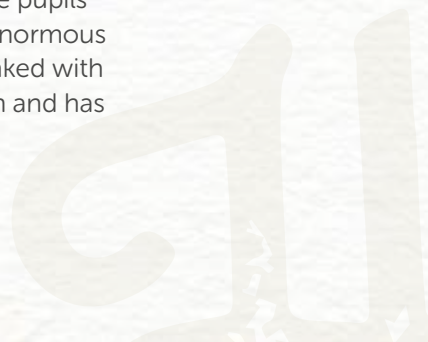
Widow of John Creek
(Old Bradfordian, 1929)



“John was a City Scholar who arrived at BGS in 1921 and progressed to Oxford. He served in the British Army throughout WWII, before embarking on a successful global career in marketing and manufacturing. Throughout his life his affection for BGS was constant.

The City Scholarship was the stepping stone to John’s time at BGS, and his subsequent career. On his death, inspired by the essential value of the funding he had received, I established our first bursary in his memory. It has been wonderful to learn how the pupils who benefitted have flourished.

As John ‘bequeathed’ to me his admiration for his school, I am making a bequest to BGS in my will, as a way of recognising the school’s contribution to his life and to ensure that more pupils can reap the rewards of a BGS education. It gives me enormous satisfaction to know that our bequest will be forever linked with the future of the school which meant so much to John and has come to mean such a great deal to me, too.”



HELP THEM MAKE THEIRS

MEET BLAINE THOMAS

Recipient of the Sir Ken
Morrison Assisted Place

“Financial barriers can often prevent young people from accessing the very best education, especially in the North. It’s thanks to Old Bradfordians such as Sir Ken Morrison that I have had such a rich education, both academically and socially.

I would never have thought that someone like me would be applying to the University of Oxford. I cannot stress enough how important I think it is that institutions like BGS continue to contribute to social inclusion and social mobility.

One day, I too hope to be in the position to be a benefactor to schools like BGS. I would love young people to have the same enriching experiences that I have had.”



MEET HAPPINESS CHINEMBIRI

(Old Bradfordian, 2019)

"As cheesy as it sounds, I fell in love with Bradford Grammar the moment I stepped in. I fell in love with the promise of aspiring to be the best version of myself; the promise of excellence. Yet paying for a place at my 'dream' sixth form was proving to be pretty difficult for my parents.

I was so grateful to be offered an Assisted Place to help bring my dreams to reality. I am now pursuing a Medical degree and aspire to be in a position where I can help others in similar circumstances to mine."



MEET ELIZABETH CROLLA

(Old Bradfordian, 2004)

"Without my bursary I would not have been able to afford my place at BGS. For this reason, I was extremely appreciative of my place and this meant I was prepared for hard work. I made the most of the many opportunities which were offered.

BGS enabled me realise my full educational potential and the opportunities were endless. I am now a training Clinical Oncologist and have BGS to thank for providing such a platform for future success."





*William Hulton Keeling
Headmaster and 'friend of
the scholarship boy'*

*We are committed to providing
exceptional facilities and
opportunities available to pupils*



*We have helped generations
achieve their full potential*

*Our school has
always offered an
outstanding education
to bright, hard-working
young people*



YOUR PLEDGE

Pledging a legacy gift will cost you nothing today, but is one of the greatest gifts you can make to your school. Your generosity will create far-reaching opportunities for future BGS pupils.

There are several ways to remember BGS in your Will:

- **Residuary:** once family and friends have been provided for, the remainder of a percentage of your estate is donated.
- **Pecuniary:** a fixed sum of money.
- **Specific:** a specific or in-kind bequest (for instance, property, stocks and shares, works of art or antiques).
- **Reversionary:** a legacy gift which allows named individuals to benefit from your estate during their life time, after which the designated assets will be given to BGS.

However you decide to remember BGS, we endeavour to follow your wishes and intentions wherever possible.

We recommend that you seek advice from your solicitor to ensure that your Will is valid.

Tax benefits

As BGS has charitable status (Registered Charity: 529113), making a legacy gift to us could reduce your Inheritance Tax rate and enable you to safeguard your loved ones' interests.

If 10 per cent of your net estate is donated to charity, the overall tax liability of your estate could be reduced from 40 per cent to 36 per cent.

Pledge form

If you have included or wish to include BGS in your Will, it would help us if you could let us know using the pledge form provided. This will enable us to express our thanks to you and keep you informed of school news.





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