



A Legacy to Eltham College



Nehemiah Griffiths -  
whose generous legacy was the  
school's first permanent home.



"I really enjoyed all the sport at  
Eltham, and I received a great deal of  
encouragement from staff to aim high."

JAMES HARRIS, WALES RUGBY U21, OE 2005



## Leave a Legacy for the future

The success of Eltham College today is a living testimony to the commitment of former generations to its future.



Academically and socially, the school strives to achieve the highest standards. The school also seeks to provide a well-rounded experience so that its pupils are prepared for all the challenges of life, just as it has done for past generations of Elthamians.

The Eltham College vision is of an all-round educational excellence, serving pupils from a wide range of backgrounds. We believe that in the independent school environment of the 21st century this best reflects the aspiration of our founders, over 160 years ago. We want to widen access to excellence by offering more means-tested bursaries. The benefits of

offering such awards extend beyond those who receive them; they enrich the whole school by enhancing its intellectual and social diversity. With the school's founding principles in mind, Eltham College is seeking to create an expendable endowment to secure the future provision of means-tested bursaries.

Many pupils in the past were recipients of the Government's Direct Grant or Assisted Place Schemes, which ended in 2004. Today Eltham College has continued to accept some very talented students by offering financial assistance in the form of scholarships and bursaries, thanks in part to the generosity of those who themselves benefited from their education here.

We need your help to ensure that future generations of pupils can enjoy the same opportunities as those who came before them. By including a gift to the school in your Will, you can help to shape the future of Eltham College and Elthamians for many years to come.

*"Without the 50% scholarship and a 50% bursary I would not have been able to study the 4 A Levels which secured me a place to study Medicine. I hope that in the future many more pupils will have this wonderful opportunity."*





## Making a Bequest to Eltham College

While rich in spirit and community, Eltham College is not wealthy in its endowment. As a charity, the school does not seek to make a profit and fees are kept as low as possible to keep the school accessible. A wide range of bursaries are provided to those bright pupils who may otherwise not be able to afford the opportunities offered by the school.

Currently, over 200 boys and girls receive some form of financial assistance, and it is highly desirable that Eltham College continues to accept those students who would benefit the most from the school and its traditions:

- A reputation for scholarship and commitment to serving others - students have gone on to give leadership and service in many areas beyond school life.
- A rewarding place to study with flourishing extra-curricular activities in sport, art, music and drama.

- Distinguished Community Service and Charities programmes which help others less fortunate than themselves.
- Generous philanthropic support of the wider Eltham College Community which has funded many of the school's developments.

You can help to secure the future of Eltham College by making a provision for the school in your Will. Bequests for "the general educational purposes of the school" are particularly useful, as needs will vary over time. You may, of course, wish your bequest to support a particular area of life at the school (for example, to endow a Bursary) and such bequests are very welcome. Please do contact us if this is the case; we can provide guidance and further information on how your bequest might benefit the school and how we, in turn, can best meet your intentions.



*"Great facilities, great teaching staff, great camaraderie within the school and between the pupils and the staff."*

ELTHAM COLLEGE PARENT









DAVID NORRIS, OE 1958

*"I was awarded a full Music Scholarship and a 50% bursary and am now pursuing a professional career as a Bassoonist. I will always be grateful for everything Eltham College has done for me."*

DANIELLE HARTLEY, OE 2005



*"Despite being brought up in real poverty (the result of severe ill health of my father) in what was then a working class home, I was nonetheless privileged. Thanks to a 100% scholarship I enjoyed an outstanding education in the wholly compassionate and supportive atmosphere of Eltham College.*

*I was far from being the only such beneficiary from such a background.*

*The ability of Eltham College to continue to attract and support children with true potential irrespective of background and "ability to pay" is, in my view, essential for the preservation of its unique ethos.*

*I wholeheartedly commend this initiative."*



## How to make a gift by Will

If you would like help, advice or to involve the school in making your Will, we would be happy to offer any assistance that we can. If you are thinking of making a gift by Will to Eltham College, you and your solicitor or other adviser may find the following standard wording, which is valid in the UK, useful:

*I give (proportion of the residue of your Estate, or specified sum of money) absolutely to Eltham College, registered charity 1058438, of Grove Park Road, London SE9 4QF to be applied for the general purpose of Eltham College and I direct that the receipt of the Bursar or other authorised officer for the time being of Eltham College shall be a good and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.*

A residuary legacy, where a specified proportion of your Estate goes to Eltham College, once other bequests have been honoured, can have the most impact. Other forms, such as a conditional or a reversionary legacy, can help to ensure

that your family is provided for before bequeathing any money to the school.

You and your advisers may find it helpful to know that Eltham College is a registered charity. For those living in the UK, this means that gifts by Will to the school are entirely free of inheritance tax. If your Estate is outside the UK, please seek specific advice about this matter.

All those who have included Eltham College in their Will become members of the Nehemiah Griffiths Society. Nehemiah Griffiths was a Governor of the school for twenty years and Chairman of the Governors for ten. His legacy was the first permanent home the school ever had, at Blackheath in 1857 before moving to Mottingham in 1912. The Nehemiah Griffiths Society has been established to recognise during their lifetime those who have made a legacy in their Will in favour of Eltham College. The Society seeks to enable members to be involved in a meaningful way in the life of the school according to individual members' wishes. Membership of the Society is confidential.





RICHARD PORTEOUS, OBE 1975

*"Eltham College gave me a wonderful all-round education and opened many doors to the future.*

*I was very lucky to enjoy such an opportunity and, by making a bequest, I hope to help Eltham provide the same opportunities for generations to come."*

*The Junior School was praised for its "high quality of education for its pupils which takes place in a stimulating learning environment."*

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE 2007



We would be delighted to hear that you are considering making a bequest to Eltham College in your Will, or have already done so. Any information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence, and the decision to provide details of your bequest is entirely yours.

Please complete the reply slip provided and return it to:  
Simon McGrahan,  
Development Director,  
Eltham College, Grove Park Road,  
London SE9 4QF



JOHN LINSOTT, OE 1945  
& STAFF 1953 - 1987

*"Eltham has been my life.  
I would like others to have  
the same education, lifelong  
friendships and benefits  
I have received."*



*We need your help  
to ensure that future  
generations of pupils  
can enjoy the same  
opportunities  
as those who came  
before them.*





## Confidential Reply Card

We would be very pleased to hear from you if you are considering making a bequest to Eltham College, so please do let us know your present intentions. Obviously this would not commit you in any way for the future.

- I am considering making a bequest to Eltham – please contact me.
- I have already made provision for Eltham in my Will.
- I would like my bequest to remain anonymous.

### Details of your bequest (optional)

- My bequest is to be used at the discretion of Eltham College.
- I should prefer that my bequest be used for a specific purpose.  
Please specify \_\_\_\_\_
- I have made a pecuniary/specific/residuary gift (please delete as appropriate) in my Will to Eltham College.

Estimated value of my proposed bequest in today's terms

£ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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*The Glory of the  
Present is the  
Past...and  
the Future.*