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Going to Trinity changed my life. I will always be grateful to Trinity, its Fellows and benefactors for supporting me both academically and financially when it was most important. By leaving something in my will, I hope to one day help someone else at the start of their own journey.

Sharon Pollock-Wilkins (2003)
AN ENDURING GIFT

After meeting commitments to loved ones and dependants, you may choose to remember other causes and organisations that have played a significant part in shaping your life. For over 250 alumni who have joined the Great Court Circle, leaving a legacy to Trinity College will become the most enduring gift of all.

By making a bequest to Trinity, your loyalty and kindness will live on for years to come. Your legacy will stretch further, reach more people and help to ensure the development and success of the College for future generations.

Traditionally alumni have funded immediate priorities such as student support and research. However, many choose to provide funding for more specific areas such as the First and Third Boat Club, choral scholarships, to maintain the historic buildings or to establish their own named bursary funds.

This brochure invites you to continue our great philanthropic tradition of bequests and legacies, and become a part of Trinity’s history. As our way of thanking you, we will invite you to join the Great Court Circle and celebrate with other members at an exclusive event each year in Hall.
1546

Henry VIII endowed the College generously with monastic lands a few weeks before his death.

1613

Nevile’s Court completed, named for former Master, Thomas Nevile.

1669

John Hacket, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry and a former Fellow, gives £1,200 for the building of Bishop’s Hostel.

1695

Wren Library opens thanks to the donations of “generous persons, favourers of learning, and friends to the Universities”.

1823

George IV contributes to the construction of New Court.

1866

William Whewell, former Master, funds construction of Whewell’s Court (1868).
The Sir John Bradfield Centre will provide an innovative technology centre, totalling 40,000 sq feet, on the site of the existing Cambridge Science Park.

The Wolfson Building is completed, used exclusively for first-year students, funded partly through the generosity of the Charles Wolfson Trust, which contributed £200,000 towards the building.

Burrell's Field opens. Located between Queen's Road and Grange Road, Burrell's Field adjoins the Fellows' Garden, providing accommodation for students.

Angel Court is constructed between the east side of Great Court and Trinity Street. Containing 73 rooms and six teaching sets, Angel Court is very much the personal creation of Sir John Bradfield as regards both design and execution.

Blue Boar Court opens above Whewell's Court, constructed a floor above ground level. It includes the upper floors of several surrounding Georgian buildings on Trinity Street, Green Street and Sidney Street.

Comprehensive refurbishment and remodelling of New Court.

1960

1989

1971

1995

2016

2017
My time at Trinity influenced my life for the better in so many ways. Directing my legacy to student support is helping to ensure that the College continues to attract the very brightest young people regardless of their means or origin. Thus, Trinity will develop even further as a world class centre of excellence.

Tim E. Allen (1962)
COLLEGE PRIORITIES

While you are free to allocate your bequest to one or more of the College’s priorities below, you may decide to make an unrestricted contribution or discuss an individual project with the College.

Student Support
Trinity College seeks to admit the best students, regardless of social or economic circumstances, from around the world. Today, however, the College faces new challenges in maintaining this ambition, and its success will crucially rest on increasing the level of Student Support.

Research
While the College’s contribution to research and discovery has been immense, it continues to have opportunities to advance its contribution to human understanding and tackling the world’s pressing problems. The future success of the College’s research endeavours will depend on philanthropic support.

Boat Club
There are always people, projects and equipment that the Boat Club requires to continue to remain competitive and these are often not affordable from the annual income of the Club.

The Choir
The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge has won international renown and is ranked in the top five choirs in the world by Gramophone magazine. Its success depends upon philanthropic support of alumni.

General Purposes
Gifts under this heading are used at the discretion of the College to support current priorities and areas of need.
THE GREAT COURT CIRCLE

The Great Court Circle is our way of recognising and thanking you for your contribution to the College.

All members of the Great Court Circle are invited to an annual luncheon in Hall followed by tours of the Fellows’ Garden, music recitals and lectures, ending with refreshments in the Master’s Lodge.

“I have always enjoyed our Annual Gathering, but the trouble is that it only comes round every 10 years. The great joy of leaving a legacy to our College is that you automatically join the Great Court Circle and get invited to a lunch in Trinity every year; a great chance to keep in touch with old friends and make new contacts.”

Christopher Taylor-Young (1954)
TYPES OF LEGACY

Below you will find illustrations of different ways to make your legacy provision. Please use this as a guide only, and speak with your solicitor before making any changes.

**A Residuary Legacy** – Leaving all or part of the residue of your estate after expenses have been deducted and bequests to your loved ones and dependants have been made. This way the real value of the gift you decide to leave is protected.

**A Pecuniary Legacy** – Leaving a specific sum of money which may be linked to the Retail Price Index.

**A Reversionary Legacy** – Leaving all or part of your assets to trustees which only revert to the College when your loved ones or dependants die, and that beneficiary has the full benefit of the income from it during their lifetime.

**A Conditional Legacy** – Leaving all or part of your estate to an individual, but in the event that they die before you the legacy goes to the College.

**A Specific Legacy** – Leaving a specified possession to the College which may be in the form of property, valuables, works of art or stocks and shares.

**A Life Assurance Policy** – Making Trinity College the beneficiary of a life assurance policy, payable on death, enabling you to provide for the College during your lifetime.
INHERITANCE TAX MITIGATION

Including Trinity in your will is a tax-efficient way of supporting the College as – according to current legislation – your estate will not have to pay inheritance tax on any gifts given to charities, museums, universities or community amateur sports clubs. It could be advantageous to distribute your estate in advance of your death so that your family and friends are left gifts below the tax threshold, meaning that they won’t be subject to inheritance tax.

Trinity is recognised as a charity for tax purposes in the United Kingdom. The registered charity number for Trinity College is: 1137604.

The College might be able to advise on making tax efficient legacies from other jurisdictions.

Detailed information on inheritance tax mitigation is available online: https://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax/gifts
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