



1812

Society

Fidelis

Your gift securing their future

A Fidelis Legacy



"I made my pledge so the school can set targets to break even more records."

Mary Webster – founding member of Fidelis

Fidelis was created to give former pupils, staff, governors and friends of Woodhouse Grove the opportunity to play a lasting role in the school's future by pledging a legacy in their will. Through Fidelis, we can express our gratitude today for the generosity that will support tomorrow's generations of Grovians.

As someone who was myself educated at Woodhouse Grove, I speak not only as Headmaster but as a lifelong beneficiary of the school's values and opportunities. My own journey through the school was profoundly transformational, shaping both my character and my aspirations, and I remain deeply grateful for the education and community that influenced the course of my life. Legacies from past pupils and teachers have already had a transformative impact, helping to create vital facilities such as The Bolt Courts, Brodwell House, and the Grainge Pitch. These developments stand as enduring tributes to the commitment and generosity of our Fidelis members.

Fidelis reflects our wider ambition to build a meaningful tradition of legacy giving – one that sustains the school's ability to fund bursaries and open doors for talented young people who might otherwise be unable to experience a Woodhouse Grove education. Your legacy gift ensures that future Grovians can thrive, regardless of financial circumstance, and keeps the spirit of our community alive for generations to come.

James Lockwood - Headmaster



"I was the proud recipient of a bursary and a scholarship for The Grove and it was something that changed the direction of my life forever."

Bursary Recipient

Why join Fidelis?

All legacy donations form part of the 1812 Society, Fidelis Legacy Giving. Gifts received help to strengthen our bursary fund or support specific improvements to the school, such as the Grainge Pitch and Bolt Courts.

Through Direct Grant and Assisted Places schemes, The Grove has long been committed to making an outstanding education accessible to a broad range of society. When the school was founded in 1812, the Methodist Conference met the full cost of educating its pupils.

Today, bursaries support over 50 children across the school, and gifts in Wills help talented young people who, due to their financial circumstances, might otherwise not have the opportunity to experience a Grove education.

By joining Fidelis, you become part of a community of faithful benefactors who help sustain the school we know today and support Grovians of the future. There is no minimum donation to join and no need to commit to a specific amount. A legacy could be a percentage or the residue of your estate, a specific sum or another gift of your choosing.

Leave a lasting legacy – help secure their future.

'We may think back and remember the opportunities we were given, and



How to join Fidelis

There are several ways you can leave a gift in your will to Woodhouse Grove School. Leaving a gift in your will does not necessarily mean making a new will; unless you have other changes to make at the same time, you may prefer to add to your existing will by means of a codicil, an additional instruction that is simple and inexpensive to draw up.

To start the process, we simply ask that you advise us by completing a confidential pledge form available from our Foundation Office. Once you have completed this form, we will be in touch to discuss your intentions and confirm any arrangements that need to be made by way of codicil. You will receive your Fidelis pin as an immediate thank you for your commitment in supporting the future of the school and to acknowledge you as a society member.

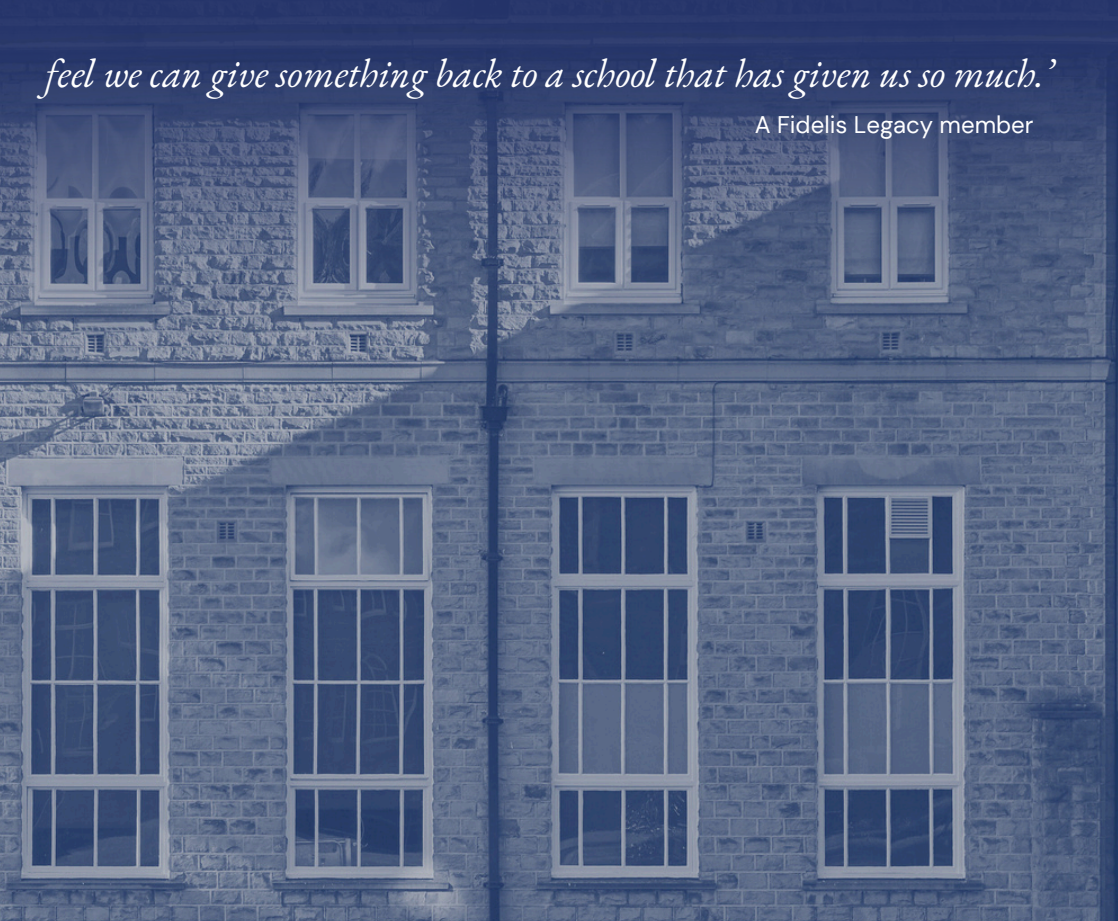
Your estate



Gift to Woodhouse Grove School Foundation → No IHT on the charitable gift



Potentially 36% IHT rate if the 10% test is met



feel we can give something back to a school that has given us so much.'

A Fidelis Legacy member

Tax advantage of the scheme

As a registered charity, gifts left to the Woodhouse Grove School Foundation are exempt from Inheritance Tax. If you leave at least 10% of your net qualifying estate to charity, the rate of Inheritance Tax on the taxable portion of your estate can be reduced from 40% to 36%.

We recommend seeking independent legal or financial advice when making or updating your Will.

Tax rules and rates may change. The information above is for general guidance and does not constitute legal or financial advice.

Fidelis Membership Reward

By pledging your support to become one of our legacy givers, you become a member of Fidelis and the 1812 Society, our exclusive alumni community.

Each member of the 1812 Society will be automatically invited as a VIP guest to a number of school events during the year, including:

- Annual 1812 Society dinner
- VIP invitation to our annual Prize Day
- An exclusive silver gilt pin, as a thank you for your pledge

*Youth and age in work combining,
Minds and hearts with love entwining,
Years advancing, years declining:
Xaipete! Xaipete!*



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