



Mill Hill School

*From the Chairman of the Court of Governors,  
Professor Michael Proctor, ScD, FRS*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **SATURDAY LESSONS AND WEEKLY BOARDING**

I am writing to inform you of two important changes we shall be introducing at Mill Hill from September 2012.

The first is the ending of Saturday morning lessons and the second is the introduction of weekly boarding. As many of you will know, the Foundation has carried out exhaustive research among existing parents, former parents, prep school Heads and others important to Mill Hill. The responses clearly suggested overwhelming support for these changes.

With effect from September 2012, academic classes will be timetabled from Monday to Friday. The timings of the School day will, of course, need to be revised in order to accommodate the move from a six day teaching week to a five day week, and we shall provide details of this in due course. The School will pay careful attention to the need to ensure that, as well as providing ample class time, we can continue to offer a broad and stimulating programme of games and activities. We shall also make sure there will be a good range of academic and other activities available on Saturday mornings for the benefit of our full boarding pupils and those weekly boarders and day pupils who wish to be involved. Meanwhile, the Saturday games programme will continue to operate as it always has done, albeit with the possibility of scheduling some fixtures on Saturday mornings.

In addition to this change in our weekly scheduling arrangements, the School will also be introducing a new weekly boarding option from September 2012. Mill Hill remains totally committed to full boarding. We are aware, however, that many parents and pupils are keen to enjoy the benefits offered by weekly boarding. This will allow pupils to board from Monday morning until the end of School on Friday, with the option of staying in their boarding house by prior arrangement on Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday nights. From Monday to Friday, weekly boarders will follow the same routine as full boarders as members of the existing boarding houses. We are confident that this new option will be very attractive to many families who would like their children to benefit from the boarding experience during the week whilst also being able to return home to enjoy family life at the weekend.

We have added a more comprehensive Question and Answer section about these changes to the School website ([www.millhill.org.uk](http://www.millhill.org.uk)) which we hope you will find helpful. The finer details of the changes will be announced over the coming months.

Having looked at the proposals very thoroughly, the Court of Governors was unanimous and enthusiastic in supporting the recommendations of the Headmaster, Dr Lockett, and his Senior Management Team. I hope you will agree that they mark another hugely positive development for the Foundation.

With best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mr Hoek". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.