



Foundation Appeal

Supporting educational excellence
at Mill Hill, Belmont and Grimsdell

giving to the

Annual Fund

2010/11

Annual Fund 2009/10 - every project funded!

The Annual Fund 2009/10 has once again been 100% successful: every project has now been, or is in the process of being, completed. As you visit the Foundation look out for the plaques which identify projects funded this way - amongst these are:

- ✓ Athletics Development (High Jump equipment) (Mill Hill)
- ✓ Audio-visual Enhancement of Chemistry Corridor (Mill Hill)
- ✓ Golf Academy Equipment (Mill Hill)
- ✓ Interactive Language Learning (Mill Hill)
- ✓ Rugby Analysis Software (Mill Hill)
- ✓ Trampolining Spotting Decks (Mill Hill)
- ✓ Wind Turbine (Mill Hill)
- ✓ Young Roboteers (Mill Hill)
- ✓ Geography Globes (Belmont)
- ✓ Geography Satmap (Belmont)
- ✓ Multimedia on Wheels (Belmont)
- ✓ Tennis Ball Machine (Belmont)
- ✓ Outdoor Maths and Literacy (Grimsdell)
- ✓ Sound System (Grimsdell)
- ✓ Widescreen Display (Grimsdell)
- ✓ Seating around the Foundation

Each September the Foundation Appeal Annual Review reports on the achievements of the previous year; everyone who has given is recognised. The Foundation website is updated with news of the Foundation Appeal and details appear in Foundation publications too.

The Annual Fund has a unique role in the Foundation Appeal: it offers the chance to make an immediate difference to the lives of pupils at the Foundation Schools and an opportunity for every gift of whatever amount to make an impact. The Bursary Endowment Fund and major building projects are large-scale and inevitably long-term whereas the Annual Fund is intentionally small-scale and short-term.

Annual Fund projects comprise items at each of the Schools and items of benefit to pupils at all of them. Seating appears again, as it will probably do for some years, as we provide pupils, staff and visitors with the chance to catch their breath and enjoy our wonderful environment. The Eco-park initiative at Mill Hill first appeared last year and is likely to be ongoing. Other projects are one-offs and hopefully all will be realised, as have 43 (yes 43) projects from the Annual Funds of the last 3 years.

The exception to this is bursary fundraising. Many people warm to the idea of providing the opportunity for talented young people to experience a Mill Hill education. We feel that this opportunity should be made available as widely and as easily as the chance to support the Annual Fund projects. Old Millhillians have been generous supporters of Annual Fund projects and current parents benefactors to bursary funding.

We would like to express our thanks to those who supported the first three Annual Funds. Some people have given each year; others have contributed to more than one project. It is hoped that the number of people actually giving to the Annual Fund will increase significantly. The Appeal works on behalf of all members of the Foundation community. Whether you are an Old Millhillian, an Old Belmontian, a current parent or grandparent we hope that you will consider how you can contribute to the physical environment of our current pupils or give an opportunity to someone to attend our schools.

Whether you decide to make a one-off gift or a regular contribution and whatever amount you give, you can be sure that your gift will be appreciated and that it will make a difference.



What it has meant to our Schools

The Annual Fund represents a hugely important part of the Foundation Appeal. Over the past three years, donations to the Fund have allowed us further to improve the facilities available to pupils in each of our three Schools. Recent gifts to the Annual Fund have allowed us to fund a wide variety of projects. These have included valuable additions to the facilities available for language, science and technology teaching, the provision of an electronic weather station and the purchase of equipment to enhance our coaching of rugby, golf and athletics. In addition, we have also been able to provide a number of benches to allow pupils, parents and other visitors to sit and enjoy the beauty of the Foundation's estate. I am most grateful to those current and past parents, former pupils and others who have supported these projects.

This year's Annual Fund includes a number of very exciting projects and I hope that you will feel able to consider supporting one or more of them. Every gift to the Fund really does make a positive and immediate difference to the Foundation and, most of all, to current and future generations of Millhillians.

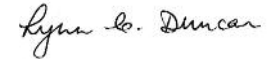
Dr Dominic Lockett
Chief Executive of
Mill Hill School Foundation
and Headmaster of Mill Hill School



Belmont aims to keep abreast of new educational developments so that our children benefit from the best teaching possible to prepare them for the move to senior school; we are very grateful to Belmont parents and parents across the Foundation who help us to achieve, earlier than might otherwise be possible, the addition or replacement of equipment which can be used for the benefit of all our pupils.

Completed projects in 2009-10 include a tennis ball machine for our many budding tennis stars to use in practice, satmaps and globes for geography lessons across all ages and a multimedia on wheels centre which is used in the Chapel for presentations to the children. An additional bench in the play area has also given children somewhere to sit and talk or read during break and lunchtimes.

Our projects for 2010-11 again represent a cross-section of what we would like to achieve and on behalf of the staff, and especially the children, thank you for your continued support.



Lynn Duncan
Head of Belmont

Grimsdell is very grateful for the support given to the Annual Fund this year. The new sound system installed in the School Hall has improved the quality of the music introduced to the pupils every morning at assembly, enhancing their experience and appreciation of a range of music as well as supporting dance and drama lessons, clubs and Late Room.

The electronic projector screen has been in continuous use for assemblies and presentations to staff, pupils and prospective parents. Our Early Years pupils have benefitted greatly from the outdoor maths and literacy materials, providing a valuable learning environment outside the classroom.

My thanks go to the contributions made by the Grimsdell Parents Association and the Annual Fund throughout 2009/2010.



Pauline Bennett-Mills
Head of Grimsdell

Project summary 2010/11

Project	For	Cost
Electronic Hockey Scoreboard	Mill Hill	£5,200
Workout Benches and Mats for Belmont Gym	Belmont	£3,400
Flatscreen Televisions for Boarding Houses	Mill Hill	£3,000
Digital Signage	Belmont	£3,000
Classroom Visualisers	Belmont	£1,600
Audio-visual Equipment for Sports Centre Gym	Foundation	£1,500
Interactive Voting System for Science	Mill Hill	£1,400
Belmont Archive Storage Facilities	Belmont	£1,000
Indoor Athletics Equipment	Foundation	£ 800
Story Phones	Grimsdell	£ 700
Seating around the Foundation (unlimited number)	Foundation	£ 600 per bench
Portable Tennis Scoreboards	Mill Hill	£ 500
Headband Microphone/Megaphone	Grimsdell	£ 500
Gap Year Information Display Wall	Mill Hill	£ 300
Childrens Handheld Digital Cameras	Grimsdell	£ 180
Bursary Provision	Foundation	Unlimited
Eco-park Initiative	Mill Hill	Various



Eco-park Initiative

The Eco-park initiative started last year when we asked for funds for the installation of a wind turbine within the grounds; this turbine was made by a pupil for a GCSE project. Since then the idea has blossomed into the planned creation of an area (or several areas) containing various eco-friendly projects to help pupils learn about renewable energy and the environment.

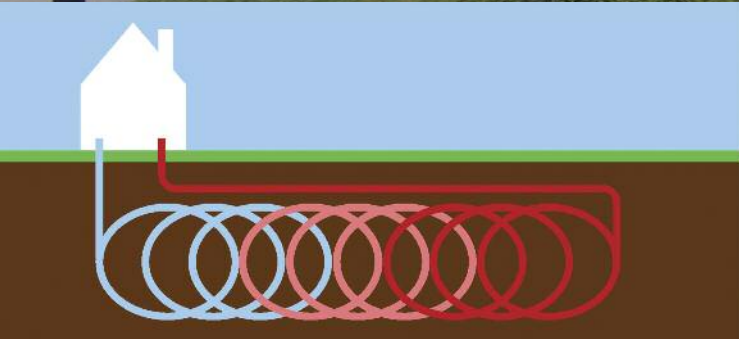
The Eco-park idea is still in its infancy and planning permission and logistic hurdles need to be overcome but it is something that the School is eager to progress. The wind turbine project, though funded, has not been installed yet so that it may be correctly positioned within the overall concept. This year we are asking parents and alumni interested in green issues to consider supporting the initiative in general so that money is available for these projects when the groundwork has been completed.

The projects under consideration for inclusion in the Eco-park are:

- Wind Turbine (already funded) - electrical power from wind energy
- Heat Pump - room heating from energy stored in the ground
- Solar Cell System - electrical power from the sun
- A level Design & Technology project aimed at tracking the sun
- Gardening projects around the Foundation
- 'Eco-chairs' and Bird-boxes

Above left: artist's impression of wind turbine installed in the Stoa

Below left: schematic diagram of a heat pump





For the Foundation

Seating in the Grounds

This is an ongoing project and one that proved very popular last year. We installed six benches thanks to generous donations to the Annual Fund 2009/10 and this year we plan to install even more to allow pupils, staff and visitors to continue to enjoy the wonderful Mill Hill estate.

Bursary Provision

The Foundation is committed, through bursaries, to provide for “meritorious individuals, who possess the promising talents, which would otherwise be lost” (Founders’ Charter 1806). To complement the Bursary Endowment Fund and the *A Better Chance* Bursaries, the Annual Fund offers the opportunity to support individuals who require fee-assistance. Donors to this aspect of the Annual Fund can be assured that their contributions of whatever size will benefit a current pupil during this academic year.

Audio-visual Equipment for Refurbished Gym

A flatscreen television and freeview box, with speakers, to enhance the atmosphere in the newly-refurbished gym. This should encourage the use of the gym not only by pupils but by other members of the Foundation community e.g. staff and sports centre members.

Indoor Athletics Equipment

To enhance athletics provision in the Foundation it is proposed that we purchase indoor equipment. This will be used in PE lessons and for sports leaders to use when running multi-sports events with other schools. The equipment can also be used outside, meaning it can be used in any weather.



For Mill Hill

Electronic Hockey Scoreboard

We would like to install an electronic scoreboard on the all-weather hockey pitch giving parents and visiting teams details of current match scores and times.

Interactive Voting System

Following the success of similar equipment installed in the Maths Department, we would like to purchase another system for the Science Department to provide pupils with a fully interactive resource that will enable them to get immediate feedback in lessons.

Flatscreen Televisions for Boarding Houses

We would like to purchase state-of-the-art flatscreen televisions in each of the boarding houses to further enhance the social environment for our boarding pupils.

Portable Tennis Scoreboard

Six portable scoreboards that fit securely onto the court fences. These would provide our pupils, staff and visiting teams with visual communication of the status of matches.

Gap Year Information Display Wall

To make a display and working unit in the Careers Library in keeping with the units already in place. Pupils will be able to browse the booklets and brochures and the unit itself will create a quiet enclosed area where staff can talk to pupils about their career options.



For Belmont

Workout Benches & Mats for Belmont Gym

This equipment would help provide a more challenging gym environment for Belmont pupils. The benches and the safety mats would enable enhanced gymnastics education and develop the skills and techniques of the pupils.

Digital Signage

To install a touch screen digital signage system at Belmont for use by parents and pupils. It will enable them to have immediate and up-to-date information on events taking place at Belmont.

Visualisers

Visualisers work in a similar way to old-fashioned overhead projectors: they enable you to demonstrate work on a screen/board. We propose installing four of these state-of-the-art systems which will help Belmont to implement fully the “Assessment for Learning” initiative. They will be useful for every subject and invaluable for many including English, Maths, Science, Humanities, Art and DT.

Belmont Archives

With the Belmont Centenary only two years away, there is an urgent need for a new storage system to allow efficient retrieval of existing documents and photographs and to aid safe storage of recent and new material.



For Grimsdell

Story Phones

These phones will help develop speaking and listening in the earliest years. Pupils can listen to stories as a group or individually and will be able to tell and record their own stories.

Headband Microphone/Megaphone

We would like to purchase hands-free equipment to aid communication to pupils during playtimes, assemblies, sports and fire practices.

Four Digital Handheld Cameras

Digital cameras, with special handles designed for children would be a great asset for pupils to use to capture special moments in and out of class. These photos will demonstrate their activities in the early years and help develop their independence.

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 then please contact Karen Willetts on 020 8906 7865 or email 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: FREEPOST RRBA-ZHKL-KLEB Foundation Appeal Office, Mill Hill School, The Ridgeway, London NW7 1QS

To make a donation online please go to www.mhsfoundationappeal.org.uk and click 'donate now'. This will take you to a secure site which is run on our behalf by CAF Bank's Charity Financial Services.



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