



THE **Leys**  
C A M B R I D G E



# THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

Transforming young lives  
through boarding bursaries





## The Leys has a long tradition of providing bursaries to pupils from all backgrounds.

The Gift of Education campaign will build upon this legacy to transform the lives and aspirations of more young people than ever before. Working with our partners, Royal SpringBoard, it is our ambitious challenge to support two pupils in each year group of the school through Leys Community-funded 100% bursary places.

Pupils with the potential to thrive in the caring environment of The Leys are matched to the School by Royal SpringBoard. These young people will be struggling with difficult circumstances: some may be vulnerable due to an unstable home life; others are from loving and supportive families, but face high levels of social deprivation.

We know the COVID crisis has further reinforced already existing attainment gaps, with the impact felt most by those from the poorest backgrounds. The impetus is stronger than ever for those of us who can to help create opportunity for younger generations, providing them with the education they need to build a better future for themselves and for society.

Therefore, we plan to welcome as many pupils as possible as soon as possible, and we need your help.

Our first RoyalSpringBoard pupil joined us in September 2020 and is thriving academically. We will welcome our second pupil in September 2021. Thereafter, three generous legacy gifts received this year will enable four pupils to join us in 2022, the start of a nine-year programme supporting 16 pupils through their entire Leys School careers - ten Sixth Form entrants, and six from Year 7 all the way through to the Upper Sixth. Gifts from the Leys Community are crucial to making this possible.



In 2019/20, 422 Royal SpringBoard pupils studied at boarding schools across the UK, all of whom had been carefully matched to ensure they would flourish academically, emotionally and personally at the right school for them. The 96% retention rate is evidence of how the careful process ensures children are sent to a school that is the perfect fit. Indeed, many Royal SpringBoard pupils subsequently take on school leadership roles, becoming prefects or Head Boys and Girls.

99% of Royal SpringBoard pupils achieve at least 2 A Levels, compared to 35% of disadvantaged pupils nationwide, while 98% achieve 5 or more good GCSEs, compared to 63% of disadvantaged pupils nationwide.

"I think my academic progress has improved because I am around people that have very good grades and expectations for themselves. The teachers are also very helpful in telling me how I can improve... and there is a routine for the extra work (prep) in the evenings which helps a lot as well."

India\*, Royal SpringBoard pupil

The figures are impressive, but at The Leys we know a good education is more than a child's results on paper. A boarding bursary gives far more than solid grades. It gives a child confidence and ambition. When a young person is cared for in the supportive environment we provide, encouraged to test their limits and aim high in all areas of their life, we know it gives them the chance to spread their wings, and the confidence to work for their aspirations.

The Gift of Education provides an opportunity to grow up with like-minded peers in a warm atmosphere of academic challenge and encouragement. This has a life-long impact: our Royal SpringBoard pupils will leave with greater confidence and ambition, to go on to broadened further education and employment opportunities.



## How can you help?



It is only by our Leysian community coming together that more young people will receive a life-changing education. The School has pledged to provide £105k per year from its resources. Additional funds come from three generous legacies, an annual gift, and investment income on funds already raised. To meet the shortfall, we seek the support of the Leys Community.

You can change a life and be part of the Gift of Education by:

making a single gift - as a show of support and belief in our pupils

making a regular gift - standing by a young person throughout their years at The Leys. Regular donors are required to ensure the success of the nine-year programme, so we particularly ask you to consider showing monthly support.

making a legacy gift - to ensure that the work you believe in continues long into the future

Please contact the Development Office ([development@theleys.net](mailto:development@theleys.net)) or visit <https://goe.theleys.net> if you wish to make a gift.

"By giving, you will be showing your support for The Leys and your belief in our core purpose: to provide a world-class education to the pupils with the most potential, regardless of their financial means or social background."

Martin Priestley, Headmaster

