

RUSKIN FIRST REUNION 5th SEPTEMBER 2009 – FEEDBACK: ANALYSIS OF 39 RESPONSES

Marking Categories and Points:-

The instruction was to tick one box against each topic to give a rating						
Rating	← ←← Increasingly low rating ← ← ←			→→→ Increasingly high rating →→→		
	Report to Headmaster (or Principal) “The light of truth is fading”	Poor “The torch of faith burns low”	Could do better “The creeping dusk of apathy has dimmed endeavour’s glow”	Satisfactory We have sought “the source of strength that Ruskin knew”	Good We are “worthy of our name”	Receive Speech Day Award “Age Quod Agis - Do what you do well”
Marks awarded	Minus 2	Minus 1	Zero	Plus 1	Plus 2	Plus 3

The highest topic approval rating was 86.6%, so this was equated to “10/10” and all other topic ratings adjusted pro-rata:-

School report category	Marks Achieved out of 10
Quality of e-mail and other communications	9
Quality of announcements made on The Mill web-site	9
General suitability of the concept to provide a “Mill Tour”- based Reunion	9
Meeting venue	8½
Buffet	7
Mill tours	10
Suitability of parking facilities	9½

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Please let us know your suggestions for the next Reunion:-

Option	Vote	Typical Comment
NO FURTHER REUNIONS SHOULD BE HELD	0%	Hold Annually!
A reunion including a formal dinner at a suitable venue e.g. hotel, or place of interest	23%	Offer accommodation. Suggest Ruskin connection is needed. "Chateau Napoleon" near Lloyds Park and Coombe Gardens. Cost may be a negative factor. Formal dinner may not be suitable for those with infirmity.
A reunion including a buffet at a suitable venue e.g. The Mill, a place of interest, pub or hotel	57%	Suggested as best for accessibility for a number of Alumni and for circulating with attendees. Other options may be too focussed and may inhibit circulation and chatting between Alumni.
A day's outing such as a river trip	20%	From London (i.e. more accessible for some Alumni). Nice in its own right (i.e. general social event). May create accessibility problems for some.

Summary of other comments:-

Congratulations to Mel on the Web-site and wishes that Mel had been able to attend. Request that the Mill Web-site is more widely publicised to reach maximum numbers of Alumni.

Request that momentum be maintained for keeping contact and holding reunions. Try to attract larger numbers. Consider wider advertising e.g. Friends Reunited. Make it clear spouses are welcome.

Numerous very positive comments on the event. Thanks to Ian Macdonald's family for their work at the event.

Events need to have an "association" with the School. Larger "memorabilia" exhibition requested. Would prefer another venue.

Not too often in the same format. ((Hold annually - see above.)) Hold every 2 years. Hold every 3 to 5 years.

Please give maximum notice – at least 6 months. "Please avoid cricket season" and "please avoid football season" [[irresolvable?]].