



What sorts of legacy exist?

There are five standard types of legacy:

The Pecuniary Legacy – this simple form of legacy allows you to give a specific sum of money to a named individual or organisation.

The Specific or Non-Money Legacy – you can leave a specific possession to an individual or organisation, such as property, jewellery, antiques, stocks and shares.

The Reversionary Legacy – this is an attractive way of providing for your friends and family first and then benefiting the School. It involves leaving your assets to trustees so

that the beneficiaries can enjoy the income during their lifetime, with the whole or a portion reverting to the school only on their death.

The Residuary Legacy – this involves leaving all or part of your estate to an individual or organisation, after all pecuniary legacies, debts, fees and other liabilities have been met.

The Conditional Legacy – this provides for the eventuality that if none of your named dependants survive you, your estate will be left to other named beneficiaries.

Please call us and we will help you find the best way for you to leave a

legacy. If you have any queries, ideas or comments, or would like to arrange a meeting to discuss your interest in leaving a legacy to the School please contact either the Development Office or the Headmaster.

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Your Legacy

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Leaving a legacy to Arnold House is an enduring way to honour and support the School, and an effective way to secure its future for generations to come.



Arnold House is a successful boys' preparatory school which offers a truly enriching all-round education. We are proud of our reputation and the achievements of our boys.

Founded in 1905, we are a central London school with exceptional buildings and facilities in St John's Wood and Canons Park, Edgware. Excellent academic performance, personal development of informed, purposeful, articulate and happy boys, distinguished teaching, sound planning and a strong fundraising record are all measures of Arnold House's success. This is the legacy of the generosity of the School community over the years. Our goal now is to enhance our outstanding facilities and to extend the opportunity of an Arnold House

education to able boys regardless of their parents' financial circumstances through the award of bursaries. To achieve this, it is essential that we strengthen the financial base of the School.

The Legacy of George Smart

Having joined the School's founder, Miss Hanson, in 1937 George Smart's close involvement with Arnold House went far beyond the thirty-two distinguished years of his headship. 1966 saw an important development in the life of Arnold House, for in that year and just prior to his retirement, George Smart oversaw the School passing from private ownership to becoming a Charitable Educational Trust; the status it enjoys today. In recognition of his contribution, we have founded the 'George Smart

Society' formed of similarly philanthropic minded-people who wish to leave a legacy to the School, thereby ensuring its long-term security.

We hope that, when you have provided for those closest to you, you will also want to remember Arnold House in your will. Leaving a legacy to Arnold House is an enduring way to honour and support the School that has made an impact on the lives of so many. It is an effective way to secure the future of Arnold House for generations to come and its place in the heart of St John's Wood, as a community and as a home of education and intellectual life.

Why the School needs your support

Endowment Fund

Legacies can, if desired, be directed towards specific areas such as Bursaries and the Annual Fund, but a legacy marked for the 'general purposes of the School' is most valuable as it gives the School flexibility to use your legacy in the most effective way. This may be towards capital and other projects that may arise, securing the School's future progression and pre-eminent position.

Bursary Support

We can now offer able boys the benefits of an Arnold House education irrespective of their family's financial means. We aim to broaden access to the School

through our programme of bursary support, funded for by gifts and legacies. As a new initiative, this is an exciting opportunity to help improve young lives.

Arnold House School is a registered charity and therefore pays no tax whatsoever on gifts of money or property. Certain gifts, including those given to Arnold House, are exempt from inheritance tax and thus can provide tax benefits to your estate. Legacies made to tax-exempt beneficiaries, such as the School or a registered charity, can be deducted from the net value of your estate, thus reducing the amount on which you are liable to pay Inheritance Tax.

Leaving a Legacy

Each and every legacy made to Arnold House counts and we are extremely grateful for a legacy of any size. We aim to make leaving a legacy to the School as rewarding and straightforward for you as possible. You can leave a bequest with complete confidence that it will be acknowledged in a way that has meaning for you and is used with accountability and transparency. We have inaugurated an annual event for members of the George Smart Society and we can provide naming opportunities in some circumstances, or respect your anonymity should you request it.

If you decide to leave a legacy to Arnold House in your will, we would be grateful if you could let us know by completing the form enclosed in this information pack. You do not need to give specific details of your legacy if you prefer not to, nor is the pledge binding, it is simply a statement of your present intentions. If you have already made your will but wish to add a specific (pecuniary) bequest to the School, you are also welcome to use the form enclosed. A legacy to Arnold House should refer to the school by its full official title. 'Arnold House School'. For some people the business of wills is a very private affair, and if you prefer to keep your wishes to yourself of course the School respects this.

The School is, however, particularly

grateful when friends and supporters choose to inform us. This is for three reasons:

- In order that the School can have some idea of the legacies which it can expect over time, and make allowance in its long-term financial planning. Such information is encouraging to us, and the knowledge that the School is supported in this way can encourage others to give, though of course all correspondence is treated in the strictest confidence.
- So that, if you have specific wishes as to how you would like your legacy to be used, we can discuss them with you and ensure that your wishes can be given effect in

a way with which you are content. • So that we have the opportunity to express our gratitude to you.

Please see overleaf for a guide on the types of legacies that exist.

