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Offer you an opportunity to have your Will written or updated for free.

Making a Will and keeping it updated is important to ensure that your family, friends and favourite charities benefit in the ways that you would want them to when you are gone. Dying without a Will (intestate) means that the State will decide who inherits and that may mean that the intended beneficiaries may get nothing.

A Will is a legal document where words have precise legal meanings; that is why we recommend drawing up your Will with the help of a solicitor trained in these matters. Maybe you already have a Will – but has it been kept up-to-date with your circumstances and ever-changing legislation in this area?

Alumni Legal – A Free Wills Service

Sedbergh and three other schools, Giggleswick, Stonyhurst and Lancaster Royal Grammar School, have come together to offer their alumni the opportunity to review and update their Wills free of charge through one of a number of law firms across the north of England.

How the scheme works

Each law firm has agreed to offer a free estate planning review to alumni and their partners as part of the service. Should an existing Will require updating or a new Will be required to reflect current circumstances the solicitor will not charge the client for this work. Instead, the Foundation will pay a significantly reduced fee to the law firm for such 'simple' legal work.

We hope that OSs who take advantage of the scheme will consider leaving a gift to the Foundation in their Will and become members of the 1525 Society – but there is no obligation to do so. Our intention is that you should feel confident that the gifts you wish to leave to family, friends and good causes will happen exactly as you would wish.

If the solicitor suggests that more complex work would be of benefit, such as the setting up of powers of attorney and discretionary trusts, or advice regarding inheritance tax planning, then he/she must detail those fees for your consideration. The solicitor can then reduce the proposed fees payable by you by an amount equivalent to the cost of writing a simple Will.

The Solicitors

All the law firms in the network are authorised by the Solicitors Regulation Authority. The solicitors we are working with in these firms have been chosen because they offer specialist private client services and they understand the ethos that exists amongst the alumni of independent schools.

It will normally take two visits to the solicitor, the first to discuss your wishes and the second after the Will has been written to check that you are happy with the contents and to sign it.

If you decide you would like to take advantage of the scheme please return the reply form below. We will then send you your "Free Will" voucher and forward the list of solicitors in your area who are part of the scheme.

Once you have the voucher and your list of solicitors, you can contact your chosen solicitor and make the appointment for the first visit. Because of the nature of the scheme and the arrangement with the law firms to provide this service at vastly reduced rates to their standard charges, the voucher is valid for 60 days during which time you need to book your first appointment.





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REPLY SLIP

Yes, I would like to take up the offer of a free Will.

Please send me my voucher and a list of the solicitors who are participating in the scheme.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Tel No: _____

Email: _____

Please return this in the freepost envelope provided or post to:

**Free Will Service
Sedbergh School Foundation
Freepost NAT 10132, Sedbergh School,
Cumbria LA10 5BR.**

If you have any questions or need any further information about the scheme please contact Richard Witt, Foundation Director on 015396 22228

