Benefactors



Since the College's foundation in 1867, generations have made donations to the College Charity to create, improve and embellish facilities for both pupils and staff. From money given by pupils and OEs for a memorial window in the chapel in 1887 to the presentday completion of the Nugee and Winn buildings, there has been continuous support for the College over the last 150 years.

East window in the Chapel, funded by pupils and OEs in 1887

The 2018 P150 development was made possible by the generosity of over 900 donors



The 7th Duke of Devonshire

The 7th Duke gave his patronage to the newly formed school and offered his land (at a reasonable rental value) upon which it could be built. Throughout his contact with the College, he provided financial assistance with the aid of loans and also bought shares in the College company (Eastbourne College Ltd). Further purchases of shares in the late 1880s enabled more buildings to be constructed. The 12th Duke of Devonshire is the current President of the Eastbourne College charity.



Edward Carleton Arnold, Headmaster 1924-29



The construction of the Memorial Building was due, in part, to the enthusiastic support given by Mr Arnold. He also gave a very generous personal donation towards its completion. As headmaster, he continued to draw the salary of an assistant master, the balance going to the building fund. The northern wing of the building was named the Arnold Wing in his honour.

He gifted several pieces of land to the College including Og's Wood, The Mere at Hampden Park, and a portion of the Cuckmere flood plain known as the Cuckmere Bounty. He also played a major role in the creation of the Arnold Embellishers.



Stanley Powell and Powell House



A wealthy businessman, Stanley Powell was widely known for his charitable work throughout London and Sussex. In the 1920s he bought the current Powell House as a holiday home and became a member of the College Council in 1930.

Three years later, he offered the house to Toc H, a move strongly opposed by local residents.

'Tubby' Clayton, the founder of Toc H, suggested that it might be given to the College instead. In 1936 Powell House became the College's first day boy house.



Herbert Kempson Reeves



Herbert Reeves was a pupil in School House from 1879 until 1881. Later he was engaged as the College's solicitor and in that capacity became a member of Council, a role that he continued until 1938, becoming Vice-President.

He made many gifts to the school, including shares 'to be devoted to the welfare of the

College'. He also gave large sums to the Memorial Building and money towards a new house, which was later named after him. Opened initially at 57 Carlisle Road in 1947 (see photo right), it relocated to Grange Road in 1966.



Stanley Sears (School 1919-22)

A generous benefactor to the College, and Member of the College Council, he gave the land known as Sears' Piece, on which the CCF shooting range and headquarters were later built. He also lent a substantial amount towards the construction of the building itself, which opened in 1956.



Arthur Nugent, Nugent House



Arthur Nugent was a boarder in Wargrave from 1891 until 1898 and was a house prefect and a member of the cricket XI. Following his death in 1954 the College received a generous legacy 'In memory of Happy Days at the School'.

He also created a trust fund, which was

bequeathed to his brother for life and then to the school. With the aid of this donation the College purchased a large house in Blackwater Road and named it Nugent House in his memory. It is now a girls boarding house.



Reginald Rule (Wargrave 1914-18)



On his death in 1982, Reginald Rule left a substantial legacy to be added to the Charity's endowment fund, where it remains today. This in

part enabled the school to construct a new building which housed the maths department and a technical centre where, among other subjects, computer studies were taught.

Rule Centre

It was called the Rule Centre in his honour, and the name has now been transferred to the new maths department which is based in the recently completed Nugee Building.

David Winn (School 1954-59)

Our greatest living benefactor is David Winn OBE, President of the Eastbournian Society and Vice-President of the College charity.

He co-ordinated the 1982 campaign to rebuild Big School and has made major financial contributions, most recently to the Science Centre, the Birley Centre and Project 150.

He is pictured here, holding the ceremonial trowel at the Project 150 foundation stone unveiling on 28 January 2016.

The stone is now located by the Nugee Building entrance on Old Wish Road.

