

STAHS BRIGHT FUTURES



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HEAD'S WELCOME

St Albans High School was established on the principle that schools could be 'places not only of instruction, but of education in the true sense of the word, and a training of the individual girl by the development of her mental and moral faculties, to understand the relation in which she stands to the physical world around her and to her fellow beings'¹.

To this day, STAHS remains true to its roots; we pride ourselves on the development and support of every one of our students as an individual. They leave school fully equipped to understand the impact they can have on their local community and on the world. They are movers and shakers, undaunted by the obstacles that have stood in the way of the women who came before them.

We believe that the empowering education offered at STAHS should be made available to as many young people as possible, regardless of background or circumstance.

We are therefore delighted to offer a Bursary Fund, which provides 100%+ awards towards the education of bright and determined children for whom independent education would otherwise be impossible.

These bursaries are largely funded through the generosity of people like you, without which we would simply be unable to offer these life-changing awards. Through regular gifts, one-off donations and legacy funds, we are working to ensure that a STAHS education and experience is available to all young people, particularly those in Hertfordshire, for years to come.

I hope that you will consider joining the many other alumni and friends of STAHS who have made a commitment to contribute to the STAHS Bursary Fund. All gifts, large and small, go directly to supporting young people with enormous potential to achieve their dreams through transformational education.

Amber Waite
Head

¹ Maria Grey, British educationalist and one of the founders of the organisation that became the Girls' Day School Trust (GDST)



Why leave a gift to STAHS?

STAHS has a history of alumni, former staff and parents generously giving their support to the School, supporting it to continue to be a vibrant and flourishing place of learning.

The reasons for leaving a bequest are extremely personal.

It may be because you want others to benefit from the same education that you or your child received, to help enhance the School for future generations, to express gratitude or loyalty, or to help provide opportunities for others.

Whatever your reason, every gift contributes towards the ongoing success of the School, providing a fantastic grounding for pupils' lives in today's ever-changing world.

How your gift can make a difference

A legacy is a wonderful way to make a contribution to St Albans High School for Girls, as we appreciate that not everyone can give as they might wish to during their lifetime.

Alongside our continuing commitment to providing an exceptional education, we offer adventurous opportunities and strong support to allow our pupils to develop a lifelong love of learning and respect for others. We want to ensure this is something that all academically able girls can continue to access, regardless of their family's financial circumstances.

Unless you have specified a particular project or beneficiary from your bequest, we would like to direct all legacy gifts towards our Bursary Fund. This opens the door to an exceptional education for bright and able girls for whom independent education would otherwise be impossible. Our comprehensive support package not only covers fees, but can also help with uniform, transport and lunch costs. We have a proud track record of educating pupils from diverse social backgrounds; past Bursary Fund beneficiaries have gone on to become the first in their family to enter higher education, winning places at prestigious universities and achieving their dreams. With your support we can make more transformational awards like these.

Types of bequests

We recommend that anyone wishing to recognise St Albans High School for Girls in their will seeks the advice of their solicitor and other financial advisors. The School is a registered charity and therefore any bequest will normally be free of inheritance tax, and could reduce the overall tax payable on your estate.

There are several ways to support St Albans High School for Girls in your will:

- **A pecuniary legacy:** a gift of a fixed sum of money or a percentage of your estate.
- **A residuary legacy:** leaving the full balance of your estate.
- **A specific legacy:** a gift of personal property, allowing you to leave specific assets such as real estate, works of art, stocks and shares, or other valuables.
- **A reversionary legacy:** a gift which allows you to leave assets to the School whilst giving a named person the benefit of these during his or her lifetime.





Recognition

Those who make legacy pledges to the school will be invited to become a member of The 1889 Society, which recognises and thanks those who have generously shown their support and commitment to the school through a gift in their will.

An annual event will be held for members of the Society, allowing them to revisit the school and meet current pupils. Membership will be discrete and, of course, anonymity will be respected if wished.

The 1889 Society

- I have included St Albans High School for Girls in my will.
- I would like more information about making provision for St Albans High School for Girls in my will.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Any additional information that you would like to give us which relates to your bequest:

In recognition of your pledge you will automatically become a member of The 1889 Society.

- If you do not want to become a member of The 1889 Society, please tick here.
- If you would like for your pledge and gift to remain anonymous, please tick here.

Please return this form to:

Development Office, St Albans High School for Girls, Townsend Avenue, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 3SJ



**Thank you for
making a legacy
gift to the School.**



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