

FORCESELECT AGREES BURSARY SCHEME WITH LEADING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL MILL HILL

London, November 1 2010 – ForceSelect, the UK's leading military service leaver recruitment consultancy, is proud to announce an agreement with leading independent school Mill Hill to provide bursaries for the children of military staff and service leavers.

ForceSelect will work with a London regiment for the pilot scheme to identify children of service families eligible for bursary places at Mill Hill School to be awarded for the start of the autumn term in 2011.

The bursaries are for up to 100% of annual fees which are currently £25,500 per annum for boarders, who attend the school from the ages of 13-18, and from £14,000 per annum for day pupils, who attend the school from the ages of 11-18.

In addition, Mill Hill will offer a discount of 20% on fees to children of service leavers, as well as currently serving Forces personnel who do not qualify for the bursaries. The scheme is also open to the children of service widows and those who have been medically discharged.

ForceSelect founder and Chief Executive Hugh Andrée, who also served in the army for ten years, said: "This is a tremendous boost to the role ForceSelect is undertaking to help military service leavers in the UK. Our role goes way beyond simply finding new careers for service leavers – we provide mentoring and ongoing support for all candidates as well as providing funds for smaller military service charities through the ForceSelect Foundation.

"Mill Hill has a reputation as one of the leading independent schools in the country and their commitment to this bursary underlines the value that they place on the brave role undertaken by our servicemen and women. This initiative ties in well with the government's plans to provide university places for service leavers"

Once the battalion has been selected, the bursaries will be advertised in its messes, Company and Battalion headquarters, the Families Centre and the Naafi with ForceSelect set to co-ordinate a series of presentations to the Officers, Warrant Officers and Junior Non-Commissioned Officers of the regular and territorial battalions within the regiment to collect salient information from interested servicemen and women and pass to Mill Hill to process accordingly.



Headmaster of Mill Hill School, Dr Dominic Lockett commented: “For several years now, we have been providing significant bursary assistance through our ‘my free school’ place initiative. The opportunities we have been able to offer have clearly changed the lives of the recipients. We are proud to be working with ForceSelect in actively promoting this offer to the men and women of our armed services.”

In the past three years Mill Hill has provided more than 20 major bursaries, most of which are 100% remission.. The school plans to provide up to 60 major means-tested bursaries across the Foundation.

ForceSelect plans to extend the scheme to a tri-service offering to include a network of independent schools across the UK.

ForceSelect non-executive director and former chief of the general staff, General Sir Mike Jackson, said: “This agreement underlines ForceSelect’s role as the leading organisation in the UK to support not only military service leavers and their families but also the wider military family.

“With our experience, ForceSelect is going from strength to strength and the arrangement with Mill Hill School is further testament to the fine work we are doing to ensure that those who serve this country or have done so in the past get the benefits and recognition that their bravery deserves.”

More information about the bursary scheme can be found at: www.millhill.org.uk .

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ForceSelect was set up in 2009 by former Army Officer Hugh Andrée to provide military service leavers – currently estimated to be around 22,000 each year – with the best and most appropriate career opportunities within UK businesses.

ForceSelect believes that Armed Forces leavers are efficient, reliable, disciplined, and self-motivated candidates who can contribute positively to Britain's society and workforce.

All ForceSelect staff have served in the military including Managing Director and former Artillery Officer Lucy Wood; Director, best-selling author and SAS hero Andy McNab DCM MM; and Non-Executive Director and former Chief of General Staff General Sir Michael Jackson GCB CBE DSO DL.

ForceSelect has recently agreed partnership deals with British Gas, UPS and Sainsbury's. It is keen to sign up with a wide range of large and small businesses across the UK across all business sectors.

ForceSelect is implementing a mentoring and support programme to provide advice and guidance to individuals having left the Armed Forces, enabling a seamless transition from service life into civilian employment.

ForceSelect is developing a national network of volunteers who are willing to give up some of their time to help ex-service people living in their area. This mentoring will be offered to every service leaver placed in a new job and will cover areas such as accommodation, financial matters, medical matters and the different culture of civilian life.

ForceSelect has also agreed to work with a top London independent school to identify service leavers whose children would benefit from free school places. Once this scheme is established in 2011, ForceSelect plans to roll it out nationwide through the Independent Schools Association.

As part of a wider corporate responsibility, the ForceSelect Foundation has also been established to contribute towards service charities each year.

ForceSelect will contribute a proportion of its profits to the Foundation as well as organising a range of fundraising activities.

For more information, please visit www.forceselect.com



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