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Why we need your help

Magdalen College was founded in 1458 through the extraordinary generosity of William Waynflete. And since that time almost every building, garden, facility, scholarship and fellowship has owed part or all of its funding to bequests from members of the Magdalen community, from the restoration of the Great Tower to the new Longwall Library.

The support our College has received from legators over the centuries has made Magdalen what it is today, and as we face a decline in state funding, we need your support more than ever to ensure we continue to provide a world-class educational experience for generations to come.

What your legacy will do

By leaving a legacy to the College you will help to ensure that we can:

- preserve the tutorial system
- continue to deliver academic excellence
- maintain our College buildings, facilities and grounds
- remain at the forefront of research and innovation
- uphold William Waynflete’s belief that no academically talented student should ever be deprived of an education at Magdalen for lack of financial means.

Where your gift will go

An unrestricted gift is generally the most beneficial way to support Magdalen as it gives the College the flexibility to use a gift in the most effective way to support the area of greatest need. However, it is possible to reflect a particular interest or priority should you wish to.

The Fastolf Society

Legators known to the College automatically become a member of the Fastolf Society. The Society is named in honour of Sir John Fastolf (1380–1459), a commander in the Hundred Years’ War whose wealth became a founding endowment for Magdalen. A highlight of the Society’s programme is an annual lunch in Hall hosted by the President of Magdalen College.

Why include Magdalen in your Will

Your Will is an opportunity to make a significant and lasting impact on the people and places that have influenced and shaped your life.

Although we are unable to offer legal or financial advice, we can answer your questions about legacies in general, and outline the possible tax advantages to your family.

If you have any questions about leaving a gift to Magdalen in your will, we can send you a legacy pack with more information or talk to you about your options without committing you in any way.