



# 2007/08 Review

## My first year at Mill Hill ...

... has been exciting, challenging and hugely fulfilling. I was fortunate to join the Foundation during its bicentennial year and felt very privileged to be able to participate in many of the magnificent and moving anniversary celebrations. One of the most significant events of the year was the launch, immediately after the service of thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral, of the Foundation's Bicentennial Appeal. I believe passionately in the aims of the Appeal and, with the ending of the bicentennial year, was very keen to ensure that the initial fundraising work developed into a longer term, sustainable campaign to provide resources for bursaries, buildings and other facilities for teaching, learning, sport and recreation across the Foundation.

To this end, we have established the Foundation Appeal with the aim of "Supporting educational excellence at Mill Hill, Belmont and Grimsdell". The Foundation Appeal Office, under the direction of Nick Priestnall, will henceforth focus entirely on fundraising. The Office will be advised and supported by the Appeal Board under the chairmanship of Peter Wakeham (Burton Bank, 1964). Peter brings not only his experience at the School as a Middlesex Scholar but also a wealth of expertise from his highly successful business career.

*" Supporting educational excellence at Mill Hill, Belmont and Grimsdell "*

After a year observing from the outside and a further year at the helm, I have been able to consider what I believe to be the best direction for the Foundation. This is encapsulated in the Five Year Development Plan which received approval from the Court of Governors in June. The Plan sets out the Foundation's future aims and objectives, and contains detailed operational strategies designed to allow us to achieve our goals.

One of our key ambitions for the coming years is to further our work of attracting pupils likely to be eligible for bursary awards, including those with outstanding academic, sporting, musical or dramatic potential. Of course, in order to achieve this aim, we need to ensure that we have the ability to fund such deserving and gifted individuals through their time

within the Foundation. I am, therefore, delighted that the first **ABC Bursary** holders are joining us this September and I am extremely grateful to those whose generosity has made it possible for us to offer these life-changing opportunities. I also very much hope that we shall be able to make many more such awards in the coming years. To this end, I am formally establishing a **Bursary Endowment Fund** to complement the ABC Bursary programme. It will take some time to establish this fund at a level which will enable us to offer several bursaries each year. However I am delighted to say that the first gift has already been received into the fund and it is hoped that others will follow.

With regard to buildings, our large, historic and diverse estate requires considerable expenditure every year on routine maintenance. Each year also we add, extend and improve facilities at all three Schools across the Foundation. We have ambitious plans for the future, including the construction of a new teaching block at Belmont, the refurbishment and reconfiguration of the science building and the sports hall at Mill Hill and the further development of the teaching facilities at Grimsdell.

The people whose names appear in this Review and those who have elected to remain anonymous have very generously supported the Bicentennial Appeal with gifts. Many others have given their time, energy and encouragement in many different ways. My grateful thanks go to them all. Fundraising at the Mill Hill School Foundation, as in most independent schools, is not simply an option; it is absolutely integral to a successful future. To achieve the Five Year Development Plan objectives with regard to bursary funding and major building initiatives it will be essential to find additional sources of income.

This Review tells the story of some of the diverse fundraising activities across the Foundation, not just the Bicentennial Appeal. It also highlights the various initiatives and ways in which donations and pledges can be made. I look forward to being able to tell you in a future review that we are well on the way to realising the objectives of the Plan and to thanking those who have made this possible.



Dr Dominic Luckett

School, the other will be at Belmont. Graham was a Middlesex Scholar and has taken the view that Mill Hill equipped him well for life and a successful career and he now wants to put something back. Other part-fee bursaries are being funded through the £5,000 gifts of Top Terracers, many of whom feel passionately about the concept of a "21st century Middlesex scheme" to give able individuals who could

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## What donors are supporting



## Forthcoming events

**1960s Leavers Reunion**  
**Saturday 27 September 2008,**  
**Mill Hill School**

As part of this year's Foundation Day and Old Millhillians Day celebrations, we will be hosting a pre-lunch drinks reception for all those who left Mill Hill in the 1960s.

**Reception for New Parents**  
**Wednesday 22 October 2008,**  
**Mill Hill School**

A reception to welcome parents of children new to the Foundation.

**Hong Kong Reception**  
**Tuesday 28 October 2008**

Old Millhillians and current parents are invited to meet the Headmaster at an evening reception in Central Hong Kong, venue to be advised.

## ABC Bursaries

Some very welcome news is that from September 2008 there will be two recipients of the first ABC "a better chance" full-fee bursaries.

One of these is funded by Old Millhillians, Robin Mills (Ridgeway, 1962) and his wife, Jan, and Graham Drake (Ridgeway, 1962). The other is funded by a current parent. One pupil will be coming into Mill Hill

not otherwise afford it the chance of a Mill Hill education. How the founders of Mill Hill School in 1807 would be pleased with this as they sought to establish a place of education offering religious and intellectual freedom and promoting diversity for "meritorious individuals, who possess the promising talents, which would otherwise be lost."

# Message from the Director of the Foundation Appeal

The Friends of Mill Hill School Foundation was created to promote the Bicentenary in 2007 to the widest possible audience and to establish long-term, sustainable fundraising. The Bicentennial Appeal had twin objectives – People and Places – and sought to capitalise on the profile and interest which this significant point in the School's history would bring. It was the launch phase, the catalyst for the long-term effort.



The process of identifying and reaching out to former pupils to encourage them to visit their old schools and to feel part of the Foundation is ongoing. An effective communications strategy is the key to reaching the maximum number of people and establishing the basis for long-term success. The work put into establishing the database is the cornerstone of this. There are some 7,500 Old Millhillians; the Foundation now communicates with almost 5,000, more than three times the number three years ago. It also communicates with over 750 Old Belmontians who are not also Old Millhillians and with 3,000 former parents. Much of this activity has been through printed publications but the creation of the innovative **e-friends** has enabled more than 1,000 former pupils to communicate with the Foundation and each other online. The database is also used by the Old Millhillians Club. The Club has taken full advantage of this facility, helping them to increase subscription-paying membership by some 10%.

When establishing the Friends, a key part of the brief was to use events to encourage people to visit the Foundation. The Friends created its own events and worked with other parts of the Foundation to maximise their events. In 2007/08 such events included reunions for leavers from 50, 25 and 20 years ago, a dinner for current and former members of the Armed Forces, house events for Scrutton and Murray and a hockey-focused opening event for the new changing rooms. The next 18 months will include events for 1960s leavers, pre-1960 leavers, Weymouth House old boys, golfers and a special occasion to honour members of the community who have achieved representative honours in sport.

The Bicentennial Appeal has received pledges of over £920,000 of which 71% is already in the bank. In addition, the Legacy Campaign, only launched in March, has known pledges worth in excess of £800,000 and others with undefined amounts. These numbers are important but the impact they can make on children's lives is even more important. The most exciting outcome of the last two years is the funding of bursaries for pupils to attend the Foundation schools who simply could not otherwise have done so. (see ABC Bursaries).

*"establishing the basis for long-term success"*

With the Bicentenary fading, the fundraising enters its next phase as the Foundation Appeal. A strategy is being put in place to realise the Headmaster's vision and facilitate his Five Year Development Plan (see page 1). It will seek to create opportunities for everyone who wishes to do so to give at a level which suits them and to something which appeals to them. This can be summed up in the following statements:

□ While there will always be the large long-term fundraising objectives such as the **Bursary Endowment Fund**, there will also be immediate and smaller projects such as those in the Annual Fund.

□ While there will always be the need for major gifts in order to achieve those big targets, there will be many ways in which small, regular gifts make a tangible, immediate and vital contribution.

At the time of writing, 200 people have made donations, a fitting number for the Bicentennial element of the campaign. Their commitment and generosity during this initial period will be the basis for success in the future.

The names of Top Terracers, Supporters and those who have made legacy pledges are listed in this Review. We have also received a number of gifts from donors who wish to remain anonymous.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have made gifts, who have attended events and who have communicated with us about their time at the Foundation schools.

My thanks also go to Dr Dominic Lockett, Mr Bruce Fraser, Mrs Lynn Duncan and Mrs Pauline Bennett-Mills along with members of Common Rooms at the three schools and to the leaders of the Old Millhillians Club, the Old Belmontian Association, the Grimsdell Parents Association and the Friends of Belmont, who have been supportive and positive in so many ways.

We look forward to working with you in the future towards the common goal of educational excellence in the Foundation schools.

*Nick Priestly*



## Annual Fund 2007/08

The first Annual Fund was launched in 2007 to current parents. Its aim was to raise money to benefit current pupils and future generations of Millhillians.

On the back of its success, the Annual Fund 2008/09 is being extended in terms of both reach and projects. Former pupils will now be given the opportunity of supporting smaller, more immediate projects.

As a result of the generosity of parents and Old Millhillians several exciting projects have now been completed.

Many of our donors have supported individual projects or committed to making regular donations, whilst 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.

We very much 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 to our pupils through relatively modest investment.

We trust that parents and former pupils will continue to give generously and support the Foundation Schools into the future.

## 1807 Society



Following the launch of the legacy campaign early in 2008, we now have in excess of £800,000 in known pledges.

These tax efficient bequests, when realised, will continue to help enable talented young people enjoy a Mill Hill education through scholarships or bursaries or will be used to enhance the fabric and facilities of the Foundation, in accordance with the benefactor's wishes.

All bequests benefit the Foundation as well as current and future generations of Millhillians. Benefactors are offered membership of the **1807 Society** which has been established to recognise their commitment and we are delighted to acknowledge the following members:

- Miss Rosemary Armstrong
- Mr Matthew Baldwin
- Sir Michael Bishop CBE
- Mr Richard Dean
- Mr Grahame Elliott CBE
- Dr Arthur Holmes Pickering
- Mr Bill Skinner
- Mr Geoffrey Vero
- Mr Bill Yates

with 2 additional anonymous pledges.

For further information about legacy and planned giving, please contact the Foundation Appeal Office on 020 8906 7865.

# Donor acknowledgements

## Top Terracers

Mr Terry Allan  
Mr Matthew Baldwin  
Dr Colin Barnes  
Mr Alan Bonner  
British Schools and Universities Foundation  
Brodie Grandchildren's Trust  
Anthony & Consuelo Brooke  
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with 8 additional anonymous donations

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Mr Peter Woodroffe  
Mr David Wrottesley  
with 23 additional anonymous donations

## How you can help

### Leadership Gifts

The Foundation Appeal is inspired by Leadership Gifts. Such gifts are substantial, set examples and stimulate others to participate.

### Top Terracers

Membership of the Top Terracers is guaranteed for those who commit to a gift of at least £5,000 and donors can select where to allocate their gift: people, places, Annual Fund projects or as an unrestricted donation. Founder membership of the Top Terracers will be for the first 200 people who pledge gifts of £5,000 or more over 4 years.

### Supporters

All members of the Foundation community should feel they can play a part in assuring its future through supporting the bursary funding or the building programme. One-off donations or regular giving at every level will make significant contributions to the Appeal; in due course gifts in kind and time will also have roles to play.

### Legacy Giving

In a rapidly changing economic climate some people find it difficult to commit to a major gift during their lifetime. Charitable legacies are paid before inheritance tax is deducted and could potentially reduce the total amount of tax payable on an estate, thus benefiting both the Foundation Schools and the donors.

### Tax Efficient Giving

- Gifts of stocks and shares are very tax efficient. All such donations made direct to a charity receive income tax relief of 100% of their value.
- The Foundation and generations of Millhillians have benefited from generous gifts of land and property.
- If you are US tax payer, a gift through the British Schools and Universities Foundation (BSUF) can be tax deductible. The BSUF is a 501(3)(c) charity approved by the US Internal Revenue Service and set up over 40 years ago to support British schools and universities in a tax efficient way.
- The Foundation will seek to maximise all gifts to the Foundation Appeal through Gift Aid. Gift Aid also has benefits for donors who are higher rate tax payers.

# Other fundraising activities in the Foundation

## Mill Hill School Worldwide Partnerships

In 2000 William Winfield encouraged Mill Hill School to take a wider world view with the formation of three partnerships: Sodo and Sadama, Ethiopia, East Africa; Sri Jayendra School, Tamil Nadu, South India; Los Pipitos, Nicaragua, Central America.

Mill Hill's Gala Charity Fashion Show held on 26 April was a huge success, raising much-needed funds for our Partnership Projects in India and Nicaragua.

The Show was organised by 6th Formers, Paula Sanchez and Kodzo Williams, and was planned on a grand scale with a huge range of fashion on display.

The audience were kept on the edge of their seats as the show started with a breathtaking drumming routine and the fashion runs were interspersed with exciting choreographed dance routines ranging from Street Dance to Belmont's Asian Fusion. In total, more than 200 pupils from all three Foundation Schools took part on the night but it would not have been possible without an enormous amount of hard work beforehand by pupils, staff, professionals and parents. It was a real team effort!!!



## Belmont and the Friends of Belmont



Belmont pupils are encouraged to not only donate money to a host of different charitable causes, but they are encouraged to give their time and effort to help others.

Children discuss which charities to support and how they will raise money. They are involved in the planning of school events to raise money for the charitable causes they have chosen.

Pupils and parents, through the FoB, have also been wonderfully successful in raising substantial amounts for the various good causes.

In an average year, donations in excess of £10,000 are made to charity. So much goodwill, effort and time reflect the care and concern Belmont pupils have for those who are less fortunate and whose lives are affected by disaster, sickness, disability and poverty.

## Grimsdell and the Grimsdell Parents' Association

Grimsdell has a thriving Parents' Association, the GPA, which meets regularly and provides extra curricular activities for the children and their families.

At the 2008 Sports Day and Parents' Association Activities and Displays Day in June, Grimsdell children spent the morning participating in a variety of sports and enjoyed an afternoon of fun when the GPA put on activities for parents and children. Parents were also able to view the stunning displays of children's work in the classrooms. Belmont Year 8 pupils came over from the Prep School to help out with the activities, which included cake decorating, a bran tub and football shooting practice.



## Recent events

### Scrutton Reunion

As part of the Bicentenary celebrations on 29 September 2007, former members of Scrutton House joined us for drinks in the Crick Room (previously the Housemaster's lounge and dining room). Many friendships were re-established on this occasion and guests reminisced, viewed archive material and toured School House; countless tales were shared and remembered and fond memories were evoked.

### Services Dinner



Dr Dominic Lockett joined current and former serving members of the Armed Forces at a formal dinner in November 2007.

The full Mess Dress/Black Tie event took place in the School Dining Hall and was complemented by a reception in the Favell Building and a display of Great War art lent to us by the Oswald Stoll Foundation. Guests were entertained by the CCF Corps of Drums on the Quad - a very illuminating performance!

### Hockey Celebration



May 2008 saw the official opening of the new changing room building and the switching on of the new floodlights on the all-weather pitch by Old Millhillian Mike Corby (Winterstoke, 1958). Mike, one of this country's most successful sportsmen, won over 250 England and Great Britain caps in hockey and squash and represented his country in two Olympic Games.

The opening ceremony was followed by a match between the 1st XI and an Old Millhillians Club XI where the current 1st XI won by 5 goals to 0. The evening was topped off by an informal supper in the new Refectory enjoyed by all our guests and players.

### 25 Years On

Despite gazebos being blown across the Quad and the barbecue flame constantly going out, our reunion event for all those who left in 1983, 1984 or 1985 was another success. On an otherwise sunny Sunday afternoon, 100 former pupils, staff and their families joined us for beer, burgers and the chance to see some very scary old photographs. Old haunts were revisited, new ones investigated and stories exchanged with friends and contemporaries - many

of whom hadn't seen each other in the 25 years since they left the school.

Following a welcome from Headmaster, Dr Dominic Lockett, the barbecue and tours of the boarding houses, many guests took the opportunity to spend the rest of the afternoon watching the 1st XI play an Old Millhillians XI on Park. Indeed many guests had to be persuaded that the event was over and they had to leave!



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