

# *1807 Society*

A legacy for the future of Mill Hill, Belmont and Grimsdell

# *I am leaving a legacy because ...*

*I have a selfish reason for leaving a legacy to the Mill Hill School Foundation.*

*For many years, several of the national newspapers used to publish details of recent wills. I was fascinated by these accounts — not by the names of the deceased or the amount of their estate, but by the details of the bequests they made. Royal British Legion, Oxfam, cats' homes, nature reserves, Barnardo's — myriad legacies, ranging from a few pounds to many thousands, that told me something about people I had never heard of. It told me what they held dear, what they held in respect, what mattered to them in their lifetime.*

*So: a selfish reason to leave a legacy — but not, I think, an unworthy one. I want those I have loved to know that, among those things I held to be important in my life, education figured strongly, and that Mill Hill was a formative influence which I hold in great respect and look back on with affection.*

*That my legacy will do good — that it will 'give something back' — I embrace as a 'given'. What it will achieve I can never know. But that realisation does not dismay me. Great enterprises need countless small acts of faith to help them steer confidently into the future. My legacy is a small act of faith; I commend the idea and the action to you.*



**PS** *If you have made a will already, the prospect of changing it to include a legacy to the Foundation might be a deterrent. That was the case with me, until I Googled 'Codicil'. Thirty minutes later I had the Codicil all sewn up, and signed within 24 hours.*



**Adrian Williams**  
**Belmont 1946-51, Weymouth 1951-56**



*“Attending Mill Hill School has been the most life-changing event I have experienced. My years at Mill Hill have enriched my life in a way that I am convinced would not have occurred had I not been fortunate enough to receive funding.”*

Stewart Wernham  
Collinson 1974-79

# *What it means ...*

A legacy bequest to the Mill Hill School Foundation is one of the most worthwhile and significant gifts you can make. All bequests, of whatever type and size, will benefit the Foundation as well as current and future generations of pupils.

Legacies enable talented young people who would not otherwise be able to enjoy a Mill Hill education to come here on bursaries. Legacies can also enhance the fabric and facilities of the Foundation.

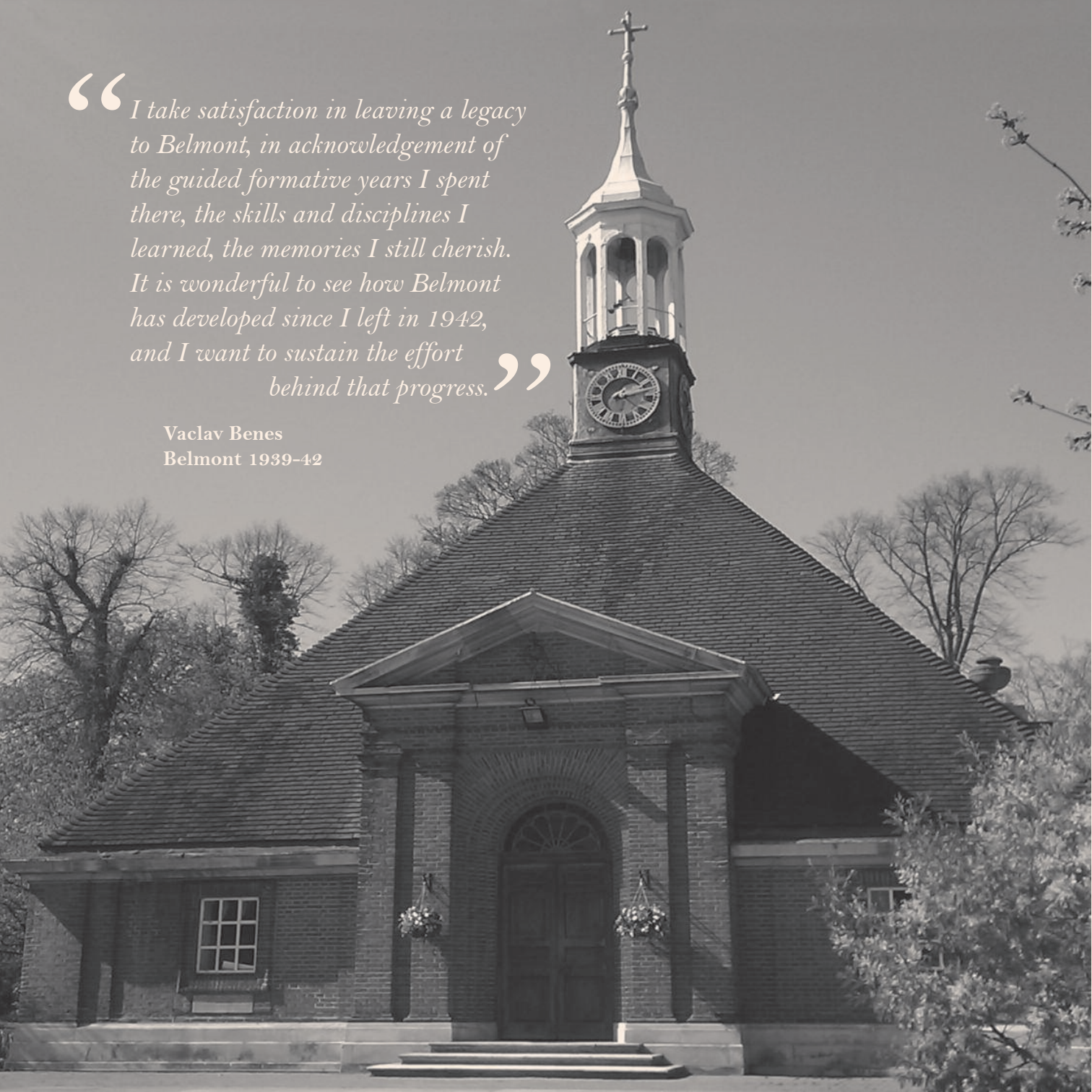
We realise that the future is uncertain and that making a will is a significant and personal undertaking. The welfare of those closest to you will naturally come first.

However, we hope that your experience of Mill Hill had a positive influence on your life or the life of someone dear to you and that you will consider making a pledge to support the Foundation in your will.

Through the generosity of previous generations, the Mill Hill School Foundation is what it is today. Your generosity will help the Foundation to thrive and to educate future generations.

“ I take satisfaction in leaving a legacy to Belmont, in acknowledgement of the guided formative years I spent there, the skills and disciplines I learned, the memories I still cherish. It is wonderful to see how Belmont has developed since I left in 1942, and I want to sustain the effort behind that progress.”

Vaclav Benes  
Belmont 1939-42



# *Our Bursary Endowment Fund*

The Mill Hill School Foundation has a 10:10 vision – a £10m Bursary Endowment Fund in 10 years. The interest could fund 20 bursaries in perpetuity without the need for extra income. This is an ambitious, long-term goal but it can be achieved. We believe that legacies will be crucial to reaching the target.

This appeal for legacies is therefore focused on bursary fundraising and we ask legacy donors to consider dedicating their bequests in this way. Indeed any legacies which are not restricted to other projects will be paid into the Bursary Endowment Fund.

We cannot wait for 10 years before awarding bursaries: hence our *A Better Chance* Bursary Scheme which enables us to fund bursaries immediately from income rather than from the interest on an endowment. Several pupils are currently benefiting from the *A Better Chance* Bursaries.

The Bursary Endowment Fund will be the key to establishing a long-term successful programme of educating talented children at the three schools of the Mill Hill School Foundation whose parents would otherwise not be able to afford the fees.



*“I owe Mill Hill much for setting me on my way. I am delighted to give now and later to provide new opportunities for future generations.”*

**Roger Graham  
Collinson 1952-57**

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In order to recognise those planning to remember the School in their will we have established the **1807 Society**, named for the year in which the School was founded. Each year, those in the **1807 Society** will be invited to a private lunch. This gives the Foundation the chance to thank them personally for their support and for members to learn first hand the benefits such gifts can provide.

If you have already included, or intend to include, the Mill Hill School Foundation in your will, please let us know by returning the pledge card. We would be delighted to recognise your commitment by making you a member of the **1807 Society**.



*Mill Hill School Foundation Crest of Arms*

*Granted as part of the  
commemorative service at St Paul's Cathedral on 1 March 2007*



# *The advantages of leaving a legacy*

Legacy giving is highly tax-efficient and will reduce the overall Inheritance Tax on your estate.. It is also free of Capital Gains Tax and Income Tax.

A legacy enables you to support the Mill Hill School Foundation in a way which may not have been practical or possible during your lifetime.

Legacy bequests have been enormously important to the Foundation since its earliest years ... your contribution will make a difference in supporting future generations of pupils.

