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# A Legacy of Excellence

**Proudly honouring  
Anna Laurie-Walker,  
an exceptional Alumna  
and Governor, 1969 Cohort**

**1949-2020**

We pay tribute to an outstanding alumna and former governor, Anna Laurie-Walker, who embodied our School's spirit and continues to influence future Georgians through her legacy.

Anna's journey began in 1949, influenced by her journalist father and model mother, instilling a love for knowledge. She attended Francis Holland School and the Collège Protestant Français in Beirut due to her family's journalistic pursuits. In 1960, she joined St George's, where her sophistication, linguistic skills, and warm heart left a lasting impression on her classmates.

Anna excelled academically and artistically, consistently topping her class and leaving behind exquisite drawings that reflect her creative spirit. Her father's role as the



*Daily Mail's* Far East correspondent gave her a unique upbringing filled with captivating stories of Beirut life and encounters with luminaries including Peter O'Toole.

After her studies at St George's, Anna pursued a remarkable career as a Management Consultant and later established a highly successful communications consultancy

specialising in strategic and crisis communications. Her clients included prestigious banks and FTSE 250 companies, leading her to travel globally, often on Concorde and executive jets.

Anna's life extended beyond boardrooms and meetings. Alongside her husband, Alastair, whom we also thank for his contributions, she embarked on thrilling global adventures, from heli-skiing to off-shore sailing and riding safaris in remote corners of the world. Simultaneously, she astutely managed a diverse property portfolio spanning the UK, Greece, France, and Switzerland.

Nearly two decades ago, Anna was asked to serve as a Governor of St George's. Initially hesitant, she overcame her reservations, motivated by an unshakeable desire to give back to the school that had played an integral role in shaping her life. Her infectious enthusiasm, unwavering positivity, and practical approach made her a cherished member of the School community.

Anna's dedication extended to assisting Oxbridge candidates with their interviews, where her expertise and guidance were invaluable.

Anna's dedication to St George's is best expressed in her own words, "I have a strong allegiance to St George's and care deeply about our success. I am immensely proud to play a part in the future of my old school." Her commitment to nurturing and advancing the School's mission was unwavering. Anna believed fervently in St George's ability to mould extraordinary individuals, and her role as a Governor was a testament to her faith in the School's Legacy.

In our Centenary year, we not only commemorate a century of excellence but also express our heartfelt gratitude to Anna Laurie-Walker for her enduring support. Through her generous time and financial contributions she has helped pave the way for future generations of pupils to flourish.

Anna's name will forever embody dedication and devotion in our School's history; a true exemplar of the values we hold dear.

# Anna's Lasting Legacy

## The Laurie-Walker Coaching Programme

### To promote Confidence and Leadership within Women

Global Entrepreneur Monitor research reveals that just 29% of women believe they can lead or start a business, compared to 42% of men, with 74.5% of European women citing self-censorship and lack of confidence as obstacles.

To address this, St George's offers the Laurie-Walker Coaching Programme to empower young women with confidence and leadership skills.

The programme's purpose is to enhance the confidence and assertiveness of Lower Sixth girls at St George's and covers public speaking, interview preparation, and leadership over nine lectures and workshops, fostering confidence and self-assurance.



Lieutenant General Peter Pearson CB, CBE speaking to current Sixth Form pupils this term as part of our new Coaching Programme

# Your Legacy

## Leave a Legacy to St George's Ascot

Once you have provided for your loved ones, leaving a charitable Legacy in your Will gives you a meaningful opportunity to have a tangible impact on the causes that matter to you, long into the future.

Leaving a Legacy at St George's Ascot is your chance to be part of the School's future. Your

**Rebecca Swan**  
**Director of**  
**Philanthropy**



To discuss leaving your Legacy at St George's Ascot, or if you are the executor of a Will containing a charitable gift to St George's Ascot, please contact Rebecca Swan, Director of Philanthropy, at: [philanthropy@stgeorges-ascot.org.uk](mailto:philanthropy@stgeorges-ascot.org.uk)

Legacy will empower the minds of countless Georgians, gifting them the encouragement they need to make the most of their time here.

## What types of Legacy can I leave?

Your Legacy at St George's Ascot can take one of several forms. There are three main types of Legacy: **residuary, pecuniary and specific.**

### **Residuary Legacy – leaving all or part of the net value of your estate**

After debts, taxes, expenses and all other bequests have been paid, you can leave the remainder of your estate to a named individual or charity. A Residuary Legacy is simple and flexible as you do not have to quantify the sum, nor worry about inflation. Leaving a Residuary Legacy to St George's Ascot is a tremendous expression of support.

### **Pecuniary Legacy – leaving a specified sum**

Many people allocate a particular amount of money to a named individual or charity.

It is incredibly touching when our School has been remembered with a Pecuniary Legacy. This type of gift has less flexibility than a Residuary Legacy: if your circumstances change, you may

have to frequently revise your Will to alter the size of the bequests you have made. Also, the value of a Pecuniary Legacy will be affected by inflation.

### **Specific Legacy – leaving particular possessions**

You can leave an asset such as land, property, shares and valuable possessions to a named individual or charity. As with a Pecuniary Legacy, the value of an asset can vary over time. Please contact us to discuss the asset you plan to leave, to confirm our School is able to accept your gift.

### **Does leaving a Legacy at St George's Ascot affect my tax position?**

As a registered charity (309088), a Legacy gift to St George's Ascot is deducted from the net value of your estate before Inheritance Tax is calculated, reducing your overall Inheritance Tax liability. Under current UK legislation, if you leave at least 10% of your net estate to charity, the rate of Inheritance Tax on the remainder of your taxable estate is reduced from 40% to 36%. Please talk to a qualified professional, such as a solicitor, to discuss the potential tax implications for your circumstances.



The net value is the total value as at the date of your death of your assets minus any debts. Not all estates are subject to Inheritance Tax (IHT) but it is important that you consider and discuss your tax position with your solicitor.

### **Should I let the School know about my Legacy?**

Your Will is understandably a personal matter, which you may decide to keep private. However, informing us of your plans is incredibly helpful, leaving us best placed to fulfil your wishes and, crucially, express our gratitude.

Please return the enclosed pledge form, or email us at [philanthropy@stgeorges-ascot.org.uk](mailto:philanthropy@stgeorges-ascot.org.uk) to discuss this in confidence.



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