



Monday 2 March 2026

Dear Old Framlinghamian,

At Framlingham College we are forward thinking and ambitious in our approach to education.

Today we are delighted to announce that Framlingham College is joining Mill Hill Education Group. This significant development will see the College become a key member of one of the UK's leading charitable schools' groups.

Framlingham College and Mill Hill Education Group are educational charities steeped in history, tracing their foundations back to the nineteenth century. Both have an enduring legacy of nurturing and supporting the whole child. Today, our schools offer inspiring, contemporary education focused on the individual. It is this genuine synergy which makes the merger so exciting: being part of the Group will open opportunities for our pupils and for Framlingham as an institution, while preserving the distinctive character of the College.

We are a happy, forward-thinking and aspirational school. While Framlingham is in good health, there was a shared recognition as we looked ahead that partnership would bring a strength and network that would not only protect but also enrich all that we do. The merger will enhance our long-term security through investment and educational collaboration. It will allow us to think ambitiously about future developments to our provision and facilities, signalling our commitment to ensuring our pupils benefit from the very best holistic education, not only today but far into the future.

The decision to proceed with the merger was unanimously supported by the Board of Governors. Seven of our Governors are Old Framlinghamians, including three Council members, and all were fully engaged in the process and supportive of this important step for the College. Framlingham College and Mill Hill Education Group are charities driven by the same shared values – to put pupils and their families first. Our identity, ethos and the daily richness of the Framlingham experience will not change after the merger.

Antony Spencer, Chief Executive of Mill Hill Education Group, has also emphasised the importance of preserving Framlingham's heritage:

“Framlingham College has a proud history and a deeply loyal alumni community. As the College joins Mill Hill Education Group, I want to reassure Old Framlinghamians that its identity – its name, traditions, values and distinctive character – will remain unchanged. We recognise the vital role the Society of Old Framlinghamians plays in preserving and celebrating that heritage, and we look forward to supporting the College's continued success for generations to come.”

We encourage you to read the attached information booklet which gives much more information about the merger and the schools within the Mill Hill Education collective. We hope this will answer many of your questions, but we appreciate that you may have questions you would like to ask directly.



To that end, we will be holding an online Q&A session for the SOF and its members on Saturday, 7 March between 13:15-14.00. [Please register your attendance here.](#) In attendance will be Charles Packshaw (Chair of Governors), Kim Alexandra Dickel, (President of the SOF), Louise North (Principal), Simon Roche (Head of the Prep School) and Antony Spencer (CEO of Mill Hill Education Group). We very much hope you will be able to join us.

Thank you, as always, for your trust and support. Framlingham's strength has always been its community and we are sure that as our new chapter begins as part of Mill Hill Education Group, we will thrive with even greater confidence in the years ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

Charles Packshaw
Chair of Governors

Louise North
Principal