



Foundation Appeal

Supporting educational excellence
at Mill Hill, Belmont and Grimsdell

SPRING 2009

£2 million in sight ...

“People need to know that they can make gifts of any size, that whatever they give will make a difference and be valued” said a Governor to me recently. This is absolutely right and I am pleased to take this opportunity to emphasize it. I recently heard from an elderly Old Millhillian and Old Belmontian who told me that he remembered his school days with affection. His circumstances only allowed him to send £5 but he wanted to do something and it was a pleasure to thank him for his gift.

The Foundation Appeal stands at almost £2 million in terms of pledges (£1.2 in cash and £0.8 in legacies.) The objectives of the Foundation Appeal are People and Places; donations of any size can be allocated to either. In the context of Places, the projects of the Annual Fund are of a size which makes them achievable easily and quickly while funding bursary places (People) might seem to be too big to grasp. In fact this need not be the case: it only takes 50 people giving £20 per month to fund a day pupil place. In the context of over 8,000 current and former pupils this does not seem so large a target.

Many thanks to all who have supported our fundraising so far and to those considering doing so in the future.

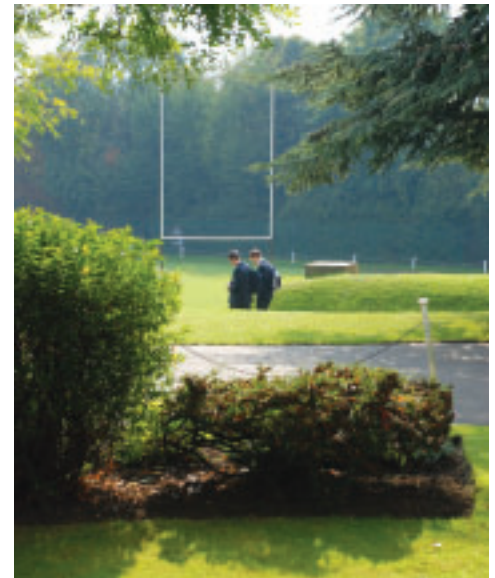
- ❑ The recipients of Appeal funded bursaries are making the most of their opportunity at the Foundation schools.
- ❑ Two houses at Mill Hill are undergoing extensive refurbishment in 2009 as a result of generous gifts.
- ❑ Belmont pupils will soon be able to take full advantage of the Poon Nature Reserve, where they can study a rapidly increasing number of plant and animal species in a safe and stimulating environment.



- ❑ The Annual Fund projects completed have improved various physical aspects of the Foundation estate, enhancing the life of all who work and learn here. (see overleaf)

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- ❑ There are always capital projects under consideration right across the Foundation. These projects cover every aspect of life from IT to sport, music and drama to science teaching. They range from the reinstatement of the stage in the Large at Mill Hill to the proposed Belmont Centenary building and the science building, from a few tens of thousands of pounds to several millions. The Foundation Appeal has a role to play in bringing these to reality. Not every pupil attends or attended all three schools so it is very important



that the opportunity exists for donors to support the place which means the most to them, if that is their wish. The Appeal is truly “Foundation-wide”.

- ❑ Every campaign needs inspiration to succeed. We are very grateful to those who have so far made inspiring Leadership Gifts and are pleased to be talking to a small number of others who might do so in the future. If anyone feels they can offer such leadership or knows of others who might be willing to do so, please let me know.
- ❑ Pupils in the Foundation Schools are achieving great things across the whole spectrum, academic and extra-curricula; the Foundation Appeal has an important role to play in ensuring this can continue not just this year but over the longer term. It is the commitment of all those who hold the Foundation in high regard and wish to give at whatever level is right for them that will enable the Appeal to reach its short-, medium- and long-term objectives.

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Top Terracers

Top Terracers were invited to attend the Mill Hill School Carol Service in December 2008. Those who came thoroughly enjoyed it and the refreshments which followed. There is now a calendar of events which Top Terracers can attend this year.

On 27th June the Top Terracers Reception will take place at School.

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At the Reception this year we will be announcing the plans to mark Founder Top Terracers' contributions to the Foundation in a lasting fashion in the School. Those who have already committed to be Top Terracers will all be recognised; there remains an opportunity for others to join them. In order to be included as a Founder Member, commitments will have to have been made by **June 2009**.

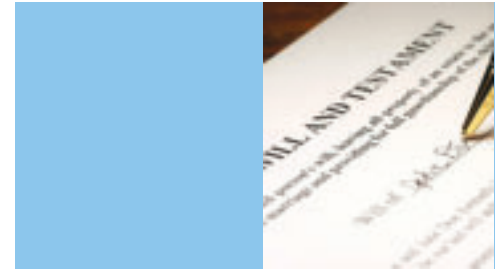
The forthcoming promotion of Top Terracers will highlight the fact that the £5,000 commitment does not have to be made in one gift; it can be spread over up to 4 years, a rate of £104 per month.



1807 Society

The Society has been created to recognise those people who have committed to remember the Mill Hill School Foundation in their wills.

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 current and future generations of Millhillians. Through the generosity of previous generations the Mill Hill School Foundation it is what is today.



One only has to think of the Grimdsell bequest which enabled the development of the pre-prep school into its present successful format or of the former pupils who have benefitted from fee assistance through the charitable trust established by an Old Millhillian. We have recently received confirmation of a legacy pledge from an Old Belmontian who did not attend Mill Hill at all; Belmont will of course be the beneficiary.

The 1807 Society will stage its inaugural lunch on 1st May 2009; this will be a prestigious, invitation only event for members of the Society.

If you would like to receive an invitation to the lunch and have already made a legacy bequest to the Foundation or are considering doing so, please contact the Appeal Director.



Annual Fund 2008/09

The Annual Fund 2008-09 was extended to a wider Mill Hill community and has been very well-received. So far, this has meant that Foundation pupils will soon see the benefits of new facilities and equipment such as:

- a state-of-the-art sound system in the Mill Hill School Chapel
- a new professional recording environment at Mill Hill School
- a weather station at Belmont
- a science garden at Grimdsell
- an electronic scoreboard and scoring system for Park.



We will also shortly see the return of the fuchsias that used to stand on Top Terrace. Furthermore, the School's successful rugby teams will be rewarded with the new scrummaging machine which was requested. All these have been made possible by contributions to the Annual Fund 2008-09.

In order to achieve the remaining Annual Fund 2008-09 objectives by the end of the academic year we are keen to complete outstanding projects such as:

- The interactive facility to help develop numeracy skills and provide immediate feedback for staff during ICT lessons at Mill Hill School (£1,800)
- High jump mats at Belmont (£2,300)
- Synchronised classroom clocks at Grimdsell (£500)

The Annual Fund 2008-09 also includes items for Alford House such as the music production suite (£1,300) and a digital camera (£300).

Sporting win for the Appeal ...

On 1st March the Friends of Belmont organised a Staff v Parents Football Match. The fiercely competitive encounter ended in true Premiership style - controversially! There was however one major winner: The Foundation Appeal. The event raised £760 which is being given to the Appeal funds to support a bursary place. Many thanks to all who contributed to this successful day.



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