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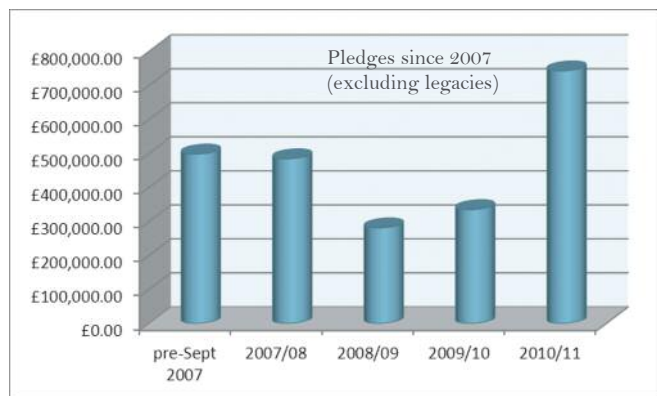
2010/11 *Review*

Supporting educational excellence at Mill Hill, Belmont and Grimsdell



Best year yet for the Foundation Appeal

Fundraising in turbulent economic times is never easy, and those generous enough to give to charities are facing ever-growing calls for support from a wide range of very worthy organisations. Despite these challenging circumstances, the Foundation Appeal has had its best year yet, and I am particularly grateful to those who have supported the Appeal, some for the first time, others as part of an on-going desire to assist our fundraising efforts.



The money we have raised in recent months has been used in support of the established aims of the Foundation Appeal: the funding of bursaries and the enhancement of the facilities available to pupils at Grimsdell, Belmont and Mill Hill School. A significant number of pupils have for some time been benefiting from a Mill Hill education only because of the generosity of benefactors, and more joined the Foundation at the start of this term. Each of them comes from a family of very modest means and all of them have been offered a once in a lifetime opportunity to fulfil their potential and enrich their lives. Those who have supported them through donations can be sure that they really have made a profound difference, allowing these young people a future far brighter than would otherwise have been the case. Among the recipients of this year's awards are a number of Fourth Form pupils whose bursaries have been funded by Sir Michael Bishop, Lord Glendonbrook (School House 1955-57), and it is hoped that each will go on to emulate the success enjoyed by one of Mill Hill's most distinguished alumni. Another has entered the Sixth Form with an award funded by one of the *A Better Chance* (ABC) bursary syndicates whose supporters wished to establish a bursary in honour of Donald Hall, a distinguished former science master at Mill Hill, and

designed to assist a young person keen to pursue a medical career. In addition to the ABC bursary scheme, we have also established the Bursary Endowment Fund which will generate revenue to fund bursaries in perpetuity. We hope that donations to this fund will, over the coming years, further increase the Foundation's capacity to extend a life changing opportunity to more young people of talent.

At the same time as the Appeal has allowed us to expand our bursary provision, the generosity of donors has also enabled us to push ahead with some exciting estate projects, including the phased refurbishment of the Mill Hill School science block, an initiative that coincides with next year's anniversary of the award of the Nobel Prize to Francis Crick (OM) following his discovery of DNA, something we will be celebrating with a series of events to commemorate the School's greatest scientist. Many other projects across the three Foundation Schools have also been completed in the past twelve months, thanks to gifts to the Appeal and support for specific Annual Fund initiatives. Blessed as we are with such a beautiful estate, it is wonderful to see so many people helping us to ensure that current and future generations of pupils will continue to benefit from a learning and playing environment of the very highest quality. For the future, we have ambitious plans to complete the upgrading of the Mill Hill science facilities, a new science and classroom building at Belmont (planning permission for which is currently being sought) and further improvements to the academic, sporting and other facilities at each of the three Foundation Schools.

I am immensely grateful to all of those who have supported the Appeal, the Foundation and its pupils this year. I hope that many of you will feel able to continue that support in the years to come.



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

Tax efficient giving ... share the wealth

Gifts of shares to the Foundation Appeal are becoming increasingly popular due to the high level of associated tax-efficiency. The Appeal recently received two wonderful gifts, each of over £50,000 worth of shares, from donors who wanted to support the development of science facilities at Belmont and who were impressed by the amount of tax that could be saved in giving in this way. Donations to the Appeal in the form of shares are not liable for either income tax or capital gains tax. This means, for example, that a tax-payer making a gift of £200,000 (with a capital appreciation of £100,000) could pay as much as £120,000 less in tax compared with a non-charitable disposal.





June 8th 2011 saw the opening of the London Golf Academy at Mill Hill including the fantastic new all-weather practice centre. The practice centre uses a modular system of all-weather greens, tees and nets laid out on the old Burton Bank tennis court in order to provide practice stations for driving, chipping and putting.

“These wonderful facilities have only been made possible by the generosity of our own Mill Hill community. I am glad to have the opportunity to thank the Parents, Old Millhillians and the Old Millhillian Golfing Society who have so generously contributed.” Dean Halford, Director of Golf, on the occasion of the opening of the Academy.

The year's highlights

- ✓ £1.6m pledged in cash and legacies (over £4m raised since 2007)
- ✓ 15 pupils to receive bursary funding from September 2011 (including 4 new *A Better Chance* recipients)
- ✓ Over £350,000 raised towards the development of science facilities at Mill Hill and Belmont
- ✓ Telescope and practical physics equipment at Mill Hill donated
- ✓ 3-Dimensional printer for the Design & Technology Department at Mill Hill donated
- ✓ Golf practice centre funded
- ✓ Annual Fund 2010/11: House TVs, Tennis Scoreboards, Cameras, Archives and more. (51 Annual Fund projects funded since 2007)

Lord Glendonbrook boosts bursary funds

In this publication last year we were able to write that Sir Michael Bishop (School House 1955-57) had undertaken to support the Foundation Appeal with a gift in 2011. It is excellent news to be able to confirm that Sir Michael, who was raised to the peerage in January as Lord Glendonbrook of Bowdon in the County of Cheshire, has committed £300,000 from the Michael Bishop Foundation to the *A Better Chance* bursary campaign. This wonderfully generous gift has given the fundraising for People a huge boost and helped us to provide opportunities for talented young people.



Lord Glendonbrook

The Headmaster adds his appreciation:

“Our most sincere thanks go to Lord Glendonbrook for such a generous gift. Donations on this scale really can make an immediate impact and help the Foundation to achieve its aspirations. The bursary beneficiaries are very deserving recipients and potentially outstanding pupils. I would also like to thank Lord Glendonbrook for making a substantial increase to his legacy pledge this year.”

Lord Glendonbrook writes:

*“It is my great pleasure to support the *A Better Chance* bursary scheme which the Foundation Appeal has established. I would like to pay tribute to OMs Robin Mills and Graham Drake who created the scheme and led the way. Through the Michael Bishop Foundation three pupils will be coming into Mill Hill in September 2011 and be able to enjoy the benefits of a Mill Hill education. Their personal circumstances would not have made this possible. I have learned something of their backgrounds and heard that they are all talented young people who will not only benefit personally but also make significant contributions to the School while they are here. Two of them will be taking advantage of all that boarding has to offer; I am pleased about this as I feel there can be something special about boarding life for some young people. Two of them have musical talent, something which I have always enjoyed supporting.*

The Michael Bishop Foundation supports a number of charities every year; there are specific and often personal reasons behind the gifts it makes. As an Old Millhillian I am proud to be associated with Mill Hill. This pride comes less from looking back on my time at the School with great affection than because I feel strongly that the whole Foundation with its three schools, is well led and making positive strides towards a successful future.”

Thanks to a very generous donation from technology enthusiast Roger Graham (Collinson 1952-57) the Physics Department has been able to purchase a brand new state-of-the-art telescope to allow astronomy to be taught both in class and as a fun extra-curricular activity. The telescope links to powerful software which can track, trace and photograph stars, planets and other cosmic matter. The pupils and teachers alike were thrilled to be given such an exciting new piece of equipment.

Having been so impressed by the Physics Department's enthusiasm, Roger Graham also provided the funding for new data-logging equipment to aid the practical teaching of mechanics in the physics syllabus. The equipment is software controlled and allows for far greater precision than previous experimental methods in the classroom. The equipment can also be used by the teacher to explain more advanced concepts that were previously very difficult to demonstrate.



The first 3D print of Queen Nefertiti taken from a 3D scan



The Design and Technology Department is now the envy of most other schools as it possesses its very own 3-Dimensional printer. The printers are rare in any institution and so for a school to own one is very cutting-edge. For those who are not quite at the forefront of technology, a 3D printer actually builds models from scratch at the touch of a button by printing synthetic layers on top of each other directly from a computer aided design programme.

The printer (worth £35,000) was made possible by a very generous donation from a current parent who has consistently helped to develop the science facilities at Mill Hill and whose son is a keen technologist.

First ABC Group success

In the 2009/10 Review, we introduced the idea of the Bursary Endowment Fund (£10m in ten years supplying 20 bursaries in perpetuity) and the crucial role that the "pay-as-you-go" *A Better Chance* bursaries would have in the interim. We also gave details of the dynamic groups that were being established to try to fund these bursaries.

We are very pleased to say that of the fifteen pupils who will be receiving bursary funding in September 2011, one is being supported thanks to the efforts of Russell Cowan (Weymouth 1958-63) and his group dedicated to the memory of Donald Hall, who taught at Mill Hill from 1936-74. The bursary will be supporting a pupil coming in to the 6th form to study the subjects she needs to read medicine at university. She had the following to say in a letter to Dr Luckett:

"It was a lovely surprise that you have chosen me to be the first recipient of this bursary. It means a lot to me that you believe in me and recognise my potential. I am very much looking forward to starting Mill Hill and in the future I would love to help provide someone like me with the same opportunities."

David A B Brown's (Burton Bank 1956-61) group in North America and Peter Wakeham's (Burton Bank 1960-64) group of contemporaries are both now raising substantial sums and hoping to start funding pupils in the Foundation in the near future. *A Better Chance* bursary groups allow donors to give at whatever level they can afford (from £20 per month to a one-off gift of thousands).



Tax efficient giving... legacies

Legacy giving has been crucial to the Foundation's first 200 years and will doubtless play an equally important role in the future: the impact of the legacies of Lord Winterstoke and Richard Grimsdell are evident in the buildings which bear their names and numerous young people have the Arthur Baldwin legacy to thank for supporting their time here.

The 1807 Society is for all those who have committed to leave the Foundation a legacy in their will. During 2011/12 we are running a campaign to increase membership. Almost 2000 people have recently been sent information about this form of giving; there have been some good responses. If you would like to join them and make a commitment to the future of the Foundation or you would like to receive our new legacy brochure, please contact the office.

The April 2011 Budget introduced some major changes to legacy giving which are very beneficial to the donor. If you leave 10% or more of your estate to charity (this can be spread over several different charities), you will now only pay 36% Inheritance Tax on the taxable remainder of your estate instead of the usual 40%.

All legacy donations made to the Mill Hill School Foundation are free of Inheritance Tax, Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax.

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With 3 additional anonymous legacy pledges



What it means to ... Belmont

The Foundation Appeal has had a significant impact on Belmont. It has provided many highly desirable resources such as the nature reserve, weather station, geography globes, tennis ball machine, gym mats and the new cricket nets. These have enabled my staff to offer the pupils, through the curriculum and in extra-curricular activities, learning opportunities we could not otherwise have planned; each new resource, in its own way, has enhanced our pupils' experience of Belmont. Whilst these resources are a great benefit to our existing pupils, I believe that the Foundation Appeal's bursary fundraising enables us to change lives, by offering places to talented young people who could not otherwise attend the School. While we cannot always identify these young people publicly, it is great pleasure to see them grow and take advantage of all the opportunities Belmont can offer. One of them recently spoke very eloquently about how proud he is to be at Belmont and how grateful he is for the chances it has given him.

Dr Lockett comments elsewhere about the exciting developments in the provision of science teaching resources across the Foundation; suffice it to say here that all at Belmont look forward to the proposed new facilities which will significantly improve our ability to offer practical science to all age groups.

We also all look forward to the Belmont Centenary which we shall celebrate from June 2012 to June 2013. During the course of the year there will be a major event each term. We hope that all members of the Belmont community will be able to participate at some point and we will welcome current and past parents, grandparents and pupils, former staff and other friends of the School.



Lynn G. Duncan

Lynn Duncan
Head of Belmont

What it means to ... Grimsdell

Since the launch of the Foundation Appeal four years ago, Grimsdell has benefitted from a number of generous donations. The development of the Science Garden has made a significant impact on our curriculum, providing the pupils with opportunities to study nature, plant vegetables and enrich our work on protecting the environment, resulting in Grimsdell achieving the ECO Green Flag Award this year.



The Grab-and-Go Maths and Literacy equipment has enabled us to teach the curriculum to our Early Years pupils using the outdoor areas to their fullest potential. The kit is interactive and tactile and engages children with both the subject matter and the environment.

The story phones have enhanced the development of the pupils' speaking and listening skills. The children have listened to stories as a group and individually and gained much enjoyment from telling and recording their own stories.

The hand-held digital cameras have allowed the children to take their own photos for project work, document activities and develop their independence.

Grimsdell is very grateful for the generosity shown to us through the Annual Fund.



Pauline Bennett-Mills

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Head of Grimsdell