



Your Legacy to Selwyn



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After I'd been at Selwyn for a couple of years, I changed my will.

I am still providing generously, I hope, for my family and friends; but I also decided to leave a proportion of my estate to the college. I am by nature a thrifty Yorkshireman, and I thought carefully about what I was doing. But having seen Selwyn close-up, and now knowing its people, I could not think of a better investment for the future.

Education is one of the greatest forces for liberation. It is education that transforms lives, and this college has a tradition since its foundation of offering world-class teaching to students who might not otherwise be able to afford it. We have a commitment to recruit the brightest students irrespective of their background. But that is not an end in itself. What also matters is that Selwynites go on to make a difference in the wider world. They become doctors and climate scientists, they write wonderful books and compose music,

they work for justice as lawyers and they teach future generations. So a financial gift to the college that begins by supporting a student to get here, or provides them with the facilities they need, is only the beginning of the story.

In my time at the college, we have seen the transformative nature of legacies. The Elgar fund, created by alumnus Dennis Elgar, gives book grants to all freshers for decades to come and free formal hall tickets to bursary students. Other legators have enabled us to complete the Bartlam library and the Quarry Whitehouse auditorium. We will not hear the thanks of those who benefit from our wills, but we can be certain that the results will be powerful and long-lasting. I very much hope you will feel able to join hundreds of others in making that commitment.”

Roger Mosey, Master of Selwyn College



Why do I need a Will?

No matter how old you are, having a Will is important

By signing a Will, you make things a lot easier for your family.

Signing your Will means *you* decide what happens

Without signing a Will you would be intestate, which means your estate may not be distributed as you would want. When you have made arrangements for your family and friends, we would be most grateful if you might consider remembering Selwyn in your Will.

Gifts to charities such as Selwyn are exempt from Inheritance Tax

You can also reduce the Inheritance Tax rate for your estate from 40% to 36% if you leave 10% of your estate to charities such as Selwyn.



Through the generous donations of alumni, the college is able to provide financial support to students like myself, and without it I wouldn't otherwise be able to engage with the rich academic and cultural life that Cambridge has to offer. I have particularly benefitted from legacy support, which has allowed me to stay in college accommodation throughout the holidays, so that I can continue my studies without disruption. I study medicine with the ambition of one day improving the lives of others, so I am grateful that my own life has been so drastically improved since coming to Selwyn, which is only made possible by the college's ongoing support! Thank you!"

Ashley Fox Wiltshire (SE 2020)



How to include Selwyn in your Will

Writing and signing your Will can be simple and straightforward

We recommend that you use a qualified solicitor to ensure that your Will is valid.

State that your gift is made to *“Selwyn College Cambridge (England & Wales registered charity number 1137517) for its general charitable purposes”*.

Unrestricted gifts are especially helpful since legacies don't come into effect for many years, and this allows the college in future to apply the benefits to its needs of the day. They also allow the college to build its endowment, making a long term contribution to Selwyn's sustainability

We are very happy to discuss any specific intentions to support an area of college life that you may have, and welcome gifts which support particular elements of the intellectual and social life of the college. Current *1882 Society* members have told us that their gifts will benefit the gardens, teaching, student support, the life of the chapel and many other parts of the college.

When you have made your Will, please let us know using the attached form. We will then enrol you as a member of the *1882 Society* so you will receive invitations to our annual lunch and your name will be included in our annual report record of donors as a member.

If you would like to discuss including Selwyn in your Will, please contact:

Mr Sam Davis, Major Gifts & Legacies Manager
sjdd2@cam.ac.uk and +44 (0)1223 767845.

Thank you very much for considering including a gift to Selwyn in your Will.

Supporting Sport

Legacies can be directed to any area of the college's extra-curricular activities.

For example, legacies make a vital contribution to making our sports clubs fully accessible to all of Selwyn's students, to equipping them and helping them to compete at the highest possible level in Cambridge and beyond.

Sport at Selwyn builds camaraderie and team spirit, building new friendships and support networks that stay with our students throughout their lives.



Selwyn College Boat Club provides training and facilities for over 70 oarsmen and women across all year groups, undergraduate and postgraduate. Many of our rowers have never had the chance to row before and Selwyn provides a welcoming and successful place to start!"

**Hal Mutton (SE 2018),
President 2021-22**





Research is always challenging, especially during an uncertain time.

As an international student and first-generation undergraduate, it was very difficult for me to tackle the uncertainty of Covid travel regulations and at the same time navigate the landscape of academic research. Fortunately, legacy funded grants from Selwyn enabled me to stay in residence during a vacation and volunteer as a research assistant at the Cambridge Personality and Social Dynamics Research Group. This experience gave me invaluable insights into frontier research practices and methodology which is really helping my ongoing undergraduate dissertation research project."

James He (SE 2019)



Legacies have supported the musical and spiritual life of the college since its earliest days, and their impact is felt every time the choir sings.

Since I came to Selwyn in 1999, I have seen first-hand the difference that donations and legacies make. Support from our alumni and friends has helped the choir to tour internationally and to perform works by numerous living composers, many of whose careers have been launched by the choir's acclaimed recordings over the past two decades.

It is well known that extra-curricular activities such as the arts and music have been marginalised in schools. Your support will help all students to participate in the full richness of choral music, through exhibitions and scholarships and crucial access to individual vocal and musical tuition, ensuring that this important aspect of college life flourishes into the future."

Sarah MacDonald, Fellow and Director of Music





Selwyn has supported me to find myself, build my confidence and discover my passions.

I came to Selwyn from a state comprehensive school with little experience of sending students to Oxbridge. I had little belief in myself and didn't imagine I would ever have the competence to undertake independent research work.

However, in my second year I developed a great interest in Inorganic Chemistry and secured support for my summer project in the Chemistry Department from Selwyn. Without this funding, the project would have been too expensive, and I would not have realised that research was a path I could pursue. After it, I had no doubts about committing to the Masters of the Natural Sciences Tripos.

During my Master's research project, working in a Materials Chemistry group investigating technology to mitigate climate change, I quickly realised that this was something I was invested in, and wanted to spend much more time on.

I have returned to undertake a PhD building on this work partly funded by legacy gifts to Selwyn. Whilst I embark on the exciting early steps of research, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity I've been given to do this, not just once through my summer project, but now twice with my PhD."

Chloe Balhatchet (SE 2017)



Legacy pledge form

If you have kindly included a gift to Selwyn in your Will (or are generously considering doing so) please let us know by completing and returning this form. It is not a binding document, but as a statement of your intentions it will help the college to plan for the years ahead and enable us to thank you for your support during your lifetime.

Please return this form to:

FREEPOST
Development and Alumni
Relations Office,
Selwyn College,
Grange Road,
Cambridge
Cambridgeshire
CB3 9DQ

I have remembered Selwyn College in my Will with:

- A residuary gift of % of my estate
- A cash gift, the approximate value of which is £ (optional)

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Telephone:

Signature:

Date:

- I do not wish to be invited to *1882 Society* events
- I would prefer to remain anonymous
- I would like to discuss my plans further. Please contact me on the above email address/phone number.



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