



Eastbourne College
The Devonshire Society

Your legacy

Investing in the future of Eastbourne College



‘The jewel in Eastbourne’s crown’ – Andrew Cavendish, 11th Duke of Devonshire

Registered charity number 307071



"I am marking the tenth anniversary of the Devonshire Society by joining its ranks; I look forward to meeting my fellow members in the years to come.

That Eastbourne College has been built through the generosity of its supporters, by no means all of them OEs, is well known but bears constant repetition. The Charity today stands about thirty years through a fifty year development programme that has seen the College's facilities transformed, a successful move to full co-education, and the Charity enlarged by the amalgamation with St Andrew's School.

The College I left as a pupil in 1979 has seen much change but also much that is constant: the Charity seeks to offer its education widely to those who cannot afford its full fees, it still has an ambitious programme of further development and it aspires to do more of both. It still also produces each year a generation of leavers who are well-rounded, capable and charming individuals. The support that the Devonshire Society provides the Charity underpins the confidence of Council to continue with its ambition for the Charity."

Philip Broadley (Wargrave '74)

Vice Chairman, College Council
Chairman of the Foundation and Development Committee

Eastbourne College – your legacy

Every Old Eastbournian has been the beneficiary of the generations that have gone before; every generation has inherited opportunities that are the envy of their predecessors. All too often, these developments came about just after you had left – new classrooms and laboratories; study bedrooms in place of dormitories. This process of renewal and regeneration over the years has been made possible only by the generosity of Old Eastbournians and parents/friends who chose to become benefactors.

Some are well known in Eastbourne's history, such as Rule, Reeves, Nugent and others who left legacies to provide for the future development of the College.

Some held their school in affection and wanted to give something back. Thus they set an example that carried the torch of generosity from one generation to the next.

If Eastbourne College has depended on benefactors in the past, the needs of the present are just as great. To provide a fine education in the 21st century is more expensive than ever as the College Council acknowledged when it created the Foundation. The objective of every good school is to develop the potential of all its students to the full; the objective of the Foundation and Development office is to develop the potential of Eastbourne College so that it becomes an even better school. One way in which you can support Eastbourne College is through a legacy in your will and this brochure sets out the advantages of such giving.

This is a great venture for the coming decades and if, over the years, you can follow the example of your predecessors as benefactors, then Foundation and Development will indeed become the engine of Eastbourne College's future.

Why make a bequest to Eastbourne College?

Making a bequest to Eastbourne College gives you the opportunity to:

- **Leave something permanent behind you**
- **Give something back to the College**
- **Do more than you might have been able to do in your lifetime**
- **Save inheritance tax**
- **Influence the lives and careers of a younger generation**

We realise that the future is uncertain, that your family's future is a first priority, and that you may well have many other calls on your loyalties and sympathies. Nevertheless, we hope that your time at Eastbourne College influenced your life and your career and you may like to reflect on how far your experience was made possible by the generosity of previous generations. If you would like to express your support and affection for the College by means of a legacy, this brochure will tell you how to go about it.



“Eastbourne College gives so many young people a wonderful start in life and offers an outstanding education in the broadest sense. Joining the Devonshire Society is a splendid way to support the school's future development and to ensure that it continues to make a huge difference to those fortunate enough to go there.”

Dr David Smith (Powell '77)
College Council
Fellow, college lecturer and director of studies in history, Selwyn College, Cambridge



“If I say that Eastbourne College does not change then many people will take offence; in fact I mean that the basic essence and ethos of the school has not changed over the years. My father and my great-nephew, with a gap of nearly 80 years between them, both emerged as well educated, more confident individuals ready to take their places in an ever changing world.

The fact that the school still exists in much the same form that it did well over a hundred years ago owes much to the great generosity of Old Eastbournians and other friends of the College whose contributions over the years have steadily but dramatically improved the facilities. The success of the Devonshire Society, now celebrating the first decade of its existence, is very much part of the drive to keep Eastbourne College in the forefront of education in this country and clearly warrants our support.”

David Thomson, CB CBE MC
(Gonville '55)



“It is a wonderful thing to see students fulfil their potential. The Devonshire Society helps to make that possible for future generations. I am excited to be a member.”

Christopher Kirk-Greene

College staff 1949–86



“Having worked at the College for nearly thirty years I have seen many changes including the stunning new science and D&T facilities. All the houses, both boarding and day, are now modernised and comfortable and the food is excellent.

Over the years I have seen many children blossom and their confidence grow as their natural talents are encouraged by the very talented members of staff in all departments. Pupils certainly receive a good all-round education suited to their particular gifts.”

Jacqueline Easterbrook

Science technician 1981–2009

Lasting benefits

1. Bursaries, awards and scholarships

We believe it is important to share the education we offer with pupils who would benefit and who have a great deal to offer the school but whose parents cannot afford the fees.

2. Development and resources

There will be a continuing need over the years to refurbish existing buildings and to add new ones.

Shorter term objectives

If you do not want to specify support for a particular area of the College’s activities, we suggest leaving a legacy to be used at the discretion of the Charity’s Trustees. They will be able to make judgements about putting your legacy to the most effective use at the time it is received.

No bequest is too small to be of value to us. All are very gratefully received and will be acknowledged.



Day boy – Year 11

“I would like to show my appreciation for the opportunity of attending Eastbourne College. I feel that without this opportunity I would not have developed the potential I have in sport, academic subjects and generally. I have progressed because of Eastbourne College and enjoy and embrace the challenging lifestyle. I would like to say thank you for this life-changing opportunity, without which I would not be doing as well in life as I am here.”

His housemaster writes: *...has gone from strength to strength this year. He has retained his open smile and generous spirit, but he has also shown some inner steel. When the academic heat came on, he was able to withstand the pressure, perhaps even using it to spur him on to even greater efforts. The sixth form will bring new challenges but I am confident that he will rise to these and, a year from now, we will be predicting him strong grades across the board.*

Boarding girl – Year 10

“I am so delighted that I have been given the opportunity to be at this school as it has given me so many chances to try new things. I aim to improve every term, becoming more independent and achieving the best that I can.”

Her housemistress writes: *Her academic performance is excellent and her personal targets are always high. She is a member of College teams in all three terms, including both athletics and swimming in the summer term. Although she is only in Year 10, she frequently swims for the seniors. Her attitude in house is exemplary; she makes an effort to contribute to community life and thoroughly enjoys being a boarder. She is a net giver.*

How to go about it – types of legacy

It is very important for everyone to make a will to ensure that their wishes for their estate can be carried out as they intend. A solicitor is the best person to advise on this and will be able to help you decide which of the following would be right for you.



1. Residuary (or percentage) legacy

Specific pecuniary bequests can be eroded by inflation or, more worryingly, if the overall value of the estate falls, it can mean that the proportion of the estate given is more than the legator intended. A way around this is to bequeath a percentage or fraction of the residue of your estate after your specific bequests have been made.

2. Pecuniary legacy

This involves leaving a specific sum to a named organisation. The disadvantages of this method are as mentioned above. However, a legacy can be index-linked to preserve its value for the future, and your solicitor should be able to provide you with a suitable wording for this.

3. Reversionary legacy

This method enables you to provide for your family first and then the College. It involves placing your estate in trust so that named beneficiaries would be entitled to the income during their lifetime with possibly a power for the trustees to advance capital if the beneficiaries were to need further funds for some unforeseen reason.

After the death of the named beneficiaries, you could provide for the whole or a percentage of the whole of the capital to pass to Eastbourne College.

4. Substitutional legacy

This means that you can leave your estate to a particular person or persons, but if they predecease you, then the bequest could go to Eastbourne College.

5. Specific legacy

You can leave to Eastbourne College specific personal possessions such as property, stocks and shares, works of art, antiques etc. This can be an attractive option where the asset has appreciated in value over the years and a lifetime sale would attract a high capital gains tax liability.

6. Deed of variation

If you become a beneficiary of someone else's will, you may wish to consider transferring the whole or part of that inheritance to Eastbourne College using a deed of variation. The value thus transferred would be exempt of the inheritance tax which would otherwise have been payable out of the estate in respect of the value transferred.

7. Life assurance

A final suggestion is to take out a life assurance policy with Eastbourne College as the named beneficiary. In this way, for a very modest premium, you can ensure substantial benefits for the College.

It is, of course, also possible to combine one or more of the above.

8. Gifts through a codicil

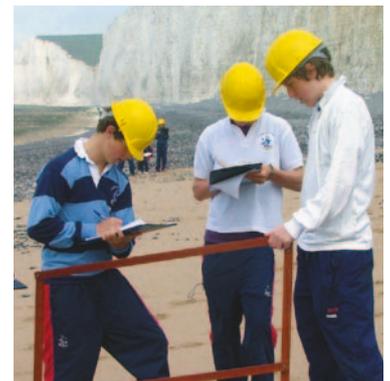
If you already have a satisfactory will but now wish to include a gift to the College, all that is required is to add a codicil to your existing will. After being witnessed by two people it should be sent to your solicitor to be kept with your will.



“Education is much more than lessons in classrooms with exams at the end. Education is also about leadership, whether it is as captain of a games team, a star of a theatrical production, a senior NCO in the CCF or as head of house.

I was given the opportunity at the College to aspire to and benefit from some of these additional life-enhancing experiences and without doubt they directed the course of my long and happy working career.”

Trevor Pescud (Powell '44)





"It is always satisfying to see the positive response in others when I am asked what school I was educated at. Eastbourne College has a wonderful habit of taking pupils at that critical stage of their learning, developing their potential and guiding them towards a successful future."

Nicholas Berry (Gonville '94)
Criminal Barrister

Tax matters

You should consult your legal adviser or accountant before making a new will or making any changes to your existing one but, in general, gifts made to Eastbourne College, during your lifetime or on your death, are exempt from inheritance tax. Bequests made to charities, including Eastbourne College, can be deducted from the net value of your estate, thus reducing your inheritance tax liability.

The inheritance tax threshold is usually reviewed in the budget each year and information on the current level is always available from the Foundation and Development office.

Making a pledge

If you decide to leave a legacy, whatever the size, to Eastbourne College, we would be grateful if you would let us know by completing the pledge form which can be found in the back pocket. You do not need to give any details of your legacy if you would prefer not to, nor is this pledge form legally binding. It is simply a statement of your present intentions and, as such, will help us with our future planning.

It will also enable us to invite you to become a member of the Devonshire Society.

Suggested wording

I give to Eastbourne College (registered charity number 307071) of Eastbourne, East Sussex (the Charity)..... with the request that it be used for such purposes in connection with Eastbourne College as the governors, as Trustees of the Charity, in their absolute discretion think fit/with the request that the funds be used for

I confirm that the receipt of a person who appears to be a proper officer of the said Eastbourne College shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my executors for the payment to Eastbourne College.



“When I see how pupils at Eastbourne embrace every opportunity given to them at the College I know that new facilities are appreciated and well-used and help to develop rounded, confident individuals. Eastbourne pupils are purposeful and the College week is particularly busy compared with many schools. I am pleased to know that, as a member of the Devonshire Society, I am among friends helping together to ensure that the College continues to offer such opportunities in the future.”

Victoria Henley (Nugent '75)
College Council
College parent



“Devonshire Society Day is always an exciting one for the College as we play host to Devonshire Society members.

The sun seems always to shine (it is Eastbourne, after all!), there is friendship, good food and wine, reminiscences, laughter, music, cricket and much, much more.

The very visible presence of Devonshire Society members in the College during term time is a powerful fillip for the whole community. During their time at the College, boys and girls soon learn and then appreciate just how much of what they enjoy at the College is made possible by the generosity of others, including members of the Devonshire Society.”

Simon Davies, Headmaster 2005–

The Devonshire Society

We understand that many people prefer the business of making a will to remain a private matter. Of course, we would respect this and guarantee your anonymity. We should very much like, however, to say a proper thank you in your lifetime. For this purpose, we created the Devonshire Society in 2002 with the blessing of Andrew Cavendish, 11th Duke of Devonshire.

If you tell us that you plan to make a bequest to Eastbourne College, and do not request anonymity, you will automatically become a member of this Society and will be invited every year with your spouse to a luncheon as a guest of the Headmaster. This will be an opportunity for the College to thank you for your affection, to keep you up to date with our plans and to listen to your views. Members may also be listed in College publications.

We very much hope that you will wish to become a member of this special group. If you have already included Eastbourne College in your will, please let the Foundation and Development Director know by completing the legacy pledge form. We would be delighted to recognise your commitment by making you a member of the Society.

We will ensure that:

- we fully understand your wishes
- you understand our needs and future plans
- what you are proposing can be put into practice
- we can work out together how to honour your gift.

Of course, if you would prefer not to talk to us about it, that is entirely up to you.

Quick summary

If you have decided to leave a legacy to Eastbourne College, here is a quick summary of what you will need to do, in conjunction with your accountant and/or solicitor.

1. Decide what you would like your legacy to be used for. For details see page 4.
2. Decide what sort of legacy you intend to leave. For details see page 6.
3. Contact the Foundation and Development Director at Eastbourne College if you have any queries about the process or would like to discuss leaving a legacy for a special purpose.
4. Contact your solicitor. For suggested wording see page 9.
5. If you have already made your will and now want to make an alteration to it, just complete the codicil form, which you will find in the pocket at the back of the brochure, and send it to your solicitor.
6. Please fill in the pledge form, which you will find in the back pocket, and return it to us.

You will be entitled to join the Devonshire Society if you wish. This will enable us to thank you during your lifetime for the legacy you are planning to make. For details see page 10.

Thank you



“In my time as Chairman of the College Council, I have been constantly impressed by the enduring strength of feeling for the College by those who have been involved with it, and the part this plays in the vibrancy and confidence of the school and the excellence of the educational experience that it offers.

The College has many friends, and they contribute to the school’s on-going success and well-being in a wide variety of ways. Foremost among these is the Devonshire Society, which has gone from strength to strength over the last decade; its impact has been far reaching, offering as it does the opportunity for friends of the College to remain close to the school, while also having a most positive influence upon its future. I commend the Society for its efforts and thank its members profoundly for their continuing commitment to the College and its pupils.”

Sir Ian Forbes KCB CBE (Powell '60)
Chairman, College Council



Foundation and Development

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