



# MILLFIELD

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER  
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With the new term in full force here at Millfield, it is an exciting time to join the community and begin my journey with the OM Society and Millfield Foundation.

Millfield has always thrived due to the diverse make up of its student body. At the heart of the Discover Brilliance campaign is the drive to be at the forefront of transformational bursaries and champion social mobility amongst young people. In doing so, we will continue to follow the founding tenets of Boss Meyer whilst mitigating against the risks of economic and political pressures to safeguard our long-term financial sustainability and maintain the 'Millfield Mix'.

I look forward to continuing to develop the Discover Brilliance campaign and realise Boss Meyer's vision to drive forward the social mobility of young people.

Best wishes,  
Andrew Cook  
Head of Alumni and Foundation



## GET TO KNOW OUR NEW HEAD OF ALUMNI AND FOUNDATION

### **What inspired you to work in Millfield's Foundation department?**

Many schools provide tremendous opportunities for young people; however, I genuinely believe as an OM that Millfield is a unique school not only with incredible facilities and outstanding staff, but crucially, with an ethos and measured self confidence that sets it apart, as demonstrated by their conviction to have 'Be A Disruptor' as a core belief.

Being a disruptor isn't simply about doing something better than the competition; it is about being innovative and creating something, that turns the market on its head and puts you at the forefront, and therefore I feel passionately that a Millfield education enables pupils to excel in whatever individual talent they possess during and post their time at school. This coupled with the ambition to provide 100 life changing bursaries each year is why I was so eager to return to Somerset, and why I'm so grateful for the opportunity to play a small part alongside a fantastic team in making it happen.

### **Please tell us a bit about your career background**

Over the last 25+ years I've worked across the private, public, and not-for-profit sectors. Initially working within the sports travel industry, before setting up a promotional marketing agency and working for Kiss Radio. Prior to Millfield, I spent three years at Repton School managing the Foundation; raising charitable funds for transformational bursaries and strategic capital projects, the Old Reptonian Society and Enterprises.

### **Please tell us a bit about your personal life**

Outside of work, sport continues to play a significant role in my life. I am a member of the England O45's hockey squad and enjoy cricket, tennis, squash and golf. I currently travel between Somerset and Norfolk, where my wife, Emma, and our two children, Arthur and Imogen, live with Jumble, our Norfolk Terrier.



## MEET OUR TEAM



**ANDREW COOK**

Head of Alumni and Foundation  
Get in touch with Andrew for fundraising, legacies and major gifts.



**LAURA DANIEL**

Foundation Executive  
(Currently on Maternity Leave)



**CHRISTINE PACKHAM**

Foundation Office Manager  
Get in touch with Chris for donations and to hear about the work of the Foundation.



**LUCY QUINN**

Communications and Events Manager  
Get in touch with Lucy for OM event information, OM Sports Clubs and anything OM related.



**ABIGAIL EAGLE**

Database Research Officer  
Get in touch with Abbie for updating your contact details and general enquiries.



**MEGAN BURNETT**

Social Media and Engagement Assistant  
Get in touch with Megan for OM news, social media, LinkedIn and general enquiries.



**DICK SHILTON**

Senior School Archivist  
Get in touch with Dick for any queries about the Senior School archives.



**ROGER PARSONS**

Prep School Archivist  
Get in touch with Roger for any queries about the Prep School archives.

## GIVING DAY 2022

Giving Day 2022 was another huge success! £224,760 was raised for bursaries, and the whole Millfield community got involved with a range of challenges and events happening over the 35 hours. The amount raised equates to five fully funded boarding places or seven fully funded day places for a whole year!

Planning has already started for next year, so please let us know how you would like to get involved with Giving Day 2023 by getting in touch!

## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

We would very much like to invite you for drinks and canapés with the Headmaster, Gavin Horgan, as a thank you for supporting the school this year. Please join us from 6.30pm - 8pm on Friday 9 December at Avalon, the Headmaster's house. This event is solely for donors and their guests and, as such, it will be a tremendous opportunity to share motivations for supporting Millfield students now and in the future. Please RSVP to the Foundation email with the name of any guests.

