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MAKING YOUR LEGACY

Remembering your past, supporting their future

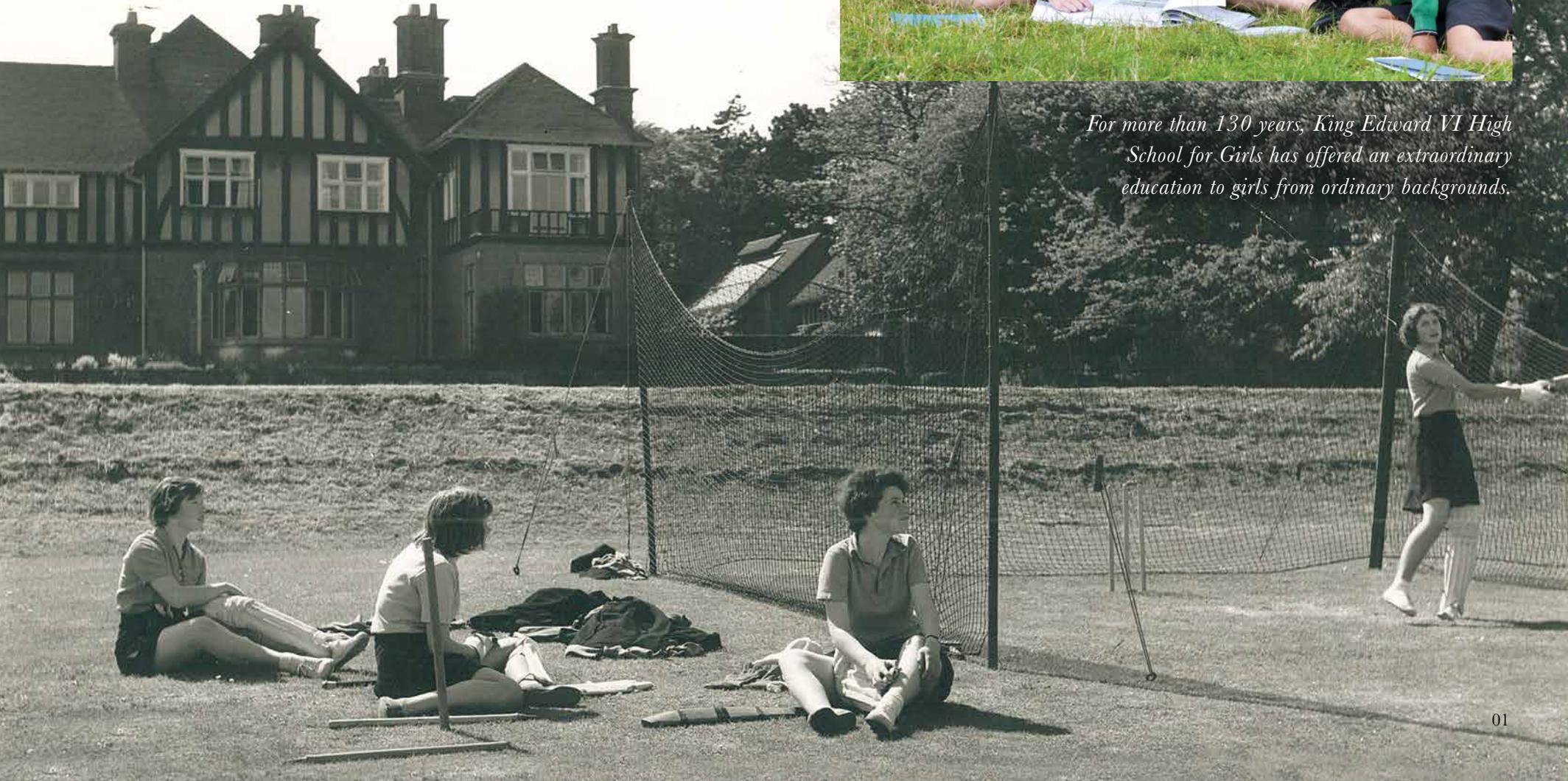
A VISION AHEAD OF ITS TIME

KEHS was founded at a time of great educational change. Opportunities for bright young women were scarce, with fewer than 20 secondary schools for girls in the country. Recognising this deficit, the Foundation governors made the creation of the High School for Girls their top priority and our first headmistress was appointed.

Miss Creak was a forward-thinking woman who wanted to educate able girls from across Birmingham who might otherwise have received no secondary education at all. What's more, she wanted that education to be the means by which her pupils would go on to achieve remarkable things.



For more than 130 years, King Edward VI High School for Girls has offered an extraordinary education to girls from ordinary backgrounds.





A VISION FOR ALL TIME



Times may have changed, but Miss Creak's vision endures today. Our goal remains to provide unique opportunities for bright young women, regardless of their circumstances, and to help them go on to fulfil their potential. Achieving this vision has not been without its difficulties. Over the years, demand for a KEHS education has risen whilst state funding has simultaneously fallen. Under the Direct Grant System 80% of pupils attended the School free of charge.

However in 1997 all state funding ceased and since then the School has only been able to offer financial support to 20% of pupils.

As a result every year there are 10 or 20 extremely bright girls who pass the entrance exam, and who would undoubtedly thrive at KEHS, but for whom we do not have any funding. This is something we want to change and with your help, and the help of the whole Old Edwardian community, we can ensure that no girl is denied the chance to fulfil her potential.

Your legacy gift will help us to fulfil the vision that Miss Creak set out for the school over 130 years ago.

YOUR LASTING GIFT

Our long-term aim is to double the number of Assisted Places that are available so that every bright girl who passes the entrance exam can come here.

In the short-term, we plan to raise an annual income to fund Assisted Places through regular giving. However the long-term, sustainable solution is to create an endowment to fund places in perpetuity.

Your legacy will be included in this fund, ensuring that your gift will help girls for generations to come.



OUR LASTING GRATITUDE

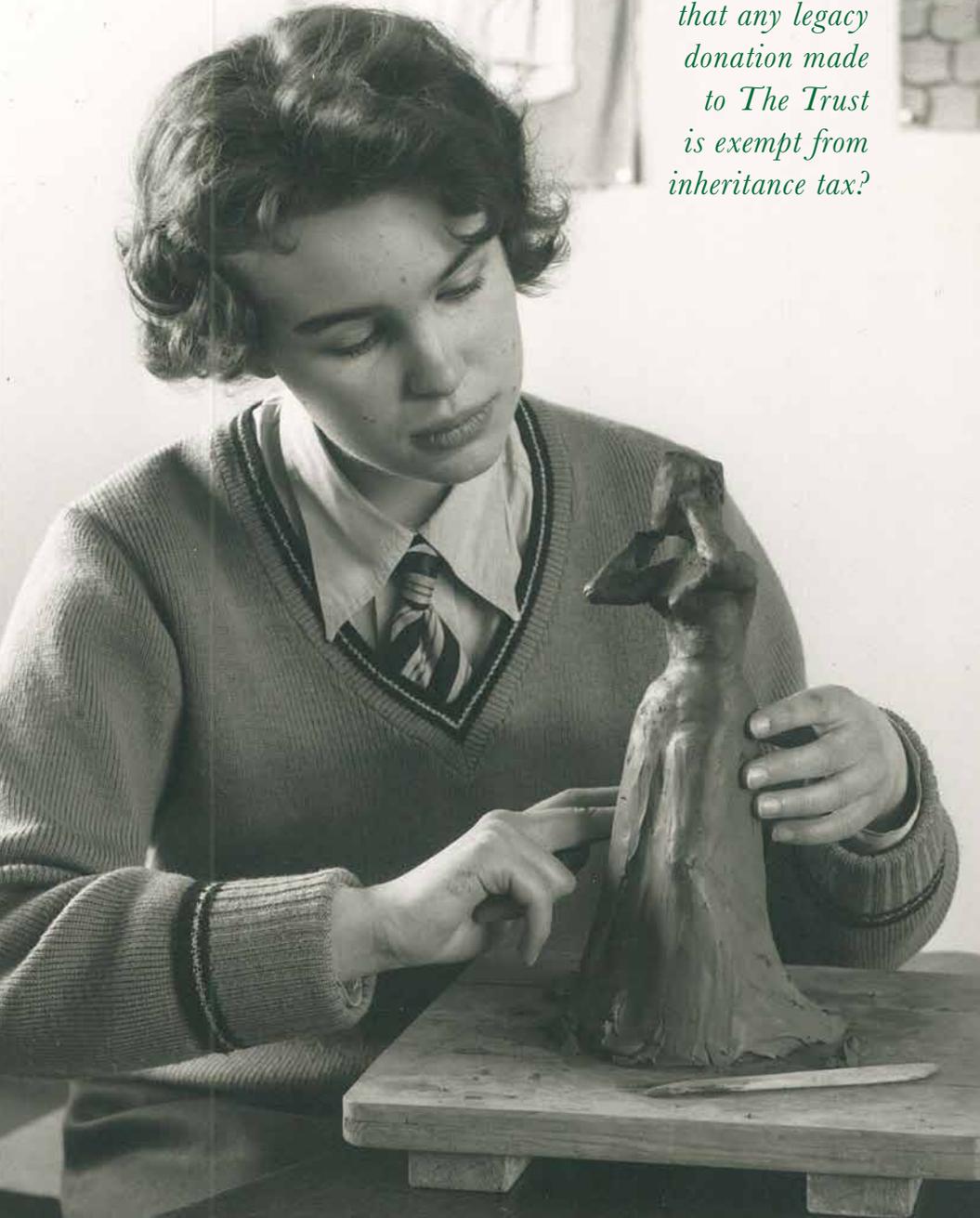
A legacy is an exceptional gift. In recognition of your support, we invite all of our legators to become members of the Creak Society.

Members of this exclusive club receive a number of special benefits and regular opportunities to visit our school, including an annual Creak Society event. Throughout your lifetime, you'll see first-hand how gifts like yours are making a difference to the lives of young women at KEHS.

All members will have the option to appear in our Creak Society Register, a book of small biographies of our members which will be displayed in our entrance hall so that girls can learn about the people who have helped them so much.



*Did you know
that any legacy
donation made
to The Trust
is exempt from
inheritance tax?*



TYPES OF LEGACY

There are three main types of legacy that you can leave to The KEHS Trust, depending on your personal preferences:

Residuary Legacies: This type of legacy allows you to give all or part of what remains of your estate once your expenses and other bequests have been met. This ensures that your family are taken care of first and is the safest way to ensure your legacy retains its value.

Pecuniary Legacy: This type of legacy allows you to leave a specified sum of money. It can be linked to the Retail Price Index to ensure it retains its value over time.

Specific Legacy: This type of legacy enables you to gift a specified possession to the Trust. This could be in the form of valuables, property, works of art or stocks & shares.

There are a number of other types of legacy in addition to these. Your solicitor will be able to advise you on each of them in more detail.

All legacy gifts should be made to The KEHS Trust (Registered Charity number 1159413). Any legacy donation made to the Trust is exempt from Inheritance Tax.

MAKING YOUR LEGACY

- 1. Decide on the type of legacy:** Speak to your solicitor and decide what type of legacy best suits your needs and wishes.
- 2. Send us the legacy pledge form:** If you wish to make a legacy, please complete the legacy pledge form and return it to us. This form is not a legal commitment and you can change your mind in the future. It is a simple way for you to express your wishes and it enables us to thank you properly for your gift.
- 3. Inform your solicitor:** If this is your first will, you can ask your solicitor to insert a paragraph in your will detailing your wishes. If you already have a will, you can ask your solicitor to update it.
- 4. Confirmation and recognition:** Once we have received your pledge form, we will be in touch to confirm the details. We will take this opportunity to discuss how you wish your gift to be recognised.

Please note that nothing in this brochure is intended to constitute legal advice by The KEHS Trust. We strongly advise anyone wishing to make or update a will to seek independent professional advice.

If you have any questions or if any of the aforementioned forms are not enclosed with this brochure, please contact the Development & OE Office.

I remember my years at KEHS with great affection. I was privileged to receive an extraordinary education free of charge under the Direct Grant system and I will always be grateful for that.

I believe that The KEHS Trust will ensure that the School continues to open its doors to bright girls who deserve a place but cannot afford to come without some form of financial assistance. I am also excited about the new opportunities that the Trust will offer the School and generations of future pupils. I have thus been pleased to include a legacy to the Trust in my will.

Judy Dyke (Class of 1972, past parent and Chair of The KEHS Trust)



As a little girl, I always knew I wanted to come to KEHS. The School prepared me to chase my dreams of studying medicine. There is no way I could have achieved this without my Assisted Place.

Lily Carter (Class of 2011)

