OLD MILLFIELDIAN SOCIETY

Spring Newsletter 2025

We're excited to bring you the latest highlights from the OM community over the past couple of months. It's been a fun-filled year so far, and we would like to extend a huge thank you for your ongoing engagement!

In this edition, we'll share the latest OM news, upcoming events, and recaps of recent gatherings as we celebrate Millfield's 90th anniversary.

OM of the Year 2025!









All four recipients of the OM of the Year 2025 awards have now been announced!

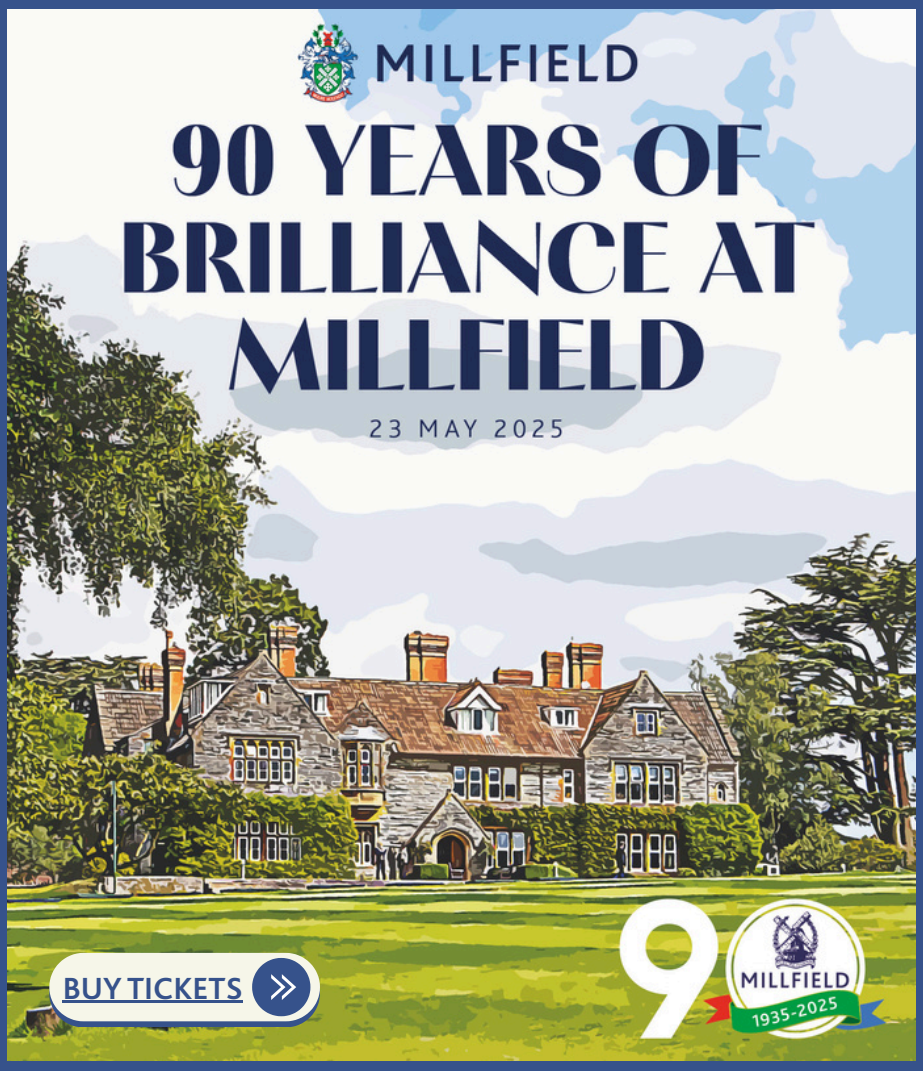
A huge congratulations to:
Amanda Cromhout née Ryles (Johnsons; 1987-89)
Anna Kimber née Carpenter (Overleigh; 1986-88)
Daphne Schrager (Overleigh; 2014-19)
Rory Gibbs (Kingweston; 2007-12)

To read all about each winner and their inspiring journeys, click here!

All four awardees will be joining us at the 90 Years of Brilliance at Millfield celebration, where they will be formally presented with their awards. Tickets here! More info on the event below.

90th Anniversary Events

90 YEARS OF BRILLIANCE AT MILLFIELD



Friday, May 23 · 17:30 - 22:00
The Big Top, Butleigh Fields, Millfield Senior School

We're thrilled to invite you to a spectacular black-tie dinner to celebrate 90 Years of Brilliance at Millfield! This special evening will welcome OMs, and current and former parents and staff. The evening will include a celebration of the OM of the Year winners who will be in attendance. There will also be performances and music from our students, and an opportunity to bid on incredible prizes in our auction to support the Discover Brilliance campaign.

Tickets are available for £80 per person here. Don't miss out – booking deadline is midnight, 24 April

Click here for more details, including accommodation and travel information.

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MILLFIELD 90TH ANNIVERSARY IN SYDNEY



Millfield Sydney 90th OM Reunion! This is an event open to OMs and friends of Millfield worldwide. Don't miss this once in a lifetime weekend:

Starship Harbour Cruise Event
Saturday, August 23 · 17:00 - 22:00
Experience a private charter cruise with breath-taking views of Sydney Harbour, complete with a 3-course dinner under the stars.

Optional Activities Day
Sunday, August 24
An optional day of activities and sports will be available. Details will be shared once your booking is confirmed.

Click here to reserve your place, and for information on attractions and accommodation.

90th Anniversary Events



Did you know? There's a Strava Club just for OMs! As part of our 90th anniversary celebrations, we'll be launching some fun and friendly challenges later this year - perfect for getting involved no matter where you are in the world. The group is open to all abilities and supports multiple sports, with exciting sport-specific challenges coming soon. It's a great way to stay active, connect with fellow OMs, and celebrate this special milestone together. Join the club today!

OM Community News



JONATHAN JOSEPH

OM Jonathan Joseph (2007–09; St Annes) is currently in the final year of his impressive rugby career, playing for Biarritz. Over the past decade, JJ has been a standout player for both club and country, earning 50+ caps for England and competing in multiple Six Nations Championships and Rugby World Cups. Reflecting on his journey, JJ shared: "Millfield will always hold a special place in my heart. Without the school, I honestly don't believe I would have become a professional rugby player, let alone be a 50 plus international."

To celebrate his incredible career, a testimonial evening will be held on Tuesday 28 October 2025, honouring both Jonathan Joseph and Anthony Watson. The night will feature a Champagne Reception, three-course dinner with wine, and appearances from many England internationals. Tables of 10 are available from £4,000 + VAT. For more details, click here!

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EWAN RICHARDS AND CIARAN DONOGHUE

Congratulations to OMs Ewan Richards and Ciaran Donoghue on their standout performances in Bath Rugby's 48–14 Premiership Rugby Cup final win over Exeter Chiefs. Ewan captained the side to their first domestic trophy since 1996 and was named Player of the Match for his outstanding leadership and play. Ciaran also impressed, playing the full 80 minutes at fly-half, contributing five conversions and a penalty, and proving his adaptability and composure.

MIMI RHODES

OM Mimi Rhodes has made an incredible start to her senior professional golf career, winning her second consecutive Ladies European Tour title at the Joburg Ladies Open in South Africa! Mimi won the title by one-stroke, backing up her recent win at the Ford Women's NSW Open in Australia





JOSH SMITH

Congratulations to OM Josh Smith on making his Premier Division Hockey debut this season with Richmond Hockey Club, marking a major milestone in a 20-year journey. Josh began his hockey career at Millfield, later representing England U18s and joining Richmond in 2004. Since then, he's played over 300 matches, scored the club's first top-flight outfield goal, and been a driving force in the team's rise - on and off the pitch. Now 40, Josh continues to be inspired by the club's ambition and competitive spirit, though he's hinted this may be his final season.

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LANDO NORRIS

Huge congratulations to OM Lando Norris on his brilliant victory at the 2025 Australian Grand Prix, the season opener! Driving for McLaren, Lando held off reigning champion Max Verstappen in challenging conditions to claim his first win of the season - and McLaren's first in Australia since 2012. This landmark win puts Lando at the top of the Drivers' Championship standings for the first time in his career. He was also recently named on the Sunday Times Young Power List 2025, celebrating influential under-30s in the UK.



Upcoming OM Events

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



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

Past OM Events



FOUNDER'S DAY EVENTS

From February 28th - March 1st we hosted our 90th Anniversary Founder's Day Celebrations! The event was truly special as we honoured Millfield's rich history and celebrated the vibrant community that has supported it over the decades. From the VIP Showcase, OM Fencing competition, OM Art Exhibition, auction and talks, to the Campus Tours and Wellspring Music Event, we were delighted to share these special moments with you. It was a joy to see so many familiar faces reconnect and to celebrate Millfield's rich history and current community.

Click here to view the full album from the Founder's Day events.

We are thrilled to announce that the Artist Auction raised an incredible total of £24,000 for the **Discover Brilliance campaign**; and would like to thank OM and current parent Guy Bennett for his role as auctioneer on the night. Art works were kindly donated by OMs Finn Taylor, Susanna Bauer, Marc Quinn; Friend of Millfield Sam Taylor-Johnson; and current student Makenzy Beard. Your continued support is invaluable as we look ahead to the future of Millfield. If you would like to make a donation to help fund future bursaries click here, every gift makes a difference.

Past OM Events



MILLFIELD 90TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION IN HONG KONG

On March 13th, we were lucky to have OM and Patron, William Louey, hosting our 90th Anniversary celebrations at the Hong Kong Club. Thank you to our HK based OM and parent community for giving us such a warm welcome; we came away feeling blessed to have such a positive, supportive and generous community to call ours in Hong Kong. To those who attended, we hope you enjoyed the evening and reconnected with old friends and made some new ones too!

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



OM FOOTBALL DAY

On April 3rd, we had an incredible day welcoming back some of our former students for the inaugural OM Football Day! The OMs took on a team of Millfield staff in a lively and competitive match, finishing with a 6-3 victory for the OMs. The afternoon was packed with great football and plenty of laughter, and we wrapped up the celebrations with a delicious three-course dinner, giving everyone the chance to reconnect, reminisce, and raise a glass to good times. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day so special. If you are interested in joining one of our OM sports branches, drop us an email at omoffice@millfieldschool.com.

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

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MILLFIELD 90TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION IN ABU DHABI

On April 8th, the OM Society were grateful to H.E. Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan (Kingweston; 1970–1975) for his generous hospitality in hosting the UAE 90th Anniversary reception in Abu Dhabi. It was a truly special occasion, made all the more meaningful by the presence of OMs who travelled from across the region to be part of the celebration. It was a joy to see alumni from the class of 1967 through to 2022 reconnecting, sharing stories, and reminiscing about their time at Millfield in such a beautiful and welcoming setting. Please find a video of His Excellency's speech here. We hope you find inspiration in the words shared by His Excellency, who spoke with such warmth and eloquence about the values, spirit, and unique culture that define the Millfield Mix; then and now.

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

Celebrate 90 Years of Millfield in Style!

To mark this special milestone, we've launched a limited-edition range of 90th Anniversary merchandise - perfect for showing your Millfield pride! From stylish apparel to keepsake items, each piece is designed to commemorate this remarkable year in our school's history. Available while stocks last - grab yours here today!

Collecting Millfield Memories!
We're still collecting your favourite Millfield Memories as we mark this incredible milestone - and we want to hear from you! Whether it's a photo that brings a smile or a story that captures the spirit of your time here, we're gathering moments to share across our social channels throughout the year. Share your special memories and images with us at omoffice@millfieldschool.com and join the celebration!

The Millfield Way Podcast

THE MILLFIELD WAY

Have you discovered The Millfield Way Podcast? If not, please enjoy a great way to keep up with life on Campus! In this episode, we chat with international students in Year 9. Mateo joined us from a school in Columbia, Timothy from Kenya, and Effy from Switzerland! Learn about their exciting first weeks at Millfield, their favourite meals, and their experience of being first-time boarders.

The Next Generation of OMs



Whilst celebrating the successes of OMs, it is equally important to reflect on the next generation joining our community: the current Upper Sixth, whom we look forward to welcoming into the OM Society in the coming months. This exceptional group of young adults are now entering their final term at Millfield and approaching the concluding weeks of their school journey. Many have already secured places at their first choices and are heading towards their final exams. We are proud to share that four students received offers to study at Oxford, while students are continuing to be awarded scholarships, worth $10 million so far this year, to leading universities in the United States.

Their time at Millfield has been defined by a truly global and enriching environment, that many of you experienced. With 70 nationalities currently represented at Millfield and the Millfield Prep where 75% of students are boarding, they've enjoyed a culturally diverse and socially dynamic experience, the Millfield Mix ever present. These students have not only benefitted from Millfield's academic and co-curricular excellence but have also been guided by Millfield Futures - our innovative careers and university preparation programme. Through personalised support, expert mentorship, networking opportunities, and workshops with industry professionals and OMs, Millfield Futures empowers pupils to explore ambitious pathways and make informed, inspired choices about their next steps. As they prepare to leave the familiar surroundings of Millfield, we know they do so with a strong foundation, a global mindset, and the confidence to thrive in the next chapter of their lives. Hear from some of our 2024 leavers about their Millfield experiences.

Careers



OM GUEST SPEAKERS

We would like to express a huge public 'Thank you' to all the OMs who have attended careers talks since our last E-News:

Simon Duncan
Thomas Freedman
Matt Crofts
Bayard Baron

Your input and insights are invaluable. If you want to get involved and attend a careers talk for the 25/26 academic year, please contact omoffice@millfieldschool.com.

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.

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

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