



# *Foundation Appeal*

Supporting educational excellence  
at Mill Hill, Belmont and Grimsdell

# *Annual Fund 2008/09*

# Foreword

When we launched the first Annual Fund in 2007 to current parents, our aim was to raise money to benefit current pupils and future generations of Millhillians.

It proved so successful that this year we are extending it in terms of both reach and projects. The Annual Fund 2008/09 is being opened to all former pupils and will include projects which may appeal to them such as those in support of Alford House and the replacement of the old Mill Hill fuchsias.

I am delighted to announce that as a result of the generosity of parents and Old Millhillians towards the Annual Fund 2007/08, many exciting projects have now been completed.

It is worthwhile noting that whilst many of our donors have supported individual projects or committed to making regular donations, others have made gifts of £5,000 or more, making them Founder Members of the Top Terracers.

This is extremely encouraging and the Foundation pupils are now seeing the benefits of new facilities and equipment such as:

- a pace clock in the swimming pool
- cricket nets at Belmont
- gymnastic equipment at Belmont
- digital cameras in each Grimsdell classroom
- disabled access to the Patrick Troughton Theatre
- wicket covers at Mill Hill School
- golfing equipment

Plaques of recognition can be seen around the Foundation identifying each completed project.

I hope this demonstrates that a gift of any size will make a difference to our Schools.

There is a significant impact on the quality of educational facilities we can provide our pupils through relatively modest investment.

I very much hope that parents and former pupils will continue to give generously and support the Foundation Schools into the future.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Lockett', followed by a horizontal line.

Dr Dominic Lockett

The Annual Fund is an integral part of the overall fundraising campaign; its aims and style are complementary to the other elements. Where bursary funding and the building programme are long-term, the Annual Fund is short-term.

- There will be a new Annual Fund each academic year.
- The Annual Fund will focus on items which will be realised within twelve months of the start of the relevant academic year.
- The Annual Fund offers the opportunity to support smaller and more immediate projects for the benefit of current pupils.
- The Annual Fund will support the teaching staff by raising money for desirable schemes, activities, resources and facilities.

You can contribute at any level; every gift will be of value to the Foundation. You can support a specific project or give an unrestricted gift with the assurance that all donations towards the Annual Fund will be 'ring-fenced' and monies will only be used for this purpose.

The different levels of giving mean that all members of the Foundation community should feel they can play a part in assuring its future through supporting the fundraising campaign. One-off donations or regular giving at every level will make significant contributions to the success of the fundraising effort: each and every gift will make a difference.

At the beginning of each academic year a report on the progress and achievements of the fundraising effort over the previous year will be published; everyone who has given will be recognised.

Donors will be recognised as **Supporters** (all gifts up to £5,000) or **Top Terracers** (gifts of £5,000 or more) with the assurance that any request for anonymity will be strictly adhered to.

The Foundation website will be regularly updated with news of the Foundation Appeal and details will appear in Foundation publications too.



The 2007/08 Golf Captain using the new golfing equipment, a modular putting green, under the guidance of PGA Professional Dean Halford

## For the Foundation

### CHAPEL

#### State-of-the-art sound system £3,800

In order to assist those delivering services in Chapel, we want to install a state-of-the-art sound amplification system to enable pupils and others to lead and participate more effectively.

### SPORT

#### Racing line trolley for swimming pool £1,200

With swimming becoming increasingly popular amongst our pupils, a new trolley to house the anti-wave ropes is required. This equipment will be particularly useful when hosting galas.



## For Mill Hill School

### SPORT

#### Scrummage machine £4,850

To continue the great rugby tradition at Mill Hill School, we would like to replace the existing scrummage machine with this superior equipment.

#### Pavilion scoreboard and scoring system £3,500

In order to enhance the cricket environment, we want to install an electronic cricket scoreboard on the 1st XI pavilion on Park. The scoreboard would be supplied with and linked to a laptop with associated software.

### MUSIC

#### Professional recording environment £3,600

To form the heart of a professional recording environment, we want to purchase a Mac Pro and HD display so that the music department can undertake a number of recording projects each year.

### GENERAL

#### Interactive voting system £1,800

This state-of-the-art facility not only helps develop numeracy skills but also provides pupils with a fully interactive ICT resource that enables them to get immediate feedback in lessons.

#### Replacement of the Mill Hill fuchsias £250

For over 60 years two varieties of antique fuchsias, Marinka and Hapsburgh, sat proudly in fat green tubs on Top Terrace and the Quad. We would like to re-introduce the fuchsias to these areas of the School by replicating both containers and varieties.

## For Belmont

### SPORT

#### High jump cut out mats £2,300

Purchasing this full set of specially designed mats would enable the children to try this field event during games lessons, Sports Day and at the High Jump Activity Club.

### GENERAL

#### Weather station £500

We would like to enhance the outside classroom experiences by installing a permanent weather station within the school grounds. Linked to the network, children will also be able to use this facility from the comfort of the classroom.



## For Grimsdell

### GENERAL

#### Synchronised classroom clocks £500

The current analogue clocks in the classrooms are in need of replacement and we are looking to change them for a new synchronised system which will link all the clocks throughout the school.

#### Clavinova £1,200

We would like to replace the elderly keyboard in the Hall with a Clavinova. This would enhance our concert performances, singing and assemblies.

#### Science garden £500

The provision of a science garden (including bird tables, pond plants, nesting boxes and other additional teaching aids) will greatly benefit our pupils and give them a greater awareness of our environment.



# For Alford House

## Music production suite £1,300

Many of the youth club members are talented musicians and a facility such as this will enable their musical activities to be recorded and preserved.

## Digital camera £300

A digital camera will enable members to record club activities and will act as additional equipment for those undertaking the Youth Achievement Award Scheme.

## The story of Alford House ...

Alford House Youth Club was founded by Frank Briant in 1884 and was one of the founding members of what was originally the London Federation of Boys Clubs, now known as London Youth, whose patron is the Duke of Edinburgh. It is a club for young people aged 8 to 22 and its aims are to promote the mental, moral, physical and spiritual well-being of its members, and to provide recreational and training facilities for this to take place. In particular it is for those between 15 and 20 years old, who are no longer in full-time attendance at school.



Alford House

Frank Briant is believed to have named the club after his mother, and its original premises were in Lambeth Walk. After the Second World War, it relocated to its present site in Aveline Street, just off Kennington Lane in Vauxhall. Briant was the Liberal MP for North Lambeth and knew a number of prominent Old Millhillians. Following his death in 1934, these Old Millhillians took over the management of the club and, today, the Old Millhillians Club continues to help by providing Governors/ Trustees and latterly Directors, as Alford House is now a company limited by guarantee.

Alford House has recently obtained planning permission for the redevelopment of its premises and the Trustees want to raise between £3.5 and £4 million to fund the programme. The Old Millhillians Club will be supporting their initiatives as will the Mill Hill School Foundation, starting with raising the money to fund the music production suite and the digital camera via this year's Annual Fund.

# Gift Aid

Gift Aid is applicable to many forms of donation to the Foundation as a registered charity. At no additional cost to you, the Foundation can gain an additional 28% from the Inland Revenue. If you are a higher rate tax payer, you can also reclaim the difference between higher and basic rate tax, now 20%.

## How do I make my gift?

There are two ways of supporting the Annual Fund: by post or online.

**To make a donation by post** please complete the donation form using the steps below:

**STEP 1:** Complete the Gift Aid section if you are a UK tax payer

**STEP 2:** Complete the **'my details'** section

**STEP 3:** Complete the **'I wish my donation to go towards'** section

There are several areas that can be supported: people (bursaries), places (buildings) or projects which are Foundation-wide or specific to Mill Hill School, Belmont or Grimsdell. If there is something specific you wish to support or discuss in more detail please contact Karen Willetts on 020 8906 7865 or email [appeal@millhill.org.uk](mailto:appeal@millhill.org.uk)

If you wish your gift to remain anonymous, please tick the relevant box

**STEP 4:** Complete either the 'single donation' OR 'regular donation' section

You can make a single donation by cheque or credit/debit card using the **'I wish to make a single donation'** section.

You can make a regular donation by completing both the **'I wish to make a regular donation'** section and the Direct Debit Mandate, remembering to:

- Fill in your name, address and account information (including account number and sort code)
- Fill in the name and address of your Bank or Building Society
- Sign and date the instruction

**STEP 5:** Post the completed form to: Foundation Appeal Office  
Mill Hill School  
The Ridgeway  
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