

The Discover Brilliance Campaign



We are excited to soon be launching our Discover Brilliance campaign! This will help to grow Millfield's endowment and provide life-changing bursaries, in perpetuity, to young people who would not be able to attend Millfield without considerable financial assistance. Our aim is to raise £100 million by Millfield's 100th anniversary in 2035. To kick off the campaign, we will be holding Millfield's first-ever Giving Day on 26-27 May.

Appointment of new Millfield Prep Head

Millfield Prep School is delighted to announce the appointment of Dan Thornburn as Headmaster from 1 January 2022. Dan joins Millfield Prep from Edgeborough School, in Surrey, where he has been Head since 2017.

Hear from School Captains, Polly and Tom



"One of the greatest goals I wish to achieve is to give back all of the knowledge and lessons I have learnt along the way, so that other students can benefit in the same way I have."

"I have drastically improved in every aspect of life with Millfield by my side supporting my journey. Because I have gained so much, giving back and improving Millfield has been my motivation as School Captain since the beginning."



We're back on campus!

We were delighted to see the return of students to the Millfield campus on the 8th of March and, whilst it was only for two weeks, the school felt full of life again!

Once again, remote learning has been a success and many new student-led initiatives were created.

We are excited to be planning our first-ever Millfield Giving Day, on 26-27 May, to raise money for bursaries. Knowing how transformative bursary funding has been for so many OMs, and still is for many of our current students, it is so important that we can continue to offer this long into the future.

Thank you to everyone who has connected on social media or attended an online event recently.

We are so looking forward to meeting again in person, hopefully this Autumn!

Please save the date for OM of the Year on Saturday 13 November and we hope to be able to share details of other events and reunions soon.

Please do stay in touch, we really value and appreciate your support.

With very best wishes,

Nicola Pender

Head of Alumni and Foundation

OM news

In this year's Six Nations Championship, there was an OM in each of the rugby Home Nations match squads - Mako Vunipola (2007-2009; Kingweston) for England, Huw Jones (2007-2012; Keen's Elm) for Scotland, Callum Sheedy (2012-2014; Shapwick) for Wales, and Rhys Ruddock (2007-2009; Butleigh) for Ireland.

We loved seeing OM and School Governor, Kate Griggs (1974-1975; MPS/1975-1979; Day), on The One Show! Kate appeared alongside Sir Richard Branson to discuss her global charity, Made by Dyslexia.

OM Miranda Ashcroft (2016-2020; Overleigh) has co-founded a non-profit organisation, Junior Astronaut, which has recently launched a collaboration with Virgin Orbit. Junior Astronaut promotes access and opportunities in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) career for young people.

It was amazing to hear OM Helen Glover (2002-2004; Martins) on BBC Radio 4, talking about her bid for a spot at the Tokyo Olympic Games! Helen, mother of three children under the age of 2.5, wants to be the first woman in British rowing history to make an Olympic team after having children!

Supporting students

We have loved hearing from OMs who have given talks to current students this term about careers advice, making the most out of being at University or a gap year, how to successfully fundraise, and more!

A huge thank you to Jazmin Sawyers (2010-2012; Acacia), Flo Lunnon (2014-2019; The Lakes), The Right Honourable Viscount Alan Brookeborough (1969-1970; Hornblotton), Hisham Al Hashmi (2014-2016; Shapwick), Ed Jackson (2002-2007; Walton) and Tara Ellis (2012-2014; MPS/2014-2019; Abbey), as well as all the OMs who contributed to the Oxbridge event.

If you think you may be able to offer a talk to students, and share your experiences, please contact us at omoffice@millfieldschool.com.



School news

Three Upper Sixth Millfield swimmers, Joseph, William and Tatiana, have been chosen for the swim England National Junior Squad. Recent leavers, William Mitchell (2015-2020; Orchards) and Rachel Anderson (2015-2020; The Lakes), have also been selected.

Millfield Upper Sixth hockey player, Kitty, has been selected for the Great Britain Elite Development Programme as the only schoolgirl in the squad.

Over 15,500 secondary school children, from over 300 schools across the UK, had the chance to travel to Australia, Iceland, Japan and Italy for free as part of a virtual school trip of a lifetime, thanks to a new initiative from Millfield's Deputy Head, Alexandra Haydon.

Millfield Upper Sixth student, Saina, has developed a social media platform, based on TikTok, that has seen her named as India Achievers' Young Entrepreneur of the Year. Saina created 'Theek Thaak' to increase Indian culture representation.

