



Your Linacre Legacy

Shaping the Future of College



The Gift of Education



An Opportunity to Make a Difference Beyond Your Lifetime

Linacre is a place of academic excellence where graduates excel in a supportive and welcoming community and world-leading research happens every day. We are committed to providing opportunities for talented students from across the globe, regardless of their background or financial circumstances. Leaving a legacy, bequest or planned gift to the College in your Will is one of the most meaningful ways to help our community grow, develop, and thrive.

Though we manage our finances soundly, Linacre has one of the smallest endowments of any Oxford college. With rising costs and fewer funding opportunities, we must strengthen our long-term financial position by increasing the endowment and we are committed to expanding the provision of scholarships, hardship funds, research support, and improving facilities. Legacies have played a central role in the development of Linacre and the lives of its people. From funding library renovations to providing scholarships, legacy gifts help us continue to transform lives and champion graduate learning for future generations.

Your Linacre Legacy

A gift in your Will of any size or type will have a lasting impact here at Linacre. We welcome all types of legacy gifts, and a bequest can be arranged in several ways. A legacy gift can be written into a new Will, or added to an existing one using a Codicil form. We always advise speaking to a legal adviser before drafting a new Will, updating an existing one or making other plans for your estate, so that your Will meets your needs, supports your family and loved ones, and takes advantage of any tax benefits.

There are currently several methods by which you can remember Linacre in your Will:

Residuary legacy

This is the gift of all or a percentage of the net residue of your estate, after all gifts to family and friends, liabilities, legacies, and administrative expenses have been met. This form of gift is particularly simple as you do not have to quantify the sum or worry about inflation when you draw up your Will.

Pecuniary legacy

This simple form of legacy allows you to give a specific sum of money to Linacre. To safeguard its value from inflation, your Will can provide for it to be index-linked.

Specific legacy

This is the gift of something valuable like a property, a piece of jewellery or stocks and shares, either to be used or to be sold to generate funds.

Reversionary legacy

This gift has the advantage of providing for your family first and then benefiting the College. So when the original beneficiary dies, the gift in your Will reverts to Linacre College. Your solicitor or legal advisor will be able to provide you with wording for this form of legacy.



When arranging a gift in your Will to Linacre, your solicitor or attorney will need to advise you. Here is some example wording:

I give [detail the proportion of your estate, fixed sum or specific asset] to The Principal and Fellows of Linacre College, Oxford (UK Registered Charity No. 1142130) with the request that it be used for its general charitable purposes.

I declare that the receipt of the Bursar or other duly authorised officer of the time being of the said College shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors or Trustees for the discharge of the said legacy.



Tax Benefits

Including Linacre in your Will is a straightforward and fulfilling gift to make and, depending upon where you live in the world, there can be a number of financial advantages.

As the rules governing taxation in the UK are subject to change, please see our website (www.linacre.ox.ac.uk/alumni/support-linacre/planned-giving) for more details. You are also advised to contact your financial advisor and seek professional legal advice at the time of making or amending your Will.



Sharing Your Intentions

Making an unrestricted bequest is the greatest way for your legacy to safeguard the future of the College. It enables us to react to changing priorities and to direct your support where it will make the most difference to Linacre at any given time. The College is also happy to explore any particular priorities you wish to support and receive legacy gifts directed to a specific purpose, such as scholarships, research, facilities, and the College endowment.

The wishes of all our legators at any level are of the utmost importance. If you are planning to make a provision in your Will, or already have, please let us know of your intentions using our online form (linacre.ox.ac.uk/alumni/support-linacre/planned-giving) so that we are able to follow your wishes and thank you personally. Any information given will be treated confidentially and is non-binding.

“From staff member to DPhil student to Fellow, Linacre has been a key part of my life for over a quarter of a century. As a result, I know how much the College and future students will benefit from my long-term commitment to sustain it. It is not too much to say that Linacre is a place where my dreams were made and I am dedicated to giving back to the College that has given me so much.”



Stephen Hague
(2008, DPhil in History)



“I hope my legacy will help future students develop projects that ease the pain of climate change or preserve some of the planet’s natural beauty.”

Supharang Kantaphichan
(1996, MSc Environmental Change and Management)



The Bamborough Circle

We recognise and celebrate those who have pledged to leave a gift to Linacre in their Will by welcoming them into the Bamborough Circle. In recognition of their generosity, and with heartfelt thanks, members are invited to an event in College annually and will receive a Bamborough Circle pin badge which we hope you will wear at events with pride. The Bamborough Circle is named in honour of the creator and first Principal of Linacre College, John Bernard Bamborough, also fondly known as 'Bam'. The Circle has members representing many careers, backgrounds and countries, and we hope you will enjoy joining this group of supporters.

Make a difference today. Email our Legacy and Planned Giving Manager, Verity Armstrong at legacies@linacre.ox.ac.uk to discuss your Linacre legacy.

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