



## Happy Holidays!

As we come to the end of the year, it has been incredible to look back at how the Millfield community has overcome the challenges of 2020. During these unprecedented times, it is inspirational to hear about all the ways that OM's have supported others during the Covid-19 pandemic. However, we have been saddened to hear about the passing of members from our community; both former teachers and former pupils, and we send our love and condolences to their families.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the OM Society this year. It is wonderful to see so many OM's connecting via our social media channels. We now have 5,673 OM's in our Facebook group, 3,374 on Millfield Connect, 1,604 on Instagram and 1,666 on Twitter. We love hearing and sharing your news so please do keep us informed.

We were pleased to see so many of you joining our online events throughout the year and we have more coming soon.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and New Year, and we hope to see you in 2021!

With very best wishes,

**Nicola Pender**

Head of Alumni and Foundation



## Throwback Thursday

Every Thursday we have been sharing a different #ThrowbackThursday post featuring various houses, teams, buildings and more from across the years! It has been amazing to see so many OM's interacting with the #ThrowbackThursday posts and sharing their own memories.

Keep up to date with our weekly #ThrowbackThursday posts via our social channels!



Old Millfieldian Society



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## Millfield Transform a Life x #TOGETHER FUND

This term we have partnered with #TOGETHERBAND, co-founded by OM Cameron Saul (1989-95; MPS/1995-2000; Day), to help raise funds to deliver the 17 UN Global Goals as well as supporting bursaries at Millfield. OM Ambassadors and Millfield students have also been involved, helping to raise awareness on campus and via social media.

A huge thank you to everyone who has been a part of Millfield Transform a Life x #TOGETHER FUND, either by becoming an Ambassador, donating, buying a band, or supporting on social media.

## Interview with OM Ed Chudleigh

We recently interviewed OM, Pilot and Inventor, Ed Chudleigh (1993-1996; Shapwick), about his time at Millfield and how it has helped to shape his successful career.

Since leaving Millfield, Ed has designed and invented for Dyson, created Genesis 2 - a machine that can mould all existing types of plastic - and invented the first recyclable face mask!

When asked what advice he would give to students currently at Millfield, Ed said to "never be scared of doing something and it not being successful, because the success is in it failing and what you have learnt to get there."

## OM news

OM Alison Oliver (1987-1989; Warner) has been awarded an MBE in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours list for all the work she has done for the Youth Sport Trust.

On the 13 November 2020, OM Callum Sheedy (2012-2014; Shapwick) earned his first Welsh Rugby cap, making his international debut in the Autumn Nations Cup. Callum came off the bench for Wales in the opening round against Ireland.

OM Milly Tanner (2013-2017; Martins) has won a silver medal at the UEC European Track Cycling Championships in Plovdiv, as part of The Great Britain Cycling Team. Milly and her trio made up the women's team sprint.

OM Ed Jackson (2002-2007; Walton) has been named as this year's BBC West Unsung Hero! Ed is a recovering quadriplegic, but he has climbed Snowdon, as well as the height of Everest on his stairs at home during lockdown. In the process, he has raised £150,000 for charity, which contributed to him receiving the award.



## School news

After ten years, Mrs Shirley Shayler (née Harrison) has decided to step down from her role as Head of Millfield Prep School at the end of the academic year. Many of you may also remember Shirley as she taught Biology at the Senior School from 1989 to 2002. Shirley will be hugely missed by the school.

Upper Sixth student, Ailbe, won the Highly Commended prize of £1000 and a full mentoring programme from BBC Dragons' Den star, Peter Jones CBE, after reaching the final of the Peter Jones Foundation National Entrepreneur of the Year competition.

The Millfield app has been relaunched. OMs, as well as current parents and students, can use the app to keep up to date with the latest OM news and events happening at Millfield.

Millfield Lower Sixth sailor, Lucy, has begun a campaign towards Olympic selection after being called up by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) GB pathway at just 16 years old.