



THE **Leys**
CAMBRIDGE



BOOK *of* THANKS

Thanks to you...

from Sir Matthew Rycroft CBE, North B 1981-86

A major anniversary is a time to take stock. During this year's celebration of our 150 years, we have looked back with thanks for the wisdom of our founders and for the many improvements in the School since then, and we have looked forwards to what the future might hold.

The Leys has always been a strong supporter of bursaries, helping social mobility by giving the opportunity of a Leysian education to those for whom it would otherwise be out of reach. Thanks to our supporters, we have provided bursaries for 53 pupils in the 24/25 academic year. These help keep the School strong, welcoming these children while allowing all our pupils to grow alongside people from all walks of life. This culture enables them to become the well-rounded young adults that we all recognise as Leysian. I think you will enjoy reading the stories of some of those bursary pupils from across the years on pages 4-5.

Looking to the future, it is an uncertain world, an uncertain time. What are the big bold moves equivalent to the one made by our founders in 1875? We cannot even imagine how the world will look in another 150 years, in 2175,

but we can make an educated guess that between now and then our society will need more of the Leysian values, both to tackle the obvious challenges – technology like AI, climate change, global unrest – and to be ready for the unknown unknowns.

With your support we have the agility to carry on transforming, so that whatever the future holds the Leysian family will be ready not just to survive but to thrive; not just to live through it but to help shape it.

Thank you for being part of the journey. I hope you enjoy this Book of Thanks.

Sir Matthew Rycroft CBE

Chair of the Leys & St Faith's Schools Foundation

DID YOU KNOW?



In 2024/25, The Leys gave over
£1 million in bursaries,
benefitting **53** children. That's
around **10%** of our pupils.



How the Leysian family are changing lives

As you read this book you will see the myriad ways in which our family, from Old Leysians and parents to pupils, teachers and others, donate their money, time and expertise.

Just one of the ways in which they provide support is by donating to bursaries, and we hope you will enjoy reading the stories included in this book of how they have empowered young people to change their lives. Transformational bursaries, which give free places plus 10% more for things such as travel, trips and pocket money, support the most financially disadvantaged children.

This benefits our current Leysians too. By welcoming pupils from lots of different backgrounds and places we broaden the educational experience, strengthening The Leys for everyone.



Thanks



Jemimah, Dale 2023–25

Jemimah, who was on a 110% bursary, has accepted an offer to complete a Degree Apprenticeship in Digital Technology Solutions with Arup, the globally recognised and highly respected engineering and design company. Jemimah will be joining Arup's London office as a Network Engineer, contributing to innovative projects in infrastructure, transport, and sustainable development.

“My bursary has impacted the way I see life and the way I approach challenges...I feel like now I have much bigger goals, ambitions and missions that I want to fulfil...I think the bursary made all the difference.”



Bohdan, School 2022–24

After attending The Leys on a 110% bursary, Bohdan embarked on a very special round-the-world gap year as a Baret Scholar. Scan the QR code to hear Bohdan talk about how his bursary place at The Leys changed his life, and what he learned during his amazing gap year.

“When I go further in my life, I will always remember The Leys. And all the successes that I will have in my life in the future, will be thanks to this point in my life – to the education that I got here, to the people with whom I was surrounded and the overall environment.”

to you...



Des, School 1990–95

Des, who attended on a bursary, went on to graduate from the University of Exeter with a BA in Drama. He has since appeared in many television dramas including *EastEnders*, *Holby City*, *Hollyoaks* and more recently *Coronation Street*.

“A bursary or some sort of scheme that allows you to open your horizons is the key. We both come from inner city (my wife and I) and we both thought, ‘That’s not for me...that’s not what someone around [me] does’. To come and have your horizons opened then you suddenly go, ‘Actually, that might be for me.’”



Zara, Dale 2020–22

Having completed sixth form at The Leys on a 110% bursary, Zara went on to study Geography at King’s College London, pursuing her passion for global affairs and travel, and interned as a Sustainability Consultant with Savills UK.

“Whilst joining during the pandemic was a challenging experience, the endless support I received from both staff and the overall community made my time thoroughly enjoyable.”



Scan the QR code to hear from Jemimah, Bohdan and Des about how the bursary changed their trajectories, or go to www.theleys.net/bursaries.

Thanks to you...

The Leys can go out into the community with our pupils to take part in local community projects, while also supporting charities with The Community Fund. This Fund has supported more than 65 local charities in the Cambridge and East London area over the last three years.

Little Thetford Primary School

Friends of Little Thetford School (FOLTS) received a grant to install a new trim trail, promoting fun, physical activity, and social skills.

“Investing in play equipment at primary schools isn’t just about fun. It’s about building stronger bodies, sharper minds, and more confident children.”

Victoria Argent (Parent at Little Thetford)

Leys pupils out in Cambridge

Every week, Lower Sixth pupils volunteer in the community, bringing joy to care home residents, inspiring young minds at primary schools and more.

Theodora Children’s Charity

We supported the Giggle Doctor programme at Addenbrooke’s Hospital. These magical performers have a profound impact on the well-being of children in hospital, engaging them in play, music, magic and storytelling.



“I will forever be grateful to the Giggle Doctors who visited my daughter. She hadn’t spoken to any adult (other than family) for over 48 hours and in a short space of time the Giggle Doctors really opened her up, got her out of bed and having some fun...Thank you.”

Gemma (Parent)

Thanks to you...

We raised over £15,000 for bursaries at The Leys' special 150th Parent Ball, holding a successful auction where all lots were donated by members of the Leysian community.

It wasn't just the Ball; parents have supported the School at numerous events, making all the difference to our bursary programme.



DID YOU KNOW?



24%
of parents donated
to The Leys



Thanks to you...

When the School came together for the Pitlochry House Challenge in April 2025, we raised over **£36,000** for bursaries.

As part of the celebrations for The Leys' 150th anniversary, we tasked each House with 'travelling' 855 miles – the equivalent that their counterparts travelled to Pitlochry, Scotland and back when the School was relocated in WWII.

Every House hit the target, raising sponsorship and unlocking match funding along the way.



Thanks to you...

We are able to offer exceptional opportunities to all our pupils.



The Cockeram Leadership Award

The Cockeram Leadership Award was established by James Cockeram, Fen 1968-73, in 2022. It recognises a pupil each year who has demonstrated exceptional leadership. The prize money facilitates a leadership experience for the winner, and in the 2025/26 academic year this Award will grow to £1,000.

“The Leys has been a constant in the Cockeram family – for seven of us so far – and my father Eric was the first way back in the 1930’s. Leadership shaped our lives so, in memory of Dad, I chose to support pupils’ leadership journeys. It’s a joy to see it inspire pupils already and I have therefore committed for at least 10 years.”



The Harter Organ Scholarship

Dr Harter and Ms Bacon, parents at The Leys, generously endowed this exciting new scholarship. This gives promising young organists the chance to study at The Leys and make the most of their musical opportunities.

“Music adds enormously to life for a Leysian, and the Chapel holds a special place at the heart of the School. It is our great pleasure to endow organ scholarships that seek to nurture the next generation while preserving the rich heritage of organ music, which we love.”

ISARD & 1875 EVENTS



Isard Circle 2024/25

Members of the Isard Circle are the solid foundation of the Bursary programme, generously contributing at least £1,500 per year. As a sign of our gratitude for their vital role in transforming young lives through education, members are invited to exclusive events, receive regular updates and are awarded a unique and distinctive Isard Circle wyvern pin.

Thanks to Gift Aid, if you pay tax in the United Kingdom you could become a member of the Isard Circle with a monthly donation of just £100.

Martyn Bowyer	F	1974-1979
Richard Chapman	B	1963-1968
Roger Corral	B	1951-1956
Dean & Sally Curran		
James Cockeram	F	1968-1973
David Donnelly	B	1958-1962
James Grant	S	1956-1961
Daniel Holliday	B	1981-1986
Richard Holman	A	1957-1962
Colin & Brenda Kinnear	E	1949-1953
Laura & Mark Neville		
Igor Lipskii & Olga Lipskaya		
Damian Peachey	E	1985-1987
Martin Priestley		
Edward & Goda Wells		
Bruce Weir	E	1946-1949





1875 Society

The 1875 Society recognises those who have kindly pledged to leave a gift in their will to The Leys. Every year members are invited to

a special event as a thank you for their commitment to the School and its pupils.

Simon Airey	B	1967-1972
David Arundale	S	1946-1952
David Aspinall	W	1970-1975
John Beddows		
Mark & Christine Bishop	F	1971-1976
Zoe Brading		
Anthony Brookes	B	1955-1959
Timothy Budgen	W	1953-1958
James Caesar	A	1960-1965
Roger Corral	B	1951-1956
David Cruttenden	W	1961-1966
Roger de Ste Croix	E	1959-1964
David Edsall		
Simon Ekins	F	1974-1979
Peter Emerson	W	1936-1941
Luke Farrow	B	1992-1997
Simon Gallimore	A	1971-1976
John Gilpin	W	1955-1959
Andrew Glazebrook	A	1980-1985
Henry Goldsmith	A	1937-1941
Peter Goodwin	B	1956-1960
Alec Grant	S	1956-1961
James Gumpert	S	1951-1956
Anthony Halford	E	1954-1959
Robert Heaton	E	1955-1959
Paul Jacobs	B	1959-1964
Charles Kidman	F/B	1963-1968
Colin & Brenda Kinnear	E	1949-1953
Steven Levy	E	1978-1980
Robert Norfolk	W	1970-1975
David Rogers	S	1957-1963

Brian & Susan Rushton	B	1952-1956
Stephen Siddall		
Ashley & Robyn Silverton	F	1973-1978
Hannah Silverton	F	2003-2008
Mark Slater		
John Sully	E	1950-1953
Alexander Todd	E	1953-1958
Anthony Tweedale	B	1950-1954
Jeremy & Aileen Tyrrell	B	1966-1972
Jeremy Walton	S	1969-1973
Lyle Williams	E	1975-1980
Peter Woods	A	1949-1955
2 anonymous donors		

Recent Legators

Nevil J Barker, North A 1945-1950

Richard Winfrey, North B 1943-1950

Harold & Margaret Wiseman, Former Common Room, 1974-1985



I have always been grateful for the breadth of education

that The Leys gave to me. Legacies do not affect the donor's lifestyle and it is also a good bargain! This

is why I have included a gift to the School in my will to benefit future generations of Leysians."

John Long, School 1938-42 who passed away in 2020 and whose gift helped to change the lives of bursary pupils at The Leys.



DONOR LIST

We would like to thank all donors who have made gifts between **1 January 2024 and 31 May 2025**. We take care to ensure that the donors list is complete and accurate and that everyone's support has been acknowledged appropriately. However, please do let the Development Office know if you believe your name has been omitted.

Eva Acs		
Iqbal Alam	S	1959-1964
Simon Aldous		
Duncan Alexander	F	1982-1987
Timothy Allebone	B	1967-1972
Joseph Ana		
David Anderson	W	1968-1973
Nicky Ansari		
Richard Anthony	W	1980-1985
William & Sarah Anthony		
Nick & Tamsin Appell		
Charles Armitage	A	1950-1955
Andre Arul	A	1980-1982
Rod Ashby-Johnson	S	1957-1962
Edward Ashcroft		
Kira Ashcroft		
Nicholas Astley Cooper	A	1963-1967
Paul Ayres		
Alison Bailey		
Wendy Banfield		
Richard Banks	A	1948-1954
John Barrett		
Ian Beaton		
Thomas Bennett	F	1972-1976
Roger Benstead		
Elisabeth Benyan		
Jane Beresford-Clarke		
Biddy Bigland		
John Billett	B	1995-2000
Lisa Black		
Rosemary Black		

David Blakeborough	A	1959-1964
Eunice Boadu		
Sarah Bowles		
Lindsay Born		
Martyn Bowyer	F	1974-1979
Christian & Claire Brady		
Julian Brandon-Jones		
Paddy Briggs	E	1959-1964
Robert Brookes		
Martin & Susan Brown		
Sabrina Brown	F	1996-2001
Roger Buchdahl	A	1963-1968
John Bull	A	1957-1962
Jonathan Burgess	A	1999-2004
James Caesar	A	1960-1965
Thomas Cairns	E	1988-1993
Rupert Carroll	A	1974-1978
Clare Carter		
Tim Carter		
Maria Noel Castro		
Francis Cave	S	1968-1972
Aidan & Antonia Channer		
Kerry Chapman		
Richard Chapman	B	1963-1968
Ming Fung Cheung		
Alistair Chew	A	1980-1981
Caroline Chilvers		
Kwan Choo	E	1955-1960
Victoria Churchward		
Emma Clarke		
Peter Clarke		
James Cockeram	F	1968-1973
Frank Cockerton		
Joanna Coleridge		
Ronald Connor	A	1944-1948
Melanie Cook		
Robert Coombs	E	1967-1972
Emma Crawshaw	G	1989-1991
Marie-Louise Crossley		
Freddy Crossley		

David Cruttenden	W	1961-1966	Louise Gouldstone		
Dean & Sally Curran			James Grant	S	1956-1961
Dijana Cvejic			Richard Gray	F	1978-1983
Hubert & Claire de Froberville			Clive Green		
Isabelle de Froberville			Robert Greenwood		
Paul Dennis	S	2001-2006	Katherine Gregory		
Daniel & Bente Dignam			Rose Growada		
Marigold Dixon			James Haithwaite	F	1984-1989
Poppy Dixon	F	1994-1997	Juliet Hanka		
Elaine Dockrill			Christopher Harris	W	1966-1970
David Donnelly	B	1958-1962	Rupert Harris		
Robin Douglas			Andrew Harter & Lily Bacon		
Melanie Dunn			Martin Henderson		
Raymond Dunnett	S	1960-1965	Laurence Higgins		
Elizabeth Durrani			Nicholas Higgins		
David Earl			Alexandra Hill		
Joanna Earl			Christopher Hindle	B	1963-1968
Tim & Leigh Edgar			James & Natasha Hodge		
Simon & Katherine Elphick			Daniel Holliday	B	1981-1986
William Endacott	A	1961-1966	Richard Holman	A	1957-1962
Melanie Evetts Hyde			Nicholas Holroyd	B	1955-1960
James Eyre	S	1985-1990	Andrew Holt	S	1973-1978
Victoria Fantodji			Matthew Holt		
Robert Fargo	S	2000-2005	Nga Kwan Hong		
Dominic Feenan			Robert Howard	W	1956-1960
Michael Feenan			Roger Huffer		
Paul Feenan			Stephanie Hunt	F	1997-2002
Brunella Felicetti			Tamara Hunt	G	1985-1987
Michael Ferrier			Charles Hutchison		
David Fieldsend	F	1964-1968	Wai Cheng long		
Analissa Finster			Anil Jarabala		
Carla Fisher			Chris Jarman	S	1967-1972
Richard Fletcher	W	1958-1963	Joanne Jerman		
Rebecca Flood			Howard & Elise Jones		
Kathryn Franklin			David Jordan	S	1948-1952
Ivan French			Lauretta Joyce		
Matthew French			Charles Judd	S	1954-1959
Ryan French			Lionel Judd	S	1959-1964
Christopher Frith	S	1955-1959	Seema Kang		
Rebecca Gilley			Gbenga & Adeola Kazeem		
Stephen & Diane Goddard			Simon Kelshall	B	1957-1962
Jo Godden			Roger Keynes	S	1964-1968
Lucy Godsal	G	1990-1992	James Kidd		
Nicholas J Goldsmith	F	1974-1979	Fiona Kimberley		
Russell Goom			Edward & Alisa King		
Claire Gore	F	1993-1995	Colin & Brenda Kinnear		

Zoë Kirby			Richard Moon	A	1963-1965
Stephen & Fiona Kirker			Emily Mugoti		
Magdalene Kubianga			Francesco & Janine Napolitano		
Huey Kwok			Mark & Laura Neville		
Jonathan Lacey	A	1988-1993	Sally Nickalls		
Darren Lane			Alexander Nicolaus		
David Lane	E	1956-1960	Eni Njoku	A	1966-1968
David Lapish	A	1971-1976	Robert Norfolk	W	1970-1975
George Lawrence	S	1966-1971	Richard Oakes	F	1978-1980
Jim & Pat Laws	W	1961-1966	Eunice Obianagha		
Nick Leonard	S	1962-1968	Hannah O’Gorman		
Man Chee Leung			Philip Oh	W	1969-1973
Anthony Lewis			Adenike Ojo		
Christopher Lewis	W	1946-1950	Barrie & Eithne Page	B	1945-1950
Ran Li			Kelly Pangalos		
Guozhong Li & Xiuling Ji			Graham Papworth	W	1955-1959
Kun Liang			Christopher & Sandrine Parkins		
Kian Lim	E	1965-1969	Andrew Parkinson		
Igor Lipskii & Olga Lipskaya			Edel Pater		
Luke Loades	S	1990-1993	Richard Pattison	A	1975-1980
Peter Lockwood	S	1955-1959	Damian Peachey	E	1985-1987
Alexander Loft	S	2010-2015	Sandy Pepper	B	1972-1977
Timothy Long	A	1973-1978	David Perks	S	1961-1966
Raymond Lucas			Kathleen Pettit		
Naomi Lucas-Adams			Virginia Pettit		
David Ludlow	B	1976-1981	Ian Philip	S	1951-1956
Stephen Ludlow	B	1980-1985	Ian Pinker	F	1967-1972
Lee Ying Mona Luk			Mark & Sophie Potton		
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Joanna Macpherson			Richard Price		
Susannah Manning			Martin Priestley		
Alison Marambe			Polly Pritchard-Gordon		
Seema Martin			David Proud	W	1955-1960
Nicholas Matheson			Sarah Proud		
Henrietta Mbeah-Bankas			Laura Purvis	F	2008-2013
Anna McCrum			John Radcliffe	E	1952-1957
Ian McNab	S	1978-1983	Jeremy Raffe	W	1961-1966
Charles Mead	B	1989-1992	Nigel Ratcliffe		
Glynis Meredith			James Redman	W	1952-1957
Ukko Metsola	E	1989-1990	William & Laura Reece		
James Middleton	A	1982-1987	Selwyn Rees	S	1968-1972
Laura Milne			Agnieszka Reid		
Carole Milnes			Helena Renfrew Knight		
Michael Misson & Ana Cerdeño-Tarraga			Jeremy Richardson		
William Mitchell	B	1978-1983	Anne Rivett		

Rebecca Roberts			Edward Turner	W	1958-1962
David Rogers	S	1957-1963	Patrick Turner	S	1953-1958
William Rogers	S	1987-1992	Stephen Turner	E	1952-1957
Malcolm Rolfe	B	1957-1962	Charlotte Turner-Sears	F	1996-2001
Jennifer Rope			Therese Viljoen		
Roberto Ruju	F	1983-1988	Thomas Voller	A	2002-2005
Ibtisam Salim			Peter von Eichstorff	F	1973-1978
Joanna Salisbury			Tanya von Moll	D	1990-1992
Renford Sargent			Esther Wainaina-Balde		
Eleanor Sartain			Alex Wajih	E	1957-1961
Nicola Sartain			Bex Walker		
Alex Savile			Jeremy Walton	S	1969-1973
John Scott			Matthew Warder		
Hamish Scutt	F	1973-1978	Bruce Weir	E	1946-1949
Tony Sham & Jasmine Cheung			Edward & Goda Wells		
Camilla Shepherd			Mark Wells	F	1975-1980
Hamilton Shields	W	1961-1962	Clare Whitaker		
Stephen Siddall			Peter Williams	B	1949-1954
Edwin Side			Keith Williamson		
David Silk			Stuart Williamson	S	1964-1969
Ashley Silverton	F	1973-1978	Paul Wilmshurst	F	1975-1980
Mark & Helen Slack			Chrissie Wilson		
Mark Slater			James Winn		
Ian Smailes	S	1960-1963	Josephine Winwood		
Lucy Smith			Isobel Wood		
Sharon Smith			Tim Wood	W	1959-1962
William Souster	A	1968-1972	Tim Worden		
Victoria Sprinz			Kunjian Wu	B	2012-2014
Caronwen Steele			Sarah Wynne-Jones		
Ian Stennett	E	1984-1988	Richard Youngman		
Allan Steward	S	1960-1965	Galyna Zagorodniuk		
Jessica Stokes					
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Katya Torres de la Rocha					
Daniel Torto					
Simon Tuffen	F	1981-1985			

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOU MAKE?

Donate



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If you are a UK taxpayer, we might be able to claim an extra 25% on top of your donation. Contact us for a Gift Aid form.



If you are in the USA, you can give a tax efficient gift through our 501(c)3 registered partner, BSUF. Contact us for more information.

1875 Society: If you would like more information about how to leave a lasting legacy at The Leys in your will, please contact us.

Volunteer

Many members of the Leysian family volunteer their time. You can do this by offering work experience to pupils, helping with our archive, supporting at parent events and more. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch.

Share

You can help us by sharing our work across your networks. Whether it is sharing news stories on social media or helping us get back in touch with Old Leysians, it all helps us stay connected.



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