

# A Legacy to BGS



Preserving the past ... Protecting the future

*“Henry Bury and Roger Kay...were without doubt the two men above all others to whom the school owes its existence.”* I.B. Fallows, BGS History

*“Cum laude et pecunia”*  
The proof of endearment is endowment

We invite you to join The Roger Kay Society



## A Legacy of Excellence

The Bury Grammar Schools exist because of a long and honourable tradition of benefaction by previous generations. Henry Bury in the Sixteenth Century, and Roger Kay in the Eighteenth, knew that they had been fortunate in life, and by their generosity they ensured that generations to come, who might not be so fortunate, should be blessed with the priceless opportunity of a fine education.

As the Schools have grown, that initial vision has required both the expansion of the campus, with the provision of ever improving facilities, and the creation of more bursary places for pupils whose families would otherwise be unable to send them here. This enlargement of the vision of our first Founders has been made possible only by a continuing tradition of benefaction, within which legacies from Old Boys and Old Girls have played an indispensable part.

All of our pupils today, therefore, owe some element of their education to the generosity of those who walked the corridors before them; and each new gift that we receive forges another link in a chain of benefaction, inherited from the past, which will continue to secure our future. At every critical stage in our history, the Governors have appealed for support to the whole BGS community, and have not appealed in vain. We therefore have confidence now to ask you to consider remembering the Schools in your Will.

By becoming a member of *The Roger Kay Society*, and recognising in this way all that Bury Grammar School means to you, you will help us to maintain our tradition of excellence in education, and bring lasting benefits to generations of future pupils. We have a proud past, and with your help can look to a still greater future. Please consider supporting us in this way.

Revd Dr John Findon  
*Chairman of Governors*

## Making a Lasting Gift

Today, more than ever before, the Schools need your help to enable us to look to the future with confidence. A gift by bequest may be a simpler way of making a contribution than would otherwise be possible in these difficult times.

We understand that protecting the interests of your family and friends must be your first priority. However we hope that the time you spent at BGS had a very positive influence upon your life and career. Your bequest could provide much needed help for our bursary programme, or the improvement of buildings and facilities. This final act of generosity will ensure that others will have the same advantage as you enjoyed. It will also give you the opportunity to:

- 🌀 leave something permanent behind you
- 🌀 give something back to your School
- 🌀 do more than you might be able to do in your lifetime
- 🌀 reduce Inheritance Tax on your estate

## The Roger Kay Society



### Our way of saying “thank you”

Should you choose to leave a legacy to Bury Grammar School, you will be welcomed as a member of *The Roger Kay Society*. Named after our early benefactor, this special group has been formed to acknowledge and thank our supporters during their lifetime.

At our annual lunch, members will have the opportunity to share their interest in the Schools with like-minded friends, meet the pupils and Headteachers and hear about our development and plans for the future.

We recognise that making such a decision is private and personal. Membership is discreet and of course anonymity will be respected if wished.





# *Cum Laude et Pecunia - The Pro*

## Past Benefactors

We have been fortunate to receive donations and bequests over the years that have enabled us to make some very positive changes to our Schools. To name but a few, we owe Buckley Wells playing fields, our indoor heated swimming pool, the new Boys' School and our magnificent new Kindergarten to the generosity of supporters. Even our beautiful Roger Kay Hall was the gift of our benefactor Henry Whitehead. Some recent legacies have widened access to our Schools by providing bursaries and others have helped us commit to ambitious building projects.

### ***Jack Farraday*** (1912-2003)

Jack Farraday's contribution to the Schools as Clerk to the Governors was outstanding. During his 30-year tenure over 30 building projects were completed, owing to his shrewd financial management and a series of public appeals. Jack was passionate about the need to raise funds for bursaries. In making his gift to a charity, he was able to avoid Inheritance Tax and maximise his bequest to BGS. His legacy has to date made provision for 18 young girls and boys to benefit from the life changing opportunity of a BGS education.



### ***Margaret Timpany*** (1917-2008)

Margaret Timpany attended Bury Grammar School Girls with her sister, Nancy. She had very fond memories of the School where she developed a love of sport and music. Margaret Timpany became Head Girl in 1935 and went on to study medicine at the University of Edinburgh. She had an impressive career and led an active life pursuing her interests in dancing, travelling, walking and gardening. Dr Timpany attributed her accomplishments to her BGS education; her legacy has created two bursary places.



### ***Peter Dearden*** (1942-2007)

Peter Dearden was the only son of Margaret and Eric Dearden. They both highly valued education and encouraged Peter through his successful studies at Bury Grammar School. Peter cultivated a thirst for knowledge and a spirit of adventure at BGS. He emigrated to California in 1967 and made his fortune. Peter Dearden enjoyed life to the full; in his passing he chose to remember the School which gave him the best foundation for life and happiness. His legacy is for the Schools' Building Fund and specifically the new Lecture Theatre.



# Proof of Endearment is Endowment



## Members of The Roger Kay Society

### *What the school means to me...*

The Bury Grammar Schools have been a huge part of my life. Our traditional values and extensive educational opportunities give pupils the greatest foundation for life. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to see our youngest children develop into mature and confident young adults who make a positive contribution to our society. My legacy will provide the treasured gift of education to a child of the future.

**Diana Robinson, Head of Kindergarten 1984–2009, Chairman of OGA**



### *What the school means to me...*

I have been involved with Bury Grammar School for most of my life from a young boy of ten to a schoolmaster retiring after some thirty years of teaching. I owe the School a great debt of gratitude for the education I received and for being able to help others benefit in the same way. It has been most rewarding over the years to meet with former pupils and see how their time at Bury Grammar School prepared them for their future careers and future success. The Legacy Fund ensures that the School will continue to open its "sacred doors" for years to come.

**Geoff Bennett, Old Boy, Master and Past President of the Old Boys' Association**



### *What the school means to me...*

*Sanctas Clavis Fores Aperit.* The Bury Grammar Schools are very special. I want them to be able to pass on that Key which opens the Holy Doors of Wisdom and Understanding to future generations of Bury youngsters. My commitment to the Legacy Fund will help to ensure that future. Please join me.

**Janet Lawley, Headmistress 1986–1998, Appeal Patron**



### *What the school means to us...*

Our future was determined when we met, aged five, in Kindergarten. Since then Bury Grammar School has remained at the very heart of our lives. Our commitment has been further strengthened by the shared pride and joy as our children flourished at BGS and now our grandchildren. We deeply value the friendships forged at BGS; the spirit of our youth and warm affection for our School is evident to this day. We know we are fortunate. Repaying the advantages that BGS gave us is important and our legacy is a simple, yet essential way, of handing on the baton.

**Derek and Barbara Calrow, Former pupils, Governor, Appeal Patron, Chairman of Development Committee**





## A Pledge for the Future

With your help we can preserve our rich tradition of education and continue to achieve excellence and create opportunity in a fast-changing world. Pledging a gift to BGS will cost you nothing today, but will leave a lasting good for generations of pupils to come.

We should be most grateful if you would let us know your intentions by completing the Pledge Form in the back of this booklet. Your reply will be treated in the strictest confidence. If you already have a Will and would like to make a bequest to BGS you should complete the Codicil Form opposite and send it to your solicitor.

## Tax Advantage

BGS is a registered charity, therefore all legacies are free of Inheritance Tax; this can greatly assist with Estate Planning by reducing any tax payable by your estate.

## Where We Need Help

If you would like to leave a legacy for a specific part of the School, or for a bursary, we should be delighted to discuss this with you to ensure that we fully understand your wishes.

The Schools are constantly evolving and our needs change, so gifts which are not dedicated specifically are extremely valuable and will enable our Governors to channel resources to areas where the need is most pressing.

## Thank You

Private philanthropy now makes the difference between a good school and an outstanding one. Your gift can do wonderful things at BGS; it will help us build upon our strengths, our way of education, our unique environment and our distinct values. No gift is too small to be valuable to us; all are welcome, gratefully acknowledged and spent wisely.

*Thank you for having the will to give.*





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I should be delighted to discuss confidentially the options available to you and the ways in which the Schools could use your generous gift.

By pledging to leave a bequest you will be recognising all that Bury Grammar School means to you and contributing to the lives of generations of future pupils.