



Help us plant

125 trees for 125 years of Wychwood

To celebrate 125 years of Wychwood School, the Wychwood Association is encouraging the whole school community – from former pupils and parents to current pupils and parents today - to plant a tree by the end of 2022.

The aim is to plant 125 trees - one for each year the school has been leading the way in girls' education. Our inspiration is the wonderful beech tree which has provided its shade for generations of Wychwood girls, and where so many of us spent time climbing or using it as a perch to watch netball or tennis games. And who can forget the bedrooms - Lower Appletree, Copper Beech, Silver Birch and Cherry Tree spring to mind!

It's easy ... how to participate

1. Plant a tree in your garden (see advice)

If you have space, have fun and plant your own tree. **For advice** on what is suitable to plant and how to plant it, head to the Woodland Trust website who are also in charge of the Queen's Jubilee tree planting programme. <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/advice/choose/>

2. Sponsor a tree

If you don't have a garden, or garden large enough to plant a tree, here are some options to **sponsor a tree instead**. We have focused on finding places with a connection to the school - or who already have tree planting programmes to support - and provided links to their sites.

a) Blenheim Palace. The Blenheim Estate is looking to plant 1,000 trees. For £25 trees can be sponsored and dedicated.

https://www.blenheimestate.com/sponsor/?_ga=2.169247590.650440843.1651421856-31974876.1651421856

b) Oxford Botanic Gardens – The Oxford Botanic Gardens are celebrating 400 years and have been seeking individuals to plant 400 trees. They have met this goal and now added another 200 trees to their target. Their approach is different, and they are asking people to grow trees from seed.

<https://www.obga.ox.ac.uk/400-trees>



- c) **National Trust** Sponsorship starts at £5 for a single sapling. You cannot tag your own tree, but your donation can be dedicated. Why not dedicate your sapling to Wychwood School?

https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/plant-a-tree?intcmp=plant_atree_spring22_treesandplantshub_teaser

- d) **Are you outside the UK?**

For those living outside the UK wishing to participate, you can either donate to the organisations mentioned above or your own local organisation. For those who live in Australia, apparently there is a Wychwood crab apple tree!

Your questions answered

How much will it cost?

The amount that you wish to spend is completely up to you and **can start at just £5** – (see above).

Planting trees and deadlines

- a) If you are **physically planting** your own tree, the best time to do this is between November and March. We are asking you to aim to plant your tree by December 2022 – the end of our 125th anniversary year.
- b) If you are **sponsoring a tree**, please try and do this by the beginning of the autumn term 2022.

How to record your tree for the 125th Anniversary Tree project

- a) **For Wychwood** - We are planning to create a page on the Wychwood website to record the 125th project. But we also need to know if we have planted 125 trees and have a record for the archives! **Your action now** - When you have decided what you want to do, **simply copy and complete the separate participation form** and email your information to Emma Davidson (Chair, Wychwood Association) to wa@wychwoodschoool.org.
Or the form is also at the end of this document – you can complete it and copy it into the body of your email and send it to wa@wychwoodschoool.org.
- b) **Take a picture** – when the time comes, take a picture of you planting your tree if you can.
- c) **For the Queen’s Jubilee Canopy Project** - If you plant a tree yourself you can also to register it (and a picture of you planting it). with the Queen’s Jubilee Canopy Project . Information on how to register your tree can be found at [Individuals - The Queen’s Green Canopy \(queensgreencanopy.org\)](http://Individuals - The Queen’s Green Canopy (queensgreencanopy.org)) and the tree can be registered at [Map - The Queen’s Green Canopy \(queensgreencanopy.org\)](http://Map - The Queen’s Green Canopy (queensgreencanopy.org)).



WYCHWOOD 125TH ANNIVERSARY

YOUR TREE PLANTING RECORD

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| Name Please state if former pupil, staff, former parent (and Shell year if a former pupil) | |
| Email address | |
| Telephone | |
| Name of tree (if known) | |
| Location of tree (if known) | |
| I am planting my own tree/seed | Yes/No |
| I donated a tree/s to... | |
| I dedicated it to Wychwood | Yes/No |
| I logged my tree on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee site | Yes/No |
| I have/will have a photo of me planting my tree | Yes/No |
| Please share any story or special information about your tree planting if you wish! | |
| I wish to remain anonymous | Yes/No |

Please email to:

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