Your YSJ Legacy

Be a part of our future



Introduction from the Vice Chancellor

Education is a powerful tool and it is clear that universities play a key role in improving lives both locally and on a more global scale. At York St John our whole community approach allows our students, colleagues, alumni and partner organisations to come together to support education for all and help nurture our students to realise their full potential.

Since our foundation in 1841 we have always been a forward-facing institution while embodying the best of our past. By leaving a gift in your will you have the opportunity to become part of our future.

Professor Karen Bryan OBE, Vice Chancellor



What will your legacy be?

A gift in your will can leave a lasting impact on the university and the students who go here.

You can open the door to education for underrepresented individuals, fund ground breaking research or support our capital building projects. If you have something more specific in mind, you can also choose to leave a gift specific to you. For example, a scholarship in your name for a particular area of study.

The choice is yours.

What makes the university stand out for me? It tries, as hard as it can, to treat students and staff as individuals. Leaving a gift in my will to encourage this approach is for me, really a "no brainer", especially if the money will be used specifically to support students from backgrounds and contexts traditionally underrepresented at university.

Legacy pledger and former Head of School of Linguistics and Social Sciences

WHYSJ?

- We will respect your privacy. Your will is extremely personal and we will handle it with sensitivity and care.
- We will respect your wishes. Donors can choose not to tell us about the gifts in their will, but if you do, we will only contact you if you so desire.
- We will ensure your gift is used cost effectively in a way which will create the biggest impact.
- Your ethos and values can live long into the future.

How do you leave a legacy?

Making a will is very personal and we strongly advise that you consult a solicitor before drafting a new will or changing an existing one.

Once you have thought about your friends and family, you may wish to leave a gift in your will to charity.

Leaving a gift in your will for York St John is simple. All you need is our address, charity number and your intention for the legacy.

Address:

York St John University Lord Mayors' Walk York YO317EX

Exempt Charity Status Number: GB 4498 683

For a confidential chat about leaving a gift, please email alumni@yorksj.ac.uk or call us on 01904 876741.

If you do choose to leave a gift in your will, please consider contacting us for our legacy pledge form to tell us more about your gift.

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Hearing I had received the scholarship was monumental! The difference the money made to myself, and my family was unmeasurable. We were able to food shop regularly, pay for school trips and buy academic resources. There was a definite weight lifted off our shoulders once receiving the funds – for which I am so grateful for.

Former scholarship recipient, graduated 2022

Your impact

Your gift could go towards our alumni funded scholarships programme which opens the door to education for underrepresented individuals.

You can:

- help them buy books for their studies
- afford travel for commuting
- assist with the rise in general living costs.

Everyone deserves an opportunity to be a part of the university experience.

80% of our students come from backgrounds underrepresented in higher education.

You also have the choice to leave an unrestricted gift. This allows the university to use the funds where it is most needed at the time the gift is received, maximising its impact.

What we give back to you

If you choose to tell us about your gift to York St John, we will invite you to become part of the Cordukes Circle. This is an exclusive group for our most committed supporters.

You will be invited to the annual Cordukes Circle event and receive personalised invitations to other university events, such as Graduation and the Carol Service. You will also receive our bespoke Cordukes Pin.

If you have pledged a gift in your will, you can leave a permanent legacy on campus by hanging a leaf on our remembrance tree. Your family can hang your engraved leaf outside the Chapel as a longstanding reminder of your gift, and its impact on York St John.

Having the scholarship there provided me with a safety net of funds so I could continue with a job that provided me career fulfilment, despite it not meeting my financial needs. In my role I support disadvantaged families with young children and I am pleased to be able to give back to a community so close to my heart and own circumstances.

2021 Ed De Nunzio scholarship recipient