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foreword

"The whole tone of the School, so far as it came under my notice, struck me as admirable, and such as is always a sure proof of the existence of sound and healthy relations between the pupils and their teachers. The classes are bright, interested, and attentive."

This extract from an inspection of the school is dated June 1892. The language of the most recent report of December 1999 may be rather different but the positive tone is remarkably similar.

The content of "The Review 2000" reflects the much broader and multi-faceted nature of a High School education today compared with the late nineteenth century. Through its pages I am confident that readers old and young, whether living in Dundee or Dunedin, Tayport or Toronto, will be able to capture some of the flavour of the life of the school in the year 2000.



A M Duncan
Rector

School Duxes



Back (l to r): B Coleman, E Goudie, J Allison, S Parlour, C Goudie
Middle (l to r): T Pitcaithly, J Black, R Kemp, A Robertson, J Vernon, L Sneddon, J Strachan, R White
Front (l to r): K Dewar, G Christie, A Murray, J Foulis, C Jung, T Davies Absent: J Maleque

report

For the High School, this session has had its own historical significance. 1999 marked the 760th anniversary of the school's foundation and, of course, it is the session of the millennium. I am sure that it was no more than a coincidence that the school year should have started with an inspection of the Senior School by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools. I have stated publicly on previous occasions that the judgement by the inspectors in their published report that "The ethos of the school was excellent" is of key significance, for the ethos of a school permeates all its endeavours.

Two illustrations which reflect aspects of that ethos were the Millennium Photograph of the entire pupil body and teaching staff – the organisation of which was a mammoth task – and our Charities Fair 2000 which succeeded because of the efforts of the whole school community – pupils, staff, parents, former pupils – coming together in a common cause.

In taking pleasure in that aspect of the HMI report, I do not wish to imply complacency on the school's part. A strong ethos has to be pursued actively and with vigour. We must reinforce our strengths and address those areas where improvement is required. And as school pupils well know, "there is always room for improvement".

"The ethos of the school was excellent"

In the 1999 SQA examinations of over 1000 presentations at Standard Grade 62% were at Grade 1 while at Higher 37.5% of the passes were at A with an overall pass rate of 86% based upon the roll in 4th Year in comparison to the national average of 39%. I should like to make special mention of Eve Atkins of last year's Form 6 who was awarded the Lansdowne Prize of the Franco Scottish Society for the top performance in Sixth Year Studies French in 1999. This is the second time in three years that this award has been made to a High School pupil.

Joanne Hinrichs of this year's Form 6 was selected by Dundee Rotary as one of two Dundee pupils to participate in Euroscola 2000 which involved five days in Strasbourg including visiting the European Parliament. Joanne contributed in more than just French and gained an award for overall excellence. At a time when the numbers studying modern languages in Scotland is a cause of concern, it is gratifying that the school is producing linguists of this calibre.

University remains the goal for the overwhelming majority of our Sixth Form leavers with well in excess of 90% pursuing degree courses. Five of this year's Form 6 have been offered places at Oxford or Cambridge. Taking a year out – a gap year – between school and university is also increasing in popularity. Twenty of last year's Form 6 leavers have taken a year out to gain work experience in the UK and abroad or to undertake voluntary work from Canada to South Africa, Hong Kong, Pacific Islands and Australia.

This session further developments in Information Communication Technology were implemented. An additional one hundred computers were acquired and a second ICT resource area created which increased considerably access for pupils – in particular the Junior School. The school is committed to ensuring that ICT remains at the leading edge in terms of our educational provision and further expansion is planned for the start of next session.

In turning to the achievements of our pupils, I am aware that the number and nature of pupil success is large and varied. It is not possible to cover them all in detail and I offer apologies for any omissions.

In rugby Stephen Gordon and John Martin won Scottish caps at U18 with Alasdair Dickinson and Jonathan Vernon Scottish trialists at U18. Ali Haddanou played for Scottish Schools at U16.

Twelve boys played for Midland Schools U18 with Jonathan Vernon captaining the Midlands side and a further five played at U16 level. School teams were successful in the U13 Midlands Jubilee Tournament and the Perth Academy Sevens.

I cannot pass on to other sports without referring to a certain rugby match which took place at Murrayfield on Sunday 2nd April since there was a unique High School involvement: the President of the SRU Harvey Wright is a High School FP, the Scotland Captain, Andy Nicol, is a High School FP and the ball boys were six Form 2 pupils. I think the school can reasonably allow itself to bask in the reflected glory of Scotland's Calcutta Cup win that day.

In girls' hockey Ailsa Robertson was selected for Scotland at U18 and Ruth McNee at U16 although injury prevented Ruth from playing. Four girls were Midlands players and all were winners of their Inter District Tournaments. Our own 1st XI won the Midlands U18 Tournament and also the Madras Tournament.

A number of successes were achieved by High School pupils in the Tayside Schools Swimming Competition both in individual events and relays. Particular mention should be made of Jenni Kilgallon Form 2 who won gold and bronze medals in the Scottish Winter Open Meet 1999 and represented Scotland in the Home Nations Championship.

In cricket John Gray Form 5 and Graeme Black Form 1 will be playing for Scotland at U17 and U13 respectively. It has also been a particularly successful term in athletics. The school won the Dundee Schools Millennium Relay and in Dundee School Sports the High School won six out of eight age group trophies with 42 gold, 19 silver and 18 bronze medals.

In golf our team were Scottish runners-up in the British Heart Foundation Junior Golf Championship and go on to the UK final at the Belfry in October.

Sporting prowess remains strong in the school and a successful season for teams in primary rugby, hockey, netball and cricket bodes well for the future.

"Well in excess of 90% of sixth formers pursue degree courses"

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme goes from strength to strength with the largest number ever participating: 44 at bronze, 16 at silver and 9 at gold. I am reliably informed that by the end of term pupils will have walked a total of 2200 miles. No figure is available for staff. Thanks must go to Miss Sheila Cannon who is in charge and to all members of staff who give of their time both in school and on expeditions.

Another outdoor activity which has again brought success is the Discovery Challenge organised by Tayside Police and Dundee City Council Ranger Service. For the second year in succession the High School team has emerged as winners and recipients of the Lord Provost's Trophy.

Without the rich and varied musical life of the school, the year would be much the poorer. The traditional Christmas Concerts and the Senior and Intermediate Spring Concerts provide public occasions when we can enjoy the orchestral, choral and individual performances of pupils of all ages. Perth Festival, Aberdeen Festival, the Blairgowrie Mod, and the Perthshire and Angus Provincial Mods have all been venues where individual High School pupils have met with success. Congratulations are due to Patsy Reid of Form 5 who retained the Glenfiddich Scottish Fiddle Championship this year and Kirsty Watson of L6 who has had the distinction of winning a scholarship to study violin and piano at the Junior Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow.

Music and Drama came together in the last week of session in the production of *Guys and Dolls*. The enthusiasm of the performers was matched by the enthusiasm of the audience. Thanks go to all involved, not least Mr Alistair Chynoweth, Producer, and Mrs Jean Melville, Musical Director.

In Debating Fiona Dewar was again selected for the Scottish Team in the World Schools Debating Championship held this year in Pittsburg, USA. Although Scotland was unable to repeat its winning performance of last year, the Scottish team did succeed in reaching the later stages of the competition. Closer to home, Fiona won the Edinburgh University Competition with Duncan Lowe and with Thomas Pitcaithly formed the team that were runners up in the national final of the English Speaking Union Mace.



a(top to bottom): EVE ATKINS was awarded The Lansdowne Prize of The Scottish Franco Society for the top performance in Sixth Year Studies French 1999. T PITCAITHLY, F DEWAR, N MEHTA, D ILLSLEY and J MALEQUE are congratulated on their Oxbridge success. Thomas, Fiona and Nisha will be taking up places at Oxford whilst David and Jesmeen will be studying at Cambridge. AILSA ROBERTSON was selected for the Scottish U18 Hockey team.

At the start of each session Young Enterprise Scotland companies are formed and it is not unreasonable to think that the run of success of High School companies over many years must come to an end. I am pleased to say that this was not the year for that to happen. In local competition first and second places in the Display, Business Plan and Quality Awards were taken by our companies. As if that was not enough, *Eyecatching* took first place in the Tayside Best Company Report Award, the Skene Foundation Award for best YES company in Tayside and third place in the Young Enterprise Best Company in Scotland Award.

Another regular fixture is the University of St Andrews Classics Competition where prizes were won in both the Junior and Intermediate Latin Competitions.

One of the highlights for the CCF pipe band this session was the invitation to play in Caird Hall as part of the Festival of Remembrance. With an audience of two thousand, it is the largest Festival of Remembrance outside London. More recently the Pipes and Drums came third in the Band Drill and Appearance Cup in the Scottish Schools' Championship.

"ICT remains at the leading edge"

During July and August of last year, Emily Robson, a Sergeant in the CCF was chosen to attend the six week Rocky Mountain Leadership and Challenge Course in Canada. Emily excelled on the course and won not only the Best Cadet Award for the Glacier phase of the course but was awarded also the "Sand Shield Award" for the cadet who showed the greatest level of citizenship.

I referred earlier in this report to our recent Charities Fair. Involvement with charities as well as fund-raising goes on all year and this session a sum well in excess of £16000 has been raised. I want, however, to single out one initiative which undoubtedly was one of the year's highlights. Lisa Curr, Jennifer Stevenson and Carolyn Robertson, all Form 6, took an idea and through their own enthusiasm and determination turned it into a music and dance extravaganza "And the Beat Goes On" which gave immense delight to all who saw it when originally performed earlier in the year or at the recent fair. As a result entirely of their own efforts over £2000 was raised for CHAS, Children's Hospice Association Scotland.

I have been able to highlight only some of this session's achievements. The common denominator in them all is the talent, the determination and enthusiasm of our pupils. In countless other ways - often unsung - High School pupils contribute to the richness not only of school life but to the wider communities of which they are a part. I am glad of this opportunity to pay tribute to the pupils of the school for they are the ones who make it what it is.

I would not wish to end this report without taking the opportunity to thank my colleagues - teaching and non teaching - for their support this year and in particular my senior colleagues, the Deputy Rector and the Assistant Rectors.

The school is fortunate in the warm and supportive relationship which it enjoys with the Parents' Association, the Old Boys' and the Old Girls' Clubs and I offer my thanks to them all for their contributions to this school year.

The pupil body has been ably led by Ailsa Robertson, this session's Head Girl and by Jonathan Vernon, the Head Boy. To them, their deputies, the House Captains and Vice Captains go my grateful appreciation for their services to the school.



(top to bottom): KIRSTY WATSON has won a scholarship to study violin and piano at The Junior Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow. JENNI KILGALLON qualified for the Scottish Schools Swimming Team. She is also the School's Junior Swimming Champion. CAROLYN ROBERTSON, LISA CURR and JENNIFER STEVENSON, the Inspiration behind "And the Beat Goes On" which raised so much money for The Charity Chas.

Didn't they do well?



Stephen Gordon was capped for U18 Scottish Rugby.

Donald Young won a nationwide competition to "Design a Christmas Card".



Alison Kearns is the school's Senior Girls Swimming Champion.



Ali Haddanou played for Scottish Schools at U16 Rugby.

Pamela Reid won the Working Hunter Pony Championship at the Angus Show with her pony Roseisle Verity.



Alistair McDonald won the Scots verse Competition at the Arbroath Festival and Louis Ryan won the Intermediate Trumpet class at the Perth Festival.



Patsy Reid won the Glenfiddich Fiddle Championship for the second year running.

Joanne Hinrichs was selected for Euroscola 2000, a Rotary Millennium Project and spent five days in Strasbourg.



Angus Lohar achieved 2nd place in the Scottish le T.R.E.C. Championships and on the strength of this and previous performance has been selected for the Scottish Equestrian Team.



Ian Swan, Michael Page, Robbie Grieve and Stephen Gordon won the Silver Medal in the Relay for 17/18/19 year olds in the Tayside Schools Swimming Competition. Michael Page (second left) is also the School's Senior Boys Swimming Champion for the second year running.

Ruth McNee, Rebecca Leslie, Jayne Arbuckle and Jillian Mackay were the Scottish Winners 1999 of the HSBC/British Schools Tennis Competition. They are pictured with their Coach, Mrs P Spowart.



Fiona Dewar and Duncan Lowe won the Edinburgh University Debating Championship. Fiona was also selected for the Scottish Debating Team and enjoyed visits to Buckingham Palace in November and then the World Debating Championship in Pittsburg, USA.



Ailsa Murray and Gillian Hume won the Leng Medal in Junior School and Senior School respectively.



Sarah Scott, Sarah Humphris, Jennifer Stevenson and Hazel Baillie won the Southgate Competition for Music Ensemble. Hazel is absent from the photograph.



Ruth McNee was selected for the U16 Scottish Hockey team.

Stewart Arbuckle, Colin Goudie, Verity Mitchell, Emily Smoor, Kirsty Hawkes, Stephen Gordon and Alison Robertson won The Discovery Challenge Competition and received the Lord Provost's Trophy for the second year running. They are pictured with their mentor, Mr G Melville.





Robbie Grieve and Kenneth Kyles were selected for Midlands U18 Rugby.



Toby Davies and Thomas Pitcaithly were Gold Medal Winners in the UK Maths Challenge at Junior and Senior levels respectively.



Barry Jones (front left in photo) enjoyed another successful season with Scottish League Ice-hockey assisting the team to its third successive win.



Stephen Gordon, Anna Mackay, Francesca Colaco and Robbie Grieve won the Dundee School's Millennium Relay Championship

Finally, we must record the following achievements of pupils who missed the photo-shoot:

JOHN MARTIN was capped for U18 Scottish Rugby, FINLAY STEWART won a Gold Medal at Intermediate level in the UK Maths Challenge REBEKAH MORDEN won 3 firsts and 3 seconds in the Singing Competition at Aberdeen Music Festival, and RICHARD KEMP and CLAIRE SMITH won Section A of the Glenalmond Mixed Doubles Championship.

Congratulations Everyone!!

Staff Notes

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The words change and development have a familiar ring to them in educational circles today. To some they mean challenge whilst others greet them with dismay. The word stability on the other hand is much more comforting and is normally associated with that slim but strong thread which binds the whole school together, namely the staff. Even here, however, the High School has seen its share of comings and goings and this session has been no exception. To departing staff we express our thanks, to promoted staff we offer our congratulations and to new arrivals in the staffroom we extend a welcoming hand.

Moving on:

Nigel G S Stewart

An era in the history of the High School of Dundee ended with the retirement of Nigel Stewart as Head Master of Physics, a post he had held since 1975. His association with the school went back much further however, spanning almost six decades from his early schooldays in L1 to the present, with a gap of only a few years whilst he took his Honours Degree at the University of St Andrews followed by a year at Dundee College of Education to gain his Diploma in Education. In 1960 he took up a post as teacher of Physics and Chemistry – these were the days before the specialities were separated into individual departments.

While academic merit and rigour were the order of the day in the classroom, the High School also brought romance into Nigel's life in the form of Rena, herself a teacher in the Junior School for eleven years, and so the tradition continued when daughter Louise began her own thirteen year association with the school.

As a pupil in school, Nigel was a fine sportsman with a major commitment to rugby and cricket; and this commitment was continued when he joined the staff. He played for many years in the FP Rugby Club, occupying every position but scrum-half – he claims that he was never asked to play there because he was too big! One of his achievements with the Rugby Club was to win the Kicking Cup, a competition to kick penalty goals. (There is no truth in the suggestion that following his success the competition was abandoned.) His knowledge of and enthusiasm for the game made him a natural coach and referee for the Colts XV for many years where he turned out in all weathers and ground conditions for practices and games – and, moreover, travelled all over the country with teams who were not always "his" colts.

In cricket too, he umpired and travelled whenever and wherever the call came, while he was also actively involved in athletics home and away – and who can ever forget his sterling work on Sports Days with the bell for the final laps in the mile and the 1500m?

His major summer sport was tennis. He was for many years a member of the West End Tennis Club and continued that in



school where he took on responsibility for the Boys' Tennis which he ran very efficiently. He served for more than twenty years as Secretary of the Midlands Schools Tennis Association.

In the pre-Guidance era, Nigel served as Form Master to Form 3 and for over twenty years he was House Master of Wallace until the new Guidance structure was introduced in 1998. He helped organise and travelled on a number of school trips, notably to London, Switzerland and Germany, was a business manager for many school operas over the years, a job he carried out with efficiency and courtesy and in his "Beyond the Pillars" role, he was a member of St Paul's Cathedral choir for almost fifty years and held administrative posts particularly as Secretary-Treasurer of the Vestry of the Cathedral.

Throughout his career, Nigel saw many changes in Scottish education: the introduction of O grade, S Grade, Revised Higher, the 5-14 Programme and now Higher Still. He met these changes as challenges and adapted to them admirably. He passed on the knowledge of and enthusiasm for his subject to succeeding year groups with wit and affection and gave them an understanding of the world around them as well as of Physics as an academic discipline, and not just as a Higher pass. Moreover by his example and leadership, he established a happy, stable, committed and successful department.

We know that Nigel in retirement will be as active and enthusiastic in all he does as he has ever been, that he will continue to follow his sporting interests, that he will develop new activities, and that he will be as loyal and devoted to the High School community as he has always been. We wish him a long and happy retirement, Rena by his side, with every opportunity to "cultiver son jardin".

Roy H Steele

Mr Steele was born in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia and in his early years was educated at the Blakiston School. His immediate family then returned to Dundee and he subsequently moved to Morgan Academy. As Dux in Geography, he then continued his studies and graduated in Geography at the University of Dundee.

In 1972 he was appointed Assistant Teacher of Geography and quickly established a reputation for his commitment and attention to detail. He took enormous pride in the success of his pupils at all levels and success indeed is what they



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achieved. Having served as a Form Master of Form 4 Boys and a House Master of Lindores he was appointed Head of Geography in 1985. Over the period to his retirement this session, he successfully supervised a whole series of major changes to the structure, presentation and assessment arrangements for his subject, though, it must be said, he did not always approve. In retirement his natural interest in his subject will continue as he is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Mr Steele's extra-curricular contribution was also immense, to rugby, cricket, athletics and above all, the Cadets. He was actually persuaded to take a Commission and attend the Annual Camp at Aultbea in July 1972. Hastily kitted out in uniform including a kilt O.R. which reached his armpits, he did well not to sink into the sand or perhaps the sea. His appearance on the beach to "referee" a rugby match in the said kilt, together with a rugby jersey of brown and gold hoops ensured his instant promotion to "Flight Lieutenant" and several evenings of celebration! There followed twenty-eight years of dedicated service which has been officially recognised through the awards of the Cadet Force Medal and Clasp and, in 1993, the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for Meritorious Service.

He returned to Rhodesia a few years ago to retrace his childhood footsteps and to renew friendships and contact with relatives. It was during this time that he developed his interest in riding which has now become a major part of his life. "Murphy", his rather large and very powerful horse, demands substantial attention and will ensure that the labour of well earned retirement will be a labour of love.

P.S. Community Service...Mr Steele has recently been awarded a Quach by the Blood Transfusion Service for the donation of one hundred pints of blood.

Olwyn Jack

A graduate of Queen's College in Maths and Applied Maths Mrs Jack took up her first teaching post in Grove Academy, Dundee, of which she was a former pupil.

In tandem with her academic success went an interest in speech and performance. Elocution lessons from age eight cured her of shyness and so her first stage performance in Primary 6 culminated in the part of Negro slave in "Emperor Jones" by Eugene O'Neill at Queen's College.

The need to earn money during her student years was served by teaching elocution and the great success of her pupils in festivals and Trinity College led to the invitation to come and teach Speech at Dundee High School in 1973. Here Olwyn coached public speaking teams, readers for assembly, foreign students who wanted to improve their English pronunciation, took guides to camp and accompanied a school trip to Stratford.

She received a Licentiate Diploma in Speech and Drama from Trinity College London and indeed was made an Honorary Member of Trinity College London for her contribution to the teaching of speech and drama. Her aim was always to help every child show himself in his best light whatever his talent and ability. This she certainly achieved!



In her "retirement" Olwyn will be busy developing her own private teaching group "Words and Action", sharing her historic house with visitors from far and wide, indulging in her favourite pastimes of antique hunting and gardening and enjoying her grandsons. We wish her well.

Anne F Philip

Little did Anne Philip think when she first stepped "behind the pillars" in 1980, to take up her one day a week, part-time job, that she would still be here twenty years later!

Having been born and brought up in Aberdeen, Anne went on to study History and English at Aberdeen University before qualifying as a teacher at Northern College.



After a spell teaching in Secondary Schools in Aberdeen and Edinburgh, Anne moved to Dundee with husband Finlay and baby Katrina in 1965, where Finlay took up a post as lecturer at Dundee University. Son Keith came along some time later to complete the happy family. It was in Dundee that Anne first became interested in teaching children and adults with learning difficulties. While teaching at Duncan of Jordanstone, she became involved, in her spare time, with teaching residents of Strathmartine Hospital. Her interest in this area of the profession blossomed, leading her eventually to study for the RSA Diploma in Special Educational Needs and the rest, as they say, is history!

Anne has given twenty years of her warmth, professionalism and her own special brand of humour, not only to the children in her care at the High School, but also to any member of staff in need of some TLC. The Learning Skills Centre has become a very special place - often a haven of calm in the midst of stormy seas for both pupils and staff, where Anne has never been too busy to dispense advice, offer a shoulder to cry on, or supply the tissues to mop up the tears. Anne truly has a fairy wand and the school will miss her special magic!

We wish Anne a long and happy retirement whether she is gardening, reading or indulging in her favourite hobby of serious house clearing. She takes with her the respect, affection and gratitude of all who know her.

Jacqueline Andrews

Dr Andrews joined the staff of the School as Headmaster of Biology in August 1989, and has contributed much to the corporate life of the High School of Dundee both academically and in the area of extra-curricular activities.

A pupil in the School of Life, where she is still learning, Dr Andrews is a science graduate of Glasgow University and of King's, London, where "the doc" partnered a world-champion dancer (Latin American, jazz, all "Strictly ballroom") and achieved her doctorate. She is also a member of the Senior Common Room at St Hilda's, Oxford, where the ambience of the "dreaming spires" suits her style.



From a tender age, Dr Andrews has preferred vegetable to animal life – although most of her favourite plants are not on school premises. She enjoys her garden, food and drink, sailing, reading, theatre, music....

The School has benefited from such eclectic interests. When not in the auditorium, the thespian Dr Andrews might have been found "wenching" or "propping" on the Gardyne stage during the panto season, or on the fiddle with Mrs Robertson. Equally at home on water (frozen or otherwise), she has led the Navy Cadet Section, inspiring every "man" to do his duty, and has also excelled on ice, with her curlers. In the thaw, Dr Andrews sails a Scorpion.

During her time at the School, Dr Andrews has led her department in her own open and friendly style, generously sharing her knowledge and expertise, thereby ensuring that all pupils achieve their full potential, whatever their ability. Beyond the confines of the School, Dr Andrews, highly respected in her profession, was involved with the SCCC in developing course materials for Standard Grade Biology. She has also published support materials for CSYS. Dr Andrews takes with her the belief that "Togetherness and Dedication Achieve Effective Education".

Louise E Macleod

Mrs Macleod (nee Nicol) joined us in 1991 as a graduate from Aberdeen University. She quickly established herself, gaining the respect of colleagues and pupils alike.



Louise has always been keen to contribute to areas outwith the Geography classroom, participating in several overseas trips, including the arduous DHS European Tour, also known as the Italian Trip! There is no truth in the allegations that the pupils could not keep Louise in her room after 11 o'clock.

Louise has also made a significant contribution to Learning Support, where her patience, good humour and organisational skills were readily appreciated by the pupils in her care.

She has also developed and coached our teams in the World Wise Quiz competition with considerable success – reaching the national finals in 1996.

In 1996, Louise married Neil and moved to Dunfermline. She continued nevertheless with her full range of commitments. Many people may be surprised to learn that Louise is a Scottish International rifle shot.

Last summer we were all delighted to hear that she was expecting her first child in the New Year. Delight turned to panic as Kate snubbed the 21st Century and made a bid for freedom at morning assembly! A rush to Ninewells, an anxious wait and a welcome phone call hardly do justice to the morning!

Louise has now decided to become a full-time Mum for a while. We thank her for her contributions over the past decade and wish her and her family lots of love and good fortune in the future.

Christine A Murray

Mrs Murray became a member of staff at the High School of Dundee in August of 1994. She came to us from Banchory High School near Aberdeen where she had completed her teacher training as a mature student.

Although based in Business Studies where she specialised in the teaching of the relatively new Business Management course, Mrs Murray displayed an active interest and involvement in many areas of school activity.

The Naval Cadet Force, the Form 5 Induction programme, hill-walking, horse-riding, Outward Bound weekends, Young Enterprise, first-line guidance, UCAS report writing, careers guidance, the Cadet camp and helping organise the distribution of sports trophies were only some of the areas to benefit from Mrs Murray's enthusiastic involvement.

Married to Alan, as Assistant Rector at Hazelhead Academy in Aberdeen, with children Nicola and Sean, Mrs Murray left in October 1999 to take up the position of Assistant Principal Teacher of Guidance at Montrose Academy.

We wish her every success and good luck in her new appointment.

Tammy M George

Miss George joined the PE staff in February 1997 having gained a Degree in Sport in the Community from Jordanhill in Glasgow and her PGCE in PE at the College of St Mark and St John in Plymouth.

She was an enthusiastic Cadet Officer and even made one parade in her pyjamas, having forgotten the rules of warfare, that an attack can occur at any time. The pupil production of "And The Beat Goes On" was grateful for her time and assistance in what was a superb performance enjoyed by many.

In her own subject she willingly coached many pupils in a number of sports and was Secretary of the Dundee Schools Netball Association.

Since leaving at Christmas Tammy has done some supply teaching in the Edinburgh area. However, she is now preparing for her marriage to her own Braveheart, Mark Gifford, also a former member of staff and now at George Watsons in Edinburgh. Our best wishes go to them for the future.



Linda Solazzo

After graduating in Speech and Drama from Aberdeen College of Education and obtaining a Diploma in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), Mrs Solazzo sought the warmer climes of Italy. There she spent four years of teaching before the lure of family and childhood memories brought her back to Dundee and to the staff of the High School.

A former pupil of the school, Linda's favourite lessons were Latin and Speech and Drama. She is remembered for her red hot performance of Mrs Hunter in "Bottom's Dream", dressed in an insulated tank jacket courtesy of her father's plumbing business and for an equally stirring performance as the drunken Jane the Fool in "Princess Ascending". It was therefore appropriate that she found herself assisting Mrs Jack, her former teacher and inspiration.

We wish Linda well in her new position teaching SFL and Special Needs in Arbroath.

William and Helen Boyle

Both studied at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow and gained their teaching qualifications from Jordanhill College of Education. Having bumped into each other at RSAMO - Bill was carrying a trumpet case at the time - romance blossomed and they were married in 1964.

Both have led extremely busy lives. Helen's initial concerns were with raising their three children, although she did still find time to teach and accompany many local musicians and several choirs. She joined the Music Department in 1984 as a Teacher of Piano and became Principal Instructor in 1990.

Although primarily a class teacher, Bill found time to pursue another career as trumpet player, conductor and lecturer in Brass. After a short spell at Kirkton High he became Principal Teacher of Music at Logie Secondary School in 1968 and subsequently moved to Menzieshill High School in 1973. When he retired in 1991 he joined the High School as a part-time teacher of brass.

Both look forward to a more relaxed lifestyle, to spending more time with their family, especially their first grandchild, Kate, and to travelling as widely as possible.

Ailsa L McCabe

Miss McCabe leaves the staff of the Junior School at the end of this session to take up a post at Stewart's Melville College in Edinburgh.

Ailsa joined the Junior School in August 1997 from Bonnington Primary School in Edinburgh. During her time with us we have been grateful for her expertise not only in the classroom but also as an enthusiastic coach in Athletics and Hockey. Ailsa has also been involved in extra-curricular activities in the Senior School, giving unstintingly of her time to assist the Climbing Team, at the CCF Summer Camp and on overnight Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions.

We will certainly miss her but we wish her every success in her new position.

Sarah Charles

Mrs Charles left the staff of the Junior School at the end of the Easter Term after almost three years as a teacher of L3.

She has joined her husband at Bible College in Glasgow where they are both training to become missionaries. It is their hope to be posted to China some time in 2001.

We wish Sarah and her husband every success in their new venture or adventure!



Gordon J Rennet

Mr Rennet, a graduate of Aberdeen University joined the staff of the High School in 1985 and quickly established himself in the Geography Department as a popular and effective teacher. His willingness to undertake extra-curricular responsibilities was soon recognised and he found himself in charge of organising and co-ordinating Friday 9 and Interact activities. His commitment to the School was further demonstrated when he took many students on field trips, and especially when he bravely accompanied Form 3 pupils to France on the French Exchange visits to Montpellier, despite his very deep fear of flying.

Gordon's particular interest is however Cross Country and he is often to be seen pounding the streets of Dundee in the lunch hour. He takes great pleasure in coaching his select little band of runners to frequent success and was particularly proud of them this year when they became Dundee Schools Millennium Relay Champions.

He is also a family man. He and his wife Miriam have two little sons, Callum and Alasdair who give them much fun and who keep them very much on their toes. Indeed little Callum will be joining L1 this session.

When it was decided to create the new position of Head Master of Modern Studies with additional responsibility for administering SQA procedures in school, Gordon was the obvious choice. His quiet but firm manner, his organisational ability and attention to detail and his particular rapport with senior school students made him the ideal candidate. We wish him joy and success in his new post of responsibility.

Sarah H Fletcher

Mrs Fletcher was appointed to the post of Head of Physics in March 2000 having served in the Physics Department for eleven years. Sarah is an Honours graduate in Physics of Aston University Birmingham and also gained an MSc Medical Physics from Aberdeen University. She completed her Post-graduate Certificate in Secondary Education at Aberdeen College of Education and Diploma in Education at Aberdeen University.

Her first employment was as a Medical Scientific Research Officer at Aberdeen University before moving into teaching at Inverness Royal Academy. After a break from teaching to raise a family, Sarah was a part-time lecturer at Abertay University before moving to the High School.

In addition to her classroom teaching, Sarah has had responsibility for the development, co-ordination and



implementation of Careers Education and Guidance. She has contributed extensively to the wider life of the School: Chairperson of the Charities Group, organiser of fashion shows, supervising school trips abroad, supporting sports teams and musical productions – to name but a few of her commitments.

Sarah's family, Emma and Mark, are both former pupils of the School and are at present at university.

Our best wishes go to Sarah in her new position of responsibility within the School.

Euan Duncanson

Dr Duncanson graduated in Biochemistry from the University of St Andrews and was subsequently awarded a PhD for his research into "The genetics of nitrate assimilation into protein in barley". He then shunned the world of scientific research and opted instead to join the Biology Department of the High School in 1992, a move which was most certainly its loss and our gain since he passes on his expert knowledge of and enthusiasm for his subject, with great effect and with much humour. Indeed he has built up something of a cult following amongst the students of Biology of the School.

For many years, Euan has played the bagpipes with various Pipe Bands and he is now passing on this skill by giving piping tuition to the CCF Pipe Band. Their success in competitions is proof of his expertise and commitment to them and of the growing confidence he inspires in them.

In his spare time, Dr Duncanson enjoys listening to music, reading and playing golf, his speciality being weak, sloppy shots off to the right and he harbours a secret ambition to witness proof of extra-terrestrial life – just think of all that exobiology to study!

In his new position of responsibility in the School as Head Master of Biology we wish him well.

Lesley Smith

With food a prime motivator in Miss Smith's life it is no surprise to learn that she graduated from Dundee University in Food and Welfare Studies.

Nothing gives her more pleasure than entertaining friends with favourite dishes from her extensive collection of 130 cookbooks! Before joining the Home Economics department she worked as a Food Technologist in the food industry, developing products for Tesco, Asda and Marks and Spencer. This challenging job in a very competitive market gave her insight into the workings of private enterprise, experience that will be invaluable to her in her new post of Careers Coordinator.

In her spare time Miss Smith enjoys music, especially that of Manic Street Preachers. She also likes to travel, a favourite destination being Italy where she soaks up the culture,

consumes with gusto the food and wine and shops till she drops! For relaxation, however, she likes nothing better than to head for the North West of Scotland, particularly to Assynt, where beautiful aquamarine beaches abound and mountains beckon. A good, stiff climb is the perfect way to wear off the effects of that piece of chocolate fudge cake she ought not to have eaten.

Miss Smith will obviously bring insight, imagination and enthusiasm to her new post and we wish her well.

William Wood

Educated at St Michael's in Dundee, Mr Wood left school and joined the 1st Battalion of the Scots Guards.

He served in Her Majesty's armed forces for a total of twelve years undertaking tours of duty in Jamaica, Bahrain, Cyprus, Germany and Norway. Most importantly he trooped the colour four times and served six dangerous tours of Northern Ireland at the height of the troubles, necessary training, one imagines, for his current position as Senior Janitor at High School of Dundee.

Bill joined us in January of 1992 and brought his military training to his various tasks. Always efficient and always friendly, it goes without saying that when a member of the teaching staff needs something urgently or wants something done, then the automatic cry is "ask Bill Wood".

Bill received his promotion because he is good at his job. Well done Bill, you deserve it!

Moving in:

Valerie A Vannet

Mrs Vannet's association with the High School began as a pupil in L1 in 1959 and ended as Head Girl in 1972. Her school career was modestly academic but enthusiastically loquacious in debating and public speaking and very energetic in hockey and athletics.

After gaining an Honours degree in Geography she flirted briefly with post-graduate research before making a commitment to education and took up her first position as a teacher of Geography and PE at Churston Grammar School near Brixham, Devon. Thereafter followed a brief spell at Kirkton High School before joining the staff of the newly opened Monifieth High School in 1979. In 1995 she was appointed Principal Teacher of Geography at Monifieth.

On the extra-curricular front Mrs Vannet has developed passions for skiing and tennis, has dabbled in producing school musicals and has accompanied hundreds of adolescents on foreign ski trips and field trips.



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In 1977 she married John Vannet, himself a Head Boy of The High School of Dundee in 1972 and whose family has a long association with the School. The birth of a daughter in 1990 and of a son in 1994 made family life complete. Both Jilly and Peter will be joining the roll of the High School this session.

An avid Francophile, Mrs Vannet's free time pursuits include swimming, tennis and gardening. Still loquacious and still bubbly, she is bound to inject a lot of her energy and enthusiasm into her new post as Head Master of Geography and we wish her well.

Richard Toley

Mr Toley did a BA at the University of Wales, an M.Phil at St Andrews and obtained his teaching qualification from Jordanhill College. Thereafter he was scooped up on a free transfer by Merchant Taylors' School for Boys in Liverpool. The lure of Scotland proved too strong, however, and he joined the ranks of the High School as a teacher of History and Classics. His interests in Rugby and CCF were quickly recognised and put to good use in extra-curricular activities and since November he has taken on the additional responsibility of Careers Co-ordinator.



In his other life Mr Toley loves cakes, Aha and Wham and as a fitness fanatic is often to be seen racing up a variety of local Glens with gazelle like grace and speed. A love of flowers has led to his present preoccupation, that of restoring a Victorian walled garden – may he enjoy the sweet smell of success!

Andrew Wilson

A graduate in Politics and English from De Montfort University Mr Wilson worked as a bookseller before taking up teaching. His first appointment was to a small primary school in rural Perthshire where he spent five happy years with his young charges. The lure of the city proved too strong, however, and a vacancy at the High School was an opportunity not to be missed.



Having arrived in August 1999 Mr Wilson is a well-established member of the Learning Skills Department. He brings much fun, imagination and vigour to his post and develops confidence and competence in his pupils through his support and encouragement of their efforts.

A Yorkshireman by birth, and perhaps by temperament, he enjoys a simple lifestyle, taking pleasure from baking bread, playing football, walking his two large, rather scruffy dogs and sharing the joys of his new little son, Elias Joe, with his lovely wife.

Anne Louise Ruxton

Ms Ruxton joined the staff of the High School in October 1999 as a teacher of Business Studies. She had previously taught Business Studies and Economics at Mearns Academy, Laurencekirk and Shorthand, Accountancy and Economics at Brechin High School before taking a career break to raise her two children. She then became a lecturer in Office Technology and Administration at Angus College.

Her interests are hill-walking, cycling, travelling and music and she is already enjoying the friendly atmosphere of the School and rising to the fresh challenges of her post.

Susan Williams

All Geographers wish to be well travelled and the fact that Mrs Williams' husband is in the RAF renders her more fortunate than most. She has worked in many places, from the Shetland Islands to Germany with eight more stops in between!



She hails from Edinburgh, having attended St Margaret's School, Fettes College and Edinburgh University and considers that she has now come home to roost after taking up residence in Fife.

Her appointment to the staff of the High School is the highlight of a long and varied career in teaching and she is gleaming much pleasure from her present post.

Her two children, Johanna (12) and Jamie (8) will be attending the High School of Dundee this session – staff are to beware!

Mrs Williams' hobbies are numerous: walking dogs, horse-riding, sailing and skiing and she intends to take up golf in the near future although she is not sure when she will find the time to develop a good swing or perfect her putting.

Treasa O'Reilly

Miss O'Reilly gained an Honours Degree in American History from University College Dublin. While at UCD she played Camogie, Gaelic football, rugby and kick-boxing. She then went on to obtain her teaching qualification from St Andrews College Glasgow. She has taught in both the Primary and Secondary sectors of education in her home country of Ireland for which she harbours a very deep affection and her favourite colour is of course green!



When she wins the lottery, Miss O'Reilly intends her life to be something of a work free zone with perhaps the odd stint as a goodwill ambassador to the UN. We at the High School rather selfishly hope that this won't happen for some years yet since we are sure her optimism, enthusiasm and sense of humour will inject a sense of fun into both her classroom teaching and the History Department.

Janet Erskine

Miss Erskine left her home town of Ayr to go down to Plymouth to do a BA(Hons) Degree in Physical Education with

Geography and receive her teaching qualification. Some years and several parties later, she began her teaching career in Hemel Hempstead and arrived at the High School in January 2000.

A talented athlete, Miss Erskine played Hockey and Netball at District level and is alleged to have played rugby at Twickenham! A competent singer and violinist, her main interests are now skiing and snowboarding.



Avril Evans

In 1977 Miss Evans took a sad farewell of the beautiful mountains of North Wales and headed south to London to study and pursue a career in music.

Life in the big capital was exciting and full of wonderful music-making opportunities, and she had great fun playing for musicals and theatre companies as well as solo piano cocktail gigs. She also welcomed the chance to travel extensively.



However London lacked one important ingredient - mountains, so in 1997 after several enjoyable walking holidays in Scotland, she made the move to a little farm cottage in Alyth. Peace at last, with red squirrels visiting her garden, with the chance to "osprey watch" at Loch of the Lowes, Dunkeld and with the Scottish hills resounding to the sound of her own music!

Ailson Erskine

Educated at Queen Anne High School, Dunfermline, Miss Erskine began her studies in trombone under Kevin Thompson at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama graduating BA(Hons) in Musical Studies in 1999.

During her years at the RSAMD she played in various ensembles and at a master-class given by Ian Bousfield, the Principal Trombone with the London Symphony Orchestra.

Alison is a member of the 51st Highland Brigade TA Band in Perth and plays regularly all over Scotland. She has also taught in Fife and Midlothian since graduating.

May Halyburton

Ms Halyburton graduated in 1994 from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama with a BA in Musical Studies, an endorsement in String Teaching and a Certificate of Post-graduate studies in Orchestral Double Bass playing. She then took up the part-time post of administrator to the RSNO Junior Chorus and freelanced with several of the Scottish orchestras.

An invitation to become co-principal double bass with the Orquestra Simfonica de Bolears in Palma Mallorca was quickly accepted and May managed to extend the initial six month contract to three and a half years!

Having soaked up as much sun, sea and sand as possible, she yearned for the cooler climes of home - and her big black labrador! Since her return in 1998 she has walked hundreds of miles with Ledi, her dog, has taken up teaching posts in Dundee and Edinburgh and continues to freelance with both double bass and baroque double bass throughout Britain and Europe.

Stephen Armstrong

Born and brought up in East Kilbride, Stephen's love of piano has developed since age eight when he first began to play. Indeed at age sixteen he decided he wanted to teach it!



Thanks to the support and commitment of parents and teachers he was successful in his application to the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama where he studied, amongst others, under Elizabeth Jacobs, founder of the Scottish International Piano Competition and Murray McLachlan, Head of Piano at Chetham's School of Music. While at RSAMD he also participated in various master-classes, competitions and recitals.

Since 1996 Stephen has been building up his own very successful private teaching studio and taught piano at Queen Victoria School, Dunblane for two years. He still makes time for his own practice and hopes to give a recital at the High School. He is a member of the 'Incorporated Society of Musicians' and the 'European Piano Teachers Association'.

Isobel Goddard

Born in Newport on Tay, Mrs Goddard trained as a teacher of Physical Education at Dunfermline College and took the spartan teachings of Miss Beal and Miss Buss and the value of Swedish Gymnastics for all, out into schools.



With experience in Secondary, Middle and Primary level teaching, she vowed that she would add Infant level to her bow, little realising how quickly that ambition would be realised. At interview, she was immediately drafted into emergency supply cover for L1!

In her spare time, Mrs Goddard enjoys Scottish dancing, hill-walking, gardening, theatre and the operas of Mozart. An as yet unfulfilled ambition is to play the piano.

Her daughter Eleanor (23) and son Charles (21) have yet to visit Scotland and husband Ian has recently taken new employment with the Alliance Trust PLC in Reform Street. By a strange quirk of fate therefore, her new home is in Newport on Tay and she finds herself back where she started!

Lisa Kell

A Dundonian, Miss Kell left Lawside Academy in 1998 with eight Standard Grades and seven SQA Modules. She then successfully completed a year at Dundee College studying Travel and Tourism. In October 1999 she joined the

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Reprographics Department of the High School under the auspices of Dundee and Tayside Chamber and Industry Work Placement Scheme. She is presently completing an NVQ in Administration which includes a course in Microsoft Word and Excel.

In her spare time Miss Kell enjoys driving, music, cinema, shopping and holidays.

John McNulty

A native Dundonian born on Christmas Eve, Mr McNulty is forever grateful to his parents for resisting the pleas of the nursing staff to name him Noël!

A product of Lawside Academy, he joined the Dundee Public Works Department as an apprentice electrician and went on to gain his City and Guilds in Electrical Engineering. After many years with the Public Works Department and latterly Dundee District Council, he decided that his career needed a change of direction and he seized the opportunity to work with the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa in 1982. Promotion quickly followed, firstly to Engineering Foreman and then in 1990 to Engineering Inspector in which post he remained until 1998 when he returned to the UK.

He has many fond memories of South Africa and feels honoured to have witnessed the emotional release of Nelson Mandela from prison and his subsequent installation as leader of the country's first democratic government.

A family man, he and his wife Irene have three daughters and two granddaughters, one of whom they will see for the first time when they re-visit South Africa this year. An avid reader of the novels of Wilbur Smith, John keeps himself fit by cycling and hill-walking, activities which will stand him in good stead as he fulfils his duties as janitor along the many corridors and up and down the many stairways of the main buildings of our school!

Finally we must offer our congratulations to:

Miss Lisa Kell, Reprographics Department, on her recent engagement.

Miss Lesley Macarthur, Junior School, Mrs Frances Crammond, Music Department and Miss Alison Erskine, also of the Music Department, on the occasion of their marriages. They are now Mrs Coupar, Mrs McGlashan and Mrs Dowall respectively.

Mrs Lesley Sutherland, Junior School, Mrs Mhairi Thurston, Junior School, Mrs Louise Macleod, Geography Department, Mr Andrew Wilson, Learning Skills Department and Mr David Elgin, Maths Department on the safe arrival of their bundles of joy - Cameron David, Caroline Grace, Kate, Elias Jonathan and Sarah.

Mrs Barbara Quigley on being welcomed as Associate Minister in St Leonard's Church, St Andrews.



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Trading Places

For the last year Miss Claire Hulbert and Mrs Linda Simpson have swapped not just classrooms but a whole lifestyle. They recount for us their thoughts and experiences.

The Prince of Wales school is in downtown Brockville and has a roll of approximately 500 pupils. English and French are both official languages of Canada and so it was decided last year to introduce a French Immersion Programme into the school. This programme affords children the opportunity to complete their primary education in both languages from Grade 5 onwards, spending half of their time with an English Canadian teacher and the other half with a French Canadian teacher. This should prepare them for the many jobs that require a sound knowledge of these two languages.

Brockville, my home for the past year, is a sleepy little town of some 21000 inhabitants and is situated on the St Lawrence River. It is an area steeped in history. Buell's Bay was settled in 1784 when the United Loyalists were flocking to the river front territory, much of it having been purchased from the Mississauga Indians. In the battle of Queenstone Heights in 1812, during the war between Canada and the USA, General Brock, the hero of the battle, was killed, and Buell's Bay was renamed Brockville in his honour.

Today the St Lawrence River makes Brockville the perfect tourist spot. It is the eastern gateway to the Thousand Islands Park, a 50 mile stretch of the river where it opens into Lake Ontario. There are more than a thousand islands, some of them only a few yards across, others bigger than the Isle of Mull. The May weekend marks the beginning of the summer when many people sail out to the islands to open up their cottages for the season. Some islands even receive a postal service!

In the summer the river traffic is intense with speedboats, sailboats, seadoos, canoes and rowing-boats. Alongside all this activity, massive ocean going cargo ships slip through the river almost unnoticed, on their way to Toronto and the Great Lakes. It is a truly amazing sight.

Needless to say I determined to travel extensively around the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, enjoying and learning much in the process. Quebec City is the oldest city in North America and the only walled city north of Mexico. It stands sentinel over the mighty St Lawrence River. Here there is abundant evidence of a turbulent past with turrets, battlements, walls with forbidding gateways and the fortified citadel. It celebrates the coldest month of the year with the Winterlude, a festival of snow and



ice. Temperatures of 40 below and snow some 4-5 feet deep attract teams from all over the world to the ice and snow sculpting competition. An ice palace is even constructed in the grounds of the Provincial Parliament. A carnival atmosphere pervades the whole town, street parties abound and lots of Caribou (Quebec's tippie) is consumed to keep body and soul warm.

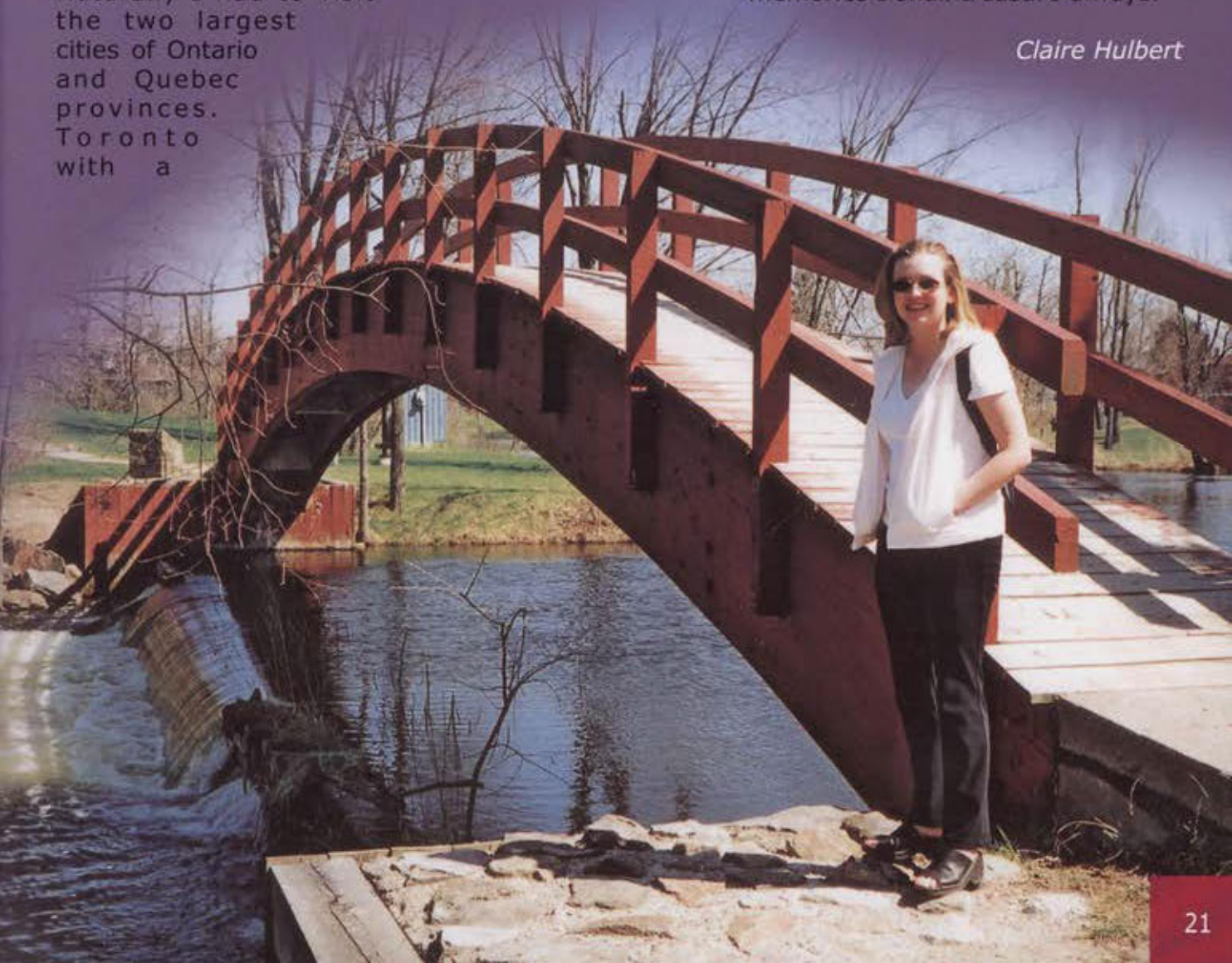
Ottawa, chosen by Queen Victoria to be the nation's capital, is a beautiful city. The parliament buildings are most impressive, sitting high above the River Hull which forms the border between Ontario and Quebec. In winter the Rideau Canal freezes over and I was able to skate from Ottawa to Lake Rideau and back, a distance of 12 miles, stopping periodically at stalls to savour Beaver Tails, the Canadian equivalent of French crepes, smothered in warm maple syrup.

Naturally I had to visit the two largest cities of Ontario and Quebec provinces. Toronto with a

population of 3 million is now the largest city in the whole of Canada. It is very much a modern city with its impressive skyline dominated by skyscrapers and the famous CN Tower. Montreal, the second largest French-speaking city in the world after Paris, is quite different. It occupies several islands in the St Lawrence River and its old town is particularly lovely and home to one of the most spectacular cathedrals I have ever seen - Notre Dame.

Teaching here has presented me with many challenges in the course of the year and a few misunderstandings have arisen as a result of accents and vocabulary. Canada has been as much an education for me as it has been for the children, and I have learned so much about North America, both in the classroom and on my travels. Indeed I have felt humbled by my previous lack of knowledge. The whole experience has been fantastic - quite simply the opportunity of a lifetime and one whose experiences and memories I shall treasure always.

Claire Hulbert



Living my Dream

I remember so clearly the day when the package arrived from the Canadian Education Exchange Foundation. In it was the information for my exchange. I had waited nearly 30 years to bring this dream to fruition and now my year lay before me, sealed in a big brown envelope.

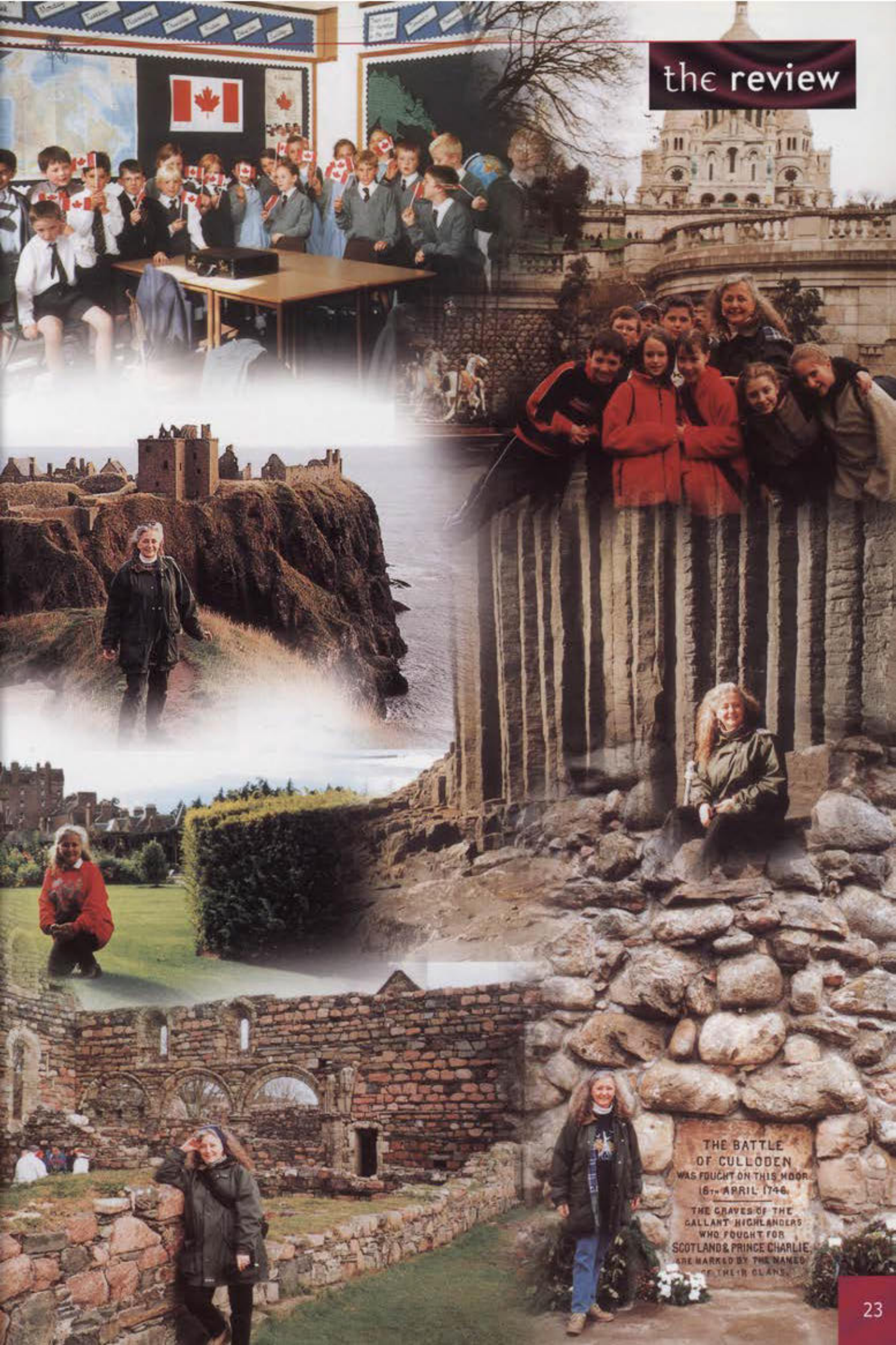
I opened it and took out a colourful prospectus about a school called The High School of Dundee, Scotland. I couldn't believe my luck! I had secretly held the hope of being in what, in Canada, is called a private school. I had worked in our public or state system all of my career and here it was, my dream! But where was Dundee? Out came the map as I looked up its location. My mind conjured up images of my youth, standing beside my father as our local pipe band paraded. The memory of the skirl of the pipes always bring tears to my eyes. The Simpson ancestors had been Scottish. I was going home!

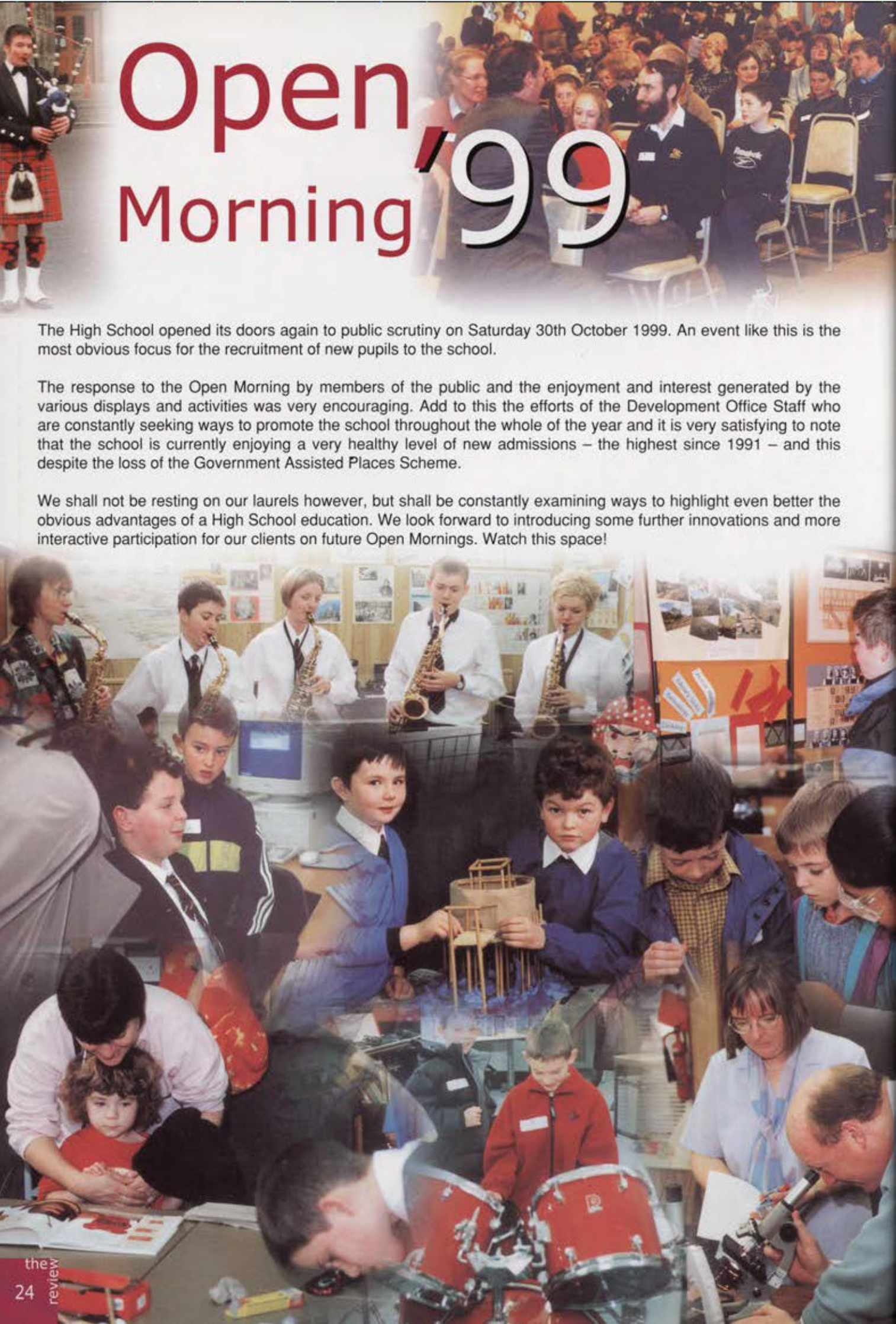
In August 1999, bleary-eyed after almost 24 hours of travel, I walked down a long corridor in Edinburgh Airport and saw two women standing there, wreathed in smiles and holding a card with my name on it. I thought, that's me! I was then treated to the warmest reception imaginable by Mrs Woodman and Mrs McIntosh. Their kindness will always be remembered.

Settled in the flat in Dundee, it was soon time to begin school. It was my good fortune to be working with , in my estimation, two of the kindest and most patient staff members possible. Mrs Cargill and Miss Halliday, both possessed of unfailing patience, led me through my Dundee High initiation. We have had such a truly memorable year working together and I am so grateful to have had the honour and privilege of working with them. The backbone of this exchange, my students, have given me endless hours of pleasure. They will be in my thoughts and in my heart forever.

On weekends and holidays I have explored the far reaches of this magnificent country. With my exchange teacher friends I have travelled the west coast visiting Skye, Mull, Iona and Staffa. A long weekend afforded the opportunity to travel to the Orkney Islands. I have felt the mysticism of Glen Coe and the heartbreak that hangs over Culloden. In a country of castles, I have seen many, each with its own unique aura. A favourite trip is to drive up the coast from Dundee to Aberdeen, stopping off to walk the beach at Lunan Bay. As an additional treat I was fortunate to travel with the L7 classes to Paris in the spring, sampling everything from Mickey Mouse to the Eiffel Tower in a whirlwind week. It has been a busy year. I am left with a lifetime of memories and lifelong friendships. Just remember, dreams really can come true!

Linda Simpson





Open Morning '99

The High School opened its doors again to public scrutiny on Saturday 30th October 1999. An event like this is the most obvious focus for the recruitment of new pupils to the school.

The response to the Open Morning by members of the public and the enjoyment and interest generated by the various displays and activities was very encouraging. Add to this the efforts of the Development Office Staff who are constantly seeking ways to promote the school throughout the whole of the year and it is very satisfying to note that the school is currently enjoying a very healthy level of new admissions – the highest since 1991 – and this despite the loss of the Government Assisted Places Scheme.

We shall not be resting on our laurels however, but shall be constantly examining ways to highlight even better the obvious advantages of a High School education. We look forward to introducing some further innovations and more interactive participation for our clients on future Open Mornings. Watch this space!



CHARITIES 2000

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How were we at the High School to mark the arrival of the Year 2000? The answer to this question was to tease the minds of many people associated with the school, not least the members of the Management Team, Staff Representatives and the Charities Committee.

One thing was certain: the vast talents and energy of pupils and staff would best respond to altruistic pursuits.

The idea was mooted, however, that the whole of the school community might be captured in a photograph. Surely we could be forgiven this small indulgence? It would be after all, a fitting and memorable addition to the school archives. The suggestion was soundly and unanimously approved - the logistics would be worked out later!

After much further deliberation and discussion it was decided that our efforts would be best channelled into one mammoth Millennium fund-raising effort for charity. The following pages record in brief, the variety and extent of the High School activities, the success that resulted from the great commitment and enthusiasm of both staff and pupils and the fun that was encountered along the way.

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Charities 2000

This session has been a memorable millennium year in the Charities calendar. Over £16,000 has been raised amongst the school community for deserving causes at home and abroad.

Funds have been raised through various means involving pupils, staff, families and friends. These have included selling 600 doughnuts after the Armistice Parade (£125), a 1970's disco (£225), The Macmillan Coffee Morning (£220), a Bring and Buy Sale for the Blue Peter Christmas Appeal (£421), a Café Concert (£165) and a staff charity Christmas card (£320). There have also been:



- Collections for the Turkey Earthquake (£650) and the Mozambique Flood Disaster (£930).
- Sixty-two members of staff pledged their final hour's salary of 1999 to the 'Children's Promise Appeal' benefiting the cause by (£916).
- A collection from the 'Annual Carol Concert' (£642) for Headway and Carolina House.

- The Junior School Nativity (£490).
- Over Christmas, pupils from Interact braved the cold and wet weather to collect money from car-parking in the school playground raising £864 for the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association.

Over the year there have been ongoing sales of cookbooks (written by former F6 pupils and Miss Lesley Smith), millennium pens and mugs which have benefited Barnados by £500.

Whilst their classmates were in Paris, L7 pupils remaining in Dundee, put their efforts into organising a classroom Spring Fair, raising £100 for Cystic Fibrosis and the Macmillan Cancer Fund.

In addition to fund-raising activities, there is also awareness of the need for practical help and donations for worthwhile causes. Small mountains of books, jotters, pens and pencils etc. gathered in the School Office recently from the generous support of pupils, parents and staff. These supplies have been welcomed in impoverished schools in Bosnia and Lithuania. £200 was also donated to supplement this aid.



Individual pupils, staff and FP's are also supporting or have already supported various charities and causes:

- Johanna Brown and Nina de Franco (F5) went to Romania in the summer to work in orphanages in Bucharest.
- Ewan Bowers (F6) and his brother Craig cycled through Kenya in aid of Downs Syndrome charities.
- Bill Dewar (FP) cycled part of the Great Wall of China for ENABLE.
- Ian Laird, the school crossing control attendant took part in the Millennium Piping Festival along with 10,000 other pipers in August in Edinburgh. With a friend he raised £800 for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

- David Mountford (F6) is going to do voluntary work in Nepal next year.
- Duncan Lowe (F6) successfully completed his first London Marathon collecting £500 for the National Asthma Campaign. Unfortunately Mrs Eileen McMurray was unable to participate because of a leg injury but nevertheless still managed to raise £763 for Start, a charity which funds disadvantaged athletes.
- Twelve of last year's summer school leavers are currently finishing voluntary placement in community, health and education projects in worldwide locations.
- Several senior pupils have joined the 'Barnados Volunteers Training Scheme' whilst others are helping in local hospitals on a regular basis supporting cancer patients, victims of brain injuries and people suffering from mental illness. These pupils are to be particularly commended for their commitment, concern and compassion for others.

A particular highlight of the year was the wonderful original and entertaining production of 'And the Beat Goes On....!' raising £2,340 for the Children's Hospice Association in January. F6 pupils Lisa Curr, Jen Stevenson and Carolyn Robertson devised and staged this very successful show of song, dance and fashion through the past five decades, which played to packed audiences in the Bonar Hall.



We also had the chance to see the production again at the Charities Fair 2000 on 24th June at Mayfield Sports Ground. This was the focus of our fund-raising events for the Millennium, involving the whole school community with representatives from the Old Boys', Old Girls' and Parents' Association working closely with staff.



We were delighted to welcome TV and radio personality Fred MacAulay who played auctioneer for the day. With his witty repartee, he cajoled the audience into parting with over £1000 for very high quality donations, including a framed McIntosh Patrick print of the school, a leather chair and a rugby ball signed by the Barbarians and Scottish teams. The raffle was also very successful, making £1,450 with wonderful prizes such as holiday vouchers and a millennium ring on offer.



The Fair's many attractions included an entertainment marquee where creative and energetic pupils provided live music and dancing throughout the day. Other attractions included the CCF pipe band, Kiddies Corner and a wide range of stalls. Over £6000 was raised for local charities including Cystic Fibrosis, Leukaemia and Guide Dogs.

It has been a busy but fulfilling year, involving the co-operation of hard-working volunteers. My very many thanks to those who served on the charities committee and to all who have given time and money so willingly and generously.

Sarah H. Fletcher (Charities Convenor)





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High School of Dundee Rainbows

It has been a busy year for the High School Rainbow Unit with the girls taking part in a variety of activities including crafts, games, drama and dance. At our weekly meetings the Rainbows have been given opportunities to work with and help each other, to share and to participate.

In the Autumn we enjoyed activities on the theme of famous people of the 20th century. This seemed appropriate with the year 2000 fast approaching. Amongst other notable figures the girls heard about Margot Fonteyn and then had fun dancing to the music of the "Sugar Plum Fairy" and "The Dance of the Reed Flutes". They also learned about Eric Liddell and enjoyed a Rainbow version of a Mini-Olympics.



The Rainbows of the year 1999-2000 were in rather a special position being Rainbows of the new Millennium. As such they were presented with a circular Rainbow 2000/AD badge to celebrate this time. This year's Rainbows are the only girls at the High School who can wear this badge.

As the new century began the theme changed to looking at birds. The girls each made a seed pudding to help with Winter feeding. Owls, swans, puffins and parrots all proved to be interesting birds for Rainbow activities.

At the end of the Spring term the girls said farewell to Mrs Charles who had contributed greatly to the High School Rainbows. In appreciation of her contributions to Guiding the girls presented her with a special card and a colourful rainbow mug.

The Summer term theme was the sea. Amongst other things the girls enjoyed a very exciting quiz and got involved in making a musical sea story. It has been an active year for the first High School Rainbows of the 21st century and I should like to thank Mrs Mooney, Mrs Charles, Mrs Scott and senior pupil Zoe Linton for helping to make it such an enjoyable one.



2nd Dundee Brownies

The 2nd Dundee Brownies have had a busy year during which new friendships have been made both in and out of school. Recently some of our Pack took part in an interesting and enjoyable 'Brownie Stomp'. During this the girls participated in a range of activities on the theme of 'horses' and socialised with other Brownie Packs.

Brownies have also actively and enthusiastically participated in numerous activities and undertaken a wide variety of Brownie badges.

Individual badges were carefully selected according to skills and hobbies of each Brownie, with swimming, tennis and music being popular choices. Each Brownie completed her own workbook to gain either a footpath, road or highway badge.

Whole pack badges have been worked on during Friday meetings and researched for at home too! Our Brownies will hopefully help to prevent accidents occurring after completing their 'safety in the home' badge.

As a group the L5 girls made delightful sandwiches and a delicious fruit salad to obtain their cook badge. On our last day the L5 Brownies performed an entertaining 'fashion show' for the 'go challenge' badge.

This year 'Best Brownie for 2000' trophy was presented to Stephanie Wright for her efforts and attendance.

Finally, a big 'thank you' must go to Mrs Spalding (Brown Owl) who sets the foundation on which Brownies then flourish into Guides.

Beavers

A lively Beaver colony has had a busy and entertaining year helped and guided by Mrs Alison Constable and Mrs Margaret Ross. The boys mainly from L2 and L3, have taken part in a range of activities, learning about the great outdoors and the life and times of explorers both past and present.

Fuelled only by juice and biscuits, the boys have panned for gold, looked for hidden treasure in an Egyptian tomb, taken part in a moon walk, and skied to the South Pole...all without leaving the confines of the Eastern Club and Preparatory Dining Hall!

However, the highlight of the year for many of the Beavers, was the day spent in May at the Millennium Camp at Scone Aerodrome, near Perth. There, the colony gathered with over 1000 Scottish Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, from as far afield as the Borders to the Shetland Isles. The boys participated in the opening ceremony, cheering on the parades and watching the several displays that took place that day. Food was also high on the agenda, with a barbecue one of the highlights. There was a wide range of events to take part in too, including activity stalls, craft tents and a bouncy castle.

"If only school was like this!" one Beaver was overheard to say...



Junior Chess

The Junior Chess Club has once again provided opportunity for keen minds and nimble fingers to weave, plot and manoeuvre complex strategies of engagement on the chess board.

Despite high cunning and long hours of research Lewis McNicol (L7) could not outwit the calm determination of Shahadat Hasan (L6) who once again earned the title of Grand Master in the Junior School competition.

Four girls, Jane, Emma, Fiona and Rosalind disproved the myth that chess is a game only for boys and challenged well throughout the year, but more girls are needed!

With Mrs Thurston back in the Referee's chair next term, we can look forward to more jubilant cries of "Check" and "Checkmate" echoing along the corridors of the Junior School in the coming year.

Your Move?

Chess

In this session's internal competitions, the Beckingham Trophy (open to F1-6) was won by Thomas Pitcaithly F6 while the Intermediate Trophy (F1-3) and the Girls Competition was won by Susan Liu (F1). Special congratulations to Susan for her double success.

After the success of the School Chess Team in the Tayside Schools' Chess Championship last session, it was disappointing that the competition did not get off the ground this year, so there were no competitive matches against other schools. If this competition is not resurrected next session, we plan to organise a series of "friendly" matches against other schools to maintain interest and to promote the often disregarded social aspect of the game.

Scripture Union

Scripture Union started on a high this year with 25 or so young hopefuls entering the "Great Donut Challenge". For the un-initiated, can you eat a donut without licking your lips or without using your hands? Since then there has been a fall-off in attendance, but those who did come along enjoyed the challenging videos provided by the senior pupils, the discussions which followed, and taking part in Graham's "silly games".

Chris White, the local Tayside worker, is leaving SU at the end of the session so we wish him all the best for the future and look forward to meeting his successor.

Thanks to all who contributed, Staff and pupils.

Classics

Faye Borland won 3rd prize in the Intermediate Latin Competition and Jennifer Tyler, Alexandra Bowen, Catherine Peters, Helen Chalmers and Iona McFarlane won 3rd place in the Junior Latin Competition, both at St Andrews.



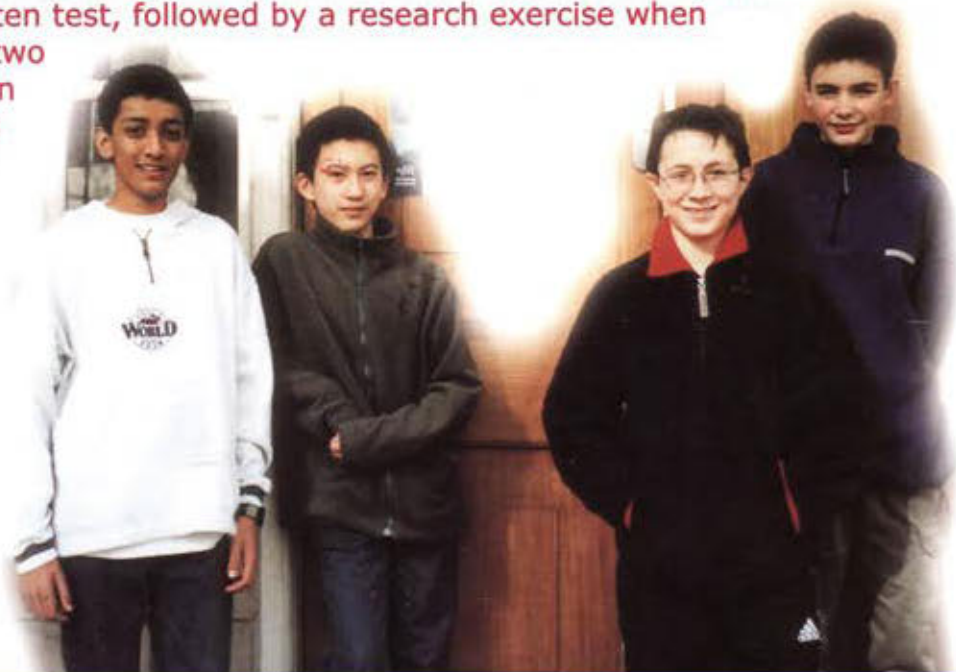
Chemistry Quiz

The Chemistry Quiz Team had a good year but unfortunately did not win any competitions. They reached the final of the Tayside and Fife Top of the Bench Quiz but came in second after losing the lead on the last round. The team consisted of Mooktadir Ansar F4, Derek Wong F3, Toby Davies F2 and Duncan Lowe F6.

A team was at the national finals in London. They had a good weekend away and gave a good account of themselves in the quiz but did not manage to win any of the sections. They had a written test, followed by a research exercise when they worked in groups of two

and had to find information from the many exhibitions in the Science Museum.

After lunch there was a practical problem for the teams to solve. The team was to be composed of pupils from F2 to F4 and so Gordon MacWalter F2 (extreme right of photograph) took the place of Duncan Lowe.



Scottish Country Dancing

Over the last year Mrs Cargill has taken Scottish Country Dancing for the L5 to L7's. The L5's meet on Mondays after school and we, the L6's and L7's meet on Friday lunchtimes, "Boy we pity the maths class next door as they have to listen to our dainty feet!!! (more like elephant feet)".

This year a sudden boost in popularity has raised the L6/7 team up to a high of 19 dancers and the L5's up to 17.

The L6/L7 dancers have been extraordinarily busy this year. In October, nine L6 and L7's took part in an open day. We performed "The Doone", to a steady stream of visitors and thoroughly enjoyed our dancing spree. In March three dancing teams, one from L5 and two from L6/7 travelled to Perth City Hall to take part in the annual festival. The L5's performed "Leap

Year," (and we must say that they were rather good) and the L6 & 7's swept the stage with performances of "The Old Man of Storr". Although we didn't win, all our teams were highly positioned in the ranks and the DHS L6/7 team wormed its way into a small mention in the newspaper (ahhhh! The publicity!!)

Mrs Cargill has been extremely encouraging and makes country dancing a whole lot of fun and if there is anyone out there who wishes to join, they are very welcome to come along.



Young Speakers' Club

The Young Speakers' Club meets on Tuesday lunchtimes at 1.10 p.m. in Mr Durrheim's Room (Room 39).

Apart from preparing teams to compete in Debating and Public Speaking competitions against other schools, we also run a number of informal debates and public speaking events during lunchtimes. Topics range from the very serious "This House would abolish the House of Lords", to the lighter hearted "This House believes that Guys are better than Dolls!" (which was timed to coincide with the week of the School's very successful Musical Production of "Guys and Dolls".)

We also run quizzes such as "Just a Minute" and "Call my Bluff" which often star those members of staff who are too naïve to know better or too good-hearted to turn down Mr Durrheim's desperate pleas.

This year, our schedule was hit by illness and changes in the School Calendar. The Tayside Police Public Speaking Competition, open to pupils in Form 2, coincided with the Form 2 assessment in Term 2 so pupils from the High School were not available. Earlier in the Session, the DHS "A" Team, consisting of Gavin Illsley (F3) and Catherine Jung (F1) made it through to the second round of the Schools Debating Competition sponsored by The Courier and The Royal Bank of Scotland. Though their prospects seemed very good, after an excellent performance in the first round, sudden illness struck on the day of the competition and we had to withdraw our team.

Lets hope everyone is firing on all cylinders next session!

Debating Society

Used to debating every day of the week and twice on Saturdays, this year's DHS Debaters had a quieter year. Illness and the exam timetable forced withdrawal from several competitions including Durham, the Oxford final for which Thomas Pitcaithly and Fiona Dewar had already qualified and the Cambridge second round to which David Illsley and Duncan Lowe had progressed. However these disappointments were happily compensated for by successes: Fiona Dewar and Duncan Lowe won the national final of the Edinburgh University debating Championship. Fiona Dewar and Thomas Pitcaithly were runners-up in the national final of the E-SU Mace competition and Lynsey-Anne Marwick, Zoe Linton and Susannah Sneddon reached the second round of the E-SU public speaking competition.

The debating club's continued strength was demonstrated by this year's lively house debate, on the motion "This House believes that British

Democracy is a sham", which was won by the Airlie team of Fiona Dewar and Duncan Lowe. Thomas Pitcaithly brought the house down with a torrent of witty denunciations of the present government, for which he was awarded Best Speaker.

We were also involved in all aspects of the national schools competition circuit: this year we were invited to host the National Final of the E-SU Speaking Competition, with Mrs Irene McGrath sitting on the judging panel. In the world beyond school we were delighted to note that one of our former stars, Susie Gledhill, now reading Economics at Christ's College, had been elected President of the Cambridge Union Society.

DHS was again represented on the international schools scene with Fiona Dewar being reselected

as a member of the Scottish team for the World Schools Debating Championships 2000, held in February in Pittsburg, USA. The competition was an unsettling and yet immensely enjoyable experience: teams from forty different countries, opponents dressed like Scythian herdsman and a stunningly strange programme of motions. Unfortunately Scotland did not manage to retain the trophy, but we did make it to the quarter finals before losing to a particularly feisty team of New Zealanders.

The success of the Scottish team in winning the 1999 World Debating Championship was acknowledged in December, when Fiona Dewar and the other team members were invited to Buckingham Palace and were presented to the Duke of Edinburgh.

The credit for Dundee High School's impressive presence on the debating scene lies not only

with the enthusiasm of the club's members, but with our coach, Mrs McGrath. Fuelled by her dedication, commitment and multi-coloured posters, the club looks forward to another successful year, including welcoming some new faces. We know you've read the report, we're sure you've got opinions and we hope to see you next session in Mrs McGrath's classroom, Mondays and/or Fridays, at a quarter to one.



Speech & Drama

At the start of session 1999/2000 little did any of us know that it was the end of an era of Speech and Drama at High School. With the introduction of classroom drama there is no longer space within the school timetabled day for specialised teaching in speech and drama/effective communication.

When I was invited by the Rector of the day, Mr E M Stewart, to follow in the footsteps of Rosa MacDougall and Madge Low, he wished me a long successful association with DHS. I think after 27 years and with more than a quarter of the school taking lessons with me, I can say his wishes have been fulfilled.

Among hundreds of former pupils following careers in law, medicine, management, teaching, the media, journalism, acting, public relations, speech therapy et al the most often repeated message is "I enjoyed my lessons without even realising how much of what I did would be so useful in my future career".

Others recall the fun and thrill of productions – some 200 – starting with a performance of *Everyman* in Bonar House in the early 70's through workshops, poetry recitals, one act plays,

pantomimes, Pinter, Albee, Shakespeare, and finally in February of this year the classic *Toad of Toad Hall*.

During the past 6 years, I enjoyed having Mrs Solazzo, a former pupil, as my colleague and I am happy that she now has a full-time permanent teaching post with Angus Council.

We both extend a warm thank you to staff who have appreciated our work and especially to Mr Durrheim, Mrs Duncan, Mrs Leadbitter and Mrs Woodman who have been such a support during productions.

We are pleased with this year's Trinity results and congratulate all the candidates on their achievements, especially Fiona Dewar who gained a Certificate in Effective Communication in Post School Learning and Shahela Islam and Claire Mitchell who gained their Performer's Certificates.

I would like to end my final report by thanking the many parents who, over the years gave me their support and entrusted me with the speech education of their children.

The following pupils of Mrs Olwyn Jack MA LTCL Hon TCL and Mrs Linda Solazzo Dip Ed Dip TEFL were successful in the recent Trinity College Speech exams.

Effective Communication

Initial Grade, distinction--Oliver Bergen-Reid, Chloe Brown, Heather Chalmers, Tom Emslie-Smith, Gavin Peebles; **merit**--Victoria Bryson-Blair, Zoe Galloway, Patrick Haddow, Roxanne O'Fee, Adam Robertson, Stuart Thomson; **pass**--Alistair Clark, Michael Houstoun, Thomas Morgan

Grade One, distinction--Annabel Dessain, Georgia Dessain; **merit**--Fraser Brownlee, Sophie Easton, Sean Reilly

Grade Two, distinction--Helen McBryde, Ruth Stevenson; **merit**--Victoria Guy, Daniel Haddow, Gemma Hogg, Faiz Hussain, Laura Jones, Susan Lawrie, Jessica Matthew, Stuart McGrath, Kayleigh Murdoch, Jane Orr, Laura Peebles, Iain Proudfoot, Richard Stewart, Lachlan Young

Grade Three, distinction--Claire Brown, Ross Campbell, Farjana Chowdhury, Nicki Galloway, Rory Galloway; **merit**--Kiyo Adya, Andrew Bell, Lucy Boyd, David Bruce, Alan Dymock, Claire Feeney, Iona Friedberg, Emma Gentleman, Katie Henderson, Keith Ip, Siobhan Mannion, Sarah McConville, Sarah Murdie, Katrina Patrick

Grade Four, distinction--Faye Borland, Alistair MacDonald, Jamie Yule; **merit**--Neil Duffy, Daniel Hunter, Stephen Reilly; **pass**--Marco Caira, Euan Clark, Marc Khan, Ross MacDonald, Adam Muirhead, Ricky Volpi

Grade Five, distinction--Robbie Coleman, Lauren Matthew, Gavin Taylor; **merit**--Christian Penhale

Grade Six, pass--Finlay Stewart

Grade Eight, merit--Gordon Kennedy

Effective Text Speaking

Initial Grade, distinction--Morven Lean, Kirsty Morrison, Rakhee Vasishta; **merit**--Alasdair Gilmour, Alice Henderson, Ailsa Main

Grade One, distinction--Ruth Foulis; **merit**--Fraser Clark, Adam Cuthbert, Caitlin McDonald, Scot McIntosh, Harriet Rathbone, Thomas Spowart, Katy Steele, Stephanie Wright

Grade Two, distinction--Neil Dewar; **merit**--Guy Ballantyne, Rosalind MacDonald, Kirsty Watson

Grade Three, distinction--Jenna Bradley, Lucy Doogan, Judith Kilgallon, Lewis McNicol; **merit**--Emma Clark, Eleanor Geddes, Lucy Gilmour, Carina Ip, Marion Lean; **pass**--Emily Pringle

Grade Four, distinction--Lauren Hesp; **pass**--Emma Pyne

Grade Five, distinction--Julia Black, Laura Geddes, Hannah Ogden, Catherine Peters; **merit**--Kirtana Sriskandakumar

Speech & Drama

Initial Grade, distinction--Mallory Bergen-Reid, Iain Kennedy, Lauren Pringle, Rachael Sinclair; **merit**--Kate Foubister, Andrew Glover, Vincent Hon, Holly McGowan, Paul McNulty, Emily Richardson; **pass**--Calum Brownlee, Dana Khan, Kirsty McEwan

Grade One, distinction--Shona Kavi; **merit**--Arati Ahmed, Kathryn Bain, Claire Barclay, Mark Bourne, Anthony Dent, Danielle Mordente, Michael Towns; **pass**--Owen Dyer

Grade Two, distinction--Oliver Alexander, Douglas Dorward, Christopher Respinger; **merit**--Calum Jones, Eleanor Sampson, Alexandra Short, Caroline Taylor; **pass**--Andrew Dymock, Donald Young

Grade Three, distinction--Ailsa Murray; **merit**--Emily Boyd, Mandy Hon, Lauren McNulty, Jonathan Spink, Rhea Thomson; **pass**--Lauren McConville, Lucy Richardson

Grade Four, distinction--K Ramsay Hall; **merit**--Heather Campbell, Susan Liu; **pass**--Louise Brymer, Thomas Thomson, Anna Weir

Grade Five, distinction--Jenni Kilgallon; **merit**--Iona McFarlane, Susan Paton; **pass**--Sonia Angus, Rebecca Evans, Elaine Todd

Grade Six, merit--Asta Crombie, Amos Elias, Neil Herbert, Joanne McGlashan, Sibeal Pounder, Suzanne Smith, Janette Van Der Ham; **pass**--Jennifer Allison, Lyndsay Dunn, Anneka Walker

Grade Seven, distinction--Lynsey-Anne Marwick, Nicholas Newton; **merit**--Hilary Muirhead, Maggie Zane; **pass**--Gavin Cruickshank

Grade Eight, distinction--Emma Grant; **merit**--Nina De Franco

Performers Certificate, merit--Shahela Islam, Claire Mitchell

Individual Acting Skills

Grade Two, distinction--James Magee

Grade Four, merit--Catriona Cessford

Acting in Pairs

Grade Three, merit--Iain Pullar & Martin Rouf

Grade Four, merit--Sarah Dorward & Jennifer Guy, Jennifer McNulty & Abbie Skea, Daniel Mitchell & James Moir, Amanda Pringle & Lisa Respinger

Grade Five, merit--Emma Peebles & Catriona Whiteford

Acting in Musical Theatre

Grade Three, distinction--Joanna Gray; **pass**--Sarah Joy

Grade Four, distinction--Carla Hogg; **merit**--Christina Clayhills-Henderson, Lisa Connelly, Gillian Hume, Calum McNicol, Jennifer Tyler

Individual Performance Arts

Grade Three, distinction--Catherine Jung, Lea-Jane Statham; **merit**--Mairi Cunningham; **pass**--Megan Hunter, Christine Jardine, Joanna Wright

Certificate of Post School Learning,

Fiona Dewar

Red Cross

Over the last year, Red Cross Youth has participated in many different activities. One of the most popular activities was a road safety crash test in which we designed and made out of an egg box, a car with a secure seatbelt to hold an 'egg' passenger. As a test of the seatbelts, the cars were then pushed down a steep slope. Most of them worked well but a few passengers were sent flying through the air, resulting in a rather nasty mess!

The L7 section was given the opportunity to take part in a casualty simulation session in which we were taught how to create very realistic bruises and wounds using special make-up. The L6 members then practised their first aid skills in treating the injuries appropriately.

During the year, everyone has earned several certificates, ranging from Healthy Living to the History of the Red Cross and all have passed first aid examinations.

Needless to say, the L7 pupils are extremely sorry to be leaving the group and we hope that the L6 members have another enjoyable year.

On behalf of all the members, I would like to thank Mrs halliwell, Miss Halliday and the red Cross representatives for making Red Cross Youth such a successful and enjoyable experience.



Techno Challenge

On Thursday 16 March 2000 four pupils Fiona McCulloch, Douglas Dorward, Christopher Respinger and Andrew Blake of L6 went to St. Katherine's School in St. Andrews to compete in the Techno Challenge for Maths 2000. We were supervised by Mrs P Halliwell of L7.

Our first and favourite challenge was the Chemistry Challenge. Using an Alkaseltzer tablet and simple chemistry equipment, we had to lift a weight with a mass of ten grams, 10cm off the ground. It was very puzzling, but we managed to work out the solution the quickest out of four groups. Our weight was only raised 7cm off the ground, but we still enjoyed that activity the most.

Other activities included Science Problem Solving, Computing and a Maths Relay Race. This was our second favourite activity as it included lots of running around and making a lot of noise. We are very skilled at that activity!

Although we did not win, we had a fantastic time and are very sorry that we cannot do it again. Hopefully the High School will be invited back next year to win.

Scottish Schools' Equestrian Championship 2000

On a warm and sunny Sunday in May, the School entered three teams (one in each age group) for this increasingly popular event at Gleneagles. The competition is becoming noticeably more fierce as standards in both dressage and show-jumping rise but, once again, the School's teams acquitted themselves very well, especially in their dress and turn-out, and sportsman-like attitude.

The senior and junior teams both achieved creditable third places in the show-jumping, the junior team after a very close jump-off. Both also were in the rosettes for sixth place overall (combined training). The intermediate team, despite very impressive dressage scores, just missed out in the ribbons.

Thanks are due to all team members and their horses for the tremendous effort put in, both on and before the day, and to parents for their support and driving, without which nothing could be done! Jennifer Reid of Form 4 was an excellent and inspiring team captain and Mrs Tosh liased efficiently with the organisers. A most enjoyable day was had by all.



(l to r): L Niven, J Reid, R Law, L Morgan.

Another year, another report, but what to write without copying last year's report? How about some reasons for participating in the Award scheme?

Here are some pupils' reasons for enrolling on the scheme.

"I thought it would be a challenge and fun to do."

"I thought it would be something to try and would be fun working as a team."

"My brother enjoyed it so I wanted to try it and I have always thought it sounded good."

".....I could gain new interests....."

".....camping sounds fun....."

".....other people told me it was good....."

Nine months on and these people are still involved and have certainly been meeting new challenges both in and out of school.

Activities that have been embarked upon in the Service section come from helping at our own After School Care Club which has been a tremendous way for the senior pupils to work with and get to know the junior pupils. Some have attended courses run by The Fire Brigade and Ambulance service gaining qualifications such as The Bronze Medallion. Others have done Conservation work, have visited elderly people in hospitals and homes and yet more have been helping the SSPCA. These are certainly activities that normally pupils would not become involved in.

The Skills Section has offered participants a very diverse list including playing musical instruments, cooking, origami, dress-making, horse handling, art, aeronautics, drama, Spanish, genealogy...

The Physical Section has seen people participating in golf, horse-riding, badminton, jazzercise, aerobics, alpine skiing, swimming, hockey, football, taekwando, scuba-diving and fitness.

Johanna Brown and Nina De Franco are preparing for a very exciting trip to Romania, which is counting as their residential at Gold. They are fund-raising for this at present. I wish them every success in this project. (Next year hopefully there will be a report from them!)

After completing any activity, each pupil has his or her Record Book signed by the Assessor of the activity along with a brief report. The following are extracts from these reports.

...he was an excellent role model for the boys...

...she was a great service to the club and we enjoyed having her with us...

...Laura is always keen and enthusiastic when participating...

...Sarah has acquired many skills in sculpture.

...a very diligent pupil...

...she was kind and patient with the horses...

...eager and willing to learn...

...he has developed a good knowledge in both productive and receptive signing skills...

...the CPR skills were excellent, we hope to see her back for Gold...

...I'm very pleased with her help and would be pleased to see her again at the club...

The above are all undertaken out of school. In school during F9 we have been working hard to prepare for the annual expeditions. Teamwork is the main factor in the success of any expedition so the groups were formed in September and all subsequent work was done in these groups. Skills such as navigation, camp-craft and first aid have been learned along with information sessions on country-code and safety precautions.

This year 44 pupils enrolled at Bronze along with 16 continuing to Silver and 8 to Gold. The regular staff training team has grown in the last couple of years but has still been at cracking point on occasions this session. The e-mail system has been in regular use with instructions and amendments for each week's programme being sent to the training staff and group notices to the office. Despite all the frenzied paperwork there have been many enjoyable activities, particularly the local practical sessions at Craigowl and West Lomond. Over the May weekend 6 pupils walked from Glen Doll to a point not far from Kingussie as their Gold Training Expedition (a distance of 80km). They were supervised by Miss Cannon and Mr Lewis. The weather forecasts for the trip were good which was very difficult to believe as there was snow and rain for 3 or 4 days before leaving. However the forecasts were correct and waterproofs stayed tucked away in the packs throughout the 4-day expedition. The first 2 days were tough and comments like..."I'm not up to this physically or mentally," "I don't want to through all this again for the final." were heard (usually 20m from the top of a hill). But all 6 pupils made it to the end and even ran the last section. A total of 400 miles of walking from the 8 pairs of feet and 308 miles of driving were completed before we all headed home for a good meal and bath! The other expeditions for this session are about to begin - fingers crossed for some kind weather. The total mileage walked will be interesting; perhaps there is a conservation issue here.



Good luck to all the participants in their forthcoming expeditions and to continued enjoyment in the other sections of the award.

I hope the pupil who wrote his reason for joining the Award as "Mum told me to do it" has gained some enjoyment and satisfaction from doing it. Without the parents many of the activities could not be undertaken, as they supply the unpaid (but hopefully not un-thanked) taxi service.

Finally, thank you to Mrs Finnie, Mrs Cram, Mr Middleton, Mr MacKenzie, Mr Macdonald, Mr Lewis, Mrs Seith and Mrs Gill for their hard work throughout the year. Thank you also to Mr Bill Patullo, Mrs Eileen MacEwan, Mrs Gill Madden and Mr Sandy Rouse who will also be helping with expeditions in the next few weeks. Without these people there would be no Award in the High School.



Music Department

This session has been busier than ever for the music department, starting with a visit in October to the Edinburgh Playhouse to see Phantom of the Opera and a ceilidh the following month in St Francis Friary for instrumental pupils and their parents. At Christmas time our junior pupils delighted us all with the Café Concert which was followed by a lunch-time concert in St Mary Magdalene's Church for both junior and senior school pupils. Our choirs also participated in the Annual Carol Service in St Mary's Church.

Term 2 began with the Leng Medal Competition for which there was a large number of entries. Ailsa Murray (L7) won the Junior competition while Gillian Hume was first in the senior one. Our pupils went on to represent the school well at the Gold Leng Medal Competition in April.

The installation of the new Allan organ in Trinity, courtesy of the Trust Appeal Fund, was celebrated by an organ recital given by former pupil Andrew Caskie in February. Our chamber choir also took part, accompanied by the organ and it is hoped that next session pupils will take up the offer of organ lessons.

In February pupils were also treated to a concert given by the RAF Big Band in Trinity Hall, featuring music from Frank Sinatra to Robbie Williams. Pupils very much enjoyed this event evidenced by the mass participation in the conga around the hall!

At the Perth Festival in March, Louis Ryan (F1) won the intermediate trumpet class, while the L4-L5 and L6-L7 choirs came second in each of theirs. At the school music competition Patsy Reid (F5) was the overall winner with the vocal ensemble comprising Hazel Baillie, Sarah Humphris, Sarah Scott and Jennifer Stevenson (all F6) winning the Southgate competition. Patsy this year has become the Glenfiddich champion for the second time and she, along with Jennifer Watson (F1), Malcolm Watson (L6), Sophie Sneddon (L6), Susan Edie (F3) and Kirsty Lowe (F1) have had success at the Scottish Fiddle Championships throughout the year. Congratulations are also due to Kirsty Watson (L6) who has won a scholarship for the Junior Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow to study piano and violin.

The Senior Music Concert in St Mary Magdalene's Church at the end of March was full of variety and interest, with many choirs, orchestras, wind bands and ensembles taking part. Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the senior wind band's exciting rendition of In the Mood, by which they said a fitting goodbye to their conductor Bill Boyle. Helen and Bill Boyle retired at Easter and we thank them both for all their hard work and enthusiasm over the years.

The summer term has been no less eventful and we welcome several new members of staff into the department: Mr Stephen Armstrong and Miss Avril Evans have become piano instructors; Miss Alison Erskine is our new brass instructor and Ms May Halyburton is now teaching double bass and bass guitar.





The Junior/Intermediate Concert took place at the beginning of May in St Mary Magdalene's Church and the following day the school hosted a visit by the Addenbury Ensemble, who gave a workshop for pupils followed by a short lunchtime concert, at which our own pupils participated.

Plans are afoot for another jam-packed session of extra-curricular activities, including a trip to Prague and Salzburg at Easter time. At the time of this report, all is quiet as pupils are on study leave. That will all change in a week's time as intensive rehearsals begin for the school production of Guys and Dolls in the Gardyne Theatre. If luck be a lady tonight then we'll raise the roof...!

Named Prizes from Music Competitions

Junior School

Rector's Prize for Strings -
Rector's Prize for Woodwind -
Rector's Prize for Brass -
Marshall Prize for Recorder -

Sophie Sneddon (L6)
Mairi Cunningham (L7)
Stephen Fraser (L7)
Susan Bennett (L7) (Treble)
Eilidh Firth (L5) (Descant)

Senior School

Head of Music's Prize (Grade 5 Piano) -
Rector's Prize (Grade 5 Strings) -
Rector's Prize (Grade 6 Woodwind) -
Rector's prize (Brass) -
Larg prize (Grade 6 Strings) -
Tom Porteous Prize for Guitar -
Larg Prize (Solo Singing F5/6) -
Larg Prize (Open Piano) -
Prize for Open Woodwind -
Prize for Open Brass -
Prize for Open Strings -
Southgate Prize for Ensemble Playing -

Toby Davies (F2)
Jamie Yule (F2)
Lynsday Tyler (F5)
Jennifer Hopkins (F4)
Johanna Brown (F5)
Ariful Ahsan
Johanna Brown (F5)
Sarah Scott (F6)
Emily Easton (F6)
Stephen Gordon (F5)
Sarah Scott (F6)
Jennifer Stevenson (F6)
Sarah Scott (F6)
Sarah Humphris (F6)
Hazel Baillie (F6)
Patsy Reid (F5)

DHS Quaich for Best Performance -

Associate Board Practical Exams – March 2000

Grade 6	Distinction Pass	Johanna Brown F5 (violin) Alison Kearns F6 (piano)
Grade 5	Distinction Merit Pass	Susan Edie F3 (violin) Toby Davies F2, Carla Hogg F2, Simon Jones F2, Kirsty Lowe F1 (all piano) Sarah Doward (piano)
Grade 4	Distinction Merit Pass	Emma Peebles F2 (viola) Sandy Easton F3, Susan Edie F3 (both piano) Charlotte Penhale F3 (piano)
Grade 3	Distinction Merit	Mairi Cunningham L7 (flute), Colin Goudie F1 (alto sax), Kirsty Watson L6 (piano) Eleanor Geddes L7, Susan Liu F1, Rebecca McNeill F1, Ruth Stevenson L7 (all piano)
Grade 2	Distinction	Laura Brown F1 (oboe), Douglas Dorward L6 (piano, violin), Oliver Alexander L6 (piano), Farjana Chowdhury F1 (piano), John Fairlie F1 (clarinet), Charlotte Farmer L6 (piano), Carla Hogg F2 (flute)
Grade 1	Distinction Merit Pass	Julia Black F2 (clarinet), Mairi Cunningham L7 (flute), Katy Dollman F3 (flute), Christine McLean F1 (piano), Ruth Stevenson L7 (flute) Anthony Dent L5 (piano), Lauren McColville L7 (viola), Alexandra Short L6 (piano), Fiona Smith L6 (piano), Katy Steele L5 (piano), Donald Young L6 (piano) Rachel Dyer F2 (piano)

Trinity College – March 2000

Grade 8	Pass	Sarah Scott (piano)
Grade 5	Pass	Nina De Franco (flute)
Grade 4	Merit Pass	Emma Peebles (flute), Amanda Pringle (violin) Lucy Sneddon (violin)
Grade 3	Merit Pass	Charlotte Penhale (violin) Susan Cairns (flute), Clare Waugh (flute)



Grade 2	Merit	Simon Jones (flute)
	Pass	Julia Bruce (flute), Emily Pringle (flute)
June 2000		
Grade 8	Pass	Nisha Mehta (violin)
Grade 7	Pass	Sarah Scott (viola)
Grade 6	Pass	Jane Scullion (guitar)
Grade 5	Pass	Jennifer Watson (violin)
Grade 4	Pass	Andrew Pond (clarinet)
Grade 3	Pass	Andrew Brown (violin), Christina Clayhills-Henderson (violin), Christine Jardine (violin), Malcolm Watson (violin)
Grade 2	Pass	Alan Fraser (tenor sax), Marion Lean (violin), Emma Pyne (violin)

Associated Board Music Exams – June 2000

Grade 4	Merit	Kirsty Lowe F1 (violin), Jennifer Tyler F2 (clarinet)
Grade 3	Distinction	Laura Geddes F2 (guitar)
	Merit	Lisa Respinger F2 (piano), Sophie Sneddon L6 (violin)
	Pass	Daniel Mitchell F2 (alto sax), James Moir F2 (clarinet), Hannah Ogden F3 (violin)
Grade 2	Distinction	Kirsty Watson L6 (violin)
	Merit	Emily Boyd L7 (violin), Lucy Boyd F1 (oboe)
	Pass	Neil Dewar L6 (piano), Anna Weir F1 (violin)
Grade 1	Distinction	Andrew Blake L6 (cello), Emily Boyd L7 (piano)
	Merit	Emma Clark L7 (piano), Christopher Respinger L6 (piano), Chris Smith F1 (alto sax)
	Pass	Oliver Alexander L6 (clarinet)
		Lauren Hesp F1 (oboe), Catherine Hobart L6 (flute)
		Sophie Easton L6 (violin)



The Library Year

A year in the library seems to pass quicker than in the real world. Perhaps it is because life in the library seems to be so fast now. During the session 1989/99, an average of 28 classes used the library per week, in this session the average was 41. There is never time to be bored but it would be nice to have time to read some of the super new stock. We are grateful to the group of Form 6 pupils who volunteered to help in the library. They were in general, hard working and reliable. I would like to thank all those without whose help our task would have been even harder. We certainly missed them when they went on study leave.

We have had an exciting selection of authors visiting the school this year with visits from Julie Lacombe, Mairi Herrerwick, Keith Brumpton and Julia Bretagna. In March L1, L2 and L3 were treated to a magical puppet show given by Sylvia Troon. Unfortunately these visits cost the school more each year as support from the Scottish Arts Council has decreased. In the past, SAC have sponsored up to four authors, this year it was two, and next session it will be only one.



We marked World Book Day by running three competitions and once again we must thank James Thin for their support in donating book tokens for prizes. The prize-winners were Linsey Bower, L1W; Jerry Maggs, L5S and Fiona McCulloch, L6T.

A nation-wide project to promote Scottish authors received Lottery Funding this year. Independent schools were invited to take part but, unlike the

maintained schools, the independent schools had to purchase the books. Pupils from Forms 2-6 have been taking part and towards the end of the year will be invited to send their comments on a special postcard to the Scottish Library Association. If nothing else, this project has drawn modern and not so modern Scottish authors to the attention of pupils.

Thirteen pupils from L7 and Form 1 took part in Shadowing Carnegie. This involved the pupils reading the eight books which had been short listed for the Carnegie Medal, sending comments to the Library Association web-site and voting on which book they thought should be awarded the medal. We will compare our results with those of the official judges when the winner is announced on 7th July. James Thin have once again helped us by donating a set of eight books. The pupils had great fun with this project and were interviewed about the experience by Radio Tay. Next year, if we Shadow Carnegie, I hope that we will be able to take part in video conferencing with other schools in Britain who are also Shadowing Carnegie.

Cross Curricular Skills was introduced for Form 1 and Form 2 pupils and has been greatly enjoyed by both staff and pupils. We all learned how to use the PCs to draw a bicycle, touch type and even produce a newspaper among other things. Both staff and pupils are much more computer literate as a result. The IT is now well integrated into the library and pupils accept that the information available in IT is to be consulted in conjunction with books and not instead of books. Each day we are discovering new and exciting things to do with the resources and we are already planning new projects for next year but I cannot reveal the secrets yet!

Shonagh Morrison
Librarian

Young Enterprise

The financial year 1999-2000 was, for the school's Young Enterprise scheme, highly successful but like the curate's egg, only in parts.

In September a grand total of 7 YES companies formed but sadly two failed the consumer test and learned the lesson that focus and commitment are not suggestions but requirements. They did not go to work on an egg.

A third company also dissolved but not through lack of effort or ingenuity. A magnificent product in the form of the DHS "Decades Remembered" millennium year book nearly knocked Harry Potter off his broomstick. Ironically the company not aptly named ASAP ran out of time. Maybe for the year 3000 lads? They ran out of time but they never ran out of enthusiasm for their product. Well done Jeff Yu and his group.

The four remaining firms fulfilled all the exacting criteria and ran real businesses by themselves. The essential skills of team working, delegating, setting and achieving targets, negotiating with suppliers, designing and making, marketing and selling were all tested to the limit.

The Young Enterprise marker place is not the classroom with a pass/fail measured by exam success. The Young Enterprise is set by real consumers who are not obliged to buy your product as they can choose from a multitude of substitutes.

The benchmark of the Young Enterprise test is that a sufficient number will actually buy your product using their own hard-earned money, convinced that the price and quality are commercially valid.

Pass the Young Enterprise consumer test and profits will be your reward. Fail and the debts are all yours!

The four companies which passed the test did so by selling thousands of units and earning nearly £3,000 gross.

In late March, Young Enterprise Tayside held their annual competitions to determine which companies had the business plan, the best marketing display and the products of the highest quality. Three firms from DHS took all three first places (and all three second places just to make sure).

Excel TESC, Ziggartuty YESC and Eyecatching YESC really cracked it.

Eyecatching YESC really cracked it with distinction. Voted the best YE company in Tayside and Fife they were presented with the local award by the Skene Foundation. Awarded first place in Tayside by Young Enterprise for the company report they represented Tayside at the national finals. From over 300 competing YE companies, Eyecatching were found to be the third best in Scotland.

Emma Cairns, Claire Smith, Caz Robertson, Anna Blackm Cerity Mitchell and Hazel Baillie left the rest with egg on their face.

Strathclyde Business School has an enhanced reputation to uphold. That's why a DHS pass rate of 100% in their YE exam really is an achievement. Passes at "Distinction" are rare commodities so Emma Cairns and Catherine Buchan should be double congratulated.

No doubt the success of this sessions YE companies will have the incoming Form 6 "scrambling" for places.



THE PATRONS' ASSOCIATION

(established in 1988)

replacing

THE SUBSCRIBERS

(established in 1830)

The Main Building of the School previously known as the Boys' School, was opened in 1834. When it was built, its construction was financed by public subscription. Such a way of meeting the costs of a new school was not uncommon at that time. The people who contributed to the Building Fund became known as the Subscribers. A list of Subscribers was drawn up and ever since those early days the list has been maintained by new people coming forward, paying their subscription and in this way continuing the tradition down through the ages. It is from this body that have come at all times many of the people who have most actively supported the school.

After more than 150 years of existence it was generally felt that the body called the Subscribers should be reconstituted and adapted to bring it more into line with the needs of our time. This task was duly planned and accomplished, so that from this ancient and venerable section of our community there has now emerged a new association. This re-organised group is now known as the Patrons' Association.

Committee members and Office-Bearers of the new association have been elected with Dr W.H. Macfarlane Smith as its Chairman.

It is the intention of the committee to seek to widen the membership of the Patrons' Association. New members are being invited to become ordinary members whose annual subscription is not less than £20 per annum for an individual or £100 for a body corporate. The life subscription is not less than £100 for an individual and not less than £500 for a body corporate or unincorporate. The Treasurer of the Patrons' Association is Ronald S.B. Grieve, Esq.

Further information about the Patrons' Association may be obtained from the Chairman, c/o High School of Dundee, Euclid Crescent, Dundee, DD1 1HU.



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The Manger Tree

I was a flame and danced round the Manger Tree to flame music. I liked the fireflies best because they had lights and went on stage with bare feet.

Siobhan Strathearn L2

I was a flame and danced round the Manger Tree to spiky music. I liked the Robins best because they got to hop.

Anna MacKenzie L2

I was a tree but I was not a talking tree. I liked the flames best because they twirled around.

Ross Tolland L2

I was a flame - there were lots of flames in the Manger Tree. I wore a lovely costume and danced round the tree to exiting music.

Kirsty Mitchell L2





Toad of Toad Hall

Our first reading of "Toad of Toad Hall" would seem to be a difficult play to stage without huge resources for scenery and costumes. However, with the use of a composite set, a few imaginative props, a judicious use of lighting, and "human" trees which turned into animals, the audience at the Gardyne Theatre in February was easily transported from Rat's riverside residence to Badger's house, the Wild Wood and finally to Toad Hall. The costumes were complemented by the expert make-up devised by Mrs Solazzo and her team.

Louise Anderson as Mole aroused our protective instincts, Rebekah Morden's Rat was admired for her resourcefulness, Faye Borland as Badger

was suitably grandfatherly and Andrew Lowe, as boastful Toad, nonetheless endeared himself to us - never more than in the celebration of the recovery of his abode.

Cameo roles which will be remembered are Catherine Peter's judge whose wide vocal range gave great amusement and Alfred the horse who couldn't tell his front end from his back, played by Jenni Kilgallon and Carla Hogg - depending on who grabbed the head first!

Steven Gilbertson provided the sound effects and composed and played the rousing finale.

All in all, a happy cast shared their enjoyment with an appreciative audience for the final performance of "High Drama".



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Guys and Dolls

Violence, gambling, alcohol, deception and strip joints. No, not the debauched rituals of the High School staff-room but the senior school production of *Guys and Dolls*! Of course, as any seasoned thespian will tell you, no production, dramatic or musical, is complete without its little problems and occasional glitches. However, this year's cast and production team seemed burdened with more than their fair share! The schedule clashed with the new Higher Still examinations, effectively cut the rehearsal time by half and caused many cast members to resign because of other commitments. Surely the rehearsals themselves were worthy of any dramatic plotline complete with tears, tantrums, pure frustration, laughter and most of all suspense! Would the show go on?

OVERTURE

Mr Chynoweth and Mrs Melville accept the challenge of producing *Guys and Dolls* with an inexperienced chorus, limited time and endless concerts to organise. The final cast is auditioned, re-auditioned and then re-arranged following resignations from various members of the chorus and principals. Monday rehearsals take place after school from 4.00 - 5.30 every week until study leave. The exams finish and the rehearsals begin!

ACT 1

*Scene I: The Girls School Hall.
The Intensive Rehearsals.*

The last exam finishes and the chorus begins the intensive rehearsals. People find that the rehearsals also clash with other school activities and business trips. Can you really put a show together with less than a week to practise and a partly absent cast?

Scene II: The Studio. Later that week.

The cast finally discover the relevance of the songs they have been practising to the overall plot. The story pieces together slowly as does the development of some difficult chorus numbers. "It sounds good because you're in a small room", Mr Chynoweth and Mrs Melville warn "It'll be harder to fill an actual theatre". The cast dismiss their comments as pure pessimism and routine ranting. Dramatic irony alert!

Scene III: The Girls School Hall. Even later that week.

Has the chorus finally become accustomed to all the complicated moves and pieces involved in various scenes? Well, judging from Mr Chynoweth's frequent exclamations of "CHORUS! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ON!!!" the answer is probably negative. Indeed, Mr. Chynoweth's many famous phrases become familiar by the end of the week. "DON'T STAND IN LINES!!!" "BODIES!!!" "REACT! REACT!". Not to be outdone of course, Mrs Melville herself personalises the words "SING, CHORUS SING!!" with strenuous hand movements.

Scene IV: Friday. Costume Day.

The costumes arrive and the Girls School Hall is filled with garish and glorious shades of pink, purple and fluorescent yellow...and those were just the costumes for the male chorus! (well at least it wasn't tights and pedal pushers!) The dancers stare dumbly at their sequinned leotards and gingham "Farmerette" costumes. The week draws unbelievably to a close as some reflect on their combined achievements while others run maniacally to their bus-stops to escape the eternal repetition of the name "Nathan, Nathan, Nathan Detroit!"

Act II

Scene I: The Gardyne Theatre, Monday night.

Orange faces dart in and out of dressing-rooms as the cast hurry for the dress rehearsal. Tonight is to be a night of record-breaking achievements: the most times a chorus ever forgets to appear in a scene, the most times lines are interrupted by hysterical giggling, the first time a principal actually brings a libretto on stage to a dress rehearsal to read the unlearned lines (Naming no names...), the largest number of shocked goldfish ever to appear on stage during a chorus number, the most time spent doing a dress rehearsal for a school production (6.30-11.30pm) and finally in the immortal words of Mr Chynoweth,

"The worst dress rehearsal I have ever seen throughout my entire career." Perhaps not the best way to begin such a large-scale show which probably explains....

Scene II: The Gardyne Theatre.

Tuesday night. Dress rehearsal. TAKE TWO

Try, try again as they say and so the cast gathers again for a second dress rehearsal which is also a record breaking first. Highlighted lists of scenes are posted and a largely positive cast amass perceiving that "It can only be better than last night." Fortunately, it is. By the time interval arrives people are...Ooooh! Truffles!! Although it is strenuously denied that pupils participate in school productions merely to sample the renowned gourmet truffles à la Durrheim, a chaotic sea of truffle lovers gathers around the famous red tin come interval time. The show runs relatively smoothly and after a few words of encouragement from Mrs Melville and err... a largely positive comment from Mr Chynoweth, the cast retires to their beds, ready for opening night, only to dream of principals struck down with amnesia and cart-wheeling ballerinas in the aisles of the Gardyne Theatre... well some of us do anyway...

Scene III: Gardyne Theatre.

Wednesday, Opening night.

In a state of complete calm, must calm down, must calm down. No, not the oh-so-professional principals who seem completely unperturbed by the fact they are about to sing solo to about 300 people but the happily inferior chorus. Although frequently reminded that "The principals are NOTHING without you!!" the chorus soon realise that we are nothing without our "good-old reliable" principals. Stephen Gordon and Verity Mitchell play their characters Nathan and Adelaide with terrific comic timing, vocal gymnastics and authentic "Nu Yawk" accents! Robbie Grieve and Lynsey-Anne as Sky (Obidiah) and Sarah, skilfully balance romance and comedy in their roles as well as singing some memorable songs so beautifully. The other principals are equally talented and their charisma and talent obviously win over a fantastic audience and enable them to humour their way out of various glitches. (Who DID put that hole where??) Broadway beckons!! The massive applause is well deserved by everyone. But, as Mr Chynoweth says, it can only get better!

THE FINALE

Friday finally approaches. Did we really manage to churn a show out of a week's intensive rehearsals and two dress rehearsals? And did we really progress so much that people actually enjoyed themselves and didn't want their money back? Indeed, the brilliant audience on Friday would probably have said 'yes!' Apart from learning the vital importance of co-operation and teamwork the cast also realised that miracles don't happen without an immense amount of hard work, stress and exhaustion!

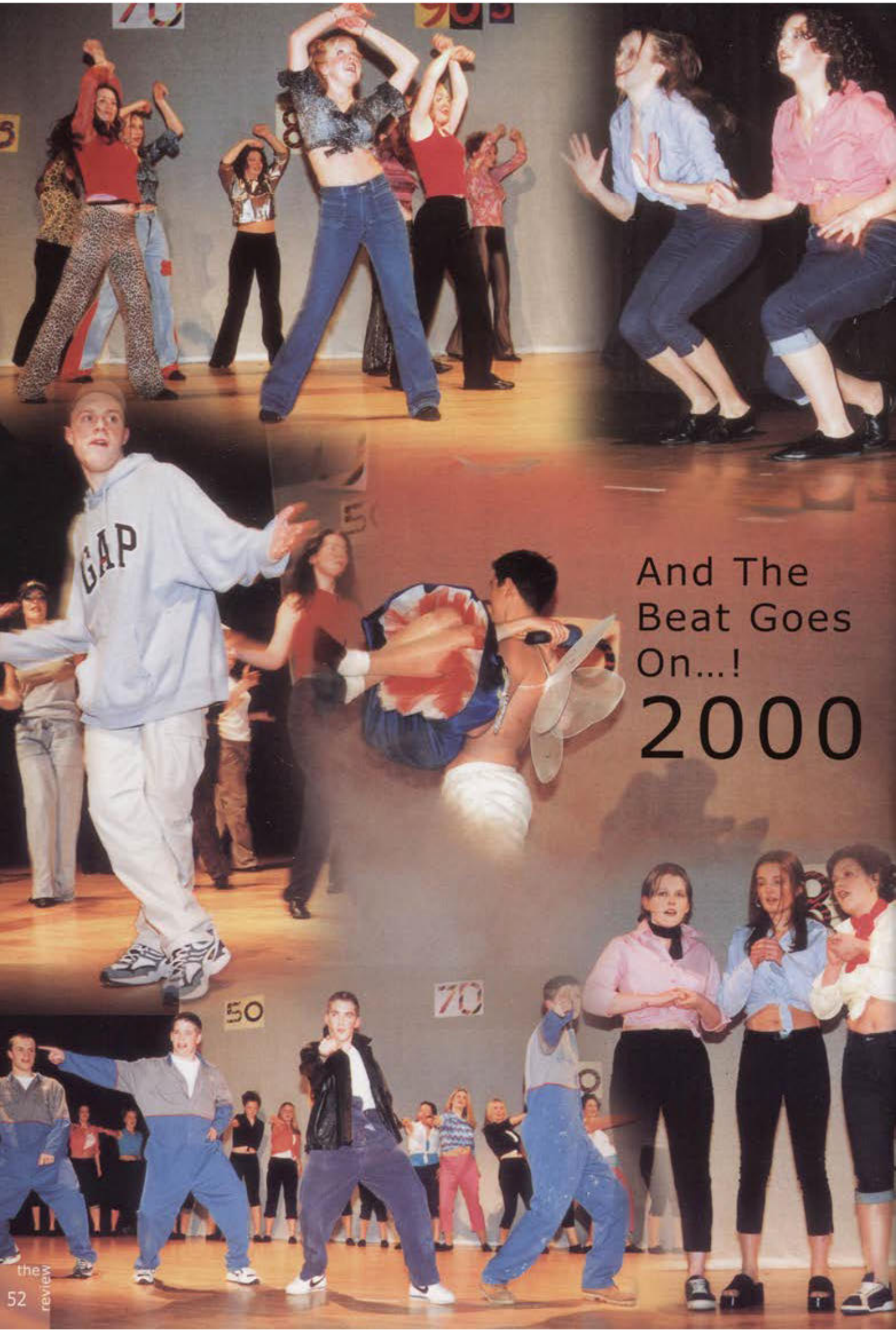
BRAVO! BRAVO!

Our thanks go to the flawless and patient orchestra who deserve medals for being the unsung heroes of the show, to the people who designed and painted the stunning flats and set pieces which gave the show a beautiful new dimension and to the trusty stage crew who made sure we had scenery to act against and tabs to hide behind! The amazingly talented and tolerant staff of the music department who endured endless rehearsals, drummed the familiar tunes into our heads and then excelled themselves in the orchestra pit! Finally, we would like to give extra-special thanks to our musical director, Mrs Melville and our producer, Mr Chynoweth. Mrs Melville, thanks for the mammoth task of conducting us with such energetic pencil-rapping, toe-tapping and hand-waving vivacity. Nobody conducts quite like you Mrs Melville! Mr Chynoweth, thank you for remaining sane, not gassing us in our dressing-rooms after that "diabolical" Monday night, coining so many memorable phrases and shouting at us with such eloquence, wit and multiple references to your dog! Thank you both for seeing the cast's potential when everything and everyone was so chaotic, confusing and uncertain.

ENCORE!

We look forward to an even more challenging and enjoyable production in June 2002 "from the people who brought you *Guys and Dolls*..."





And The
Beat Goes
On...!

2000

Summer '99 - our dream was to raise money for charity and produce a show so spectacular that the mere concept of song and dance from the previous millennium ever being forgotten would be shattered. Through it we would be able to live the "best years of our lives" (and those of our parents). "And The Beat Goes On" slowly came to life. The unique thing about our show was that it was to be organised entirely by the pupils.

The holidays were spent pouring over music from the 50's through to the present day until the programme was completed. The hard work began in September to turn that music and a willing cast of untrained volunteers into a show of song and dance. For five months, pupils from Forms 3 to 6 practised relentlessly under the instruction of Lisa who choreographed the whole show. We also had to organise a venue, tickets, programmes, lighting, music, costumes and publicity.

The show ran for two nights in January. We were then asked to perform excerpts for the Past Presidents of the Old Girls' Club Dinner and the School's Charities Fair.

A cheque for £2340 was presented to the Children's Hospice Association Scotland to help towards the building of a second hospice in the West of Scotland.

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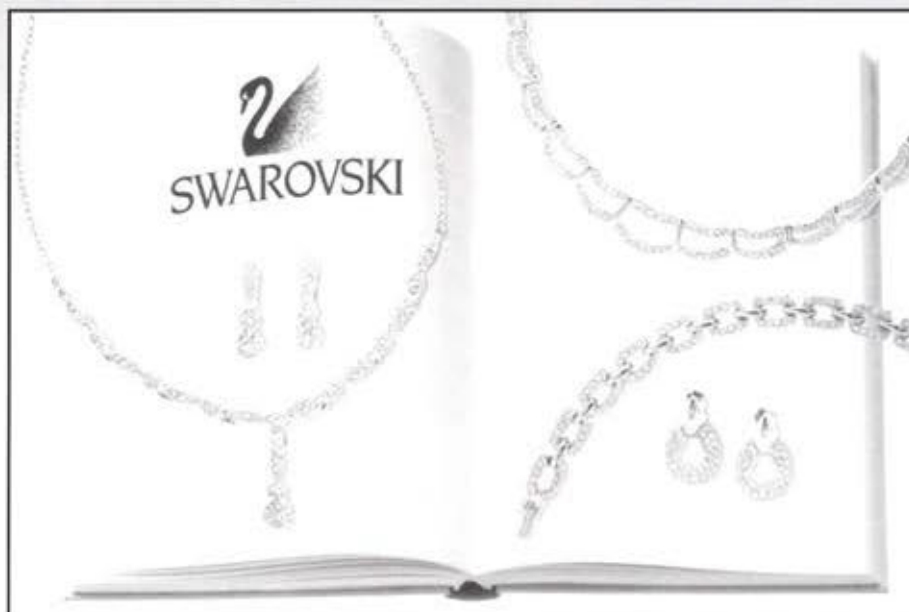
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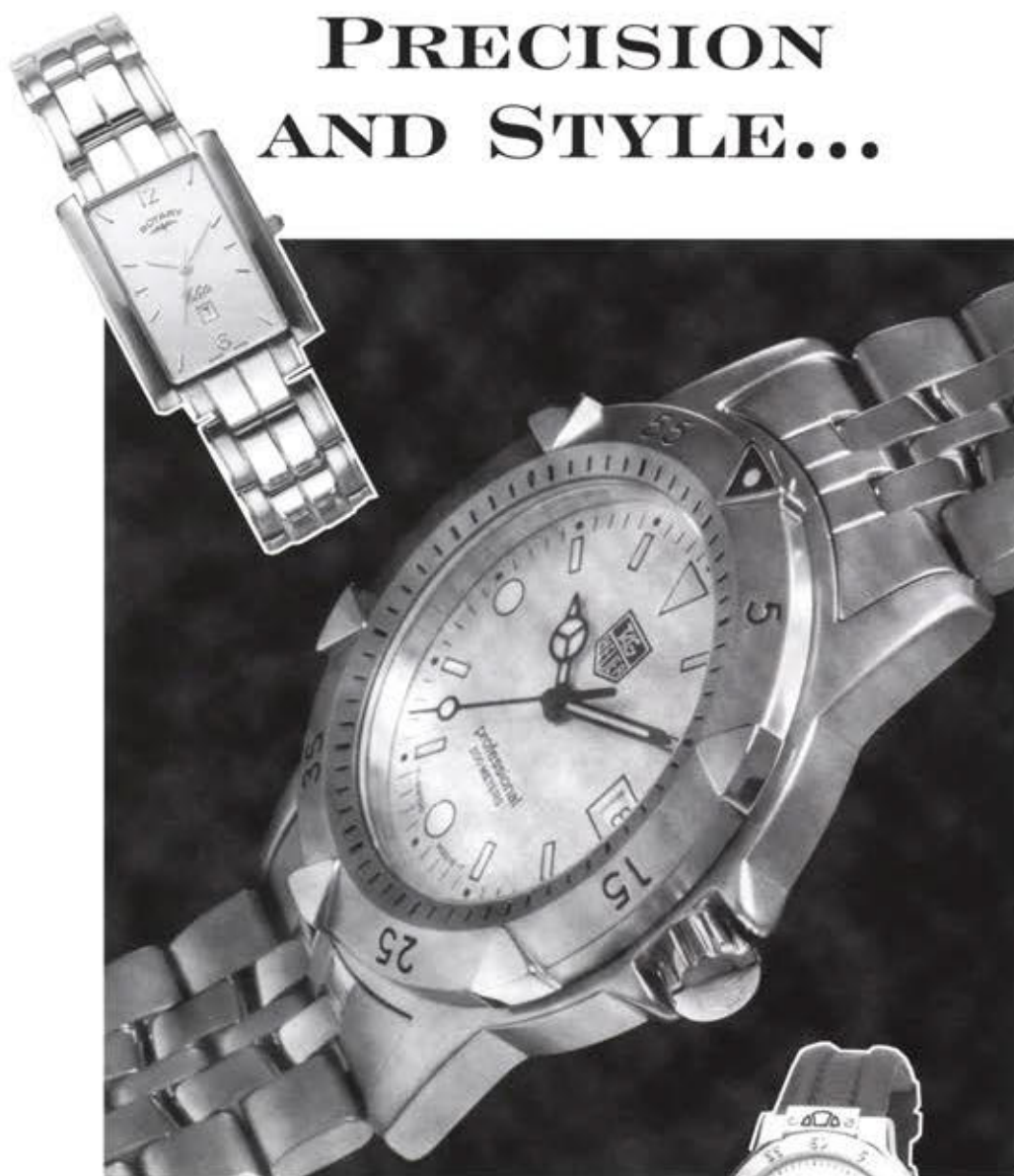


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The Spanish Exchange

We were all very excited as we left the early morning grey skies of Scotland heading for what we dreamed would be the sunny skies of Spain. The journey was not entirely uneventful as the flight to Gatwick was delayed. In addition Mr Richterich's baggage got lost somewhere between the two flights. Nevertheless we experienced a heady mixture of anticipation tinged with nervousness as we approached the El Corte Inglés, a huge modern shopping mall in the centre of Murcia. Murcia is a town a bit larger than Dundee in the south east of Spain. It is quite near Alicante to which we flew from Gatwick.

It was at the El Corte Inglés that we were to meet our exchange partners and their families with whom we would be spending the next ten days. As we stepped off the coach the weather, at a mere 38 degrees centigrade, was at least as good as we had expected. However working on our tans was far from our minds as we were worried about communicating in Spanish with our respective host families!

The next day we arrived at the San Pablo CEU School, which was to be our "el colegio" during our stay in Spain. What a relief we felt to be able to speak English again! The San Pablo is very modern and quite different from DHS. The relationship between pupils and teachers is very relaxed and friendly. Working hours are a bit different too. During the summer term, school starts at 9.30 am and finishes at 2.15 pm. While there we attended their prize-giving, which is very informal compared with ours.

They arranged many exchange trips for us during our stay in Spain. On the first day we visited a beautiful Cathedral in the centre of Murcia. From the tower can be observed fine views over the town and mountains. We also visited a wonderful Casino that had been beautifully decorated with magnificent painted ceilings. Then we all had a wonderful weekend with the families with whom we were staying. Some of them had beach houses on the Mediterranean coast. Others had houses in the nearby mountains. Perhaps the most enjoyable day was the day we all went to the beach, where we soaked up the sun and splashed around in the water. Another time we visited a

pottery where we watched skilful workers making many kinds of pots. Nicola and Fraser both had a go at making pots with varying degrees of success!

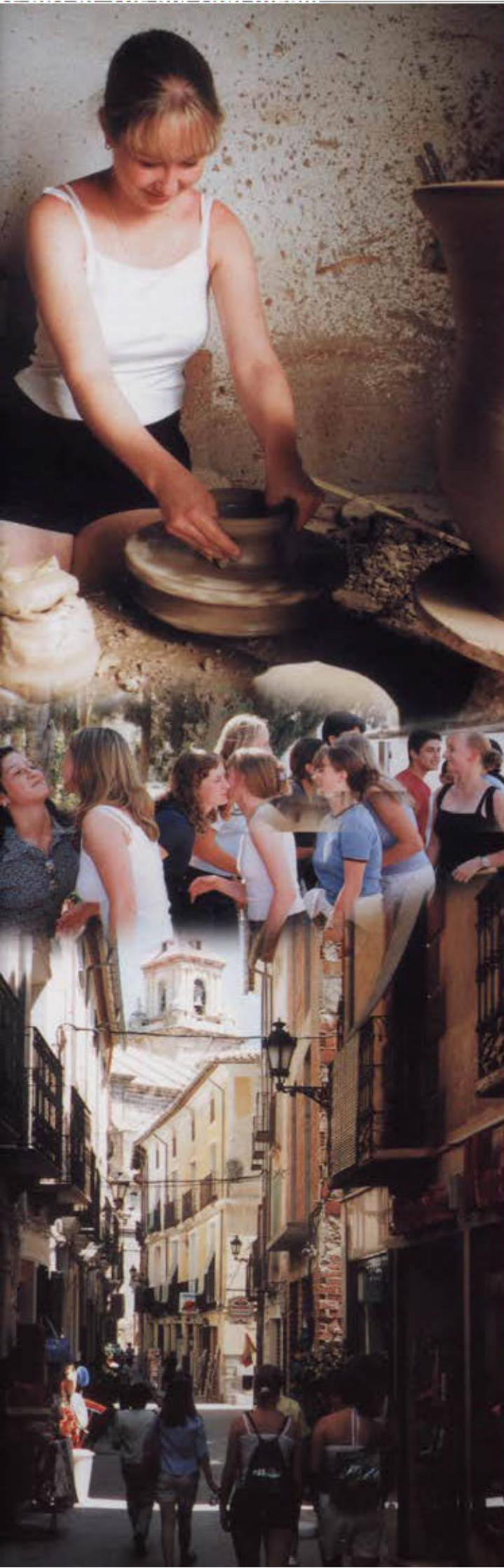
During our stay we had a couple of parties that were much fun and gave us a chance of get to know all our Spanish friends better. At night the Spanish people arranged lots of entertaining things to do, like shopping, eating out, going to the cinema and lots more. The shops in Spain are great and are much cheaper than back home. The food is quite different and apart from breakfast, they tend to have their meals much later than we do. Lunch was usually about 2.45 p.m. and dinner about 9.30 - 10.30 pm. A long day! Some more adventurous pupils sampled things like octopus and snails!

Sadly though the day came when we had to leave. The group met for the last time at the school where we said our goodbyes with tears in our eyes. Everybody had a great time and got on really well with the host families.

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Seith and Mr Richterich for taking us on this most interesting trip and for being such a good laugh. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Joanna Sturrock F4





Summer in the City

Vengaboys, Louise, Bobby Davro, Jim Davidson, Andreas Boticelli, Charlie Dimmock, Gilly Goolden, Frank Ward were just some of the celebrities we saw when we were in London on our Business Studies trip.

The main purpose of our visit to London was not, however celebrity spotting, but to give 6th year pupils an insight into business life and an opportunity to understand the structure and work involved in these organisations. Invitations were also there for those who wished to join these prestigious organisations, either through a vocational training programme or through their graduate recruitment.

The first day saw the group 'messaging' about on the river, river Thames, to be exact where we enjoyed a boat trip, passing the British Airways London eye, which is the world's highest observation wheel, whose stunning glass and steel capsules tower above the capital. Unfortunately despite queuing for a considerable time, Mrs Rattray and the group never made it yet!

Other notable landmarks viewed on this afternoon cruise were Bankside Power Station, the Tate Modern Art Gallery which has been hailed as one of the foremost museums of modern art in the world, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Millennium Bridge and Shakespeare's Globe Theatre to name but a few.

From the river we moved on to the Docklands Light Railway, passing the tea clipper the Cutty Sark, Gypsy Moth VI, the Dome and all the wonderful tower complexes of Canary Wharf.

Day two saw the group looking wonderfully smart and business like as corporate city lawyers Herbert Smith were visited. This is a company employing over 1000 personnel, operating on an international scale, working out of offices in Bangkok, Beijing, Brussels and London, Moscow, Paris, Singapore and Tokyo. The group was treated to a wonderful insight into the divisions and departments within the London office. The business of law is a 'people' business and the biggest assets to a huge company such as this, are its personnel - they are looking for talented lawyers, people who want to succeed. Some of the work that the company is currently working on is as diverse as setting up E commerce companies, de-mutualising an insurance company, and dealing with intellectual property law.

The emphasis of information technology to aid faster and more efficient communications was stressed. A presentation was also given by the

Graduate Recruitment Officer who talked on interviews - what was to be expected and what employers were looking for. All in all a wonderful day and a great chance for anyone who really would like to join a company such as Herbert Smiths.

The other group visited Singer and Friedlander where a quality experience into merchant investment banking was enjoyed.

In the evening the group headed off to the Cambridge Theatre where a super evening's entertainment was enjoyed in front of the cameras with Jim Davidson, Bobby Davro, Louise, Vengaboys, etc - great fun!!

Day three groups went to the Trafalgar branch of the Bank of Scotland. Several members of staff gave excellent talks on banking graduate recruitment. There was also a visit to Lloyd's of London giving pupils a very interesting insight into this unique market and wonderful building. The other group enjoyed a great visit to IPC Magazine where a most interesting discussion on the marketing of magazines was initiated and where numerous free samples of current publications were gratefully received. In the evening we went to the theatre and enjoyed the 'Buddy Holly Story'.

The final day was fast and furious, enjoying visits to stock broking investment company Argyle Investment Advisors and then on to UBS Warburg Global Investment Bank, servicing corporate, institutional and private clients. An endeavour to demystify the merchant banking industry was met.

Pupils enjoyed a most thorough presentation on the work of this, the largest equity traders in Europe, benefiting from wonderful talks from the Deputy Head of Global Economics who described his job as 'Fearlessly forecasting the unknown'. The presentation culminated with a talk on the ever increasing importance of Information Technology. Warburgs were very keen to recruit any graduate from any discipline and also offer vocational training, giving hints and tips on how they identify talents from visiting university campuses - a truly wonderful opportunity. The second group on that day enjoyed a walk along the south bank of the Thames meeting at lunch the Professor of Business Studies of Swansea University. He was most complimentary of the initiative involved in setting up this trip and of the appearance and demeanour of our pupils. This was followed by a visit to Sea Containers House where such diverse organisations as GNER, Sea Containers, Orient Express and the London Illustrated News are housed.

In the evening we went to the Imax Theatre and experienced 3-dimensional digital entertainment - wonderful experience. The evening was brought to a close with a very pleasant walk along the banks of the River Thames enjoying the experience of the city on a summer evening.

The hospitality received by all organisations was wonderful and the pupils were very impressed by the whole city corporate experience. After a final morning's shopping, it was a very weary but enlightened bunch of travellers who were glad to board the train for home.

A L Ruxton

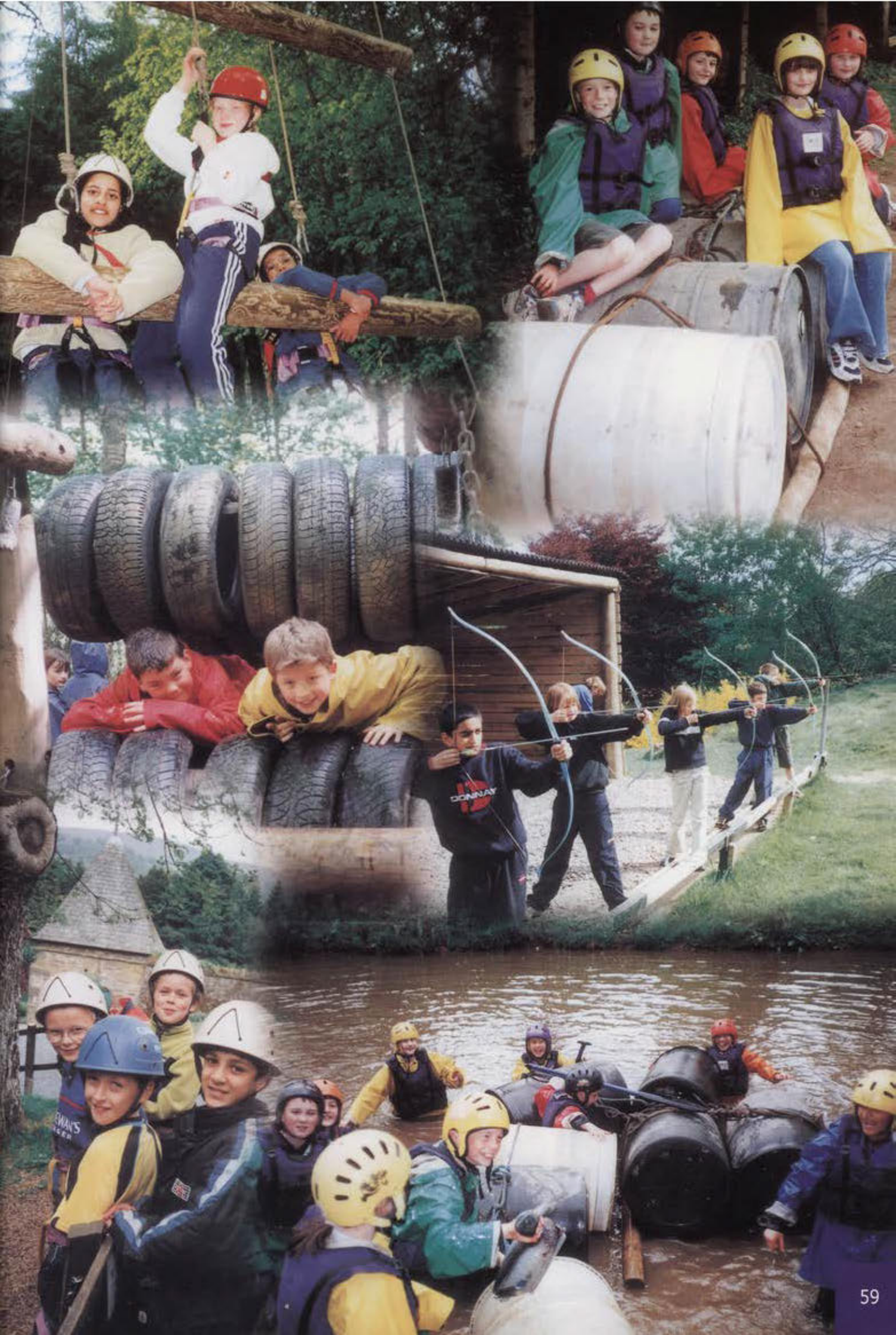
Dalguise 2000

Dalguise is always a success and this year was no exception. Our two groupies, Chrissie and Angie taught us cool songs like *"There was a crazy Moose"* and *"Have you ever been fishing on a bright and sunny day?"*, organised activities which kept us busy all day and every day and made sure, most importantly, that we had fun!

There was a host of options available: Trapeze, Raft-building, Zipwire, IEs, Quad-biking, Catwalk, Fencing and Abseiling. We particularly liked Cows' Tails. Thin ropes were strung high up between tall trees and the object was to make your way from one tree to the other. If you lost your footing you had to dangle in mid-air until you found it again. It was terrifying but so exciting! Unfortunately the weather was not too kind to us this year and only one group managed to do some kayaking on the loch. Despite the nerves and the soakings, they got back safely to dry land, proud of their achievements in such stormy conditions.

Dalguise is not for the faint-hearted. It means late nights and hard work, thrills and spills, exhaustion and exhilaration. Most of all it means *teamwork*! In fact, it's a must for everyone!

Fiona McCulloch L6



Geogging in Glen Clova

There is no better way of studying geography than to go 'in the field' and to see it as it really is. With this in mind and with some of Britain's best glaciated and river scenery only a short coach ride away, the Form 3 geographers along with four members of the department staff headed off at the end of May for a day in the hills. The aim of the day was to study in the context of Glen Clova some of the features of glacial and river corrosion which pupils had learned about earlier in the year.

May 2000 will not be remembered for a surfeit of summery weather but May 30 dawned bright and clear (we'd like to claim meteorological foresight but fortune is nearer to the truth!) Within an hour of leaving school we were assembled at the Clova Hotel ready for either a 'hydrological experience' under the supervision of Mr McAdam and Mrs Williams or a 'glacial perspective' on the valley of Glen Clova conducted by Mrs Martin and Mrs Vannet.

With just a short break for lunch, pupils and staff spent four hours measuring stream flow and meanders on the South Esk (this year, only one hardy soul ventured in the river), or identifying and sketching corries and U-shaped valleys from the path to Loch Brandy. There is little doubt that textbook diagrams take on a new dimension when they can be compared with a real landscape and soon pupils were happily pointing out features which previously had only existed in their notes.

The rain, which had never been too far away, stayed off just long enough for us to get back to the coaches without getting either ourselves or our field notes wet. Another good day's 'geogging'!





German Exchange Oberurff Hesse 2000

Sunday 26th March saw 10 excited 4th year pupils huddled in the playground, anxiously awaiting the arrival of the last "German tourist". After goodbyes, our small group boarded the mini-bus with mixed feelings about the adventure that lay ahead – a two hour flight, a climbing marathon up and down stairs and lifts in Frankfurt airport and a missed train. We finally arrived in Treysa an hour late on the next train from which we nervously alighted, some crying "I want to go home!" to be welcomed by our exchange partners.

The first day we had to go to school – but a very different school compared to the "High". The small campus in rural Hesse was swarming with pupils dressed in casual clothes – yes there's no uniform! School began at 8.00 but finished at lunchtime, about 13.15 and so we were able to meet each other often and see a bit of the area like good tourists. The next day we were welcomed by the Mayor, the Bürgermeister of Bad Zwesten and were presented with our "Zwestys" the mascot of Bad Zwesten, a little soft toy lion. Our longest trip was a whole day trip by coach with our partners to Weimar, where we had our injection of culture – Weimar the home of Goethe. Schiller and other prominent literary figures. It was absolutely perishing cold and we froze all day, finally taking sanctuary in the shops and cafes. Shopping featured on our "to do" list of course. The first afternoon all the girls went shopping in Kassel. This allowed everyone to get to know each other and broke the ice brilliantly. Another day some went to a dancing lesson whilst others attended an ice hockey match, as the local team Kassel Huskies reached the semi-final of the German cup. We also took in a film "Harte Jungen". To our surprise and delight we understood most of it.

The only disappointment was the weather. It was cold and overcast just about the whole week. The food on the other hand was fantastic. We lived on different types of delicious cheese and ham and of course the famous "Wurst" (see photo) though somehow we managed to avoid Sauerkraut!!

The exchange was a great success and our German improved amazingly. Our departure was very emotional since we had become such good friends. Indeed, a couple of us are going back again in the summer. We had a wonderful time and cannot wait to see our new friends when they make the return leg of the exchange in September and we hope to go back there again next year. We would all like to say a very large "danke schön" to Mrs Mackenzie and Mr Richterich for taking us and being so helpful and friendly.

Susie Fleming, Lorna Somerville F4

Hadrian's Wall Trip

The Classics Department made its annual trip to Hadrian's Wall on the last Friday of the summer term. There were 26 pupils and two members of staff as well as Mrs Collie, who retired from the department last year. We set out from the High School at 8 a.m. and arrived at the Roman Army Museum at 12 noon, having stopped for half an hour at Abingdon.

After eating our packed lunches in the pleasant gardens of the museum, we walked along the Walltown Craggs section of the Wall, which is about a quarter of a mile from the museum. This is one of the most picturesque sections of the Wall, running as it does along the top of a steep rocky terrain. In this section there are the remains of a turret which pre-dates the Wall, having been built as an independent signalling tower and later incorporated into the Wall.

After our walk we went into the museum. This contains much interesting material illustrating the weapons and way of life of the Roman Army. We watched a short film about life in the Roman Army which features members of the Ermine Street Guard, a well known group of Roman Army enthusiasts. There was also a film in which the various parts of the wall were explained by Robin Birley, once a teacher at Gordonstoun – and familiar to High School staff who took rugby teams there – but for many years now the most famous of the archaeologists working on the wall.

From the Roman Army Museum we went to Vindolanda. Here there are the remains of a Roman Army camp and the civilian settlement which grew up around it. Close to the remains is a reconstruction of a section of Hadrian's Wall, complete with walkway and turrets. This always proves a great attraction for our more energetic pupils. Down in the valley beyond the Romans remains are a museum and reconstruction of a Roman temple and Roman shops and houses. The museum contains many interesting items of everyday life from Roman times. Among the exhibits are writing tablets containing actual letters written by members of the garrison.

We set out on our homeward journey at about 4.30 pm and arrived back in Dundee at 8.30 pm, after a stop in Auchterarder for fish and chips.

J Meehan



New York 2000

the review

It was an extremely weary bunch of travellers who returned to Dundee at the end of the first week of this year's Easter holiday. We had set off the previous evening from New York, flown to Heathrow, endured a five hour wait and walked seemingly endless miles through airport corridors, flown to Glasgow and then returned by bus to Dundee. All of this was offset however by the sheer exhilaration experienced during a very busy few days in New York. From the time we arrived until we left on the Saturday evening, we seemed to be forever rushing from one interesting experience to another.

We spent a whole day in the Corporate Headquarters of both IBM and the Xerox Corporation. Various speakers, provided by these companies, gave the pupils invaluable insights into the work they carried out, and also highlighted the varying career paths they had followed. It was of particular interest for the young people to meet Clare Bowers, a former High School pupil, and to learn at first hand what she had done at University and how she had arrived, for the time being, at IBM. Both companies, as in previous years, laid on lavish hospitality and went out of their way to make us welcome. We now know what hoagies are! And we have never seen such enormous strawberries or prawns!

Later in the week we were also entertained by the New York branch of the Bank of Scotland where in addition to a most interesting and informative talk by the President of the New York branch, opportunities were afforded for informal meetings between our pupils and the employees. It was fascinating to observe so many Glaswegians obviously relishing their time in the Big Apple!

All work and no play makes for a dull time however, and there were loads of opportunities for seeing and doing what all tourists do: cameras worked overtime at the World Trade Center, the Empire State Building, Times Square, Grand Central Station. Time was made for shopping – and we must have collected a record number of 'Bloomie's bags'. All pupils, despite several claiming exhaustion, relished the ice-skating at Rockefeller Plaza at night and had literally to be dragged off the ice at the end. It was a pleasant experience too, for a member of staff to be approached that evening by an American gentleman who wanted to congratulate the school on the excellent behaviour of our pupils. Fine ambassadors indeed!

Indeed, parents will be pleased to note that everywhere we went we were congratulated on the turnout and behaviour of our pupils. It was indeed a pleasure to be in their company and as a result of their fine conduct, everyone enjoyed the experience.

Our last morning was spent at the United Nations, where we were given an interesting tour of the building with some time spent in each of the various chambers. As it was a glorious, hot day (with temperatures in the high 70's) we decided to spend the rest of the day in Central Park enjoying the sunshine and watching New Yorkers at play.

Then it was back up Broadway to the hotel to collect our baggage and travel out to the airport (enduring rush-hour traffic jams on the way). A severe electrical storm meant that we took off into thunder and lightening and therefore did not see the lights of New York as we left. However we were lucky in that apparently the next day the weather changed completely and there was a snow storm!

Thus it was, that tired and travel-stained the travellers returned to Dundee, full no doubt, of stories of their experiences and many happy memories (and empty wallets) to sustain them for some considerable time to come.

I Rattray





April in Paris

L7 enjoyed another successful trip across the Channel and invite you to share their memories with these few but significant words:

Montmartre, Croissants, Portraits, Seine, Notre Dame, Cheese, Arc de Triomphe, Louvre, Bateau-Mouche, Crêpes, Sacré-Coeur, EuroDisney, Versailles, Waffles, Champs-Élysées, Traffic, Shopping, Gâteaux, Métro, Eiffel Tower!

Austria 2000

the review

At 9 o'clock on Saturday April 25th the Form 3 ski party gathered together (with too much baggage) for the trip which we had been looking forward to for so long. All of us had been counting the days and now the time had finally come. After saying good-bye to our families, we boarded the bus for the long journey ahead of us!

This turned out to be good fun and we were all thoroughly entertained by watching videos, chatting and sleeping a little. It passed fairly quickly and we soon arrived at our hotel in Zell am See in Austria.

By now we were all really tired and we still had to unpack, collect out ski equipment and have tea. When bedtime finally came we all settled down to sleep without any fuss!

Next morning we were fully charged and raring to go for our first day's skiing. We assembled into our groups and met our skiing instructors. All of them were really pleasant and I think all the girls took a special fancy to Eddie, not naming any names of course! They were all a great help to us and were fun to be with. The more experienced skiers went off to the higher slopes while the beginners tried to get the hang of staying upright for longer periods!

We had two hours of ski instruction in the morning before lunch and another two hours of instruction after lunch then it was back to the apartments.

Each night after tea there were various activities on offer for our enjoyment such as swimming, ice-skating, bowling and a pizza night. On the last night there was a disco, which was enjoyed by all.

Everyone's skiing improved greatly throughout the week and on the second last day we were all tested and received a certificate and ski pass. We also had races and three winners were presented with medals. Mr Spowart also presented stupidity awards and I had to be the one who got more than one of course!

There was only one downside to the trip. Poor Jack hurt his knee and had to stay in hospital. He was flown home early and thankfully made a speedy recovery.

It was a depressing journey home as no one wanted to leave, but at least we managed to catch up on some lost sleep.

We staggered off the bus early on Sunday evening, tired after the long trip but glad to see our families. It was good to be home.

A big thank you should go to the two bus drivers Mark and Malcolm. They entertained us handsomely and did so much to make our holiday enjoyable.

A big thank you is due also to all the teachers who gave happily of their time to accompany and take care of us. Without them this trip couldn't have happened. A special mention should go to our lovely tour rep John who put up with our teenage moans and moods! Well done to everyone who received a medal and to everyone on the trip - you were great company!

Zoe Czerek F3



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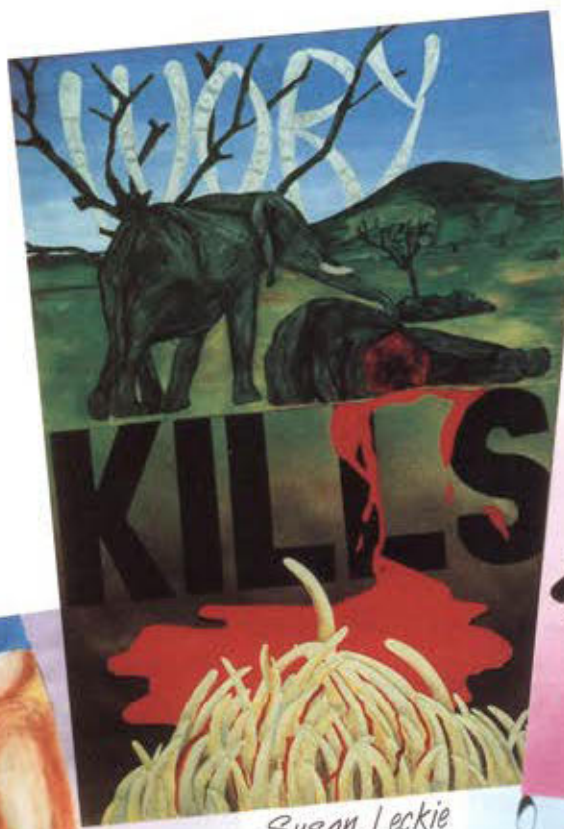


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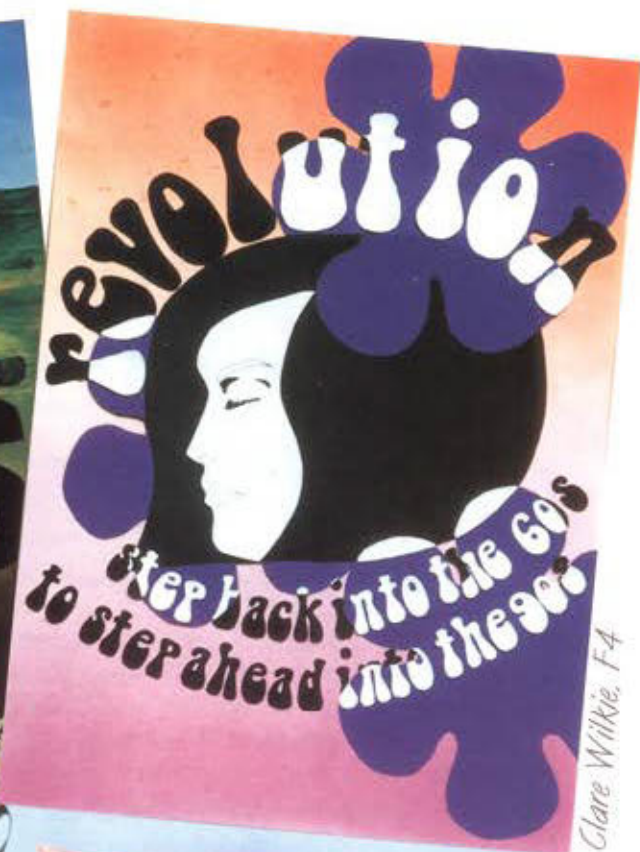


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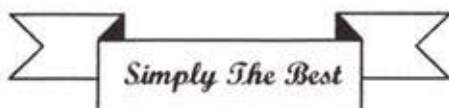
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A Visit to the Theatre

My mind was filled with excitement and anticipation for on that fine June day I was going to the theatre. The play, *The Taming of the Shrew* was by a young man called William Shakespeare who was destined for great things, or so I was told. Around midday I set off, attired in the best clothes a man of my social rank could aspire to. This was my first visit to the theatre and I was so looking forward to it! The bugle sounded and I quickened my pace, leaving a cloud of dust from the road in my wake.

Outside the Globe a heaving crowd jostled for position in the queue, anxious to get in. One man in particular caught my attention, a huge powerfully built character. Not wishing to spoil my Sunday outfit by getting tangled up in his rippling muscles I took myself off quietly to the farthest recesses of the queue. My patience was rewarded sooner than I had expected. Eagerly I handed over my hard-earned one penny and clutched tightly the treasured ticket I received in return. I was in!

The stage was round and open to the heavens and the seating and balconies almost circled it entirely. My ticket entitled me to stand in an area that was more or less centre front but I had to share this space with what seemed to be thousands of others. The odours of fruit and beer mingled with the stench of perspiration yet I was able to discern the whiff of expensive perfume as it drifted down from the plush cushioned balconies above. I glanced up and was immediately aware of a myriad of bewigged and powdered faces glaring disapprovingly down. I quickly took in their peacock-like appearance, noting the fine velvets, silks and brocades and the necks heavy with gold, pearls and sparkling jewels. Why a whole year of my wages would not have paid for even one of those precious stones! I wondered if they knew what it was like to have to work hard just to survive.

But I was not here to speculate about their wealth and my poverty. I was here to see the play and I was determined not to miss one single second of the performance.. Squeezing and pushing my way through I edged my way right to the front. From this marvellously advantageous position I could see and hear everything - the nervous coughs of the actors as they began to deliver their lines and the quiet promptings from backstage when they forgot them, the quiet rustle of costumes being changed and the dull scraping as props were slid into position, the muffled expletives and fitful giggles when things did not go quite as expected.

The crowd had disappeared. I was as if alone. I watched in silence and in awe, hypnotised by the performance, hooked by my first taste of Shakespeare. I would be back!

Jamie Foulis L7



Fun Day

I liked the snak - it was crisps and a cartin of joos.

Graeme Smith L1

The egg an spoon race was fun.

Oliver Baker L1

We had a reallay race.

Holly Maxwell-Stevenson L1

I enjoyed the treasure hunt and the obsticil corse.

Joanna Tait L1

The Weekend

On Sunday I went out for lunch and then went to Edinburru Zoo. I boght a monkey with long legs and arms. It has velcrow on its hands.

Sarah-Jane Lothian L1

On Saturday I went a walk with my dogs and one ran away into the water.

Roseanna Hunter L1

On Sunday I went to Sintandrews for a walk. I saw a band. I went to the Dolls House for cake and juise too.

Alex Clark L1

I plaid golf with my mum and dad. We hit the golf ball into the hole.

Andrew Clarkson L1

When I grow up....

I want to be a pilot. I will fly my airoplane to Spain.

Jack Powrie L1

I want to be a doctor. I will wear green trousers and top. I will help people to get better.

Chloe Scahill L1

I want to be an astonaut. I want to see the stars. I will go in a rockit.

George Ogilvie L1

What is special?

I am special because I am kind. I share my cars with my friends. I care for my mum and dad. I help my mum to do the gardening. I am special because I am good at rugby too.

David Burnett L2

My friend is playful and kind. I like the nice games he plays with me. My friend does not hit and never kicks. My friend is very special.

Harry Ogilvie L2

My bedroom is special. It is my favourite place. I go there when I come home from school. Here I have a book to read. I am always singing when I am in my special place.

Siobhan Strathearn L2

A Winter Recipe

Take some sharp pointed icicles
Stir in eight red robins
Add seven twinkling stars
Mix with a very cold wind
Whisk together with glittering snowflakes
Decorate with Jack Frost
and you have made Winter!

Anna Mackenzie L2

Remember, remember the 5th of November ...

Fizzing hissing sparklers
Glittering colourful fountains
Sparkling whizzing rockets
Cracking popping bangers
Screaming flashing Catherine wheels.

Ross Tolland L2

Autumn Days

Crisp autumn leaves are red and yellow
Autumn trees bring shining acorns
Squirrels gather nuts to help their hunger
Farmers harvest the golden fields of wheat
Swallows migrate to warm lands
The days get shorter and colder
The summer is over.

Emma Pattullo L2

Springtime

Spring has arrived
Daffodils are bright and cheerful
Crocuses fill the verges with colour
Buds burst into life
Delicate blossom scents the air
Farmers sow their fields
Birds build their nests
Lambs are born
Ponds are full of tadpoles
The days are sunny and bright.

It's time to play outside again.
Winter is over, gone is the cold!
Ross Adamson L3

Rainbow Colours

Ripe red strawberries on a plate
The juicy orange I just ate
The yellow sunshine of the sky
The lush green grass that grows so high
The blue heaven reflected in an indigo sea
The violets winking at me.

Victoria Bowie L3

Winter

Winter is the coldest, darkest season. The frosty ground sparkles like stars and the trees stand tall and bare like statues. The streams of water are icy cold and snow glistens on the high mountain tops. Creatures search in vain for food or simply hibernate under the soft mantle until this cruel season is over.

Beth Spowart L3

Pool reveals Jewel

Work got underway last week for the construction of a Millennium pool in the back playground of the High School of Dundee. Little progress was made however, when a local builder spotted the top of a dragon's head peeping through the earth after some of the thick concrete layer had been removed. Work was immediately stopped and experts from the McManus Galleries were called to the scene. They confirmed that this head was the prow of a Viking Burial Ship. A team of archaeologists arrived quickly thereafter and began the painstaking task of unearthing the whole ship and its contents.

They found two skeletons which were identified as a king and his servant, a king's shield, an iron cooking-pot, a knife, a quantity of silver and bronze buckles. Bones of an ox, a pig, a sheep, a dog and a cat were also revealed. According to Viking belief, death is a journey by sea to another world and these items and livestock would have been very useful to the king in his after life.

It took only a few days to transfer the whole of the find to the McManus Galleries where a complete restoration job has now begun. This is considered to be the greatest archaeological find of a sailing vessel since that of the Oseburg in Norway in 1903. The curator of the museum expects the Galleries to be mobbed once the ship is put on public display in six month's time.

The school's Rector, Mr Duncan said that he was delighted that the High School had helped Dundee live up to its name of *City of Discovery*.

Rachael Sinclair L4

Memories

I remember having a real fit of the giggles when:

My dad was skiing and he tripped and landed in a heap of snow.

My cat went to take a drink from the pond and toppled in.

I remember feeling really stupid when:

I was reading a book in bed and I fell out.

I was learning to ride my bike and fell off into a puddle halfway along the road.

I remember feeling really fed up when:

I had to push my bike up a hill.

Dad and I had to go to B&Q for an hour.

I remember feeling really guilty when:

I broke a window when I was playing football with my friend.

I ate my cousin's Easter egg.

Rob Madden L4

The Hunt

The cry of Tally-ho! No, no, it can't be! They had a hunt yesterday. I passed the body of the fox, all bones and blood! The dogs! I hear them barking. They've picked up my scent!

Oh, my legs are slow. Those darned hounds! When will they realise I only kill chickens for my cubs? Most of the time I raid dustbins. Come on, come on. How my legs ache. I must get back to my earth. What will the cubs do without me? I know, I'll cross the river, skirt round the trees and make a dash through the meadow.

Splash! I'm in the river. The dogs are sniffing the bushes. Good! Now to go round the trees. Oh no! The dogs have spotted my brush sticking out! Here they come! My heart is pounding so fast. Through the meadow. The horn is sounding so loud. I'm racing for my life now! My throat! Oh for a drink! My earth, I see it now. Puff, pant! Nearly there. The dogs, they're catching up! I'm in. Saved! What a day! It's a good thing my earth is hidden by heather. My darling cubs - they are dining gladly on the vole I brought them. I am so happy now!

Caitlin McDonald L5

Two Butterflies

A butterfly fluttered in the sky then rested on a flower.

It twitched, it jerked

Then took off gracefully, on fragile wings.

Here and there, to and fro,

Antennae searching for nectar sweet

Until night, when it closed its wings

And slept.

Thomas Spowart L5

The butterfly has wondrous wings

It flits from flower to flower.

Frail and delicate yet dazzling and bright,

A glimpse of vibrant colour, a flash of light,

Then off into the velvety night,

Its soft wings beating.

Goodbye, goodbye, lovely butterfly!

Umayr Asif L5



One Small Step

As I gaze from the Eagle
at this unspoilt landscape

I wonder what it is.

Is it a land of rock?

Is it a great ball of cheese?

I am about to answer these questions

Which have baffled man for years.

We touch down in a cloud of dust,
Adrenaline surging through my veins.

Can this be me, so bold and brave?

I've done it! I'm on the moon!

My space-suit is no longer cumbersome and
heavy

but light and flexible

on the surface of the moon.

And there I stand, awestruck,
taking in this view of a lifetime.

It is like nothing I have ever seen before,

A magical, barren landscape

of valleys and mountains.

And I can see the planets,

Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Earth.

My heartbeat quickens

as I gaze at the burning sun.

I would be blinded instantly

were it not for my protective visor.

It seems so out of place,

so sinister and menacing

in this land of tranquility.

I start to walk like never before.

I bounce up and down.

All my movements are slow

and measured.

Yet I float as light as a feather.

I start to collect rock

and samples of dust

for that is my mission.

As I climb up the rungs of the ladder
my heart wrenches

I wish my mission would never end.

I wish I could never leave this land

of peace, far from civilisation,

this land of twinkling stars,

this land where all cares float away.

But alas, the moon is now
only the size of a golf ball.

And I think

it is a great achievement for man
to be on the moon.

And I did it!

It was " One small step for man,
One giant leap for mankind! "

Douglas Dorward L6

The Key of the Kingdom

This is the key of the Kingdom:
In that Kingdom there is an ocean,
In the ocean there is an island,
On that island there is a cave,
In the cave there is a pool,
In that pool there is a fish,
In the fish there is a hook,
In that hook there is hunger,
In the hunger there is a need,
In the need there is cruelty,
In that cruelty there is death.

Death in cruelty
Cruelty in the need
Need in the hunger
Hunger in the hook
Hook in the fish
Fish in the pool
Pool in the cave
Cave on the island
Island in the ocean
Ocean in the Kingdom -
This is the key to the Kingdom
Of the Kingdom, this is the key.
Robbie Brown L6

Diary extract of Florence Nightingale

5th May 1855.

I have made many improvements over the past few months. I have worked day and night to bring order to this hospital. Firstly, I dealt with the filth and the dreadful smell in the wards. Men were lying in dirty beds, often in their own vomit. My nurses toiled hard and long to clean everything and make the men as comfortable as possible.

Training is very important - the nurses must know how to look after the patients properly. I ensure that the men get freshly cooked food and clean water to drink. Bandages are changed regularly and the men's wounds are kept clean. The nurses now treat the men kindly and look after them well.

I have asked for the west wing to be rebuilt so that there is more space for the wounded men. I have asked for boilers to be sent over so that the food may be properly prepared. Every night now I go round the wards with my lamp checking that all is well. The doctors now respect me and the soldiers think I am wonderful. It heartens me that I have changed the way people think about nurses but there is still much to be done.

Alexandra Short L6

Inside me

Inside me there is a fox
Not reckless, but cautious,
Considering the odds before lunging.
Yet timid and quick to hide.

Inside me there is a tortoise
Slow and steady, not hurried,
Taking my time.
And a loner.

Within me is an owl
Wise and silent,
More a thinker than a talker.
Pondering the world.

Within me is an elephant
Slow, lumbering,
And slightly dozy.
But moving when it needs to.
Neil Dewar I6

Yellow

Yellow is happy,
Hot, sunny and soothing.
Yellow is bright,
Expensive and glowing.
Yellow is the sun,
The birds, the flowers.
Yellow the colour
That brightens all hours.
Of bees buzzing in hives
And tweeting canaries,
Of food we eat
Like pastas and cheeses!
Sour lemons, warm custard
And creamy butter,
All have the taste
Of this stunning colour.
Lucy Doogan L7

School Ups and Downs

Smiles and laughter, scowls and frowns
 School life's full of ups and downs.
 The day begins at five to nine.
 If you're up with homework then you're fine.
 Pupils and teachers, Mrs Halliwell's nice
 But no misbehaving, be quiet as mice.
 At our work we all try hard
 'Cause we want House points on our card!
 Computers and friends, humming and whispering,
 The teacher's pleased or else she's fuming.
 Up and down and round and round,
 My outsize feet sure cover the ground.
 Up for geography, down for French,
 Up for maths and down for science,
 Miles and miles we have to travel,
 I'm sure my legs will soon unravel!
 The sound of music and people singing,
 Voices and feet in the corridor ringing.
 Food aromas wafting past,
 Slip through the door of an empty class.
 For lunch we set off up the hill,
 Our growling stomachs we must fill.
 This task completed, down again
 To the yells and shouts of a playtime game.
 Then it's up and down all afternoon,
 To sit still for science is a boon.
 Up for history then down again,
 These endless stairs are just a pain!

Despite the stairs that cause such sighs
 I know it's awfully good exercise.
 What would I change about my school?
 Maybe just an escalator or two!
Allan Winter L7

The Solitary Hunter

Lurking in dappled shadows
 High in mountain woodlands,
 Stealthily padding from tree to tree,
 The wildcat defends her territory.
 Tabby-cat markings provide camouflage in shade,
 Perfect for studying prey,
 Soundlessly stalking the selected one,
 Closer and closer, then.....
 Caught!
 Crafty and agile,
 Dinner is served.

Contented and satisfied
 After a delicious meal,
 Svelte and secretive
 The cat returns home.
 Evening is over,
 Night has begun.

Judith Kilgallon L7

A Centipede

A Centipede loves to go dancing
 So he can dance all over the place.
 But when he trips all over his feet,
 He may fall flat on his face!

Lucy Lyburn



The Pearly Gates

A humble man appears at the pearly gates of heaven and is impatiently waiting to enter but first God has a few questions to ask:

God: Are you truly ready to enter the Kingdom of God?

Man: Erm, I suppose so. Have I missed the footie? "Match of the Day Highlights" are on at ten.

God: Are you sure you are on the correct floor? Perhaps you should be in the basement.

Man: Nope, I've been a devoted follower.

God: So, have you followed the ten commandments?

Man: (almost insulted) Yep, of course I have!

God: Mmm. Well then, Did you honour your neighbour?

Man: Yep! We had a great barbie last summer, sausages, juicy pork kebabs and a wicked T-bone steak.

God: Yes anyway, have you ever committed adultery?

Man: Not after Veronica and June, but then there was that.....

God: Yes?

Man: Oh erm nothing, never mind.

God: Have you ever used my name in vain?

Man: Oh no! Of course not! Oh God how could you ever think that?

God: Not very convincing! Have you ever committed murder?

Man: Well I did have a pretty bad fight outside my local once and my parents always used to say. "You'll drive me to an early grave!" Erm apart from that.....

God: Right then have you ever stolen?

Man: Well technically no.

God: Have you any other Gods?

Man: You remind me of my wife when you ask me that question. But no I don't! You know I worship only you and the footie!

God: Do you ever tell lies?

Man: Including this conversation?

God: Naturally, yes.

Man: Can I maybe pass on that one?

God: Mmm. (thoughtfully) Do you ever worship images of heaven?

Man: No, although I do have a nice picture of that lassie off *Countdown* in my wallet. Don't tell the wife, like, though!

God: Did you honour your parents?

Man: Well I did break the shed window a couple of times playing footie in the backyard with my mates and then blamed it on next door's cat! Honestly though, I was thinking of them only when I sent pops to an old folks home in Penzance.

God: Did you always rest on the Sabbath Day?

Man: Yeah, I can honestly say I did. In fact I always used to remind my Mrs of that commandment. Especially when she wanted me to go and see my mother-in-law or cut the front grass. So that's got to be a big tick on the entry form to the Pearly Gates Stadium. So God my old chum, how about it then?

God: Mmm, let me think, NO!!!!

Man: But why not? I really want to God! My mum told me that I would meet my hamster Fluff inside. It was a really nasty accident with the vacuum. One minute he was there and the next! That was the last time I ever attempted to tidy my room. Anyway how can the most honest man in the universe refuse entry to a simple yet decent mortal like me?

Now listen God I know I've had the occasional slip up like the night in the cells or the time I lost the money for my wife's anniversary present at the bookies. I know that for the past three years I've been going to my local I've avoided buying a round, but honest to God, I'm a decent man. A humble and devoted follower of your religion and if you refuse entry to me then there's no hope for the rest of them!

God: Urghh and don't I know it! (phone rings) Yes, hello...Yes it's me... What do you mean?...Oh for God's sake...Is this some sort of joke?...Yes, fine, then same to you then matey! (slams down phone) Oh alright then sonny, you can enter! Just keep on walking and lose that lip while your at it!

Man: Just one question God - are you letting me enter because my inspiring speech proved to you that I



knew right from wrong and am a true follower of your glorious religion? That I am a gentle and a kind man with a good heart and a wise soul?

God: Oh sonny Jim, you really are a stranger to the truth. No, of course not. Do you think I was born a thousand years ago! Satan phones to say that there are no vacancies in hell! So you can stay alright! Feel free to sign the guest book but mind your language. Oh, and don't even think about pinching the complimentary towels or shower cap because Gabriel gets in a tizzy about that. Believe me, he is no angel. Breakfast is at nine sharp. Now get lost! Next!

Man: Ah cheers God! Bet yah can't wait to spend an eternity with me! Now then where's Fluff?

Man walks through the gates then totters off into the distance calling for Fluff while God sighs to himself and prepares to interview the next old fool.

Gillian Grieve F3

The Shoes

These are the shoes
She pranced around in
Scuffed and battered
And learned how to dance in
These are the shoes
That pinched and nipped,
And started off a nice shiny pink.
These are the shoes she went on tiptoes in
Lost her balance and fell on her nose.
These are the shoes with memories of dancing
Doing the splits, and ripping her pants in
I now keep them in my big memory box
Next to her tutu and worn out pink socks.
These are not the shoes
That she will ever part with
Although they don't fit
They're dear to her heart.
So there they'll stay in my big memory box
Until all my memories finally stop.

Heather Campbell F1

Enchantment

Every evening as the sun goes down
And the thoughts in my head are spinning around,
I think of the place where my heart belongs,
That I have heard of in many songs.

Howling winds cry mournful tunes,
Vast moors lie under three bright moons,
Enchanted woods with magic ways,
Which haven't seen light in a thousand days.

Wild horses roam freely wherever they dare
Along with other beasts - the wolf and the bear.
Fire-breathing dragons add to the scene
Whilst insects and such like are not to be seen.

The people vary from reckless to sage,
The type seen in adventuring days.
Battles are heroic: you fight for your beliefs
And arguments are settled without any grief.

Sarah Parlour F1

William Wallace

I will tell to you a tale
of William Wallace of Elderslie
Who lived in ancient Scotia
And a valiant warrior was he.

He went to the High School of Dundee
A goodly scholar he became
Latin, French and English he studied
Working hard at School and hame.

Now Wallace met the Governor's son
A fearful brawl they fought
The Governor's son was slain
And Wallace's head was sought.

He was hidden from the English troops
And raised a warrior band
Vowing to defeat them in battle
And drive them from Scotland.

An army was assembled
And to Stirling they did go
Where they faced the English soldiers
And soundly beat the foe.

He made King Edward angry
Who said there could not be peace
He defeated the Scots at Falkirk
And captured poor Wallace.

Wallace was dragged to London
And killed in manner maist foul
He was hanged and drawn and quartered
And even disembowelled.

The Scots became defiant
Wallace's memory played its part
They thrashed the foe at Bannockburn
And made the legend of Braveheart.

Becky McNeill F1

Black Magic

Like a shadow in the night,
Making not a sound,
It could give you such a fright
If it was there when you looked round.

All you would see is its bright green eyes
And its dark black silhouette,
As black as the black and starless skies.
Of meeting this cat you'll regret.

He's the cat of black magic you see,
And when he stares at you hard,
You can take it from me,
That he's turning you into a rock or a tree.
Run when you see that awful thing.
You don't want to make the same mistake
As I did last Spring.

Ross Campbell F1

The Shoes

These are the shoes,
That were played around in,
That stood on old nails,
That got tattered and torn,
That waded through rivers,
That ran down the playground
and through the school gates.

These are not the shoes
That he wore in the ambulance
and rushed down the road.
And he shouted with pain,
as they cut through the trousers.
These are not the shoes that he will return
home in,
He'll never walk through the front door again.

Bill Rayner F1

Transformation

My Gran used to be a normal Gran.
She'd sit in her armchair
Smiling sweetly, smelling of
Lavender and peppermints
She'd knit
Socks by the dozen,
Woolly sweaters by the score
For my brothers and me.

But when the new millennium came in
My Gran went out and bought
A pair of Doc Martins and a back pack
She's been Abseiling, and she's taking us
Bungee jumping this week.
"Life's cool," she says.
No more woolly sweaters for
My brothers and me.

Michael Walton F1

The Sea

He rolls back and forth on his sandy bed
And pushes the clothes into pleats.
He just touches his star spangled cover,
And his head on his sand pillow sleeps.

But when the sun is rising,
And the wind blows strong and free,
He sucks himself into whirlpools
And becomes a foam-flecked sea.

He smashes himself against sea walls,
Crushes boats in his waving hands.
Seagulls cry over perished sailors
As he sweeps them up on the sand.

When the stormy day is over
And he retires to bed,
When the last of the rays of sunlight
Have turned to a brilliant red.

When the calls of curlews float,
O'er his bays and trenches deep,
They lull him with their plaintive song
Till at last he goes to sleep.

Alistair MacDonald F2

Fire

Fire's voice roared throughout the farm
His hot arms burned everything they touched
He slowly crept through the farm spreading
himself around every other corner.

His tongue licked the bales of hay
The eye of the flame never blinked
As his fingertips seared and singed
the blinkered barn door.

He nosed his way sniffing hungrily
at the dry sawdust. As he tensed
his muscles ready for his explosion
his cracking laugh could be heard
clearly, splitting the night air.

Greg Hinrichs F2

Nocturne

The moon is roused from its long slumber
As the sun tires from its long walk across the sky;
The birds clamber laboriously into bed;
The crickets start to sing through the clean crisp air;
It is a comforting noise that tucks everyone into their dreams;
With the rise of the moon comes the rise of nocturnal animals.

They tip-toe from their burrows with a curious and suspicious air.
Abruptly, animal leaps after animal, chasing with the perseverance of an athlete
Pausing not for water, not for breath;
The pursued creature races down a small and vacant burrow;
The chase is over;
The panting beast lies in wait for its quarry to emerge from the dark tunnel.

An owl sweeps overhead, her keen eyes scanning the landscape for a nice, rotund
rabbit to feed her;
She spots it and swoops with a screech;
There is a frightening squeak and the limp rabbit lies dead in her vicious claws;
The sleeping animals are disturbed by all the noise and shout indignantly.

The sun is up and warms the air as she peeks over the horizon;
The moon is disappearing;
The night is over, and the hunted animal creeps silently from its sanctuary and
slinks cautiously home.

Mark Davies F2

My Will Has Chosen Life

A face that has turned grey
Throughout the turbulent years
Eyes that have always cried
Melancholy tears
Shoulders that once had to bear
The painful burden of sorrow
A once lifeless soul
That could not look to tomorrow
A truly exhausted body
But with an ever restless head
A superficial shell of joy
While the insides are dead
But like a flower in winter
Buried in its grave of snow
Spring brings with it a second chance
For the flower to regrow
Gradually the bridges are rebuilt
With joy and inevitable pain
And as I slowly pick myself up with help
The old me returns again
I am now learning to be open
And explain the way I feel
I can see the light at the end of the tunnel
As the scars begin to heal
I now appreciate the things in life
Especially my fresh start
And now my happiness is not an illusion
It lies deep inside my heart
But if I ever feel myself slipping again
Then I know I'll hold on tight
Because I was blessed with a second chance
And this time I'll make it right.

Gillian Grieve F3

A Girl's Head

In it there is an imagination beyond life itself
Thinking about my life
And what it will be like.

Tick-tock tick-tock
Why is time so slow in class?
But when I'm having fun, time goes so fast.

In it is a television
Which I much prefer to homework and revision.

There is music and drama
And friends, family and sport
My tennis back hand needs some work.

In it there are worries
Which I throw to the back of my mind.

There is chemistry formula
And French vocabulary
Trigonometry, Pythagoras Theorem.

The earth keeps spinning
And we are leaving great things behind, but just think
What might evolve from the world spinning more.

Lisa Connolly F3

The Knight in the Meadow

(La Belle Dame's Story)

While the Sun sparkled through the hazy mist,
I walked o'er dales and forded streams:
I caught a glimpse of the metal armour
Of a knight, lying by a pond in his dreams.

I crept over to him, as he rested peacefully,
And gazed at his ruddy-cheeked face:
He stared, brushed a fly away.
Then reached about him to check his mace.

I kissed the knight lightly, his forehead
Barely graced by the touch of my lips:
His eyes flashed wide open and he
Gazed at me, any doubts instantly eclipsed.

He raised himself off a rough-woven blanket,
Held my hand softly and led me over
Fields of lush crops and bellowing cattle,
As I slipped through meadows of four-leafed
clover.

A Boy's Head

In it there is a lawyer
Preparing to go into
court.

There is a football pitch
And a team celebrating
Promotion.

And there is a post home,
If only I could return.

There is a french verb
Table waiting to be
Learned.

There are friends past
And present.

And there is a cat
And a family always
There to welcome me
Home.

There are dreams and
Ambitions. Will they
Be fulfilled?

And there are regrets - from yesterday
Hopes and fears - for tomorrow and beyond
And there is the living - that must be
Done today.

Julie Scott F3

Through a dark and dusty cave, stretching to
eternity,
I led him down a tunnel to my simple dwelling:
A hidden sunlit cavern, rivers carving their course
Underfoot, the waters placidly bubbling.

Then as we lay together and the evening drew in,
Contemplating the hours we had spent together,
I kissed the fair knight on the cheek, twice,
And ran down his face with a fairy feather.

And so that knight has gone to rest,
No more does he lie dreaming, by a pond:
He had been forewarned, long before of the quest
Of fairies: to take fair men of whom they were
fond.

James Potton F3

Homewards

As she rose up on the crest,
carried by the swell
The oars did their best,
and relaxed as she fell.

The land sank from sight,
downed by a wall of foam;
above them a heaving height
but still they lunged for home.

As bucket scooped water back,
then bow creaked with the pace.
The figures heard where they sat
shrouded by the flowing race.

Wind tore the water in sheets;
rising high above the raging sea.
The lumps landed through the beats
But the boat bobbed free.

At last the harbour came into sight
The wives pacing at the pier,
released from their plight
but not from their fear.

George Howson F4



Fiona Dewar F6

*Winner of the Block Prize
for Creative Writing in Forms 4-6*

Epitaph

Don't hold her to this stone of sheenless grey
(Whipped with cold profusion of tilted rain).
Or imagine for her an extra day:
Another kind of joy, a different pain.
Don't put her back where flowered frost congeals
Across the blackened tarmac or her screams.
Or stand below the black bell as it peels
Remembering only her forgotten dreams.
Leave her now in the moments that have been.
Remember her, just as she was last:
Laughing amongst the Earth's clear blue and green.
Be happy that you touched her as she passed.

Look for droplets of snow on a stem
And find a shard of her last breath in them.

Love Lies Where it Falls

She knew she loved him from the very start
Casting a spell of passion that enthralls
That day Cupid's love shaft pierced her tender heart
The day she knew that love lies where it falls.
The flower of her love blossomed, then died
As harsh reality jarred her very soul
Her love unmatched, her groom but not his bride
Her heart shattered, his ignorantly whole.
She sat and watched him from her hidden seat
And longed to rise and talk to him right there
She could not sleep, she could not drink nor eat,
Unrequited love was hard to bear
So let that be a lesson to us all
For peace of mind, choose where your love will fall.

Nisha Mehta F6

A Sonnet

Deep welled in valour's lost heraldic past
There lies a hidden glint of purest gold
So solidly in frozen stone 'tis cast
And locked in chthonic sepulchre, so cold!
And Chivalry's most lovely final flower
Was battered, torn, destroyed those final years,
Now ne'er again to rise to former pow'r -
The forgott'n Soldier a dying burd'n bears!
He perished as an unheroic beast,
Shelled, cut and chopped; and he
Now dressed fore the murd'rous guns' grotesque feast
Of stretched out corpses far as eye could see.
And thus was valour's death so firmly sealed,
In mud and flounder on fair Flanders Field.

Thomas Pitcaithly F6

Auditions

And I sit in the wings again,
The world's audience is dazzled by a lie
By this rendition of life I cannot sustain
But the price of my identity is too high.

A social sacrifice I cannot bear
Acceptance comes to those who cede.
Though their voices evaporate into fear
It is easier to follow than lead.

I long to transcend my own shallow desires
Yet they haunt me perpetually
Like a spotlight that never tires
But guides me to insanity.

Submission grants a safe existence
Follow the steps, for you cannot want
To improvise at your own expense.
Just follow the stranger in front.

Read the *italics* but there are no spaces
Between the lines that you follow
We trowel the make-up into our faces
Coupled with a smile so hollow.

Blinded by ignorance I cannot penetrate
Still continuing mistakes I cannot see
I'm trying to impress those I hate.
Please begin when you're ready.....

Anthea Chan F6

Postcard from Hell

'Welcome to hell', was the greeting we received. The owner of the dry dusty Californian drawl barely glanced up.

From our check-in welcome at Furnace Creek reception desk a dry, sparse and aggressive air mocked and abused human fragility and tension. I was aware that this trip was to be different for a Scot brought up on a diet of wet, green places. I had a feeling that none of us fully understood the repentance from sin which lay ahead, nor, the full impact of the Mojave Desert. Memories of car journeys were always of sheep on the road, dispersed passing places as far as you could see, extreme highland emptiness and boredom as we drove for hour after hour, getting nowhere and wondering how long before a change in the land, on and on to the horizon. I inwardly groaned: Dad had still to grow out of his motorcycle and eastern philosophy phase, according to Robert M Pirsig, that is. Children never stop wanting to explore.

Crammed like little sisters underneath rock, Dad maintained that physical discomfort is only apparent when the mood is wrong, then you fasten on to whatever thing is uncomfortable and call that the cause. But if the mood is right, then physical discomfort doesn't matter. Two wriggling, herringbone shaped elbows poked threateningly at my hips and I could not have thought more differently about the moods or feelings of the contents of the automobile bubble. 'Are we there yet?' whined a neighbouring elbow.

On a journey, be it real or purely psychological indulgence, there always lie hidden independent travel motives. Two adolescents each vied to prove longer leg status, which, as any well-travelled family member knows, is automatic qualification from lap-belt exclusion. Hardened egos were at stake, let alone the id, and the super ego. The wannabe Spice girl wanted inclusion in the wrangling, elite duo. She did not and could not qualify. She could not possibly share the nurtured mindset of an older, greater travelled family member. The father in denim cut-offs read too many volumes of 'National Geographic' to notice and was probably enjoying the replay of his mental soundtrack. This was a journey to a 'Hotel California' which a 1970's rock group did not relate. Mother rotated her head expectantly from window to window. She was counting the minutes before we would be shot in a drive-by shooting, like an episode from LAPD. Complaints loomed in the lunar desert.

To arrive direct by plane is to see the Sierra Nevada Mountains in only one kind of context, as pretty scenery. To have arrived after days of hard travel across the desert, with the taste of salt in our mouths and clothing sticking to our skin was to see them in another context - as a goal, a Promised Land, obtained at last. One person's geographical destination is another's spiritual nirvana.

Far off to the Southwest, you could only see it from the left - where my brother was sitting; the light had

taken on a piercing, ferocious quality. More heat coming. That may have been what was bothering me. Deliberately shutting it out of my mind, but knowing all along that with this acrid atmosphere and closeness it was more than likely. It was rough on the first day, but as the guidebooks read, in the desert you're in the scene, not just watching it. A white, sharp streak, without any preceding cirrus clouds, a hot front. Hot fronts were violent and when they came from the Southwest they were the most violent. When they came it was best just to hole up and let them pass over. They rarely lasted more than three hours and the settling, oppressive air made for good driving, underneath a thick dust blanket. We were way overloaded with luggage and enthusiasm and way underloaded with common sense. The travel agent's perplexed voice returned: 'Gee, it gets kinda hot here in July. No one ever stays more than one night'.

Calico Ghost Town was to be our introduction to Death Valley. The very name conjured up unwelcome images of hollow skulls basking in a fiery heat, grim reapers and a one-way ticket to a dead-end. Set way up on a Californian hillside and identifiable from its chunky, white alphabet letters. This was, incidentally, where the infamous Hollywood-tag took inspiration. The Erie collection of pocket houses and matching silver mine resembled the film set for a 'gun fight at the Okay Corral'. This small town had enjoyed a luxurious state of living until the finite silver supply became diminished and the inhabitants could no longer supply their greedy wealth expectations (probably inherent in human nature). Ghosts lurked round every tavern swing door, disturbing reminders of the dangers that riches can bring. Stepping inside a shady recluse we bought our obligatory Stetsons and relinquished human fuel-water. The real ghosts for concern are the tourists and strangers that enjoy an hour's wander around the deserted town, soak up on sufficient culture and leave their footprints and rubbish behind. The next day a sandstorm removes the footprints and awaits more. We continued, contented by our own irrelevancies.

A ranger from a roadside station soon tipped his hat and swaggered over to the slowing car. Ranger stations are posted every 200 kilometres to help in emergencies. The ranger obviously considered us an emergency. Their time is, usually, concerned with helping over-ambitious tourists from the 'civilised' world sample the untamed outdoors.

'Sir, Ma'am,' he said, with the unbearable and unnerving politeness of a true disciplinary for those driving under the midday sun - a gross violation of Death Valley safety. Every mono-syllable takes valuable time and effort in the heat. 'Mr Hades, did you say,' was my inward reply. We duly parted with an obligatory dollar and entered the gates of hell, more formally known as Death Valley.

The landscape itself seemed huge, overpowering. The desert was vast and above it the vastness of an ominous grey mass ready to descend down, swallowing insignificant prey in the process. Frightening. When and where it was to come was beyond our control. All that could be done was

watch it move in closer and closer. Predatory stalking.

Hardly an optimistic start, but considerably better than that of the first white visitors to Death Valley 150 years ago. It was 1849 - the year of the gold rush - when a band of 'forty-niners' were traversing from Salt Lake City to California to seek their fortunes. Some of the settlers opted to take a 'short cut', which, they thought, would take them to the gold fields faster, was a disastrous mistake. They found themselves facing the impossibly hostile terrain of the now aptly named Death Valley. The large group of men, women and children struggled pitifully across the valley, enduring appalling hardships before eventually finding their way out five weeks later. Death Valley had been kind and had let them escape with their lives - on that occasion. On leaving, history details that one pioneer looked over his shoulder and said:

'Good bye, Death Valley'.

The name seemed to have a certain quality to it. It stuck. Even now, Death Valley isn't exactly welcoming. The native Indians, who lived there long before the first pioneers, called the valley 'Tomesha', meaning 'Ground Fire' - and with reason. In the middle of summer, temperatures sizzle into the 120's and in 1913 the mercury hit 134 degrees - the hottest temperature ever recorded on planet Earth. It's also one of the driest places on Earth. To be officially recognised as a desert, there must be below ten inches of rainfall per annum. Death Valley rarely has above two. There was a bizarre, surreal sensation as we and all the other automobile bubbles disappeared deep into the smouldering, ashy canyons and crossed the line in the road marked 'altitude zero'. It was downhill from then onwards. Sea level or perhaps the River Styx was like old, grainy photos in the distance.

So why would anyone want to visit this seemingly apocalyptic corner of the planet? Well, apparently during the cooler months of winter and spring, the desert is transformed into one of the most beautiful places on earth, with its desolate scenery, incredible patterns and canyons shaped by millions of years of erosion and the extreme forces of nature. We humans are merely a blip in the grand illusion of time, insignificant and of minor impact.

'To appreciate Death Valley,' an informative ranger explained to his bemused visitors from Scotland, 'you've got to forget the colour green exists'.

Somehow there followed an entirety in which all I could think of was lush, wet rainforests, coke with ice cubes and lemon and outdoor swimming. Green is definitely not the predominant colour of the desert. Instead, there were vast panoramas of white and grey, purple and brown, hazy blue and silver. Mental kaleidoscopes. Salt flats merged seamlessly with dizzy, vertiginous peaks, graceful, sweeping sand dunes and thrusting, aggressive, volcanic rocks. With a scarcity of covering vegetation, the Earth's skeleton is fully exposed. All the flesh has been picked off by vulture-like weather conditions. This

inhumane dissection occurs annually between the months of June and August.

Sprawled between California's Sierra Nevada mountain range on one side and a empty Nevada State, Death Valley is the largest national park in the continental United States. It's an enormous landscape encompassing 3.3 million acres of desert wilderness.

Our refuge, obtained at last and deserved, was Furnace Creek Ranch. This oasis provided a respite from the sun and made use of a natural spring. The shady, palm tree resort amidst the desert dust catered for all the needs of hot, weary travellers. The sheer wave of immense heat could only be compared to a hairdryer on full blast and without a cooler option. From Furnace Creek it was only a short drive to the natural wonders exposed to the frenzied tourists. Ticking off famous sites in the guidebook, we might have been forgiven for thinking that we had stumbled two hundred miles West on to a Hollywood movie set. Names such as Badwater, Zabriskie Point, Dante's View and the Devil's Golf Course courted the imagination and fuelled the argument that America cannot avoid its obsession with superlative adjectives. The hottest, the deepest, the driest, the biggest and the smallest wrestled together for childish attention and recognition. This is the country that planted and nurtured the encyclopaedia phenomenon. It is like a schoolboy fascination for the recalling of obscure facts and figures in order to impress an outsider. I was impressed, yet was left pondering if the sub-continent ever heard the phrase, 'too much of a good thing'? At 288ft below sea level, Badwater is the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere. The name is an oxymoron: there is a distinct absence of water. Instead, there are miles of white, crusty salt flakes, shimmering into infinity. Cliches lurked as we stepped out on to the salt flakes and a land of contrasts. The eye-pounding glare of salt in the white sun stopped us in our tracks and without reference points all sense of direction evaporated.

Kodak moments were not in short supply to capture the multiplicity of different mineral deposits. The sweeping, undisciplined rims of sand dunes created a surreal desert highway. Meanwhile, our photographic memories attempted to absorb the sequence of experiences. It's only a pity that over time the memory can lose its film reels.

We had escaped with our lives from the Valley of Death. There's nothing quite like cool hotfooting in a fiery and unforgiving place. Turning around for a final awestruck gaze; the car re-entered the vineyards and green, rolling hillsides of Southern California. I didn't dare look back over my shoulder to help Orpheus rescue his wife, Euridyce. Smudged, illegible and closing signatures on an ageing holiday postcard.

Jemma Neville F6

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 Front (l to r): D McLaren, V Mitchell, J Vernon, Mr A M Duncan, A Robertson, I Coull, J Neville

View from the top



Jonathan Vernon, Ailsa Robertson

Sixth year began brightly for the term beginning August 1999 – and no, not just because of the multi-coloured braid! Generally we spent our first week feeling important. Unfortunately this new found euphoria was short-lived as our fellow sixth year pupils made sure our feet were kept firmly on the ground. This was made apparent in more ways than one, none more so than in the amount of respect we received...or didn't! They did however make it clear that they would be supportive of us no matter what – right from day one when we enthusiastically and "accidentally" arrived at a party in fancy dress; now where did that idea come from?

Things did improve and we can safely say that this has been one of the best years of our lives, notwithstanding the inevitable and occasional ups and downs. We have adopted new perceptions of life and throughout the year have enjoyed meeting a range of new and interesting people also adding to our repertoire the skill of legitimate skiving. We have also learned that what sixth year pupils say and do are two very different things – especially for example, when it had anything to do with Assembly readings or Parents' evenings! Special thanks must go to Iain for his exceptional effort of willingly attending every parents' evening!

One of the many highlights of the Session was our participation in the Annual Armistice Parade. However, our precision slow marching did not come naturally – could the uneven distribution of height have anything to do with this? We would like to take this opportunity to

thank Mr Holmes who patiently helped perfect our march and drum the beat into us. We were also delighted to accept an invitation to the 800th Anniversary of the Dundee Guildry. The school has firm links with the City of Dundee Guild and it was a pleasure to attend the service in St. Mary's Church.

This takes us now to December – the month of readings and parties. The parties ranged from Preparatory and Junior School right through to Form 3 in the Senior School. All the parties were well attended and very happy occasions enjoyed by all the children. Finding volunteers from our year seemed to be an easier task this time round as the "helpers" appeared to enjoy the fun as much as the children – more so in many cases! Once again the Senior Ball was enjoyed by all, and our traditional waltz was apparently most entertaining – it's not every year the Head Boy and Girl dance with three arms between them!! This was difficult enough due to the slight difference in stature but thankfully our superior dancing abilities pulled us through. Our Church readings were practised to perfection with Jonathan clearly disgruntled at the distinct difference in passage lengths.

After the Christmas rush, the beginning of the New Millennium seemed to fly past. During this term many people enjoyed the phenomenally successful production of 'And the Beat Goes On...' where Jonathan and many others could be seen 'strutting their stuff'.

It was then time for the Prelim Exams to be studied for followed by attendance at the many Interviews and Open-Days at Universities up and down the Country, all of which provided us with even more organisational problems. The Easter holidays arrived and the beginning of term three meant Exams again with many of us beginning to panic, sorry, make final preparations for the weeks ahead!

With only a few more weeks of term left, our final school year is drawing to a close as we look forward to our final duties. We have thoroughly enjoyed and benefited greatly from our Head Boy/Girl duties and we sincerely thank all the staff and pupils who have consistently encouraged and supported us. We especially thank our Rector, Mr Duncan and his Deputies who have been extremely helpful throughout the Session. Thanks must also go to our Deputies without whom the workload would have been too great to handle. We are sure that our year will stand us in good stead for the future and all that is left for us to say is to wish our successors all the best.



beaux and belles, Christmas '99

Induction Week

On Friday 16 June, Form 5 pupils assembled in the early morning sunshine of the playground, eagerly anticipating their imminent escape from the classroom in order to attend the Edinburgh University Open Day. It was Day One of the Form 6 Induction Week. Upon arrival we were dispersed in George Square and instructed to return to the coach by 3 o'clock. We were thus provided with the ideal opportunity to gather information on a diversity of aspects of the University, including accommodation, available courses and student life. In addition, we could attend various talks which were delivered throughout the day, for example "Careers for Graduates" or "The Law Faculty Talk" and visit the many departments where University staff were on hand to chat or answer any questions we might have about specific courses and the like.

The Open Day also allowed us to get the feel for the University, something which clearly could not be achieved by merely reading the Prospectus or looking it up on the internet and at the same time it gave us an introduction to Open Days in general and helped us to work out how to get the most out of them in the future, altogether an invaluable experience for the majority of pupils.



The following Monday we experienced the joys of being instructed on how exactly to fill in the infamous all-important UCAS form. Dr. Rodney Mallinson, the Careers Director at George Watson's College came into school especially to guide us through this vital task. As a result, every pupil in Form 5 has now completed a "rough" UCAS form (minus the personal statement). Such an activity may not be the most exciting thing for wearied post-higher pupils to do first thing on a Monday morning but it is undoubtedly one of the most significant things we have to do at this stage in our careers – we must get it right! Thereafter, liaison officers from the Universities of Aberdeen, Abertay, Dundee, Glasgow, St. Andrews and Strathclyde addressed us on aspects of undergraduate life until it was time for lunch. An hour later we reconvened in The Girls' School Hall when the University staff fielded a "Mini University Forum" and distributed leaflets and prospectuses and we obtained more specific, individual information through informal chats with them.

A host of outside organisations assembled on Tuesday 20th June to inform us about the opportunities a Gap Year can offer. Representatives from "A Year in Industry" and accounting firm "The Arthur Anderson Corporation" opened our eyes to the many challenges and possible benefits to be gleaned from a year with them. Talks were also given by "Gap Activities Projects" and "Link Overseas Exchanges" who are responsible for organising the overseas travel of gap

year students every year. A vivid but truthful picture of the realities of life away from home were set before us. This gave us much food for thought. Finally the RAF promoted its "Officer Cadets Gap Programme" which informed us of the necessary qualities required to undertake this challenge. For those amongst us wishing to spend a rewarding year in industry or abroad before taking up academic life, this was a most valuable day.

On the Wednesday Mr Allison presented us with his "Form 6 Outlines of Aims" and ran through the Code of Conduct which would be fundamental to our obtaining maximum benefit and enjoyment from next year. He firmly set out what would be expected of us as Prefects and Form 6 students and gave further insight into what we could expect from our final year.

In addition he made us aware of the range of opportunities available to us by which we could give service to the School, from hostessing to helping out with Primary games, all very worthwhile and fulfilling undertakings.

In the afternoon Guidance Staff assisted us with our subject choices for next year – a few tough decisions had to be made. This was perhaps the most unclear session of the week since Form 5 Higher results were not yet to hand and of course, these form the basis of most of our choices. A few changes might have to be made come August!

Thursday saw us heading for Clatto Country Park. This was to be a challenging day which would test our leadership and team-building abilities. Ten exercises were to be got through and they would assess the communication skills and initiative of each group. We were blessed with fine summer weather so the raft-building task was particularly enjoyable. We were very glad of those spare clothes in the rucksacks however!

We all arrived back at the school, tired, wet but satisfied. It had been a good day. The events at Clatto had been very worthwhile and we had learned valuable lessons in teamwork, cooperation, support and communication which are so vital to our future success.



The final day, Friday, found us in Trinity – Induction week was certainly going to finish with a flourish! Mr Lothian of "Insights, Discovery and Development" came to talk to us about taking charge of our lives, understanding ourselves and others, teamwork and relationships. He carried out a series of exercises designed to determine what type of person we were – red (fiery), yellow (sunshine), green (earth) or blue (cool). More significantly, Mr Lothian provided us with the opportunity to learn how to juggle, a skill which many of us achieved surprisingly in under five minutes! His aim was to prove to us that we are indeed capable of doing many things of which we might previously have believed we were incapable.

In the afternoon questionnaires which we had completed previously were returned to us. These individualised personal reports highlighted our strengths and weaknesses: the specific qualities we could contribute to a team and the areas we needed to work on, particularly when interacting with others. The sheer accuracy of these reports was something of shock to the system! Yes, the day was interesting and entertaining and everyone learned something new about himself.

And the verdict? Whilst Induction Week pleased some of us all of the time and all of us some of the time, it goes without saying that it pleased most of us most of the time and that must go down as a huge achievement! Roll on the next one!

Jayne Arbuckle, Julia Bryden, Emma Grant, Darryl Mackay



Interact Club

With increasing pressures of on-going Higher Assessments, it has been increasingly difficult to organise extra-curricular activities this session. Nevertheless, the Interact Club has succeeded in evolving a programme to fulfil its aims of providing help to local, national and international organisations and to provide the members in Forms 5 and 6 with a social outlet. The new committee comprised Fiona Dewar (President), Emily Robson (Secretary), Duncan Lowe (Treasurer) and Rebecca Ramsay (Vice-president). Their first tasks were to plan a programme of events and decide which causes were most worthy of support. As in previous years, the school playground was opened for car parking at Christmas, and this initiative raised an impressive £900. This money was donated to the 'Chest, Heart and Stroke, Scotland' charity whose work involves providing care for those suffering cardiovascular disorders.



Fiona Dewar presenting a cheque for £900 to Mrs Yvonne Freebairn of 'Chest, heart and Stroke, Scotland' From left to right: Duncan Lowe, Mr Duncan, Mrs Freebairn, Emily Robson, Fiona Dewar, Mr Rennet Rebecca Ramsay, Mr Hutchison (Dundee Rotary Club)

Over £100 was raised for the Children's ward at Ninewells Hospital through the Quiz Night held in the Girls School. A Form 6 team (Duncan's mates!) excelled in the competition, beating all pupils and parents hands down to win the star prize of tickets for Perth theatre. A thoroughly entertaining evening was had in Aberdeen theatre, where we saw an amusing version of the Rocky Horror Picture Show, which we all agreed was something that we should try to produce in DHS!

Our fit treasurer, Duncan, put us all to shame by running the London Marathon on a minimum of training, and we were happy to sponsor him to ease the pain of his aching limbs! In a similar vein, David Mountford was sponsored in his bid to teach English in India during his Gap year. David will shortly be taking to two wheels in his efforts to raise the necessary funding.

Help is not always simply money. Again, we were delighted to help at the 'Kids Out Day' at Kings Park special school, a moving and satisfying experience for all those involved.

We now look forward to session 2000/01 and wish Rebecca the best of luck in all future ventures. Many thanks to Mr Cram of Dundee Rotary Club for his advice and encouragement and likewise to Mr Rennet.

Interact welcomes all pupils in Forms 5 and 6 who would like to combine a social conscience within a social context!

Emily Robson (Secretary)



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CCF RN Section Report

This session the CCF RN Section of 20 cadets has continued training with a varied programme of activities.

The session commenced with water-based activities at Clatto. The following cadets were successful in gaining awards:

RYA LEVEL 1 (Topper Sailing)

Cdt Alistair McDonald, Cdt Scott Sutherland, Cdt Richard Constable, Cdt Iain Pullar, AB Tom Bannister

BCU 1 STAR (Kayaking)

Cdt Keith Ip, Cdt Bill Rayner, LS Rhiannon Williams

BCU 2 STAR (Kayaking)

AB David Swan, AB Alan Clark, AB Aneel Gil

At the time of writing the cadets have recommended water-based activities at Clatto where they are working towards gaining further awards in Kayaking and Topper Sailing.



Winter training has been varied and where possible members of the Army and Navy Sections have come together for combined activities e.g. weapon-craft and Junior NCO Cadre. The RN cadets acquitted themselves very well in these training programmes. In addition, two cadets, AB Finlay Stewart and AB Aneel Gil, attended a Leadership Training course at HMS Raleigh during their Easter vacation.

On 26 March, 2000, members of the Section visited HMS Caledonia where activities included undertaking the Naval Swimming Test and learning some basic life-saving techniques, all under the instruction of our Area Instructor CPOPT D Wylie. In the afternoon, a visit was made to the nuclear-powered submarine HMS Renown which is based in Rosyth Royal Dockyard.

Future activities include competing in the Scotland and Northern Ireland CCF RN Swimming Gala in June as well as the Scotland and Northern Ireland CCF RN Sailing Regatta and the National CCF RN Sailing Regatta next session.

In October 1999, we lost the services of Mrs Christine Murray who had enthusiastically organised all the outdoor activities for the Section. We thank her for her contributions to the work of the RN Section and wish her well in her new post at Montrose Academy. My thanks also go to CPRPT D Wylie for his support and varied contribution to the winter training programmes over the past two sessions and we wish him well when he leaves us to join HMS Ark Royal in the autumn.

At the end of this session, I, too, leave to take up a new post in Glasgow and wish to take this opportunity to thank Major Colin McAdam for his endless support and encouragement. I have enjoyed my time with the Section and take with me lasting memories of cadets of all abilities enjoying themselves while at the same time developing many of the skills necessary to succeed in life beyond the school. To all cadets, past and present, my thanks for making Friday afternoons more fun and to LS Adele McConnachie, LS Lyndsey Tyler, LS Rhiannon Williams and the other cadets, good luck next session.

J Andrews

Leadership Course

This Easter we went to the Raleigh Leadership Camp down in Plymouth. We had a tremendous time and we'd recommend it to anyone.

The Camp teaches you a variety of important skills, one of the most important of which is teamwork and team spirit. It also teaches you how to get the best out of yourself and your team - thoroughly enjoyable course.

The activities were great, although sometimes very difficult. "Damage-Control", "team games" and orienteering were good fun but lectures and "snap talks" were a nightmare at first as we were worried about speaking in front of the group, but we quickly mastered our fears. Finally, we had two runs of the obstacle course which entailed carrying a 50 kg log and three runs of the "assault" course, a gruelling trek set in a barn with boxes, water jump, wall and sewer pipes. We are proud to announce that AB Gill was part of the team that broke the record on the assault course. This was previously held by a team of English Royal Marine Cadets.

The course was run by Chief Petty Officer Sweeney who was an inspiration and helped us achieve our best. We would like to thank all the people involved at Raleigh Camp, especially Chief Sweeney who motivated us through tough times and proved to us that we were up to the challenging tasks. This course would be beneficial to ALL cadets, Army or Navy.

AB F Stewart, AB A Gill

Trip to HMS Renown

On the morning of March 26, a group of 15 Navy Cadets from the School's Combined Cadet Force, met Lieutenant Andrews at the school gates and travelled to H.M.S. Caledonia base at Rosyth.

When we arrived we met C.P.O. Wylie and were told what we would be doing namely the swimming test and then some lifesaving techniques. The test involved swimming two Olympic pool lengths in enormous heavy overalls then treading water for three minutes. It was exhausting and I felt like I was drowning! Thankfully we were allowed to rest afterwards. Once everyone had completed the test we were taught some life-saving techniques and then had to practise them. This was a lot less taxing than the swimming test. Only after we had mastered all the techniques were we marched up to the dining-hall. Everyone was so hungry after two energy draining hours that the food was gulped down.

After lunch we were taken to the docks where HMS Renown was docked. I don't know what I had been expecting but this was not it. The submarine was enormous - I couldn't see the other end! It was covered in black slates which gave it the appearance of a large black insect. We crossed the connecting platform and were suddenly standing on the top of HMS Renown. We then had to enter the depths of the sub via a very steep ladder that led deep into the heart of the vessel. I descended very warily, afraid that the watertight doors above me might not be secure. A member of the crew greeted us on deck and escorted us to the missile controlling area. This involved walking over the nuclear reactor, which was perfectly safe, we were assured. There seemed to be hundreds of buttons and controls, "What purpose could they

all have"? we thought. It was explained to us that most of the controls were out of use since the vessel is not at sea but that those controls still in use were monitoring the nuclear reactor.

At last we got to look through the periscope - this was what everyone had been waiting for. It was a bit of a disappointment though as there were no enemy vessels in sight, only some scaffolding! We then moved through to the escape area. Here we found bright orange suits that had a zip on them that would keep a gorilla locked in, or out! We were also allowed to try the breathing apparatus. It was a very strange feeling to breathe in and out. I wasn't sure if I liked it. I don't think anyone else was either! Finally down to the deck where the missiles were stored. Obviously they had been de-armed but what was unexpected was their enormous size. "How much explosive would be in there?", I thought. About a tonne we were told. On the return trip to Dundee I thought about all we had seen and done that day, some of it scary, some of it dangerous but all of it interesting. If I had the chance to visit a submarine again, I would.

Iona McFarlane

British/Canadian Army Cadet Exchange 1999!

"Rocky Mountain National Army Cadet Summer Training Centre - ATTENTION!" - As I stood with the rest of my platoon on the parade square, fully clad in Blackwatch uniform, it suddenly hit me that this was it - we were not practising anymore and passing out parade had finally come. It signalled the end of summer camp 1999 and the end of a summer I'd be sure to remember forever...

Initially, camp's resemblance to a building site was a bit of a shock (I thought Mr. Nichol was joking when he told me that they had not quite finished building it), but after a few weeks I became quite attached to all the mud (quite literally), and by the end of camp I felt very much at home!

For Canadian cadets 6-week summer camps are the norm, but for me it was a once in a lifetime experience and one I wouldn't have missed for anything! The emphasis of the course lay on personal development, communication and teaching cadets to be effective team leaders, as well as active team members.

In order to do this the aim was not to bombard us with theories, but to encourage us to learn from each other, learn from our mistakes and learn through real-life situations. This was where training played a major role! Being both physically and mentally challenging, all training was absolutely excellent. The instructors were first class, many of them professional in their own fields, and each of them willing to push us to our limits: with the result that sometimes it felt as if there were none!

Canadian canoeing was very wet, and as Tim my instructor would have said, "awesome!" Not for the faint-hearted or those afraid of getting thoroughly soaked, it tested both communication and co-ordination, as well as the ability to think and act quickly when required to rescue oneself, partner, paddles and canoe from the white water currents of a river one "just happened to fall into!"

My adrenaline was working overtime during the rock-climbing programme. Absolutely terrifying at times, it was a tremendously exhilarating and exciting week, when I managed to reach heights I'd only ever dreamed of and climb up rock faces which at times appeared void of any finger or footholds. We were

taught to "trust our feet", "lean in to the wall" and "just go for it!" - the latter of which was more often than not the best advice! I absolutely loved rock-climbing; it was an amazing confidence builder, and it kept us all very trim (the chipmunks ate our lunch every day without fail, no matter where we hid it!).

There were no chipmunks on the glacier, however there was a rat in the "toilet", which was a little disconcerting for both parties! This didn't succeed in putting us off though, which evidently shocked the glacier somewhat, as was evident when we headed out over the ice flats on our first expedition. Equipped with pick-axes, crampons and safety ropes (thank goodness!), we stepped out to hear an almighty roar, feel the ground move below our feet and become separated from each other as a crevice formed between us. At that moment each and every one of us was terrified. Not to be outdone however, I thought I'd give as good as I got, and strip down to my swimwear when we reached the summit, which I am in no doubt terrified the glacier equally! Glacier was my favourite programme, as the scenes were absolutely breath-taking; expansive crevices, snow ledges jutting out from the white mountains, glacial lakes and even the occasional avalanche. I felt so privileged to be there and to be given such an amazing experience.

Unfortunately I was unable to do the 4-day hike as I was ill, but my week was prevented from becoming too tedious by the presence of grizzly bears on camp! Surrounded by grizzly-infested woods which were home to at least one family of bears, camp was visited by them regularly. At first however it was not realised just how near they were living, and the officers seemed to find it particularly amusing to send us all orienteering to the bears' apparent "hang-out". Needless to say we didn't "hang-out" for long when faced with an extremely hungry looking Daddy bear! There was a tendency to take advantage of their presence though, and one disco had to go on for slightly longer than intended due to the presence of "bears loitering near the barracks"!

On top of physical training and the odd disco (one of which saw a special appearance by "The Spice Girls"!!) we had a week of leadership taskings, an immensely fun sports day and a week of sight-seeing. The trips included a visit to Lake Louise, various trips to Banff and a day at the Calgary Stampede. The atmosphere at the stampede was just superb!

Everybody was so friendly and the crowds were having a great time - the only mistake I made during the day was when I went on a particularly revealing carnival ride (I was wearing a skirt at the time)!

Camp was a completely unique experience for me and one I wished would never end. I have so many fantastic memories of Canada, and I became so close to the friends I made there that I know I'll be friends with them for life. To DHS CCF I am forever indebted, as I could never have dreamed of such an

adventure was I not part of it. The exchange is not only for me however, and I'd recommend it to anybody who's up for a bit of a challenge. Whether you're a "go-getter" type or whether you're just a little bit crazy, it's guaranteed to activate your adrenaline and it's the ultimate experience for any energetic individual! I had the best summer of my life at camp, that I can assure you, and in my opinion you'd be mad to miss this once in a lifetime opportunity - just go for it!

Emily Robson



Sergeant Emily Robson (Back row, third from right) received the "Best Cadet on Glacier Award" and "The Sand Shield Award" which is given to the cadet displaying the highest standards of goodwill and citizenship.



The Warrant Officers, Senior Non-commissioned Officers and the Staff of DHS CCF Armistice Parade 1999.



The Pipes and Drums of DHS CCF at Armistice Parade 1999. The Band went on to be third in the Drill and Turnout Section of the Scottish Schools' Championships in June 2000.

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RUGBY

With almost double the number of fifth years to sixth years in the 1st XV squad, it looked as though it was to be a young and inexperienced year. This was compensated for by the determination and commitment of the squad members throughout the season.

At the start of the season, we won the Queen Victoria 10's Tournament for the fourth year running. Our first XV game was against Robert Gordons, where it took us until the second half to open up the scoring and run in six tries. After that positive start, we entered the Madras Tournament with a great confidence, and were taught a lesson when we lost to Strathallan by an injury time penalty. We learned from this loss and went on to be the first DHS side to beat St Aloysius away from home.

In the following month, we had the daunting task of facing Dollar, Merchiston and Fettes. These were unfortunately to be the three teams we could not overcome throughout the season. The most disappointing was our performance against an older Fettes side, who managed to capitalise on the penalties we gave away.

During October and November we hosted Limavady from Ireland, Bishop's Stortford from England and Gordonstoun. We all had a great time and achieved convincing wins on all three occasions.

We started our Scottish Cup campaign with a well fought win over Glenalmond. Before the next round, and to bring the first half of the season to a close, we beat Morrison's 82-0.

The year 2000 started with an equally rewarding win in our

cup match against Earliston. The Quarter-final was a much harder game against the holders, Stewart Melville. It took a converted penalty by Callum Rankin just before the final whistle, to regain the lead 11-10. We then comfortably beat Perth as a warm up for the semi-final. Already having lost heavily to Dollar we entered the semi-final with some apprehension. We gave away too many points at the start of the match and lost 36-12. We showed spirit and ended the season on a high, by beating a purposeful Stewart-Melville out for revenge after our last match in the cup.

At representative level, a record eleven squad members were selected for Midlands U18's. Alasdair Dickinson, John Martin, Stephen Gordon, Jonathan Vernon and Douglas McLaren gained a trial for Scottish Schools U18's, with Steven Gordon and John Martin going on to represent their country. Four squad members were selected for Midlands U16's, with Ali Haddanou being selected for Scottish Schools U16's.

The junior teams have again performed well. The Jubilee Cup side again did well by winning the Midlands Tournament and therefore going on to the National Finals at Murrayfield. The other team is progressing well and things are looking good for the future.

Thanks must go to our coach Mr Spowart who is returning coaching responsibilities to Mr Hutchison. In his three years of coaching the 1st XV, Mr Spowart has enjoyed much success and has always been encouraging and dedicated to the team. Thanks also to the other PE staff, rugby coaches and parents who have supported the rugby teams. We wish next year's squad good luck and sincerely hope they have a good time on their tour to Canada!



Rugby 1st XV

Back (l to r): C Morris, K Kyles, C Rankin, C Cumming, D Kyles, A Dickinson, R Grieve
 Middle (l to r): Mr G Spowart, N Knight, G Henderson, J Martin, S Gordon, T Knight, A Haddanou, A Sholi
 Front (l to r): R Leslie, C Smith, I Coull (Vice Captain), J Vernon (Captain), D McLaren, J Yu, D Scrimgeour



Rugby 2nd XV

Back (l to r): Mr M Brown, A Haddanou, R. Burt, J Gray, J Roberts, H Ip, S Cunningham, D Vernon, I McHoul
 Front (l to r): J Grewar, N Dymock, J Longden, E Crosby (Captain), R Hawkes, R Gamble, P Maciocia



Jubilee District Winners

Back (l to r): O Ashraf, J Bell, G Hinrichs, C Taylor, D McLean
 Middle (l to r): Mr N Gallagher, F Brown, D McCulloch, R Galloway, S Burnett, R Baxter, G Gray, P Saunders
 Front (l to r): R Scullion, S Farmer, E Clark (Vice Captain), J Walton (Captain), C Goudie, G Horribine, J Mackay

Boys Hockey

Sadly it was not the greatest season for senior boys hockey, with both the first and second XI achieving disappointing results. This was mainly due sadly to the lack of commitment by a very small minority of players within the senior squad. Although their numbers were small, this affected the stability of both teams. However, it must be said that those who were there on the day, gave 100% effort and produced some excellent hockey with some very good results. A special mention must go to both captains, Andrew Laing and Philip Robertson, who worked very hard throughout the season both on and off the field of play. Fortunately it is not all DOOM and GLOOM. The U15 squad had an exceptional season, considering that at some fixtures they donated players to the senior hockey squad. They managed to complete the season undefeated with only two draws. Not only did they produce good results, they were also a pleasure to watch, a very good example of how hockey should be played - good leadership by the captain Gavin Illsley and good teamwork both on and off the ball with excellent support play. Well done to all the members of the U15 squad!! Thanks must go to the ground staff at Mayfield for the work that ensured that most fixtures were played on very good conditions, to Andy Wood and Ross McGill who gave up their Saturday mornings to blow the whistle most diligently for the first and second XI teams, and Stewart Gillin who donated a lot of time and effort both in the coaching and umpiring, which made a major contribution to the successes of the U15 squad and finally to Mr C. Allison for his donation of time and expertise at the Riverside practices after school. All the best for next season.

Primary Hockey

Over the winter season, the primary hockey team played in a number of matches and tournaments.

In November we were up against Morrison's, Mary Erskine's and also against St. Margaret's.

We had a mixed team of L6 and L7's when we played in tournaments against many different schools from various parts of Scotland, at Beaconsfield in Stirling and at George Watson's in Edinburgh. Although we weren't successful in all our games, we really enjoyed playing and had great fun.

Our training sessions took place on Mondays at field time and after school on a Friday, and thanks must go to Mrs Hutchison and Miss McCabe for coaching us, even on all those cold, miserable days!

Girls Hockey

Hockey Officials 1999-2000

Captain: Ailsa E Robertson
Vice-Captain: Carolyn F Robertson
Secretary: Jennifer Stevenson
Treasurer: Louise J Steven

The 1st XI hockey team opened the season's events with a phenomenal bang, mainly the sound of the ball reverberating around the opposition's goal mouth. Winning both the Morrison's tournament on penalty flicks where Carolyn Robertson saved the day, and the Madras tournament, beating Madras 3-0 in the final with Captain Ailsa Robertson and Jilly Mackay scoring, brought an influx of silverware to the newly cleared out trophy cupboard. These early signs made it clear that we were going to have many competitors for the prestigious award of top goal scorer, with a collective of twenty-seven goals being scored by seven different people, of which Ailsa scored eight.

Unfortunately a slight slump in the season was to follow, starting when we faced the mighty Edinburgh side of Mary

Erskine. With two 5-0 defeats and knocking us out of the George Watson's Seven's tournament with one goal difference, they proved to be the thorn in the side of our season. However the arrival of the annual Gordonstoun fixture boosted our confidence, as well as our goal tally, with a 9-0 victory, our top goal scorer of the season, Gemma Clayhills-Henderson, scoring a hat-trick.

The next team to descend on the pitches of Dalnacraig was the Irish School of Limavady. Following our draw, when we visited the Emerald Isle a year past October, there was a great drive behind the team to prove that we could win on our own soil. The game was once again very close, but Ailsa managed to nudge the High School just ahead with a marvellous winning goal. The Irish girls, and I am sure the Scots too, thoroughly enjoyed the game and the post match celebrations and would like to take this opportunity to thank the PE Department for, once again, organising a great fixture.

In the Midlands Cup our success of a 5-1 win against Kilgraston and a 3-0 win against Monifieth, which took us to the quarter-finals, was short lived - Bell Baxter stepped out onto the wind beaten Riverside pitch and defeated us. This was perhaps the lowest point in the season but the team morale soon picked up again as we went on to win the next three games against St. George's, St. Margaret's and Albyn, beating them 1-0, 4-0 and 4-0 respectively. The final eleven-a-side finished on a high with us beating St. George's again 1-0, with Ruth McNee scoring a superb winner.

Although the eleven-a-side finished on a win, we had mixed fortunes when it came to the seven's. Playing well in most of our matches within our section was not quite enough to take us very far, but we took great delight in beating Strathallan 3-1.

There appeared to be fluctuation in the performance of the team throughout the season, which can mainly be put down to the number of injuries sustained and, in the case of Ailsa, having to play for her Country! We have probably been the most accident-prone team with back injuries, operations, broken collarbones, punctured shins, sore knees and broken thumbs, haunting the team.

The 2nd XI luckily managed to avoid too many injuries in a season of mixed fortune. They played well throughout the season with a very young team, who showed superb commitment and motivation, but were unlucky not to have beaten the Edinburgh sides.

The Junior teams had an enjoyable season with a great level of effort being put in by all, in fixtures both home and away.

All in all the season has been very productive, winning two trophies, and the 1st scoring an awesome sixty-seven goals. In addition, numerous players were sent for trials: Carolyn Robertson played for Midlands at U18 level, Louise Steven played for Midlands U18 Indoor Team, Ruth played for Midlands at U16 level and had a trial for Scotland U16 level, and Ailsa captained Scotland against Czechoslovakia in the European Tournament. I feel that it is necessary to thank Dottie Kennedy, Pat Robb, Laura Webb, Miss Erskine and Mrs Spowart for umpiring and the select number of staff who helped and supported on Saturday mornings. Finally, our great appreciation goes to Mrs Hutchison for giving up so much of her time to coach us through what has been a brilliant season. Good luck for next year and thank you.

Jennifer Stevenson, Secretary



Hockey U15 Squad

Back (l to r): Mr W Nichol, S Easton, M Smith, D Philp, O Hickman, R McLean
 Front (l to r): A Fraser, T Brian, G Iilsley (Captain), D Wong (Vice Captain), K Chowdhury



Hockey 1st XI

Back (l to r): E Yu, A Mackay, C Foster, G Clayhills-Henderson, R Leslie, A McConnachie, A Saunders, S Leckie, J Mackay, Mrs J Hutchison
 Front (l to r): R McNee, J Arbuckle, L Steven, A Robertson (Captain), J Stevenson, G Reid, C Robertson (Vice Captain)



Hockey 2nd XI

Back (l to r): V King, L A Marwick, J Reid, J Bryden, K Hutcheson, Z Linton, F Beaton, M A Lawrie, H Chapman, Mrs J Hutchison
 Front (l to r): A Cuthbert, A Black, L Stewart (Vice Captain), V Mitchell (Captain), C Forsyth, R Bonar, H Rosbottom



Cricket 1st XI

Back (l to r): Mr P Wooden, N Knight, T Knight, R Burt, P Maciocia, A Smith, D Vernon, Mr N Gallagher
 Front (l to r): J Gray, D Kyles, J Vernon (Captain), I Coull (Vice Captain), K Kyles



Cricket 2nd XI

Back (l to r): Mr G Spowart, J Martin, G Henderson, J Roberts (Vice Captain), J Bannerman, N Holme, W Douglas
 Front (l to r): A Scott, S Moffat, T Pitcaithly (Captain), I Mordy, J Grewar

Cricket

The season promised to be a very successful one with a lot of talent involved in the 1st XI but due to cancellation of fixtures because of adverse weather and holidays, only a small number of fixtures were played. This included 3 wins, 2 losses and a draw, the most memorable victory coming against Heriots in which Jonathan Vernon and Kenneth Kyles batted for a magnificent opening stand of 128.

There were many fine individual performances this season as well as an unrivalled team spirit. The Kyles brothers both performed to their enormous potential with the bat, if not in the field. John Gray showed his pace and aggression with the new ball while Nick Knight bowled exceptionally well all season. Iain Coull performed heroically and in Alan Smith and Jamie Gilbertson, the school has the potential of two new stars. Mention must also go to David Vernon whose effort and enthusiasm set the standards for the rest of the team.

The 2nd XI skippered by Thomas Pitcaithly were unlucky in their only game going down to a very good George Watsons side. Younger teams in the school also performed very well and show good potential for future years.

Many thanks must go to our inspirational coaches, Mr Gallagher and Mr Spowart, and to Peter Wooden for all his advice and coaching. The ground staff also deserve many thanks for the devotion which they show in preparing the wicket week-in-week-out.

Finally, good luck to next season's sides.

Tennis

Thankfully the tennis season did not suffer the usual weekly cancellations this year and for once the weather seems to have been on our side. However, although the weather was for us, luck certainly wasn't and after close games both the 1st and 2nd VI were narrowly beaten by St. Leonards. Fortunately this rusty beginning was soon to wear off and from then on, we were successful in all our remaining fixtures.

Both tennis teams showed enthusiasm and motivation in order to achieve these victories and things certainly look promising for the future. Success however did not lie only with the 1st and 2nd VI.

This session DHS have certainly proved their ability to play quality tennis and won the Scottish Final of the U15 section of the HSBC British Schools Competition in September at Stirling. The winning team consisted of Jayne Arbuckle, Ruth McNee, Rebecca Leslie and Jillie Mackay. This is definitely a great achievement for all those who took part.

After such success it was decided the DHS team would progress through to the senior section of the Cup. Once again DHS secured great results and won through to the semi-final of their section where they were unfortunately beaten by Central Newcastle High

School. This team comprised of Jayne Arbuckle, Ruth McNee, Rebecca Leslie and Nicole Wilson.

Congratulations must be given to them for playing such a high standard of tennis and becoming the first tennis team from DHS to achieve national recognition. In the Junior Section of this cup an U15 team was also entered. This team was made up of Gemma Clayhills-Henderson, Catriona Whiteford, Kirsty Farnan and Lucy Sneddon. They too fought hard against all the other schools they played and had close matches against Glenalmond, St. Leonards and Kilgraston.

An event which now seems to be becoming an annual fixture on the tennis team calendar is the Glenalmond Mixed Doubles Tournament. A team made up of 5th and 6th years was entered and the day proved to be incredibly successful for DHS with each team picking up a prize in its section. The highlight of the day was definitely when DHS won the overall school event. However no matter how successful a team is, there is always a lesson to be learned and in this case we all certainly realised that *"slice does pay off."*

Thanks must be given to Richard Kemp, Rodric Leslie and Douglas McLaren - we couldn't have won it without you!

As always the championship creates friendly competition within the school. This year the tournament had its usual turn of events but there always has to be a winner.

Claire Smith - Captain

The Championship results were as follows:

Girl's Senior Champion: Ruth McNee

Girl's Junior Champion: Nicole Wilson

Girl's Primary Champion: Mairi Cunningham

Boy's Senior Champion; Jonathon Vernon

Boy's Junior Champion: Christopher McDonald

Colours were awarded to:

Claire Smith (re-award)
Jayne Arbuckle (re-award)
Ruth McNee (re-award)
Ailsa Robertson (re-award)
Rebecca Leslie

Congratulations to all those who won, but well done to all those who took part in the championship as well. All in all it is fair to say that although the season was short, it was an eventful and successful one.

Thanks must go to Mrs Spowart and staff for their help in organising events and fixtures throughout the season - it is greatly appreciated.

Finally, all that's left to be said is good luck to next season's tennis players. Hopefully your season will be as successful as our one has been.



1st VI Tennis

Back (l to r): Mrs P Spowart, N Wilson, R Leslie, J Arbuckle (Vice Captain)
 Front (l to r): R McNee, C Smith (Captain), A Robertson



2nd VI Tennis Team

Back (l to r): Mrs P Spowart, S McArthur, J Mackay, V Mitchell
 Front (l to r): L Stewart, J Stevenson, A Mackay

Cross Country

Season 1999/2000 has not achieved the successes of other years, with the introduction of a new Higher system eating into staff and pupil time alike. Nevertheless, there have been some notable performances, which hopefully we can build on next session.

St. Aloysius relays in February saw a later than usual start to our running programme. Our boys team threatened to make the top ten, until injury struck. Marco Caira in Form 2 had a particularly good run. Our girls team acquitted themselves well, eventually finishing just outside the top 10. It was nice to see Victoria Reid return to the running fold in her last year at DHS and at the other end of the scale to see Laura Brown in Form 1 make her debut with the first of many good runs.

Our visit to the Glenalmond paddy fields proved to be a real test of stamina. Driving snow and neck high mud (well almost) gave everyone a taste of a 'real cross-country' race. Again Marco Caira ran well to finish 6th as did Lucy Sneddon. However the pick of the performances were Laura (what mud?) Brown's excellent 3rd place and veteran Robbie Coleman's 2nd place.

The Strathallan races in early March saw good performances from Charlotte Penhale (7th), Anna Mackay (6th) and a good top 10 finish for Kader Chowdhury followed home closely by Jamie Lamb.

At the National Championships we were represented by Victoria Reid, Robbie Coleman and Barbara Coleman, who all acquitted themselves with distinction. Why Victoria would make a round trip of 300 miles to torture herself in a sport she hates is a mystery...answers on a postcard!

The Dundee Schools Cross Country Championships were highlighted by fine runs by first year girls Laura Brown (6th) and Maria Thomas (10th), Maria making her debut. David Arbuckle rounded off a busy year with a top 15 finish. Kader Chowdhury finished 7th and Victoria Reid, Anna Mackay and Barbara Coleman finished 5th, 6th and 7th respectively. Victoria's hate/hate relationship with running is now at an end! The new 'sprinting edition' of Robbie Grieve still managed a very credible 4th place!

There were team silvers for our C Group girls: Lucy Sneddon, Lesley Niven, Kirsty Hawkes, Catriona Whiteford and Charlotte Penhale. Our Group B boys also won silvers. Their team comprised Kader Chowdhury, Stewart Arbuckle, Fraser Kelly, Jamie Lamb and Andrew McNicoll. A special thank you to Robbie and Victoria who leave this year after 6 years of dedicated running and much success – keep it up!

Many thanks to everyone who has helped out this year. I look forward to seeing you all training and racing again next session. Runners of any standard are very welcome.

The Run of the Millennium!

A 'never to be repeated' success was achieved by four High School athletes last session. To mark the Millennium, Dundee staged a running festival, part of which was a schools 4 x 400m mixed relay around the streets of Dundee City Centre. As the route passed our own front door twice, we felt obliged to rise to the challenge.

Stephen Gordon, Francesca Colaco, Robbie Grieve (all F5) and Anna Mackay (F4) put on a performance worthy of the school's long athletic tradition and stormed round the spectator-lined circuit to lift the beautiful Courier Trophy, specially made for the occasion.

The trophy was presented, most appropriately by Olympic Silver Medallist, Derek Redmond. A special thank you comes from your 'coach' for giving him an excellent Chariots of Fire 'slow motion moment' – I could almost hear the soundtrack! We look forward to defending our trophy at the start of the next Millennium.

The photograph can be seen in the *Didn't they do well* section

Swimming

There has been much to celebrate this year within the swimming community of our school. We entered the main schools competitions and achieved a creditable amount of success.

We had an encouraging number of entries for the Tayside Schools Competition, 8 primary and 13 senior school pupils. Our primary school pupils recorded the following successes:

Gold Medal – Boys (12yrs & Under Relay)

Daniel Haddow (L7), John McNicol (L7)
Malcolm Watson (L6) & Greg Harrow (L7)

Bronze Medal – Girls (12yrs & Under Relay)

Victoria Guy, Alison Leckie
Katie Ferguson & Judith Kilgallon (all L7)

Individual Events

Judith Kilgallon won a silver medal in the 50m Freestyle.
Greg Harrow won a silver medal in the 50m Breaststroke
and a bronze medal in the 50m Freestyle.

In the Senior school we also achieved many pleasing results:

Silver Medal – Boys (17/18/19yrs Relay)

Michael Page, Robbie Grieve, Iain Swan and Stephen Gordon

Individual Events

Jenni Kilgallon (F2) won a gold medal in the Freestyle event
and a silver in the Backcrawl event.
Peter Saunders (F2) won a silver medal in the Butterfly
event.
Michael Page (F5) won a bronze medal in the Freestyle
event.

Many congratulations must go to Jenni Kilgallon who
qualified for the Scottish Schools Competition following her
success in the Freestyle event and went on to achieve
national honours by competing for the Scottish Schools
Swimming team in The Speedo Schools Swimming
International in Ipswich in March.

The School Swimming Galas

Our own school swimming galas brought their usual amount
of fun and excitement. All the Preparatory swimmers
received a certificate for taking part in their class race by
completing a width of the pool. Thanks go to Jeff Yu (F6) for

encouraging them along, from within the water! For our
more experienced swimmers, the competition was just as
hard fought.

The results of the Championship events were:

Primary Girls – 1st Judith Kilgallon, 2nd Katie Ferguson
Primary Boys – 1st Greg Harrow, 2nd Malcolm Watson
Junior Girls – 1st Jenni Kilgallon, 2nd Jennifer Tyler
Junior Boys – 1st Neil Herbert, 2nd Peter Saunders
Senior Girls – 1st Alison Kearns, 2nd Amy Saunders
Senior Boys – 1st Michael Page, 2nd Robbie Grieve

House Results

Junior Gala (Primary School pupils)

1st – Lindores
2nd- Wallace
3rd – Aystree
4th- Airlie

Senior Gala

1st – Lindores
2nd – Airlie
3rd – Aystree
4th – Wallace

A special thanks from the PE staff to Mrs Harrow and Mrs
Kilgallon for their assistance at both competitions.

Many congratulations to all pupils who represented the
school at swimming or took part in our own school gala.
The competitions were exciting and rewarding in many ways
and I look forward to the next schools' events near the end
of the year. Any pupil who would like to be considered for
entry into these events should contact me in the PE
Department.

P Spowart



Judith Kilgallon and Greg Harrow Primary Swimming Champions



Greg Harrow, Malcolm Watson, John McNicol and Daniel Haddow won a Gold Medal in the 12 years and under Relay Race at the Tayside Schools Swimming Championship.



Neil Herbert,
the Junior Boys Swimming Champion

Junior School Netball

1999-2000 has proved a very exciting, successful and enjoyable year for the L6 and L7 netball teams.

In the Dundee District Winter League, in which the L7 team took part, we did not concede a match in our section. Our best score was 13-0 and we acquired many other well-deserved scores throughout the league. In this league, we managed to reach the finals in which we played 3 matches, won 1, drew 1 and lost 1. The winners of the league turned out to be Our Lady's. Dundee High ended in 3rd place making us the 3rd best netball team in Dundee.

The L7 team then took part in the Kennedy Cup Knock-out Competition, where proceeded to reach the semi-finals, but we were unfortunately beaten by St. Joseph's 6-5. St. Joseph's then went on to win the cup.

The L6 team played their first proper matches in the Miss Ward Trophy Competition where they got through to the 2nd round after having beaten St. Joseph's L6 team. We think they did extremely well and we want to say a big well-done to them!

In October 1999, Jenna Bradley and Laura Burnett were chosen to train with the Dundee Primary Schools Select Squad and gained two places within the team. They then participated in a tournament in Perth against Perth Select and Dundee won both matches. Overall, the L7 team's most enjoyable match had to be the staff versus pupils which ended with the L7's gaining a glorious victory over the staff.....9-7! We'd like to say thank you to the L6's who provided us with food and were wonderful hostesses after the match!

Special thanks go to Mrs Sutherland, Mrs Wood and Mrs Docherty who encouraged us to play our best and helped us to have a wonderful year of netball. We also hope that the L6's continue to do well next year.

The teams were:

L7 - Susan Bennett, Jenna Bradley, Laura Burnett, Emma Clark, Eleanor Geddes, Megan Hunter, Carina Ip, Alison Leckie, Jessica Matthew and Lea-Jane Statham.

L6 - Gillian Allan, Elizabeth Allison, Susan Buchan, Charlotte Farmer, Chloe Hall, Sarah Knowles, Mohna Linton, Fiona McCulloch, Fiona Smith and Sophie Sneddon.

Jenna Bradley, Carina Ip L7

Netball

This year netball was played at F1 and F2/3 Junior level with practices taking place each week at the Dundee University Games Hall. At the start of our season we played against Kilgraston, Strathallan and Glenalmond with mixed results. This did however give us match practice for the start of the Dundee Schools League at the end of January. The first year team played a total of five matches, finishing 6th in the league. The Junior team played seven matches winning the last four to finish 4th in the league. Both teams enjoyed the competition and improved their skills and teamwork as the weeks progressed.

Some of the players continued playing during the summer term by attending squad sessions and selection for the BAA Aberdeen Airport Youth Games. At U15 level, Nicola McRae (F3), Jody McDonald (F3) and Hannah Ogden (F2) have

been selected for the Dundee team and we wish them every success.

The House matches were exciting and once again gave the senior hockey players a chance to renew an old acquaintance with the game of netball. The results were as follows:

Juniors (F1-3)

1st	Wallace
2nd	Airlie
3rd	Aystree
4th	Lindores

Seniors (F4-6)

1st	Wallace
2nd	Airlie
3rd	Aystree
4th	Lindores

Many thanks to Miss Erskine who joined us half-way through the season, for her umpiring and assistance at practices.

P Spowart

Scottish Schools Curling Championships 2000

A team of enthusiastic curlers entered this years 'Bank of Scotland Scottish Schools Curling Championships'. Unfortunately, due to good opposition and no luck on our part, we did not manage to reach the final competition in Perth. However, the team of Mark McNulty (skip), Robert Nicoll, Gordon Kennedy and Rebecca Evans must be congratulated for their willingness to take part and for turning up so early on a Sunday morning for coaching sessions. I do hope the team were not too despondent with their efforts as I hope to encourage them, and anyone else who curls, to volunteer their curling skills for our team next year. Many thanks to the team once again - better luck next time.

L Smith

Golf

This year the Boase Medal was won by George Brass, Form 6 with scores of 77 and 82 at Downfield.

The match play competition for the Pirie Handicap Cup was won by Andrew Landsburgh, who won at the 16th at Drumoig against Andrew Matthews.

Unfortunately, the girls' competitions were not held this year due to lack of interest.

Five teams entered the British Heart Foundation Junior Competition at Alloa and one qualified for the Scottish final. The team of Stuart Anderson, George Brass and Ian McHoul were runners up in the Scottish Final at Murrayshall on the 19th June and so qualify to play in the UK Final. Hearty congratulations to them and best wishes for success in the Final to be played at the Belfry on the 2nd of October. Thank you to all pupils, parents and friends who contributed to the sponsorship for the Foundation.

Teams also took part in the Golf Foundation Team Championship at Leven in September and the Independent Schools Competition run by Glenalmond at the beginning of June.

Artificial Skiing takes off at Dundee High



This year Dundee High entered teams for the Scottish Schools and the British Schools Artificial Ski Championships under the leadership of Mr Dollman from the Physics Department.

Stuart Goudie, James Mackay, Richard Constable and Gordon McWalter, represented us in the U13 Scottish Schools Championships on Saturday 30th October at Hillend. All team members skied well and produced fine times.

Andrew Landsburgh, George Brass, Chris Morris, Dominic Bower, Mark Beaumont, Gordon Kennedy and Peter Dollman were all members of our senior boys team.

Caroline Barron, Alison Cuthbert, Emma Cairns, Kirstin Taylor and Anna Mackay made up the girls team.

Both teams skied very well in the Scottish Championships and qualified to take part in the British Schools Championships where our teams performed very well in the face of fierce opposition of some of the fastest skiers in the UK.

Best individual times came from Anna Mackay and Dominic Bower in the British Championships.



The House Championships

This Session's House Championship was, in the words of Mr Allison, "Nail biting stuff." The four houses took it in turns to wrest victory from their rivals as the points total began to accumulate. Aystree seemed destined to win after pulling ahead towards the final straight and then winning the School Sports, but their hopes were dashed as Lindores and Wallace overtook them thanks to the late inclusion of points from other House events. With the addition to Academic Points, Lindores extended their lead (despite a relentless challenge from Wallace) and Airlie snatched third place after trailing for the last part of the championship.

Final Results for the session were:

1.	Lindores	968
2.	Wallace	894
3.	Airlie	885
4.	Aystree	863

Here's a more detailed account of how the Houses fared in the competition, this Session:

Airlie

Although Airlie's most significant gain was winning the highest number of Academic Points, Airlie pupils also achieved a number of significant successes in Public Speaking and Debating during the year. Lynsey-Anne Marwick won the Senior Reading and Public Speaking Competition at the end of Term 2, Fiona Dewar won the Cambridge Gavel for her contribution to Debating and the House won the Rorie Trophy for Debating. Airlie also won the Intermediate Rugby, came Second in the Junior Rugby and won the Junior School Weekly Competitions by a good margin.

Aystree

After winning the Boys Hockey, the Junior & Senior Rugby and the School Sports, Aystree have every right to be proud of their efforts this year. The Ballingall Medal for F2

boys gymnastics features two Aystree lads: 1st Todd O'Brian and 2nd Euan Clark. Struan Cunningham also won the Malcolm Fleming Quaich for Squash. Finally, Ramsay Hall proved that Aystree folk are not all brawn by winning the Junior Reading and Public Speaking. Plenty of reasons to be cheerful!

Lindores

Lindores got off to a "head" start this Session with Head Boy, Jonathan Vernon being a stalwart of the House. Jonathan also won the Haston Boys Tennis Trophy for his House. Lindores achieved respectable 2nd places in the Senior Rugby and Intermediate Rugby and the Lindores dominance in both the Junior and Senior Swimming Gala was maintained by the Kilgallon clan who must have mermaid genes somewhere in the family! As well as the successes in sport, Lindores forged ahead on the intellectual front as well. The Dennis J Paterson Prize and Trophy for the Best Speaker in the House Debates went to Thomas Pitcaithly and a very respectable performance in the Academic Points, helped to clinch their victory.

Wallace

Having a Wallace girl, Ailsa Robertson as Head Girl, contributed significantly to morale this Session and Wallace were always in contention for the House Shield right up to the very end. Wallace quietly continued amassing points, particularly in the less publicised but important events such as The Single Wicket Competition. Wallace also won the Girls Tennis, Senior and Junior Netball, as well as a 2nd place in the Boys Hockey, not to mention more points than any other House in the Service to School awards.

Well done to all the pupils who took part, especially the House Captains and Vice-Captains, whose efforts helped all these events to run so smoothly. I would also like to praise the unstinting efforts of the staff in the PE and Music Departments as well as all those other teachers who gave their time so freely to organise these activities, in the face of an increasingly busy academic schedule.

T Durrheim

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

the review

Boys Champions

Senior	Robbie Grieve
Intermediate	Rob Strachan
Junior	Ossman Ashraf

Girls Champions

Senior	Jayne Arbuckle
Intermediate	Anneka Walker
Junior	Jenni Kilgallon

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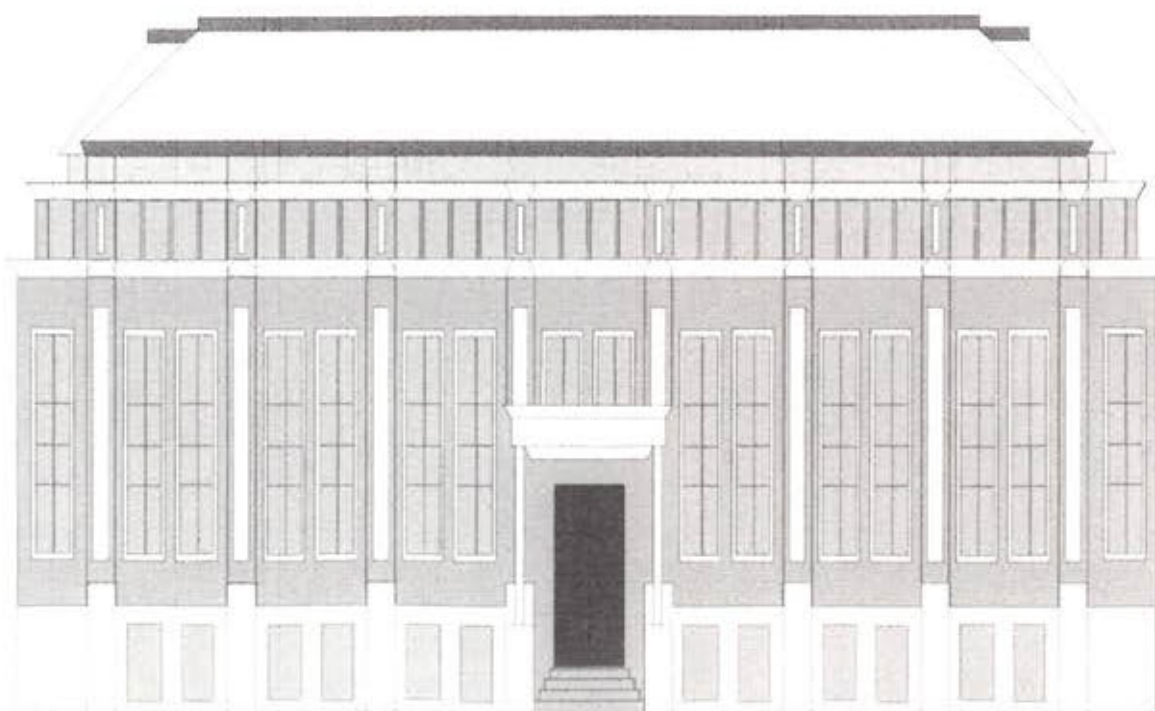


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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PATRONS' ASSOCIATION

For an organisation whose very existence was to raise funds for the building of Dundee High School and for the School's subsequent benefit, it can be exceedingly frustrating to go through a period of inactivity. However, a number of factors have contributed to this, not least the need for absolute clarity over the School's future direction. For example, would the loss of the Assisted Places Scheme have any impact on the pupil numbers? How would the recent HM Inspection of the Senior School judge not only the School's academic achievements but also its facilities? The answer to the first of these questions is very little to date. However, there is an increased need to raise funds to assist young people who would otherwise be unable to attend the School. Equally, there is a need to ensure support for present pupils whose parents are already making a considerable financial sacrifice to provide a first class education for their sons and daughters. On the second question, it is perhaps no surprise to those who know the School the HM Inspectors issued a glowing report, with both educational achievement and the general ethos especially praised. However, such inspections always look to the future and point to facilities which need either to be created or developed, so that the School can continue to provide an excellent all round education. For these challenges to be achieved will require a substantial fund-raising effort and in a way which will embrace all the various constituencies of the School. At the time of writing this report, the Rector and the Development Officer are making presentations on strategies for the future to the various organisations associated with the school. The financial targets are challenging but it is essential for the benefit of our children and grandchildren that we succeed.

Turning to the Management Committee of the Patrons, at last autumn's AGM, Mr G A Burnett intimated his resignation as Vice-Chairman after a period of service to the Patrons, and indeed to the School, which has been quite outstanding. He became a Patron at a time when the body was still known as The Subscribers and joined the Board in 1967. After 32 years he is no less committed to and involved in the many affairs of the School. I am delighted that he will be continuing on the Management Committee and as one of our appointed Directors to the School Board where I have no doubt that his knowledge and experience will continue to be eagerly sought. Mr J Coull was appointed his successor to the post of Vice-Chairman and is already one of our appointed Directors. At the same meeting, Mr R S B Grieve intimated that this would be his last year as Treasurer, a post which he has served in for many years. During this time, the Association's financial affairs have always been in excellent heart thanks to his careful stewardship. Finally, Mrs Sally Mearns and I were re-appointed as Directors for a further three-year period from July 2000 to June 2003.

The Patrons' Association has a new focus for the future benefit of the School. I hope that those who cherish the future education of our young people will join the Patrons and support these endeavours.

Dr W H Macfarlane Smith, Chairman.

The Trust Appeal Fund

What is the Trust Appeal Fund?

A fund established with charitable status in 1971 at a time when political change gave cause for concern that educational changes would adversely affect The High School of Dundee. The founders were the Old Boy's Club and the Old Girl's Club. At the time the School was moving from a direct grant to a fully independent school and had no separate funds of its own. The Trust has very wide purposes and is generally established to apply the fund in such a manner and to such extent as the Trustees consider being for the advancement of the purpose of the School.

Where did the Funds come from?

The funds were received (in both large and small amounts) from generous donors who had an interest in the School. This Fund has built up from nothing to its current level of £1.1 million.

What are the Funds used for?

The Trustees meet with the Rector and others representing the School usually once a year to hear proposals of the School's priorities. The annual income is used fully in making funds available for such projects. The following projects have been financed by the Trust in the last ten years:-

Books for the new Library 1990/91 - £50,000
Contribution to refurbishing former Janitor's house 1992/93 - £50,000
Library equipment and grand piano 1994 - £17,500
Drama equipment and computer equipment 1995 - £19,500
Refurbishment of Dalnacraig Pavilion 1996 - £75,000
Snack bar/servery for Dining Room 1997 - £8,000
Information and commercial technology 1998/99 - £94,500
Digital organ for Music Department/equipment for Dining Room £35,000

Who are the Trustees?

There are twelve Trustees, four appointed by the Old Girls' Club, four appointed by the Old Boys' Club and four co-opted from those having an interest in the School. If you would like to make contact with the Trustees or would like to make a contribution to this Fund please contact any of the following:-

Chairman - Margaret Stewart - Tel: 01382 738436
Secretary - Fraser Ritchie - Tel: 01382 200000
Treasurer - Robin Winter - Tel: 01334 656666



THE HIGH SCHOOL OF DUNDEE OLD BOYS' CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting in November 1999 Mr Lindsay Foulis was elected President of the club and Mr Scott Landsburgh was elected Vice President.

Annual dinners are held in Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow and London. These are well attended and it is by attending these dinners that former pupils are to maintain contact with school friends and colleagues and to hear of the continuing progress of the School.

The club is also active with a number of sporting activities during the year. Annual competitions take place in golf, fishing and curling. There is also an annual golf match versus the Old Girls' club.

The club believes that it is important for the well being of the School that links are fostered with former pupils and the club endeavours to achieve this in the most enjoyable way with its programme of events each year.

Details of club membership and any of the club's activities can be obtained from the Secretary.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL OF DUNDEE OLD GIRLS' CLUB

At the 68th Annual General Meeting on Monday 6th March 2000 the following office bearers were elected -

President	Mrs Norah Meikle
Vice President	Dr Jane Bruce
Junior Vice President And Thrift Shop Convenor	Mrs Eileen Black
Hon. Secretary	Mrs Lynda Boyle
Hon. Assistant Secretary	Mrs Susan Reid
Treasurer	Miss Maggie Stewart
New Committee Members	Mrs Hazel Gillan Dr Moyra Guthrie Dr Jenny Hanslip

School Leavers Representative Miss Nicola Clark

The Old Girls under the presidency of Mrs Jen Petrie have had an active and successful year.

As usual June proved to be the busy month kicking off with the Tea Tent and Cake and Candy Stall on Sports Day which had to be held mid-week due to a very wet Saturday. We take this opportunity to thank all parents who contribute so generously to this event each year and to all our helpers for the smooth running and success of the day's activities.

June also saw the hosting of what has become our traditional Leavers Day party for girls leaving 5th and 6th form (changes afoot for the millennium!) and a happy time was had by all.

In September we joined the Old Boys for a barbecue at Mayfield and members of both clubs enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

The Annual Dinner took place in November and about 140 Old Girls attended a wonderful evening in the Invercarse Hotel with a memorable speech given by Mr Gordon Stewart on his days at Dundee High School. His humour and memories of staff past and present delighted all his audience. We wish both him and his wife a long and happy retirement.

To mark the new millennium the Old Girls hosted a dinner in February for past presidents of the club and the present committee. 26 past presidents attended and it was a most enjoyable evening. *And The Beat Goes On*, a song and dance group made up of senior school pupils entertained us after the meal. Many happy memories will certainly remain of this special event.

Lynda Boyle (Secretary)

D.H.S.F.P RUGBY CLUB

Season 1999/2000 was a difficult season for the Club ending with relegation to Premier 3. A very young and inexperienced side began the season, and whilst by it's end the side had improved out of all recognition, it was not enough to stop relegation. The 2nd XV survived in division 1 of the intercity league now to be called The Scottish 2nd XV League and gave some creditable performances.

Currently there are 8 former Mayfield players in the professional game in Scotland and further afield, and there can be no doubt that the effects of professionalism have had an impact on all Club Rugby.

It is our intention to start a Youth Academy this summer and we are heartened by the support from the business community in Dundee.

A red letter day for the Club and School was the Calcutta Cup match where the SRU President was Harvey Wright, a past player and President of the Club, Andy Nicol, Scottish Captain, a past School Captain and past FP Captain and where all the ball boys came from the School, a truly historic day.

We wish to record our appreciation to the School for all their support and to the ground staff at Mayfield for their efforts in maintaining a superb pitch.

David McNicol. Club Manager



DHS and The Calcutta Cup (at Mayfield)

Back (l to r): H Wright (SRU President), A Nicol (Scottish Captain), D Leslie (ex Internationalist), Ruari Scullion (Ballboy)

Front (l to r): Phil Kemp, Scott Burnett, John Walton, Peter Saunders (Ballboys)

Absent from photograph: Euan Clark (ballboy)

DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL FORMER PUPILS' CRICKET CLUB

For a 99-year-old the F.P. Cricket Club is in the best of health! Yes, 2001 sees the Club share it's centenary with Dalnacraig and a big year is planned including a game against M.C.C. and a 280 seater marquee dinner at Dalnacraig.

The 1999 season, particularly the first half, was again blighted by poor weather and it would appear that the climate is now one of the biggest problems facing cricket in Scotland. We seem to manage to play just over half of our scheduled fixtures these days and the only flow is water off the square. However, the four XI's, two senior and two junior, acquitted themselves well each achieving top 4 positions in their respective leagues without lifting any actual titles. We have a firm goal though – promotion for the centenary, which for the 1st XI would mean inclusion in the new National League.

The maintenance of vital links with the School is again being helped by the appointment of a young Australian professional through the coaching programme and general assistance in the P.E. Department. St. George D.C.C. in Sydney has provided us with 6'4" left-handed all-rounder, Peter Wooden, a member of the N.S.W. under 21 development squad. He is our 8th Australian pro. since 1991 and looks to be one of the most talented yet.

Would you like to be involved with the F.P. Cricket Club? We are always on the lookout for players but, with our centenary year looming, would love some more non-playing members/supporters. The Club is in buoyant mood, on and

off the pitch and there's a heavy programme ahead for anyone to lend their skills to. Do please pick up a fixture card from the School office.

The Club owes a great debt of gratitude to our Honorary President Mr. Duncan, to Mr. Hutchison and the P.E. staff, to the Ground staff at Dalnacraig and to the whole School. Thank you for your 99 years of loyal support to the F.P. Cricket Club.

Graham McLaren (Secretary)

DHSFP TENNIS CLUB

Our Tennis league fixtures begin in May and practice night is Wednesday from 7 – 8pm. Great fun is had by all and we are always on the lookout for new members. Details of such membership can be attained from :

Linda Stirling	Tel: 01382 459039
Pam Leslie	Tel: 01382 730651
Carol Lamb	Tel: 01382 534527

DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL LADIES HOCKEY TEAM

The season began on the 18th September but our first match was not played until 25th September.

We had mixed fortunes and of our 14 games we won 1, lost 9 and drew 4. This earned us second bottom place in the league.

In the Midlands Knockout Cup we lost on flicks to Grove. We drew Brechin in the Plate and won, going on to meet St. Andrews University. Despite playing really well, we lost 2 - 1.

Our top Scorers this season were Laura Webb, Wendy Symington, Jayne Arbuckle and Fiona McDonald.

We have found it difficult to recruit new F.P's and have relied heavily on schoolgirls this season to keep the club going. We are very grateful to them for their enthusiasm and willingness to play each Saturday. A huge thank you is due to Hilary Wallace our President and Captain. Her dedication to the Team and her tireless efforts ensured that we fielded a full eleven each week.

If anyone is interested in playing F.P. hockey, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Rhona Merry



A HUNDRED YEARS ON.....

The year 2000 is the 100th anniversary of the Girls' Hockey at the High School. The first match was played against Morrison's Academy in October 1900 and was repeated fifty years later. The photograph shows the team of 1950/51. The tradition will be continued this autumn and this historic occasion will be covered in next year's Review.

HIGH SCHOOL OF DUNDEE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association has been involved in a number of activities and issues over the last year under the Chairmanship of Bill Arnot. Office-bearers meet regularly with the Rector and Depute Rector to discuss various matters and to assist the School wherever possible.

The annual mulled wine and mince pies after the Carol Service was back in the Lunch Hall this year and saw an even larger number of parents and friends than ever before. Serving refreshments at the Gardyne Theatre during School productions has also become a tradition and this year was no exception when members of the committee quenched thirsts at the production of "Guys and Dolls" in June.

Members of the committee were invited to hear the Rector, Development Officer Sarah Randell and John Mountford speak about the High School of Dundee Foundation, which has been set up to raise funds for facilities and bursaries. The same presentation was made to a gathering at the A.G.M in May when

parents had the opportunity to ask questions about these plans. A presentation was made to the Rector at the A.G.M. of a colour laser printer for the Senior School and a digital camera and scanner for the Junior Department. Although not primarily a fund-raising body it is always a pleasure when the Parents' Association is able to use any funds raised in this way.

After a break of a year it was wonderful to see such a good turn-out at the Ceilidh in February. *Cutting Edge* entertained us again and a great evening was had by all. It is hoped that this can become an annual event, with continued support from parents.

A Book Sale was held in June, giving parents the opportunity to come along to the Girls' School Hall to buy and sell their children's school books and once again this proved to be very popular.

New ideas for activities can be passed on to Committee members at any time and volunteers or nominations to serve on the Committee are always welcome.

Sheila Henderson (Secretary)

University of Glasgow 1999

Burns, Roderick L	BSc
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University of Aberdeen 1998

Anderson, Rory R	BSc Psychology
Morison, Barnaby Lowson	MA Accountancy
Smith, Grant G H	B Laws

University of Aberdeen 1999

Bell, Andrew A	B Land Economy (Hons)
Foster, Alison F	BSc (Hons) Pharmacology
Freshwater, Guy B	MA (Hons) Economic Science
Fullerton, Gail M	BSc (Hons) Genetics
King, Michael L	MA (Hons) Accountancy
Kirk, Sarah J	MA Combined Studies
Leckie, Elizabeth F	MA (Hons) History
Lindsay, Alastair T	B Land Economy (Hons)
Morrison, Fiona C	B Medicine and Surgery
Muir Wright, Michael T	BSc (Hons) Zoology
Nicoll, Amy S	B Technology in Rural Business Management
Patterson, Shona	BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences (Physiology)
Pennington, Susan J	B Medicine and Surgery
Reoch, Gavin J	B Land Economy
Robb, Ferelith P O	MA (Hons) Geography-Management Studies
Robertson, Aileen A	MA (Hons) English and French
Townsend, John T	B Land Economy
Van Der Shrafft, Vanessa S	B Laws and Belgian Law (Hons)
Young, Amy M	B Medicine and Surgery

University of St Andrews 1999

Browne, Judith E	MA (Hons) Art History-Spanish
Burns, Joy M	MA (Hons) Geography
Chacko, Leona M	MA (Hons) Modern History
Comben, Harriet M M	MA (First Class Hons) Art History
Horner, Victoria K	BSc (First Class Hons) Animal Biology
Lyall, Richard C	MA (Hons) English Language and Literature
McArthur, Roslyn	BSc Medical Science
McNeill, Louise E S	MA (Hons) Modern Languages (French and German)
Morgan, C Robin	BSc (Hons) Economics
Thomson, Robert W	BSc (First Class Hons) Mathematics-Statistics
Wood, Elizabeth J	MA (Hons) Geography

Weddings

Dr Lynne Meekison and Mr Rod Ferguson were married in June 1999 in St Mary's Church, Dundee.

Anna Forbes and Richard Stephen were married in July 1999 in Tarfside Church, Angus.

Michael Wedderburn and Katy Watson were married in September 1999 in Paisley Abbey.

Catrina Allardice and Stuart Clyne were married in October 1999 in Edinburgh.

Lucy Kelman and David Sloan were married in October 1999 in the Invercarose Hotel, Dundee.

June Baxby and Dr Daniel Franks were married in November 1999 in St Salvator's Chapel, St Andrews.

Dr Peter Garmany and Dr Aislinn McIvor were married in April 2000 in Ballinderry Chapel, County Antrim.

Douglas Bett and Fiona McKay were married in May 2000 in Dundee Parish Church, St Mary's.

Scott Biltcliffe and Rebecca Martin were married in May 2000 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Ballymore Eustace, County Kildare.

OBITUARIES

Beaton, Richard N

Left DHS in 1997, Richard died tragically in a road accident. He had recently taken up a live-in position as a trainee Chef at the Kinloch House Hotel near Blairgowrie having previously worked at the Sandford House Hotel in Fife. His career as Chef was well suited to his sunny nature, sociable personality and inventiveness.

Caird, Gordon Lamond

Mr Caird was a Director of the outfitters A Caird & Sons Ltd., As a Chartered Accountant he also served as Secretary which had branches in Reform Street, Dundee, in St. Andrews and in Elgin. In the Second World War he enlisted in the Royal Corps of Signals and served in Northern France. He was 75.

Dryden, Douglas Scott

Mr Dryden, a former Chairman of Dundee firm Dryden's Frozen Foods, died suddenly in Ninewells Hospital, aged 79. He had been retired for several years after a lifetime spent in family business. After leaving school he graduated from St. Andrews University in 1941. He volunteered for the Army and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery, seeing active service with the Eighth Army in North Africa, Italy, France and finally Germany, rising to the rank of Captain. After demobilisation in 1946 he began a Law Degree at Queens College Dundee, but owing to his father's illness, left college to join the family business. He helped run the firm with his brothers William and Spencer, until they diversified into frozen food, wholesale and retail. Douglas ran the frozen food side of the business and moved to Gourdie Industrial Estate. Douglas was a keen sportsman and played rugby for DHSFP's. He was an avid golfer, a past member of Alyth and Panmure Golf Clubs and a current member of the R and A. He was also a member of the Bonnetmakers and the Bakers Crafts and a member of the Dundee Lodge St Mary's.

Dudgeon, George

After school George enlisted in the Scots Guards in 1939 and spent the war years with the Regiment. In 1945, whilst serving in Italy he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After demobilisation George returned to Dundee where he took up a post on the railways. In the 1950's he joined the Meadows-based Jute Industries with whom he stayed until he transferred to Stanley Mills in Perthshire. He retired from the company in 1983. Mr Dudgeon's passion for the Scots Guards never dwindled and he kept up a life long association with the Regiment and served as the Vice-President and Treasurer of The Scots Guards Association. Mr Dudgeon, a widower, is survived by his two children, Irene and Grant, and four grandchildren. Grant was an outstanding centre three quarter in the School 1st XV and with the F.P's.

Fimister, Barrie Ogilvie

Barrie died suddenly at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, twenty-four hours after his return from South Africa. Barrie, at School and as a Former Pupil, featured prominently in Rugby and Cricket teams and showed great dedication.

Kay, Andrew

Andrew (58) of Pitscottie, Cupar, had been ill for some time but only recently stood down as the President of the Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society, the umbrella organisation for farming co-operatives. After DHS Andrew attended Edinburgh University before starting farming at Newbigging of Blebo, Pitscottie. He built up the farming enterprise to take on Easter Pitscottie in the early 1970's where he developed his interest in growing potatoes and field scale vegetables. It was, however, his involvement in the politics of farming that took most of his working life. Co-operation between farmers was his philosophy, and he was one of the pioneers who formed the pea growing co-operative, Fife Pea Growers, on the demise of the sugar beet growing industry in the early 1970's. A sister company, Fife Growers, then emerged to aid the growing and handling of vegetables. Mr Kay was a Director of both companies and remained in his driving position through their link up with a similar group in the Borders, where the new company, Scotfresh, controlled most of the vegetable growing north of the Border. When the company split into growing and marketing divisions he moved into the latter, Top Hat Foods. Simultaneous with his commitment to these enterprises was Mr Kay's involvement with the supply co-operative, Central Farmers. He became Chairman of this company in the early 1990's holding this position until his death. He also served as one of the last members of the Potato Marketing Board, initially as the member for the South of Scotland and up to its demise, as one of the two Scottish members.

McLaren, Doris

Mrs McLaren died suddenly in Ninewells Hospital, aged 80. Mrs McLaren was the proprietrix of a grocer's shop in Albert Street during the 1950's and 60's. She ran the business until 1965 when she moved on to work in administration at Dundee Technical College in Bell Street, now Abertay University. After a short spell there she took up the position of instrument curator at DRI, where she worked for 15 years until retiring in 1984. She helped set up and run the DRY Social Club in Bonnybank Road. Mrs McLaren was also active in Politics in the early 1980's and stood as an SDLP candidate at local election level. Mrs McLaren is survived by sons Graham, Ron and Dougal, and 13 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Main, Dr Joan

Dr Main, the daughter of a former Managing Director of the Caledon Shipbuilding & Engineering Co. died in

Helensburgh, aged 76. Dr Main was in charge of the Balvicar Street Clinic in Glasgow until her retiral in the early 1980's. After leaving DHS she graduated with a Degree in Medicine from St. Andrews University before attaining a Diploma in Public Health at Edinburgh University. She made the move to Glasgow to join the Public Health Department. Dr Main was the youngest daughter of Henry Main CBE, who became Managing Director at Caledon in 1927. Her three sisters Jessie, Margaret and Dorothy also attended DHS.

Malcolm, Ian

Mr Ian Malcolm OBE, a former Dundee business man who was a Councillor in the city for many years and served as a Baillie for many years died at the age of 89. After leaving school in 1926 he joined the family firm of Commercial Street House Furnishers, Malcolm's Ltd. He gained experience at Jenners in Edinburgh before returning to the family store, becoming Managing Director in 1940 on the death of his father, former Councillor and Baillie Mr Adam Malcolm. The business, founded in 1895 as an Auctioneers and House Furnishers in the name of Malcolm Brothers, survived until 1964 when the building at 39-49 Commercial Street was sold to property developers. Mr Malcolm then became a Director of a Motoring School with offices in Perth and Dundee and was also in partnership in a wholesale haberdashery business with his son-in-law. He became Councillor for more than 25 years, taking a seat on Tayside Regional Council where he was Planning Convenor. Mr Malcolm, like his father before him, had a proud record of public service in Dundee. He was Chairman of the Civilian Committee of the Air Training Corps, a Director of the Blind Institution and a Director of Dundee High School. He was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Dundee Rotary Club. He was an elder of McCheyne Memorial Church and Dundee Presbytery and as a Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, he served on the Kirk's committee for Central Africa. Mr Malcolm was awarded the OBE in the 1993 New Year Honours List for his services to the Tay River Purification Board, of which he was a former Chairman.

Pate, Jenny

Mrs Pate was the wife of well known Angus farmer Tom Pate, and the daughter of John Gibson, Dundee grain merchant and provender miller. Mrs Pate led a very active life and was very proud to be elected President of the Old Girls' Club in 1973/74. As well as having a life-long membership of Strathmartine Church, Mrs Pate was a member of Strathmartine Woman's Rural Institute from its beginnings in 1949. She was President for almost 20 years and also President of the Angus Federation of the SWRI. She always had an interest in serving the community, being a Guide Commissioner in Angus in the 1950's and mid 60's and was a dedicated collector for Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution. Mrs Pate was, right up to her death, a keen member of Dundee Inner Wheel, serving a term as President in 1968/69. During her married life of over 50 years she lived at Emmock, then South Powrie, and latterly, enjoyed village life in Friockheim. Predeceased by her son John, she is survived by husband Tom, son Ewan, daughter Jennifer and four grandchildren.

Shearer, Lucy (nee Parr)

Scotland has lost one of its most promising young Architects. Lucy Parr was a talented designer, who dedicated a great deal of time and energy to the promotion of Architecture and to Glasgow. The death of such a vital, dynamic and talented young woman, at 35, has shocked the Architectural profession. In her personal life the sense of tragedy is even more poignant. Lucy died from cancer just weeks after the birth of her first child. Lucy was one of a handful of women who made a mark on the Architectural profession in Scotland. She combined a considerable design talent with an infectious enthusiasm for her discipline. Her early life was spent in Dundee where her father, James Parr, established the Parr Partnership, one of Scotland's leading Architectural practices. After her education at DHS she then went to the Mackintosh School of Architecture. While in her second year she met her future husband, Graeme, who later left a job in the City to study Architecture. Lucy graduated in 1988 and in 1994 the couple formed Parr Shearer. As well as running a practice Lucy taught at Strathclyde University School of Architecture and was active in the Glasgow Institute of Architects. She played a key role in the redesign of the GIA newspaper and in the preparation for Glasgow 1999. Last year she was elected to the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland Council. Last year Parr Shearer featured in *New Architects*, the Architectural Foundation's catalogue of Britain's best young talent. The husband and wife team were accurately described as "ambitious and committed". Lucy was so keen to raise the profile of young practices in Scotland that she hosted the Scottish launch of the book.

Lucy and Graeme's best known work is their own home. 3 Park Terrace in Glasgow's West End. When they bought the Victorian flat in needed modernisation. While working on the building the couple discovered original wall decorations commissioned by a previous occupant, Sir James Bain, Lord Provost of Glasgow. They painstakingly restored the Provost's drawing room and created one of the most popular rooms in the City. The year after they completed the restoration the flat had 12,000 visitors.

While Glasgow was battling to become City of Architecture the judges were entertained at 3 Park Terrace. It was later established that Lucy's home and her hospitality had captured the imagination of judges and clinched the title for the City. Much of Parr Shearer's work was small-scale "interior architecture" and they built a reputation for designing sensitive modern interiors within historic buildings. They worked on the design of the 1996 Mackintosh exhibition, which opened in Glasgow and toured the United States. They designed offices for Glasgow 1999 on the top floor of the Jaeger building and were responsible for the glamorous and colourful revamp of Christies Auction Rooms in Bath Street. Like many young practices Parr Shearer were working in small projects in the hope of winning a larger commission that would really test their talent. Despite the setbacks and frustrations associated with running a small practice, they were determined to remain in Scotland rather than follow many of their contemporaries to London.

Wilson, Jack

Mr Wilson, born in Calcutta, was a former Company Secretary of the Dundee Linoleum Company. He was 84. Mr Wilson served his apprenticeship with Henderson and Loggie, Chartered Accountants, and after qualifying in 1938 joined Price Waterhouse & Co. At the outbreak of the Second World War, Mr Wilson enlisted in the Honourable Artillery Company and was commissioned as a gunner officer in 1941. Between 1941 and 1943 he served as an officer in the Highland Division and saw action with them from Alemein to Tripoli. The following year he was transferred to the Royal Engineers in the Middle East until February 1946 by which time he had been promoted to Staff Captain. Mr Wilson joined Dundee Linoleum Co. Ltd. after demobilisation in 1946 and was appointed to the board of the company in 1965. Mr Wilson was a Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Accountants and a member of the British Institute of Management. Golf was Mr Wilson's life long passion and he was Secretary of Panmure Golf Club, Barry, from 1972 to 1981.

May Smith - a tribute

Miss May Smith died peacefully in her sleep on the 19th January 2000, at the age of 84.

Educated at Morgan Academy, May graduated at St Andrews University in French and German, and after gaining a diploma in the University of Rennes in France in 1936, she returned home to collect a teaching certificate from Dundee College of Education.

As there were few permanent positions in the teaching profession at that time, she taught in various schools in the city before being appointed to the staff of the High School in 1941. At first May taught French in the lower forms of the upper school, and true to her nature, she immediately involved herself in the broad spectrum of school activities.

In her school and student days, she had achieved not only high academic success, but had excelled at all sports. A keen sportswoman, she offered wholeheartedly to assist in the many games in which the school participated. A qualified referee, she was much in demand on the hockey field. An outstanding tennis player herself, she enjoyed helping the girls improve their game. In supervising the young children at the swimming baths, May took great care to boost the confidence of the inexperienced swimmer. Housemistress of Wallace, a position she was proud to hold, she gave generously of her time to encourage her house in all inter-house activities.

When May joined the staff of the Junior Department she gained experience teaching all stages from LIV to LVII. Both patient and understanding, she was particularly gifted at instilling in the younger girls a feeling of self worth. Sensitive to the special needs of the individual child, she was determined that each girl should have the opportunity to develop fully her own innate potential. Responding to the warm word of encouragement and the quick word of praise, the girls blossomed under May's guidance and with their new found confidence became eager to learn and take

pride in achieving the highest standard of work expected of them.

May created a happy, relaxed atmosphere in her classroom, but children were well aware that in her own quiet way, Miss Smith would stand no nonsense and that attention to work and good behaviour were expected at all times.

Although she believed firmly in retaining the well tried methods of teaching to maintain to highest academic standards, May was equally eager to embrace new ideas if these would give her pupils the opportunity to explore new and exciting subjects. Enthusiastic and tireless, she spent many hours meticulously preparing material to introduce the girls to new skills in developing their interest in Junior Science and in project work. In Drama work, May's contribution was invaluable, whether in making costumes, in helping to devise scenery and find props, or in giving support to the young performers. How often too, we relied on her gentle sense of fun to smooth ruffled feathers when things went badly wrong and tempers became a little frayed, as we struggled to overcome the many difficulties which had to be faced in producing a play in those early days. In the wide range of extra curricular activities May's assistance and sound advice were often sought.

May led a full and happy life outside school. She had enjoyed many holidays abroad, she was a keen golfer. She loved music and motoring and she delighted in her garden.

Perhaps above all, her greatest pleasure was in having shared many years in the life of Dundee High School, to which she had given 36 years of dedicated service, and in retirement her enthusiasm for all things High School never wavered.

A modest, gentle lady of high personal integrity her contribution to school was immeasurable. A true and caring friend to her many colleagues and to generations of pupils. May will be remembered by all whose lives she touched with gratitude and fondest affection.

Jean Farquhar Vannet (nee Low)

An Appreciation given by the Rev. Andrew Wilson at the Thanksgiving Service for her life on 7 March 2000

Born in Inverbervie, on 8 May 1916, Jean Low was the eldest of three daughters. She grew up in that close-knit community where the Mearns meet the North Sea, her family Bervie folk for three generations, the local joiners and undertakers. Among the earliest manuscripts of Lewis Grassie Gibbon are some from his days as Leslie Mitchell, a pupil at Arbuthnott School. One of his school essays was on Bervie. It begins - "There are two things especially noticeable about Bervie; the unlimited confidence of the inhabitants in their own ability; and secondly their pride in being townspeople of a Rough Burgh". The first of these Bervie characteristics was not true of Jean Vannet. Though she always knew her mind and had a rich mind, she carried her ability modestly. She was, however, throughout her life deeply proud of her Bervie roots.

From Mackie Academy in Stonehaven, Jean went on to take an Arts Degree at Aberdeen University and train as a teacher. Out of £1 a week she recalled having one shilling left after paying her student board and lodging; but the shilling went far, for from those earliest days Jean was canny and thrifty. Her first teaching post was in the country school at Barras, just south of Stonehaven. There she saw the poverty of the cottar bairns and had a hard induction to her professional life. In 1941 the door opened to the City of Dundee, a new horizon, a new life. Teaching in the Junior Department at Dundee High School she met W P Vannet, the Art Teacher. They married in 1948 and shared 36 years of marriage in which they perfectly suited each other and they had the joy of their sons Alfred and John.

As the boys grew Jean found her way back to teaching, this time to secondary education at Kirkton High School. Worlds away from Dundee High School, she faced the challenge with her calm, capable character, always looking for the best in the worst and delighting in every measure of success and achievement in her pupils. From Kirkton came the move to Grove Academy, her last teaching post from which she retired in 1976, a much loved and highly respected member of staff.

The opportunities of the new life of retirement were grasped enthusiastically by Jean. Bill and Jean had time to travel and enjoy leisure together. They saw their sons happily married, but increasingly there was the anxiety about Bill's health and in 1984 there came the pain of parting. Again the strength of Jean's character and her quiet inner courage enabled her to come to terms with

her loss and embark on another stage of her life, a life alone.

She joined Dorothy Dobson's Over 60's Fitness Class and only stopped when at 80 she was finding some of the exercises a little strenuous! She then took up Tai Chi and even enrolled for a winter of line dancing.

After Bill's death she made the very successful move from Balgillo Road to Heriot Gate in Broughty Ferry and found, like the others in the new development, a community of friends who looked out for each other in neighbourliness and support. Settled in her new home, she moved from her much loved St Mary's to St Aidan's and found in her new Kirk and its Guild and Embroiderers' Group more friends and warm companionship. Her Bervie roots deep, she was keenly interested in her family history. She was fascinated by the family tree and enjoyed the task of writing up the history of the Low family for publication. She made a remarkable recovery from her major surgery last year and celebrated a memorable Christmas and the dawn of the new millennium with her family.

So it came that terminally ill, facing death, she looked back on her life only with thanksgiving. Reflecting on her life we all recognise we have known Jean Vannet, a woman of deep constancy of character. She was always the same. Though self-contained and self-sufficient, she was at home in any company. She came over always as someone of calm sough, never fashed, wound on a loose spring, uncomplicated, contented, straight, sound and true.



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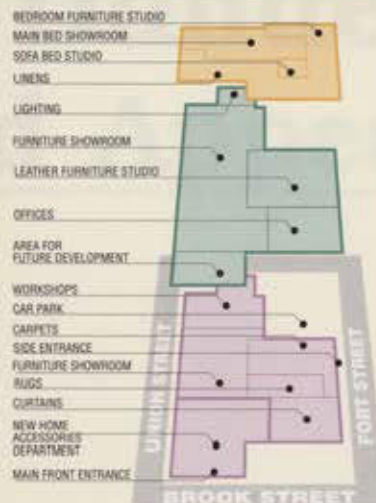
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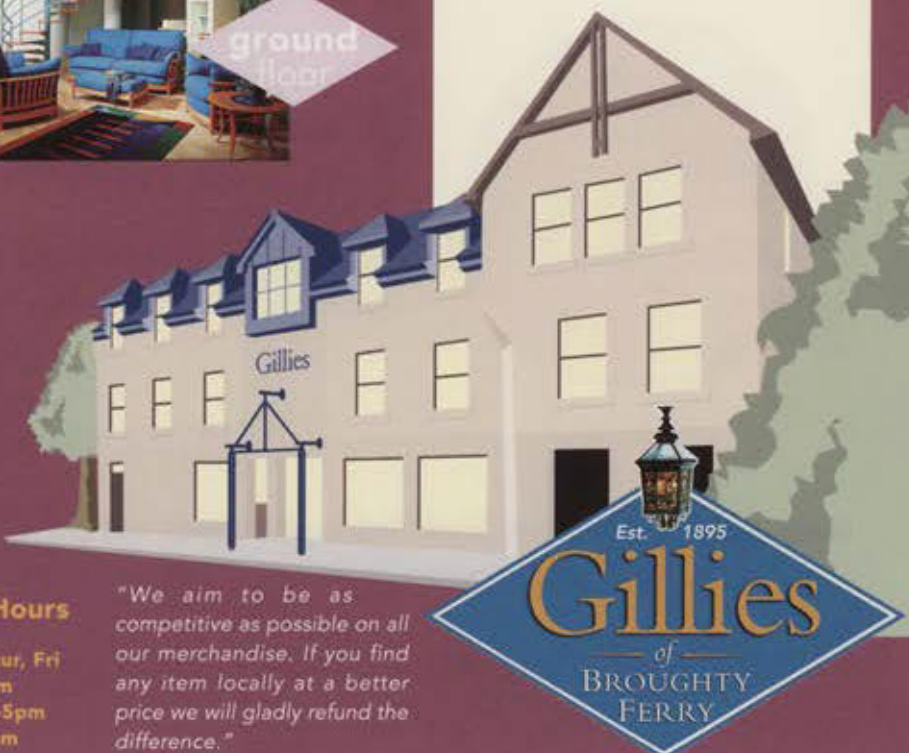
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