

SummerFields

OXFORD

150
YEARS

1864 - 2014



THE MACLAREN SOCIETY

From Beneficiary to Benefactor



Every Summerfieldian has been the beneficiary of the generations that have gone before



Summer Fields was founded by Gertrude Maclaren in 1864. She and her husband Archibald Maclaren started the school with just seven pupils (nine if we count the Maclarens' daughters) at their home in North Oxford. Archibald Maclaren was a fencing master with a passionate belief in the importance of physical fitness, from whom the school motto, *Mens sana in corpore sano, A healthy mind in a healthy body*, originates. His wife, Gertrude, was a fine Classical scholar and a gifted teacher.

The school developed rapidly and by the end of the 19th century it was recognised as one of the finest prep schools in the country. Today Summer Fields has some 260 pupils and continues to flourish; building on its strong academic legacy while maintaining a breadth of education inside and outside the classroom.



Your gift to our future

Summer Fields has been strengthened over the generations by benefaction. We are fortunate that the generosity of our supporters has enabled us to invest in the future and to prepare our boys to go on and lead lives which draw upon Summer Fields' belief in confidence, self-discipline, responsibility and the pursuit of excellence.

Whether you wish to express your gratitude for the education you or your son received or to influence future generations, leaving a gift in your will to Summer Fields can help secure the future strength of this unique school for generations to come.

Every gift, regardless of size, makes a real difference.





Including Summer Fields in your will

Legacies have contributed significantly to Summer Fields and are vital to our long-term future. We understand that many people cannot give to Summer Fields during their lifetime. A legacy is a wonderful way of helping to protect and develop our exceptional community of learning and to ensure that it continues to thrive and flourish.

Legacies have played a very important role in the establishment and growth of **The Maclaren Foundation**. It was the *Colyer Ferguson Bequest* in 2002 which enabled the school to create an endowment fund for the Maclaren Scholarships. Our aim is to enhance that fund so that we can build upon our tradition of excellence by widening access and enabling talented pupils, regardless of background and ability to pay, to benefit from an education at Summer Fields.





The School Environment

In an increasingly competitive world, we are keen to ensure that our boys are provided with the very best facilities and academic resources to enable them to thrive. We are proud of Summer Fields' unique heritage and ever mindful of the importance of preserving the school's heritage. However, at the same time, the school is forward-looking and always planning for the future. As part of the school's long-term development strategy, we will be constantly reviewing areas of the school which need refurbishment, restoration, even rebuilding.

With your support we can preserve and enhance our unique school for generations to come.





How your gift will help

As Summer Fields is a registered charity, any bequest, whether it takes the form of cash, shares or property, will normally be free of Inheritance Tax. By leaving a gift to Summer Fields in your will you will be supporting the education of future generations.

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How to leave a gift in your will

There are four main types of gift that you can make in your will, and we recommend that you seek professional advice in deciding which is most appropriate.

RESIDUARY GIFT

A residuary gift enables you to give Summer Fields whatever remains of your estate after providing for your family, and meeting all debts and liabilities. This gift has more flexibility than a pecuniary gift in that you do not have to quantify the sum or take into account inflation when you draw up your will.

PECUNIARY GIFT

A pecuniary gift is the simplest form of legacy, allowing you to specify an exact sum of money.



SPECIFIC GIFT

A legacy need not necessarily be monetary. You may wish to leave specific assets such as stocks and shares, library collections, property, jewellery, antiques, works of art or other valuables.

REVERSIONARY GIFT

This type of legacy allows for your estate, or particular assets, to be passed onto your spouse, children or other named individuals, for their lifetime. On their death the whole or a portion of these assets revert to Summer Fields.

CODICIL

If you have already made your will, you can make an amendment by codicil to include Summer Fields.



Lifetime recognition

Those who have made legacy pledges to the school and who have returned a legacy pledge form are invited to become members of the Maclaren Society in recognition of their generosity and long-term commitment to the school.

Members of the Maclaren Society will be invited back to the school to see for themselves the developments and achievements of the school. Members will also receive information and invitations to events held at the school and elsewhere in the UK.

Summer Fields will respect the wishes of those who would like their gift to remain anonymous. However, if you agree we should like to acknowledge your pledge or benefaction.



The Maclaren Society

LEGACY PLEDGE FORM

CONFIDENTIAL

If you have included, or are intending to include a gift to Summer Fields in your will, please let us know by completing and returning this form. **Such a pledge does not commit you in any way.** It is simply a statement of your present intention.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Tel No _____

Email _____

Years at School _____ League _____

☐ I confirm I have included a gift in my will to Summer Fields

☐ I would like to discuss a possible legacy.
Please contact me at the above address.

HOW YOUR GIFT WILL BE USED

Please indicate if you are happy for Summer Fields to decide how your gift is spent in view of the school's needs at the time, or whether you would prefer a specific area or project to benefit.

☐ I would like the Headmaster and Governors of Summer Fields to decide on the best way to use my gift.

OR

☐ I would prefer my gift to be used for a specific benefit and would like to discuss this further.

ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR GIFT

We like to acknowledge all legacy pledges received in our Annual Donors Report. Please indicate if you would prefer to remain anonymous.

☐ I wish my gift to be anonymous

☐ Please tick this box if you would like to discuss your gift in confidence with the Development Manager

☐ I would like to become a member of The Maclaren Society

Please return this completed form to:

**The Maclaren Society, Development Office,
Summer Fields, Mayfield Road, Oxford OX2 7EN**

Telephone: 01865 459231

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