OLD MILLFIELDIAN SOCIETY

Winter Newsletter 2025

We are thrilled to share with you the highlights from the OM community over the past few months, including the most recent OM news and forthcoming events as we reach a monumental milestone in our school's history - our 90th anniversary.

We are appreciative of our alumni's continuous engagement and support. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us so that we may also celebrate your achievements, as we always enjoy hearing about them and sharing them with the community.

Additionally, for Millfield's 90th anniversary, we are gathering 'Millfield Memories' stories to share across our social platforms, and we'd love for you to get involved and share yours through this form.

Welcome Michael Joyce!



We are delighted to welcome Michael Joyce to the team as our new Director of Development. With his extensive experience and expertise after working in the field of advancement for over 30 years, we are confident he will make a significant impact at Millfield. He is committed to supporting Old Millfieldians' lifelong connection with one another and the school, and looks forward to meeting OMs at reunions and 90th anniversary celebrations this year. We look forward to working alongside him and are eager to see how his contributions will strengthen our team and the OM Community.

90th Anniversary Events

FOUNDERS DAY EVENTS



Click here to view the full collection of events and secure your spot!

Our 90th anniversary celebration, Founder's Day, is just around the corner! There's still time to join the fun, but spots are filling up fast! Don't miss out - book your place now!

This two-day event honours Boss and Millfield's journey, celebrating our community with a programme of events reflecting our history, talent, and vision for the future.

90th Anniversary Events

Founder's Day Showcase at the Meyer Theatre

Friday, February 28 · 5:30 - 6 PM

This event is an entertaining showcase of work from the Millfield Dance and Drama programme and the current Student Showcase - the school's annual student talent show. Expect an eclectic mix of music from the classical to the contemporary, staged in the Meyer Theatre.

Doors open 5:15pm for a 5:30pm start.

BOOK HERE

Old Millfieldian Open – Private View, Auction & Artists' Talks

Friday, February 28

Join us at the Atkinson Gallery for an exhilarating showcase of our new exhibition, 'Old Millfieldian Open', celebrating 90 years of art at Millfield School.

7:15 - 8:30 PM - Artist Talk with Finn Taylor in the Johnson Hall

OM Finn Taylor will be in the Johnson Hall to share his unique experience and journey in the creative industry since leaving Millfield School. Finn is known for capturing portraits of celebrities such as Snoop Dogg and Lewis Hamilton, and athletes including Robert Lewandowski and Eliud Kipchoge. Alongside commercial commissions, Finn works on social documentary projects, and he has collaborated with brands such as Nike and Apple, and featured editorially in Time Magazine and The Guardian.

8:30 - 9:30 PM - Private View & Exclusive Auction in the Atkinson Gallery

Afterwards, immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere of the Atkinson Gallery for a private view of the exhibition and an exciting auction led by former Christie's auctioneer and OM Guy Bennett featuring works by Makenzy Beard and supporting artists: alumnus photographer Finn Taylor, crochet and leaf artist Susanna Bauer and photographer and film director Sam Taylor-Johnson. All proceeds will be donated to the Millfield Discover Brilliance campaign. Find out more about the auction here. Complimentary drinks and snacks will be provided.

These events can be attended separately.

BOOK HERE

90th Anniversary Events

Millfield Campus Tours

Saturday, March 1
This event is now SOLD OUT. Please contact omoffice@millfieldschool.com to be added to the waitlist.

Music at Wells Cathedral – Wellspring! The Way of Water

Saturday, March 1 · 7:30 PM
A spectacular community choral concert featuring the combined voices of Millfield and Millfield Prep Schools, five local primary schools, the renowned Bath Camerata, and a professional jazz quintet, this event promises an evening of musical brilliance.

Written by the acclaimed duo Alexander and Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, the performance draws inspiration from water as a source of wellbeing and connection, celebrating its life-affirming power through uplifting melodies and harmonies.

BOOK HERE

These events will not only celebrate our school's past but also support its future through our Discover Brilliance campaign, which raises funds for transformational bursaries. Your presence and participation will make a meaningful impact.

100 DISCOVER BRILLIANCE CAMPAIGN

30th Anniversary of Millfield's Swimming Pool - POSTPONED

We regret to inform you that, due to feasibility concerns, the 30th anniversary celebration of Millfield's Swimming Pool, scheduled for June 7th, has been postponed to a later date. We sincerely apologise for any disappointment this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

90th Anniversary Events

Sydney, Australia TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Open to all OMs, parents and friends of the school from all over the world.

MILLFIELD 90TH ANNIVERSARY
22-24 AUGUST 2025
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

A once in a lifetime opportunity to enjoy three days with Old Millfieldians in one of the most exciting cities in the world. Come and connect with old friends and make some new ones. We welcome OMs, and partners, from across the globe to attend.

FRIDAY, 22 AUGUST
18:00-20:00

Cocktails and Canapes in one of Syndey's most beautiful venues, the Queen Victoria Building (QVB), hosted the Gavin Horgan, Headmaster.

PRICE PER PERSON $88 AUD





SATURDAY, 23 AUGUST
18:00-22:00

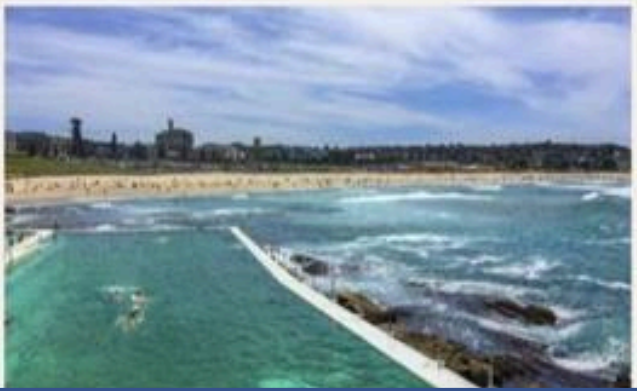
We have exclusive hire of a charter boat taking in the stunning sights of Sydney Harbour over a 3 course dinner under moonlight.

PRICE PER PERSON $168 AUD*

*Inclusive of canapes, dinner & soft drinks

SUNDAY, 24 AUGUST

Sunday is all about getting out and making the most of the city of Syndey and all it has to offer. There will be organised activities that include swimming, tennis, golf and sailing; with lunch at local Bondi eateries. Choices can be made nearer the time.



CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!

90th Anniversary Events

SAVE THE DATE

On Friday 23rd May 2025 we will be welcoming OMs to join us for our '90 Years of Brilliance at Millfield' black tie dinner. The evening will feature fantastic performances and the presentation of the annual Old Millfieldian of the Year awards.



90th Anniversary Events

MORE 90TH EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED

To ensure you are receiving location specific events invitations, please be sure to update your details with us here.

OM Community News



HELEN GLOVER AWARDED OBE

OM Helen Glover was recently awarded an OBE in the New Years Honours list for her services to rowing. This prestigious honour is the second highest award in the Order of the British Empire. Helen was previously awarded an MBE in the 2013 New Year Honours.

Read more here

SIX OMS IN THE SIX NATIONS

Six former Millfield rugby players have been selected by their respective countries for this year's Six Nations tournament. Huw Jones has been selected for Scotland, while Henry Thomas will represent Wales. George Timmins has received a selection for England U20, while brothers Ioan and Steffan Emanuel have been named in the Wales U20 squad. Despite being selected into the Scotland squad, a groin injury means that Josh Bayliss has unfortunately had to withdraw from their first fixture against Italy.
Read more here



OM Community News



ANDREW PENNEY

We had the pleasure of speaking with OM Andrew Penney, a 20-year-old professional wheelchair tennis player from Southampton, who shared the story of his journey to achieving a top 30 world ranking and securing the #4 spot in the UK.

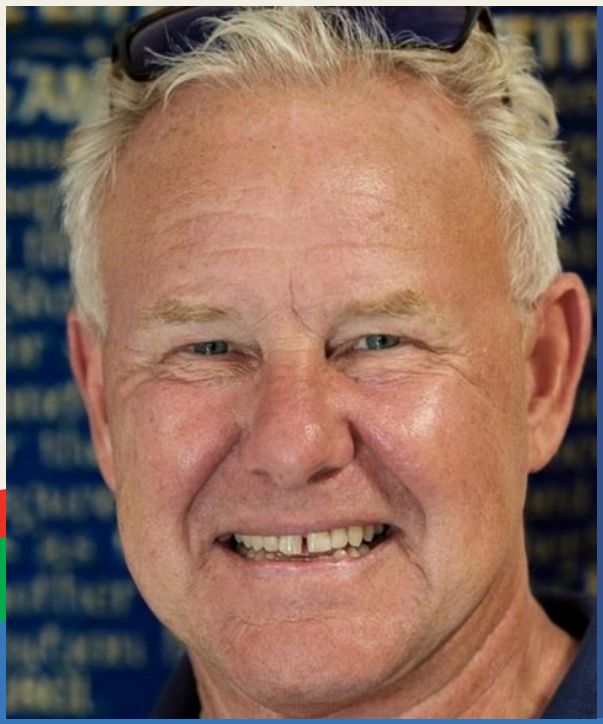
Read all about it here

PARIS NORRISS AND JAMES ELLIOT-SQUARE

Paris Norriss (2001-2003; Walton) and James Elliot-Square (1996-2001; Day) have not only successfully completed the World Marathon Challenge, which involves running 7 marathons on 7 continents in 7 days, but have also smashed the previous record by finishing it in just 5 days and 19 hours.

To read all about the journey and experience, Click Here!





MAJOR JOHN SENIOR MBE TD DL

OM Major John Senior MBE TD DL has recently celebrated a significant milestone with his appointment as Deputy (Lord) Lieutenant (DL) for North Yorkshire. Major John Senior has a long history of distinguished accomplishments. In 2006, he was awarded the Territorial Decoration for his service in the Territorial Army, and in 2016, he received an MBE for his contributions to the Armed Forces and Scarborough.

OM Community News

ARCHIE VAUGHAN SELECTED AS CAPTAIN OF ENGLAND U19S CRICKET TEAM

We're thrilled to announce that OM Archie Vaughan was selected as the captain of the England U19s Cricket Team! Archie led the team in their series against South Africa, featuring three Youth ODIs and two Youth Tests in Cape Town and Stellenbosch.





MILLFIELD FOOTBALL NEWSLETTER

We now have a monthly newsletter from Millfield Football to keep us informed on the latest fixtures, scores, and achievements. If you're not already receiving this newsletter and would like to be added, please reach out to us at omoffice@millfieldschool.com to join the mailing list.

Upcoming OM Events

OM Fencing Event



Friday, February 28

A day of fencing from 12pm at Millfield School with OMs, students, coaches, and former coaches, with light refreshments throughout the day. This is a FREE event to attend.

Click here for more info and to secure your spot

Upcoming OM Events

OM Football Day



Thursday, April 3

We are excited to announce our first OM Football Day at Millfield Senior School. From the day you can expect an OM football match with OMs, staff and students, refreshments, a short golf tournament and 3-course evening meal with drinks.

Click here for more info and to purchase tickets

Kennedy Cup 2025



Saturday, April 12

Charity rugby match for The Heart Foundation on the Jubilee Field at Millfield School, to honour the life of Cian Kennedy, who sadly passed away in November 2022. All proceeds from the day go towards The Heart Foundation.

Click here for more info and to purchase tickets

Summer Nissen Luncheon



Friday, May 2

Join us at Millfield Senior School for a 3 course lunch, to include wine, beer and soft drinks and an afternoon of cricket at the Wilson Pavilion. With the option of a campus tour.

Click here for more info and to purchase tickets

Reunions for OMs by OMs

OM Football Day



Saturday, May 3 - 16:00
Midnight Coppa Club, The Great House, Sonning.

An evening for the Class of 1994/1995/1996 to celebrate 30 years since leaving school with a BBQ, music and great company. £65 pp.

Contact Anna Williams on akw77@hotmail.com by 28 Feb to attend!

Past OM Events



2024 EVENTS

Throughout 2024, we hosted a fantastic series of events that brought together thousands of our OM community members to network, socialise, and reconnect. Since our last newsletter, we've had the pleasure of hosting the Finance Industry Drinks, London Nissen Lunch, and the Rugby Lunch and Game event. Thanks to the dedication of some incredible OMs who volunteer as our location branch leads, we've also held successful gatherings such as the OM Geneva Reunion, OM Monaco Reunion, OM UAE Reunion, and London Christmas Drinks.

To view the full album of 2024 highlights, please click here.

Past OM Events



MILLFIELD 90TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION IN DELHI

On January 15th, We kicked off our 90th Anniversary celebrations in India, the birth place of our founding Indian students. We were given a wonderfully warm welcome from OMs and parents in Delhi and celebrated on the roof top of the Oberoi Hotel. We are deeply grateful to Raghavpat Singhania (Millfield House; 1999-2003) for graciously hosting this special event on behalf of Millfield and bringing together the Delhi community together. Memories of Boss Meyer's journey from Dhrangadhra to Street in 1935 were shared by the Headmaster and his legacy was celebrated.

Click here to find the full album and download images of the evening.



MILLFIELD 90TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION IN MUMBAI

On January 17th, following our 90th Anniversary celebrations in Delhi, we were given a hearty welcome in Mumbai. We were thrilled to have been joined by direct descendants of two of our founding students, who enjoyed meeting OMs from a broad range of leaving years from 1960 to 2017. We are deeply grateful to Mr Ajit Singh (Chindit; 1957-1959) who kindly opened his beautiful home to our Mumbai community to allow us to come together to celebrate Millfield's 90th anniversary.

Click here to find the full album and download images of the evening.

Past OM Events



CLASS OF 2014 - TEN YEAR REUNION

On January 17th, over 100 OMs from the Class of 2014 came together to celebrate ten years since leaving Millfield! The reunion was held at The Lillie Langtry in London, and it truly was a night to remember. A massive thank you to Ffion for all her hard work in organising this amazing event, and to everyone who came along and made the evening such a success

Click here to find the full album and download images of the evening.

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Obituaries

Click here for obituaries

For queries, to send messages of condolences or to inform us of a passing, please email us on omoffice@millfieldschool.com

Careers



OM LINKEDIN

Did you know? We have a private LinkedIn group that has been created exclusively for OMs to network. While there are restrictions on our other social platforms, you can utilise this platform for business advertisements and seeking career opportunities. Request to join today by clicking here.

Careers



OM GUEST SPEAKERS

We would like to express a huge public 'Thank you' to all the OMs who have attended careers talks so far this year with our futures department:

Aneese Lilijveld
Caitlin McLoughlin
Cameron Pike
Guy Bennett
Naomi Darke
Rory Gibbs
Tottie Taylor

Your input and insights are invaluable. We are now fully booked for this academic year but if you are willing to get involved and attend a careers talk for the 25/26 academic year, please contact omoffice@millfieldschool.com.

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