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# THE PERSE SCHOOL

## Your legacy to the Perse



Free School Lane 1615–1890



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

Gonville Place 1890–1960





## The legacy of Stephen Perse

The establishment of The Perse School in 1615 as a "Grammar Free School" was the main provision of the Will of Dr Stephen Perse. Ever since this original bequest, the Perse has relied upon the generosity of many Old Perseans and other friends to help the School flourish. This support has helped the Perse become one of the leading independent day schools in the UK today.

With the School's founding principles in mind, the Perse is seeking to create an expendable endowment to secure the future provision of means-tested bursaries.

## Access to Excellence

The Perse vision is for a school of all-round educational excellence, serving a greater number of pupils from a wide range of backgrounds. The School believes this best translates the aspirations of Stephen Perse, nearly 400 years ago, into the independent school environment of the 21st century. It is looking to open up



access to excellence by offering more means-tested bursaries. The benefits of offering such awards extend well beyond those who receive them; they enrich the whole school by enhancing its intellectual and social diversity.

The aim is to expand the funding for bursaries at the Perse, with the initial target of doubling the number of bursary pupils in the decade leading up to 2015. In the long term this funding can be best secured by the establishment of a significant endowment fund. Leaving a gift to the Perse in your Will provides a unique opportunity for you to help the School achieve this aim.

Bursary support ranges from 5% to 95% of school fees; hence a gift of any size is an enduring way to ensure that your support will help foster intellectual curiosity, creativity and a love of learning in many future generations of Perse pupils.

## Securing the future

Leaving a bequest in your Will is a very personal matter and the School understands that first and foremost you will want to provide for

your family and other loved ones. Having done this, the School hopes that you will consider including a legacy in its favour in your Will. It is an opportunity for you to support the School in a way that might not have been possible during your lifetime.

Your solicitor is best able to advise you on making a charitable bequest. If you have already made a Will, a codicil can simply be added in favour of the Perse. Your legacy can take a variety of forms and can consist of money or financial assets, such as shares, property or valuables. All gifts are free of inheritance tax, which can assist greatly with estate planning.

Whilst the Perse is looking to direct bequest income primarily towards establishing an expendable endowment fund for bursaries, you can of course focus your support on a specific purpose. In either case the School would be pleased to discuss your specific wishes.

All those who have included the Perse in their Will become members of the Dr Perse Society. Further details about the Society can be found overleaf.



## The Dr Perse Society

The Dr Perse Society was established in memory of the School's Founder to recognise during their lifetime those who have made a legacy in their Will in favour of the Perse. 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.

By becoming a member of the Dr Perse Society your generosity will be recognised through regular communications and invitations to Cambridge for the Benefactors' Lunch. In this

small way the School will be able to show its deep appreciation for your support.

## Your legacy

Please consider including the Perse in your Will. Leaving a bequest in your Will is one of the most meaningful ways of supporting the Perse and allows you to make a lasting difference by investing in the future of the School. With your continuing help, the future of the Perse as a socially inclusive school of all-round educational excellence will be assured.

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