



# OM NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM ANDREW COOK, HEAD OF ALUMNI AND FOUNDATION

May I begin by expressing my enormous gratitude for the welcome I have received since returning to Millfield in September after a 30-year hiatus, it's truly wonderful to be back.

It's an extraordinary privilege to oversee the OM Society and Foundation as we look to provide even greater opportunities for OMs to maintain existing friendships and forge new ones, and to support their career ambitions, as well as continue, via the Foundation, to preserve the Millfield Mix and support even more worthy bursary recipients.

Please continue to keep us up to date with your news, we remain in awe of the fantastic array of OM achievements and our ability to share these across a wider network only goes to galvanise what is an extraordinary global community. Likewise, this is your society, so do make suggestions for events and activities and we will endeavour to support you to make them happen.

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## OM CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

We have made a collective decision not to renew our contract with our service provider for Millfield Connect as we feel budget could be invested elsewhere to the wider benefit of OMs. Money saved will allow us to increase the number of in person events, which will ultimately provide more opportunities for social events and peer to peer careers support.

Going forward, our intention is to utilise platforms that OMs already use ([Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) & [Facebook](#)) and professional support ([LinkedIn](#)) to engage with OMs. The school LinkedIn page has over 6,200 followers against a total population of 7,296 OM LinkedIn users, this provides a significant opportunity to utilise our time and efforts to create a more robust network of careers support. We want to highlight that the 'Old Millfieldian Network' group on LinkedIn is not operated by the school so we would advise using the school page to ensure you are kept up to date with career opportunities and support.

We hope you can understand and agree with our decision. If you would like to change contact, career, or any other personal details, please contact us [here](#).





## OM NEWS



Old Millfieldian John McFall has been selected by the European Space Agency (ESA) to be the first disabled astronaut!

John will be part of the Feasibility Project, which will develop options for the inclusion of astronauts with physical disabilities in the future. John and the other selected astronauts will start a 12-month training programme in spring 2023.



Robert Wade was appointed Chief Executive Officer of FOX Entertainment.

"I am honoured to be entrusted with leading FOX Entertainment into the future, as we build and expand on FOX's legacy of storytelling excellence, entrepreneurial energy and innovation."

Read more on Rob's career at Fox [here](#).



## THE OM HOP

Last month, the OM Cricket Club hosted the OM Hop at OM Duncan Stirling's (1992-94; MPS/1994-99; Etonhurst) Bunga Bunga venue in Covent Garden. The evening was a fundraising event raising money for causes close to Millfield hearts and the Peter Johnson Scholarship Fund, as well as being a wonderful annual reunion opportunity to reconnect with old friends at a highly entertaining evening full of fun.

Tickets to this year's event on Thursday 21 September 2023 will go on sale soon.



## MILLFIELD ENTERPRISES

Millfield Enterprises offer a wide variety of courses and activities throughout the year for children aged 1-17, all offering immersive experiences. We are committed to building our legacy, by developing the future generation so they can truly discover their brilliance. We provide the best possible experiences for children to focus on their passions and develop their curiosity.

Our Summer Millfield English Language Course welcomes international students to Millfield during the summer where they advance their language skills while making life-long memories through experiencing all that Millfield has to offer.

Discover more about our upcoming courses on our website. We have residential and non-residential courses available including the Millfield English Language Holiday Course, our Multi-Activity courses, Millfield Minis, and courses within the Creative Arts and Sports. Join us and have your own slice of Millfield.

## MILLFIELD FOUNDATION

We'd like to thank everyone who has donated during 2022 and engaged with the Discover Brilliance campaign, and we look forward to welcoming new donors in 2023.

We have created an online Donor Recognition book and on behalf of the Foundation Trustees, Millfield School Governors and those who have and will receive transformational bursary support as a result of your generosity, we remain extremely grateful.

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DONOR RECOGNITION BOOK

## SCHOOL NEWS

Millfield Prep School have been crowned joint winners of Independent Prep School of the Year at the annual Independent School of the Year awards. Millfield Prep were recognised for supporting pupil's mental health and wellbeing in the wake of the pandemic, launching the innovative Wellbeing Curriculum in September 2021.

The curriculum, which was implemented by former Headmistress Shirley Shayler and Deputy Head (Pastoral) Tracey Hazell, proactively teaches pupils to identify poor wellbeing and to empower them with the skills to improve it.