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foreword

Session 2000-2001 has seen two important anniversaries: the centenary of the introduction of girls' hockey in October 1900 and the centenary of the opening of Dalnacraig in May 1901.

Had "The Review" existed one hundred years ago we should have had to rely solely on the written word for an account of these two events. Today the occasions would be captured in photographs for posterity.

Another important landmark has been the inauguration of the Foundation of the High School of Dundee. If, in a hundred years time, that event is being remembered, the pages of the Review 2001 will be a source of both words and visual images. Through its pages the many and varied events of a year in the High School live on.



A M Duncan
Rector

June 2001

prefects 2000-2001



(back l to r) : John Martin, Alasdair Ford, Phillip Maciocia, Darryl McKay, Callum Rankin, Robert Burt, David Bean
(middle l to r) : Emma Grant, Amy Saunders, Lindsay Rowan, Helen Rosbottom, Penny France, Julia Bryden, Charlotte Foster, Carol Bodie
(front l to r) : Harriet Chapman, Robbie Grieve, Jayne Arbuckle (Head Girl), Mr AM Duncan (Rector), Stephen Gordon (Head Boy),
Jillian Mackay, Ross Hawkes

rector's report

The pattern of recent years of improving and expanding facilities and resources has continued. This session has seen the introduction of two additional ICT Resource Areas, a Drama Studio, a refurbished Form 6 Physics Laboratory and a replacement all-weather surface at Mayfield.

The biggest development in over ten years is now underway. The property adjacent to Bonar is being reconstructed to provide six classrooms, departmental base, Form 6 Common Room and separate Form 6 study area. As I speak, contractors are starting on a new Technology Centre, and by August we shall also have an additional Physics Laboratory, Biology Laboratory, an Art Room in the Girls' School Building and an additional Music Room which reflects the growing use of technology in that subject. In the course of this session the School also acquired the former Gospel Hall, renamed Baxter Hall, which is proving to be a valuable resource for both curricular and extra-curricular activities.

These developments reflect changes in curriculum and a continuing healthy pupil roll. In Junior School the curriculum in Technology has been revised and L6 and L7 have ICT and Drama formally timetabled. Next session it is intended that ICT be part of the L5 curriculum.

Form 1 have been studying two foreign languages for the first time. This year group is the first to enter Senior School having, in the case of Junior School pupils, already studied French for two years. At a time of continuing decline nationally in the study of modern languages and the virtual demise of Latin, I am pleased that the High School is endeavouring to reverse this trend by creating increased opportunities for the study of languages other than English.

A number of Advanced Higher and Intermediate 2 courses have been introduced this year. Drama is available throughout the Senior School and Modern Studies has been introduced as a crash Higher in Form 6. Further development in subjects and courses is planned for next session.

Improving and
expanding facilities
and resources
continues

In addressing the Headteachers' Association of Scotland last year, Professor Bart McGettrick, Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Glasgow and Chairman of the Scottish Council of Independent Schools said, "Education has a social purpose. It is not an academic, remote activity which goes on in the ether of the air, or the halls of politicians. It resides in the hearts and minds and in the fabric of our society. Education is not a concept which can occur outside of a person. It is integrally part of the human condition."

The sentiment expressed in these remarks is given form in the community that is the High School - a community of pupils, staff, parents, former pupils, Directors and friends of the School. Our community is part of that wider fabric of society and we come together in times of celebration and of sadness.

It was as a community that we mourned the recent death in a traffic accident of one of our Form 2 pupils Zara Murray. We remember today a former pupil who died tragically young. A new prize is being presented for the first time. The Richard Beaton Prize for Practical Cookery in Form 5,

provided by Mr & Mrs Beaton in memory of their son, Richard. I am pleased that Mr Beaton is able to join us this morning.

A prize-giving is a time to celebrate the success, academic and non academic, curricular and non curricular, of our pupils. It is not possible in the time available for me to recount the many and varied successes of individual pupils or groups of pupils throughout a session. I do wish, however, to highlight the contribution of some to the society which is the school and in doing so to acknowledge as well the achievements of the many who are not named.

In music Kirsty Watson, L7 who gained a place last year at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama Junior School has been awarded a Wolfson Scholarship for the coming session. Emma Peebles, Form 4 has also gained a place to study viola

increased opportunities for the study of languages other than English.

and has been selected to play at the National Youth Orchestra Summer School. Mention should also be made of Sophie Sneddon, L7 who won the Scottish Junior Fiddle Championship and Catriona Wilson, L6 who was selected as a Junior Associate of Scottish Ballet.

One of the greatest achievements for any sportsman or woman is to be selected to represent their country. That honour has been given to a number of our pupils this year: Jenni Kilgallon, F3 in swimming, John Gray, F6 in cricket, Rorie Melhuish, F5 in American Football, Lewis McCannachie, F4 in hockey, Angus Lohoar, F4 equestrianism; in rugby it has been the most successful season ever for international representative honours with four Form 6 pupils - Stephen Gordon, Alasdair Dickinson, Tim Knight and Chris Cumming playing for Scotland U18 in the

Home Nations Tournament and against Japan and Spain. Callum Rankin, F6 was also capped for Scotland U18 A team. And I have heard this week that Elizabeth Tainsh, F4 will be representing Scotland later this year in the Army Cadet Forces Athletics Competition.

Barbara Coleman, F6 was a Scottish representative in the Euroscola programme in the European Parliament and very shortly Kirsty Dewar, F5 will be off to Sydney University as one of five UK Australian Science Scholars. The coming session will bring a singular honour for one of next year's Form 6, Christian Penhale. Christian, who is an Air Cadet, has been appointed Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for the City of Dundee.

In University Bursary Competitions Naveed Asif has won a bursary at Aberdeen University and Anna Jameson Till at Edinburgh. Three of our pupils are looking forward to life at Oxford or Cambridge: Graeme Henderson will be studying Mechanical Engineering at Cambridge, Emma Grant, History at Oxford and John Watson, Electronic Engineering, also at Oxford.

Working together in academic study, in sports teams or in music making creates bonds between the participants - a sense of camaraderie and of community. It is true also of the shared experiences of travel.

This session for the first time, Form 2 spent a week in Normandy immersed in French language all day long. Canada was the destination last October for the rugby/hockey tour; pupils made music in Prague and Salzburg; explored classical civilisation in Rome and Sorrento and experienced the working of international business and commerce in New York and London. Junior School pupils of L7 sampled French culture in Paris and nearer to home L6 enjoyed an activity week at Dalguise.

A school team emerged as winners in Tayside of a Chemistry Quiz - Top of the Bench - and will represent Fife & Tayside in the British finals next March.

The session marks the centenary of Girls' Hockey in the School. Teams participated in eight tournaments winning four, being runners-up in two and semi-finalists in the remainder. We were also well represented in Midlands inter-district tournaments. In rugby we reached the semi-final of the Scottish Schools Cup but



Jenni Kilgallon represented Scotland in swimming



Lewis McCannachie represented Scotland in hockey



Barbara Coleman was selected for Euroscola 2001

were defeated by the eventual winners. Younger players who formed the Jubilee Team won the District Competition but lost in the final at Murrayfield. Swimming, golf, tennis, cross-country running and netball have all produced winners and most recently in athletics in Dundee Schools Sports fifty-seven medals were won by boys, forty-seven by girls and seven group trophies as well as individual successes by Jenni Kilgallon in Individual Sprints Trophy and David McCulloch in Jumps

Scheme have been gained since last June: eighteen at bronze, seven at silver and two at gold. Forty-seven pupils are currently involved in working towards awards.

I am pleased to report a successful outcome to the biennial inspection of the CCF. Members of the pipe band who are in much demand to play on public occasions have had their own successes. In the Scottish Schools Trio Piping Competition both our A and B trios were placed and earlier this month, Scott



Neil Herbert won the Gold Leng Medal



Christian Penhale has been appointed Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for the City of Dundee



Sophie Sneddon won the Scottish Fiddle Championship

Trophy. Jenni and Maria Thomas F2 broke notable records as did Stephen Gordon, F6 who broke the School record for the

Anderson, L7 was second in the Junior Individual Drumming Championships at the annual Scottish Schools CCF Pipe Band Competition.

environment which fosters talent and ability

It is right and proper to celebrate the many and varied achievements of our pupils. The talents of pupils and their hard work, the time and expertise of teachers, coaches, instructors, the support of parents and fellow pupils - in other words the pulling together of a community creates the environment in which talent and ability can grow and be fostered. But a school community should not be a closed community. The High School for many years has been part of the community which is the city of Dundee and more recently very much part of the wider community of Tayside. I should like to see us becoming

100 metres. The previous record of 11.1 seconds which had stood for twenty-five years was shattered in a new time of 10.38 seconds.

Demand for entry remains high

Choirs, orchestras, music groups form another element within our community and have entertained us royally at Christmas, in the spring concerts and only this week in the Strings Soiree. Over two hundred took part in our recent Music Competition and pupils have participated successfully in both the Perth and Arbroath Music Festivals. Of particular note is Neil Herbert's success in winning this year's Leng Gold Medal.

more involved in that community beyond the School. It is gratifying to receive requests from outside bodies anxious for our involvement. Barnardo's Carol Concert, the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children Christmas Concert, the Guildry of Dundee, Tayside Racial Equality Council's Uniformed Services' Open Day, RSNQ proms concert and Kids Day Out organised by local Rotary Clubs have provided opportunities for pupils to contribute to that wider community.

For many, one of the abiding memories of school days which remains is participation in school plays or musicals. There are, I imagine, very few schools, where it can be said that every single pupil has taken part in productions in a single session yet that is true of our Junior School. All L1 to L3 pupils participated in the Nativity Play and all L4 to L7 in the recent musical, "Alice". Indeed, such was the talent available that two separate casts were able to take to the stage on different evenings.

Only last week as part of Form 6 Induction Week the present Form 5 spent a day involved in community projects in Dundee and beyond. I know that many pupils throughout the year, both through community service organised in school and independently, give of their time to help others. Surely that is a fine example of education as integrally part of the human condition and not just a concept.

Last week dance, music and acting were blended together in the Senior School play "Daughters of Venice", a complex and demanding production, providing challenges which the pupils more than met.

Twenty-seven awards within the Duke of Edinburgh Award

We learn from our past but look to the future. The formal establishment of the Foundation of the High School of Dundee earlier this session will help guarantee that future. The twin aims of raising funds for bursaries and future development of facilities will enable us to continue to provide a learning environment worthy of our pupils and to ensure that as in the past and for the foreseeable future funds will be available to assist pupils to come to the School and to gain from what we offer who would otherwise be unable to do so because of financial considerations. I believe that there can be no worthier aim and I am delighted that a number of eminent former pupils and friends of the School including today's Guest of Honour have willingly identified with the Foundation by becoming Fellows of the Foundation.

I have been gratified by the initial response to the aims of the Foundation and by the worldwide reaction to Beyond the Pillars, our newsletter for Former Pupils and Friends of the School.

We are indeed fortunate in the strong links which we have with the Parents' Association, the Old Boys' and Old Girls' Clubs, the Patrons' Association and the many many friends of the School all of whom share our aim of ensuring that the High School flourishes.

Demand for entry remains high with L1 now full, L6 with one place left and over one hundred and thirty joining Form 1 for the second year in succession. To you Mr Chairman and to your fellow directors go my thanks for your support to me and commitment to the future development of the School.

Let me address a few words to our leavers. You leave the High School for that wider world and to continue your education at university or college and in that University of Life in which we all continue to learn. You will shortly cease being pupils of the High School but you will always be former pupils with that unique experience which binds you together wherever you are and whatever you do. You remain part of our community.

And finally, to your parents - thank you for enabling us to play a part in your children's education. I know from what you say and write that you share fully in a commitment to the School and for some of you that spans many years as your children have progressed through school.

I hope that those of you who today cease being parents of current pupils will remain part of that wide body of friends of the School, part of the community that is the High School of Dundee, this scola clara scola nobilis.



(l to r): Toby Davis, James Strachan, Ily Mord and Catherine Jung won the Top of the Bench Competition.



(l to r): Oxbridge success for John Watson who will study Electronic Engineering at New College, Oxford, Graeme Henderson who will study Mechanical Engineering at Trinity College, Cambridge and Emma Grant who will read History at Worcester College, Oxford.



Kirsty Dewar was one of only five UK scholars selected to attend the renowned Interlational Science School at Sydney University, Australia.



(l to r): Chris Cumming, Stephen Gordon, Mr A H Hutchison (coach), Tim Knight, Alasdair Dickinson, Douglas McLaren (FP) in Madrid after the Scotland U18 versus Spain U 18 match.



Scott Anderson was second in the Junior Drumming Championship at the annual Scottish Schools CCF Pipe Band Competition.

Mr A Michael Duncan, Rector, was pleased to welcome Lord and Lady Patel as Honoured Guests to our Prize-giving ceremony held in the Caird Hall, Dundee on Thursday 28 June 2001.



JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Old Girls' Prize for Creative Writing in L7
The Stark Cup for Public Speaking

Douglas Dorward

The Robbie Prize for Public Speaking

Ruth Foulis

The Walter Smith Memorial Prize for Drama

**Charlotte Farmer
Lynsey Nicoll**

The Leng Medal for Singing

Malcolm Watson

The Old Girls' Prize for Piano

Scot McIntosh

The Marshall Prize for Descant Recorder

Rachael Sinclair

The Marshall Prize for Treble Recorder

Stephanie Wright

The Rector's Prize for Piano

Kirsty Watson

The Rector's Prize for Strings

Sophie Sneddon

The Rector's Prize for Woodwind

Oliver Alexander

The Rector's Prize for Brass

Guy Ballantyne

The Rector's Prize for Guitar

Rob Madden

The Russell Trophy for Chess

Shahadat Hasan

The Special Prize for Chess

Bilal Hussain

The Dr Rita Forrest Prize for Art

**Boys: Douglas White
Girls: Georgia Dessain**

The Hutton Prize for Environmental Studies in L7

**Amabel Dessain
Kirsty Watson**

SENIOR SCHOOL

The Chris Rea Prize for Games in Form 3	Boys: Scott Burnett Girls: Sam Sangster
Ties for International Recognition	Re-award Jenni Kilgallon Angus Lohear Rorie Melhuish
Games Merit Scarves Ties for International Recognition	Christopher Cumming Alasdair Dickinson Re-award Stephen Gordon Re-award John Gray
The Don F McEwan Prize for Cricket	Kenneth Kyles
The P Gordon Grant Trophy for Games Games Merit Scarf Tie for International Recognition Re-award	Timothy Knight
The Simon Newton Memorial Trophy for Commitment in Music and Sport	Adele McConnachie
The Head of Music's Prize for Piano	Susan Edie
The Head of Music's Prize for Strings	Kirsty Lowe
The Head of Music's Prize for Woodwind	Nina De Franco
The Head of Music's Prize for Brass	Louis Ryan
The Rector's Prize for Piano	Toby Davies
The Rector's Prize for Strings	Jennifer Watson
The Rector's Prize for Woodwind	Lyndsey Tyler
The Larg Prize for Strings	Ian Ryan
The Southgate Prize for Musical Ensemble	Rory Baxter Toby Davies Sarah Dorward Jennifer Watson Jamie Yule
The Leng Silver Medal for Singing	Samantha Croll
The Leng Gold Medal for Singing	Neil Herbert
The Larg Prize for Vocal The High School Quatch for the Best All-Round Instrumentalist	Sarah Jones
The Old Girls' Trophy for the Inter-House Public Speaking Competition The Rorie Trophy for the Inter-House Debating Competition	Lindores
The A S Drummond Prizes for Reading and Public Speaking in Forms 1-3	Vikash Vasishtha Lucy Doogan
The London-Angus Association Trophy and G H Philip Prize for Reading and Public Speaking	Haveed Asif

The G H Philip Prize for Reading and Public Speaking
 The Dennis J Paterson Prize and Trophy for
 the Best Speaker in the Inter House Debates
 The Cambridge Gavel for his Contribution to Debating

David Bean

The Chess Club Trophy and Prize for Girls
 The Intermediate Chess Club Trophy and Prize
 The Beckingham Trophy and Chess Club Prize

Susan Liu

The Block Prize for Creative Writing

Rebecca Page

The Old Boys' Club Prize for Creative
 Writing in Forms 1-3

Ramsay Hall

The D Arnot Shepherd Travel Scholarship

**Mark Beaumont
 Claire Low**

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Merit Prizes

**Ellidh Firth
 Ruth Foulis
 Caitlin McDonald
 Scot McIntosh
 Adam Robertson
 Katy Steele**

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Merit Prizes

**Oliver Alexander
 Georgia Dessain
 Neil Dewar
 Charlotte Farmer
 Caroline Foubister
 Christopher Respinger
 Laura Treece**

The John McLennan Prize for Proxime Accessit

Douglas Dorward

The E.M. Stewart Prize for Dux of the Junior School

Fiona McCulloch

FORM 1

Merit Prizes

**Matthew Atkins
 Neil Crosby
 Anni Dong
 Lucy Doogan
 Heather Ferguson
 Eleanor Geddes
 Judith Kilgallon
 Steven King
 Lewis McNicoll
 Mary Reid**

The Alexander Mill-White Prize for All-Round Ability
 in Form 1 Boys

**Andrew Wallace
 in Form 1 Boys**

The Alexander Mill-White Prize for All-Round Ability
 in Form 1 Girls

**Mairi Cunningham
 in Form 1 Girls**

The Robertson Prize for Dux of Form 1 Boys

Jamie Foulis

The Florence Whytock Memorial Prize for Dux of Form 1 Girls

Ailsa Murray

FORM 2

Merit Prizes

**Tahrima Abedin
 Kiyo Adya
 Neil Bryden
 Glen Christie
 John Fairlie
 Keith Ip
 Baldur Karlsson
 David Poulton
 Walker Wares**

The Neil Fraser Cup and Prize for All-Round Ability in Form 2 Boys	Colin Goudie
The R S L Macpherson Prize for Dux of Form 2 Boys	Euan McKeo
The R S L Macpherson Prize for Dux of Form 2 Girls The Prize for All-Round Ability In Form 2 Girls	Catherine Jung
FORM 3	
Merit Prizes	Rory Baxter Julia Black Sarah Borward Carla Hogg Simon Jones Lucy Sneddon Jamie Yule
The Jane Spiller Prize for Dux of Form 3 Boys	Toby Davies
The Jane Spiller Prize for Dux of Form 3 Girls	Catherine Peters Amanda Pringle
FORM 4	
Merit Prizes	Stewart Arbuckle David Clark Gavin Crosby Stuart Goudie Gavin Hisley Patrick Pitcaithly Rebecca White Derek Wong
A Special Prize for Mathematics in Form 4	Jing Nie
The R S L Macpherson Prize for the Dux of Form 4 Boys	James Strachan
The Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Dux of Form 4 Girls	Jennifer Allison
FORM 5	
Merit Prizes	Mabel Chung George Howson Lynsey-Anne Marwick Finlay Stewart
The Isabella Hunter Award for Art in Form 5	Rebecca Lindsay
The Richard Beaton Prize for Practical Cookery in Form 5	Gavin Taylor
The Jane Rae Prize for Home Economics in Form 5	Karen Nicoll
The Rector's Prize for Computing Studies in Form 5	Laura Morgan
The Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Classical Studies in Form 5	Ngairo Unton
The Rector's Prize for Economics	Kenneth Lowe
The Robert Biggar Prize for Geography in Form 5	Jennifer Davie
The James Stevenson Memorial Prize for French in Form 5	Susanna Sneddon

The James Stevenson Memorial Prize for German in Form 5	Fiona Beaton
The Alan Hall Prize for Electronics Merit Prize in Form 5	Hugh Brunton
The Rector's Prize for Spanish in Form 5 Merit Prize in Form 5	Cheryl Rhodes
The Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for History in Form 5 Merit Prize in Form 5	Ruth Dunlop
The J.B. Meiklejohn Prize for Mathematics in Form 5 - Boys The Dennis J Paterson Prize for Dux of Form 5 Boys	Ewan Goudie
The Glenday Award for Biology in Form 5 The Sandy Wardlaw Trophy and Book Prize for Chemistry in Form 5 The Christopher and Philip Daft Prize for Physics in Form 5 The J.B. Meiklejohn Prize for Mathematics in Form 5 - Girls The E.M. Stewart Prize for English in Form 5 The Caroline S. Low Memorial Prize for Dux of Form 5 Girls	Kirsty Dewart
FORM 6	
The Mhairi Henderson Cup and The Rector's Prize for the Girl Dux in Physical Education	Jayne Arbuckle
The Dallas Allardice Trophy and Prize for the Boy Dux in Physical Education	Stephen Gordon
The J. Torrington-Bell Prize for Dux in Art	Mary Steele
The Graeme Matheson-Bruce Prize for Best Pupil in Higher Grade Music	Johanna Brown
The Rector's Prize for Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies	Francesca Colaco
The Rector's Prize for Russian	Ross Hawkes
The William Laird Prize for Dissertation Work in Scottish Historical Studies	Sozanne Robertson
The Sibbald Prize for Dux in Geography	Rebecca Ramsay
The James Smart Prize for Project Work in Chemistry	Timothy Atkins
The Dott Memorial Prize for Dux in Mathematics	Graeme Henderson
The Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Modern Studies The Eiko Takahashi Prize for Excellence in Modern Languages	Julia Brydon
The Caird Prize for Business Management The W E Crichton Prize for Dux in Computing Studies	Rennie Morrocco
The Sir John Leng Trust Prize for English The Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Dux in History	Emma Grant

The W E Crichton Prize for Dux in Spanish
 The Anderson Prize for Project Work in Biology
 The Eiko Takahashi Prize for Excellence in Modern Languages
 The D Arnot Shepherd Travel Scholarship

Alasdair Ford

The Armitstead Trust Prize for Dux in French
 The Armitstead Trust Prize for Dux in German
 The Goethe Institut Prize for German in Form 6
 The Eiko Takahashi Prize for Excellence in Modern Languages

Barbara Coleman

The Armitstead Trust Prize for Dux in English
 The Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Dux in History
 The W E Crichton Prize for Dux in Economics

David Bean

The Jacuk Prize for Dux in Physics
 The Jacuk Prize for Project Work in Physics
 The William More Prize for Applied Mathematics

John Watson

The Brian McNeil Prize for Dux in Biology
 The Frank Young Prize for Dux in Chemistry
 The Frank Young Prize for Dux in Natural Science
 The Dr Evelyn Gow Prize for Science

Harriet Chapman

The Bain Prizes for Service to School – Girls

**Johanna Brown
 Nina de Franco
 Adele McConnachie
 Helen Rosbottom
 Lyndsey Tyler**

The Dr John M Morgan Prizes for Service to School - Boys

**David Bean
 Robbie Grieve
 Ross Hawkes
 Callum Rankin**

The Inter House Shield for the Champion House

Lindores

The Lowson Prize for Head of School – Girls

Jayne Arbuckle

The Erskine Prize for Head of School – Boys

Stephen Gordon

The Harris Gold Medal and David Gray
 Book Prize for Dux of School

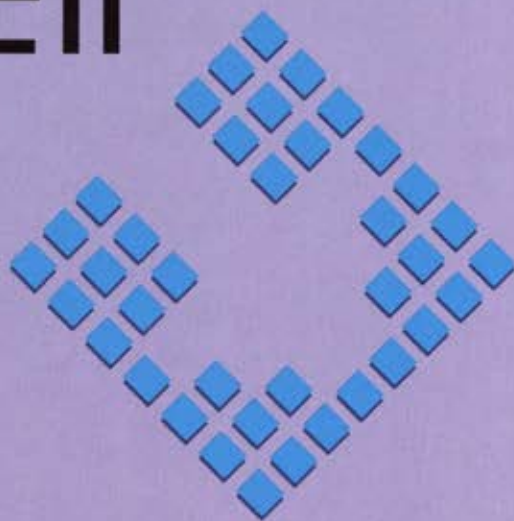
**David Bean (Arts)
 Harriett Chapman (Sciences) - Joint Award
 John Watson (Sciences) - Joint Award**



School Duxes

Back (l to r): C Jung, A Pringle, M Cunningham, E Goudie, J Alison, C Goudie, A Wallace
 Middle (l to r): T Davies, C Peters, D Dorward, F McCulloch, J Foulis, A Murray, E McKee
 Front (l to r): J Arbuckle, J Watson, H Chapman, D Bean, S Gordon

making their mark



*back (l to r) : S Gordon, T Knight, R Grieve
front (l to r) : C Rankin, A Dickinson, C Cumming were members of the winning
Caledonian Reds Rugby Team*



*Colin Goudie won the Saxophone Solo
Class at the Perth Music Festival*



Steven Hume won the Boase Medal for Golf



*Rebecca Barlow played basketball for
Tayside U15 in the North of Scotland
Passerelle Tournament*



*Katie Ferguson won a Gold medal for the
50m Freestyle in the Tayside Schools
Swimming Competition. She is also Junior
Sport's Champion of the school*



Susie Fleming has been selected to take part in the Cadet Leadership and Challenge Course in the Canadian Rocky Mountains



M Page (left) and R Grieve have received Gap year Army Commissions. Michael is also Senior School Swimming Champion and Robbie is Senior School Sport's Champion



Emma Peebles has gained a place to study viola at the Royal Academy of Music and Drama. She has also been selected to play at the National Youth Orchestra Summer School



Taylor Wylie, Bethany Keogh, Megan Hunter, Laura Burnett (absent), Rebecca Barlow, Jenna Bradley, Eleanor Geddes, Susan Bennett, Carina Ip, Emily Pringle and Sascha Ollandini won the Dundee Schools Form 1 Netball League



Nicole Wilson and Sam Sangster (absent from photo) won the Midlands U15 Tennis Championship



Mrs Tosh was promoted to Captain in the school's CCF!



James Strachan gained 3rd place in the Scottish School's Essay Competition. James also won the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge Competition



Greig Matthew won himself the honour of leading out the Scottish side for their friendly game against Samoa in a competition organised by the Oracle Young Scotland Rugby Squad



Barry Jones of St Michael's Golf Club had a win in one of the adult medal competitions and finished the season by winning the Junior Club Championship with a scratch score of 76, four over par



Claire Low and Gemma Clayhills-Henderson (absent from photo) were selected as helpers for the Gordonstoun International Summer School. Gemma is also joint Senior Sport's Champion of the school



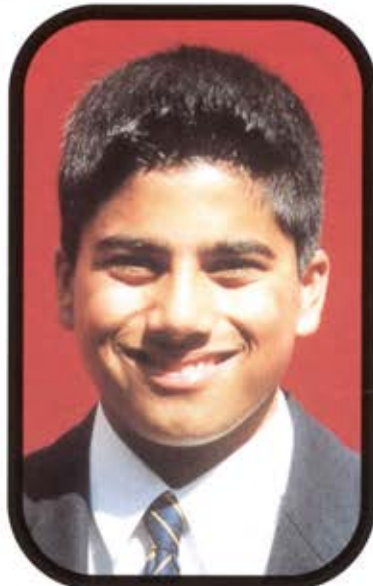
Sophie Sneddon and Jennifer Watson were members of the winning ensemble group in the Scottish Fiddle Championships in Musselburgh



(l to r) : Kirsty Hawkes, David Bean, Michael Page and James Potton got through to the Scottish final of the Schools' Challenge Quiz



Tarima Abedin won the UK Junior Maths Challenge Competition



Vikash Vasishta won the Reading and Public Speaking prizes in Forms 1-3



Nicholas Newton was selected to participate in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards summer camp

making their mark

and there's more –but they missed the photo shoot !

John Gray was selected for the Senior Scottish Cricket Squad.

Catriona Whiteford, Sam Sangster and Anneka Walker played for Midlands in the Scottish U18 Indoor Inter-District Tournament. Anneka is also the Intermediate Sport's Champion of the school. Catriona and Sam also played for Midlands in the Scottish U16 Outdoor Inter-District Tournament.

David Bean and Gavin Illsley won the shield in the Dundee University Debating Competition, Gavin additionally winning the Individual Speaker's Competition.

Jayne Arbuckle and Richard Kemp won the 'A' section of the Glenalmond Mixed Doubles Tournament.

Kenneth Kyles won the Don McEwan Prize for Cricket. Finally the following pupils represented Scotland : Rorie Melhuish in American Football, Elizabeth Tainsh in the Army Cadet Force Athletics Competition and Angus Lohoar in Equestrianism.

Well done everyone !

Pause for thought :

As we share the joy of all those who have achieved honour and success let us not forget Zara Murray who was so tragically killed in a road accident. The whole of the school community was deeply shocked and saddened at this terrible loss and we extend our sympathy and support to her family and friends.

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Change and innovation continue apace at the High School. Since the advent of Mr Duncan many projects have been realised, many are still ongoing and yet more are in the pipeline. For example, improvements to the fabric of the school building have encompassed the renovation of the Reception area, provision of modern offices for the management team, a new staff-room, improved toilet facilities for both staff and pupils and a new central-heating system, to name but a few.

Much has been repaired and redecorated, ICT has been expanded, a new Drama and Media Studies Workshop has been created and many luxury items have been acquired such as the new organ in Trinity. The use of available space has been rationalised such that the Junior School is now housed under the one roof and some members of staff have had to pack up and move once, twice and even three times!

This session has been no exception with the inauguration of the Foundation, changes to the school uniform, the acquisition of the Gospel Hall and the creation of new teaching and sixth year facilities in Bell Street, the most ambitious and expensive project to date.

There will be more coverage of the latter in next year's Review when work should be well and truly finished. In the meantime here is a brief report on the school uniform and a summary of what the Foundation is all about.

The uniform

A new uniform was unveiled in February of this year after the consultations and deliberations of a committee comprising parents, teachers and board members.

The most significant change is to the girls' uniform. The plain grey skirts and pinafores which have been to the fore over the last 40 years or so will be replaced by a washable material in a uniquely designed High School check. A standard grey pullover and cardigan with school colours will also be introduced. Blazers will remain the same, although in the case of the boys, a Teflon coated material should hopefully increase the durability of the blazer.

The uniform will be phased in over the next two years.





The Foundation

High School of Dundee Foundation Launched.

On Saturday 12 May at 11:30a.m. the High School of Dundee formally launched its newly established Foundation at an inauguration in the School's Trinity Hall, attended by 80 guests, including special guest Lord Ross. The Foundation's purpose is to raise funds to support bursaries, to help finance the building improvement programme and to provide new facilities and resources for the School.

The High School of Dundee Foundation is a registered charity that will seek to unite everyone with a common interest in the future of the School and encourage them to give their support.

Fellows of the Foundation

A number of eminent individuals have agreed to lend their names and their skills to the Foundation. Lord Cullen, Lord Ross, Lord Patel, Sir Alan Peacock, Sir Lewis Robertson, Sir Patrick Forrest, The Earl and Countess of Dundee, Rear Admiral John Grove, Dorothy Dobson, Andrew Marr and Andy Nicol have all agreed to serve as Fellows of the Foundation.

Keeping the Momentum Going

A programme of events and initiatives will be implemented to keep the momentum going. Other inauguration events are being planned in London, Edinburgh, Glasgow and North America where many former pupils are based. The next event will take place in London at the House of Lords.

Bursaries and Capital Projects

To preserve the diverse social and cultural mix in the School for the benefit of all pupils, and also to enable as many talented pupils as possible to experience the benefits of a High School of Dundee education, the provision of Bursaries is a priority.

Redevelopment of the School's property on Bell Street is already underway and due for completion in August 2001. It will provide 1200 square metres of accommodation including 6 classrooms, a departmental base, sixth form common room and study area, ancillary support areas and a toilet accommodation. Within the existing School, another Information Technology Centre and two additional laboratories for Physics and Biology are planned. Funds are needed to provide an all weather hockey / tennis surface, the upgrading of rugby pitches, the provision of a games hall, redevelopment of other properties on Bell Street, re-location of catering facilities and on-going upgrading of existing facilities.

Giving Your Support to the Foundation

This is an exciting time for the High School. Our capital projects and bursaries carry a high price tag, but the Foundation Committee are confident of being able to harness the support of all those who wish to



(l-r) Normile Baxter, Lord Ross, Anne Baxter, Michael Duncan, Adrian Stewart, Gordon Stewart, Bill Macfarlane Smith, Sarah Randell and John Mountford.



Inauguration of the Foundation in Trinity Hall

see the High School continue to flourish. Every donation, large or small, regular or one-off will help! For U.K. tax payers, the most popular method of donating is via the Gift Aid scheme. If you give via this method, the Foundation can increase the value of your gift by almost a third, by reclaiming the tax.

For further information, contact Sarah Randell, Development Officer by telephoning 01382 220056 or e-mailing srandell@hsd.dundeecity.sch.uk

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departures



Ronald Cochrane

Ron Cochrane graduated from The Royal Scottish Academy of Music in 1966 and from Dundee College of Education a year later. He additionally gained his Licentiate of Trinity College, London – Singing Performer.

Having served his 'apprenticeship' in Madras College, Rockwell High School, Grove Academy and Perth Grammar School where he spent six years as Principal Teacher of Music, he was one of Rector Nimmo's first appointments to the position of Headmaster of Music in the High School in 1978 with the remit to make a five year plan to build the music department into one of importance and value within the DHS community.

Dedicated to the cause of extending the musical knowledge and experience of his pupils, he demanded high standards of all and reshaped the department in readiness for all the changes that musical education has undergone over the last 20 years : Alternative O Grade, Higher, Standard Grade, Revised Higher and finally the advent of the new Higher Still examination.

He led a team of enthusiastic and able music staff and expanded the role of the instrumental department, persuading the management of the value of full-time Strings and Woodwind instructor staff. Moreover, with help from the Bursary, he

restructured the financial / fee arrangements for the payment of part-time instrumental staff.

In the classroom his work was marked by his exhausting and infectious enthusiasm which over the years inspired so many pupils. Above all however, it was in his love of singing that his legacy to the school will perhaps be best remembered. He re-established a fine tradition of choral singing and organised some outstanding concert performances over the years : The Haydn *St Nicholas Mass*, Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*, Handel's *Zadok the Priest*, Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*, the Faure *Requiem* used for the 750th Celebration Concert in the Caird Hall and Orff's *Carmina Burana*. Ron was meticulous in his preparations for these performances and inspired his soloists, choirs, musical groups and orchestras to give of their very best in this so public arena. Moreover, by using a variety of venues such as The Music Centre in Bell Street, St Paul's Cathedral and St Mary Magdalene's, the talents of the department were extended to a much wider public. This was especially marked in the traditional biennial performances in the Gardyne theatre where he collaborated with Alistair Chynoweth to stage some wonderful productions of Gilbert and Sullivan, Offenbach, Rice and Lloyd Weber. The obvious delight on the faces of the young performers has been captured for posterity in the many photographs which hang today on the stairwell of the Junior School Building.

Despite his heavy departmental load, Ron involved himself in the school's cross-curricular programme by training as an officer in the RN section of the CCF. Much to his surprise he rose to the challenge and even wished he had undertaken such activity earlier in his career. Reaching the rank of Lieutenant and with the loyal help of Sub Lieutenant Andrews and enthusiastic senior cadets, his small initial group of 7 cadets grew to around 40, including girls for the first time.

Ron intends to be busy in his retirement. He hopes to gain work as a freelance musician and instructor of singing and piano and to undertake some more conducting. He might even find his own singing voice again ! Gardening and travel are also on his agenda and so we wish him a long and happy retirement in which to realise all these dreams.



Monique Massie

After graduating in European and Latin American Literature from the University of Essex and obtaining a Teaching Qualification from St Andrews College, Glasgow, Mrs Massie had her first experience of teaching in Essex, during which she obtained an MA in Language and Literature at the University of





London. She then moved to Singapore where she taught English and Drama. It would be hard to imagine any greater extremes in climate and teaching conditions!

She joined the staff of the High School in 1999 as Miss Bell and, for the two-and-a-half years during which she has taught here, she has spent a lot of time commuting, first from Forfar and then from Edinburgh when she married architect husband Graeme Massie. She has two anthropomorphic cats, Jack and Walter (the 'Odd Couple') on whom she lavishes her affections.

Although she has kept us entertained with stories about the strange characters she has encountered on the train, the journey diminished the obvious delights of teaching at our establishment and she was compelled to seek pastures new. We are all sorry to lose her. She leaves us to take up a post at Heriot's and we wish her every success.



Michael Stewart

Mr Stewart deserted the Emerald Isle for the grey granite of Aberdeen, where he obtained his Honours degree in Philosophy. Like many on the staff, he trained as a teacher at the Northern College. He came to the High School of Dundee in 1998 and, despite having to cope with a busy timetable that incorporated Philosophy and RE as well as English, he

managed to complete an MPhil at Dundee University. With his wife Karen and daughter Iona, he has set down roots in the city, but the urge to travel is obviously still strong and he is deserting us, temporarily, for the allure of the Sudan. We shall all miss his dulcet tones, his cheery smile and his calming disposition. Fortunately, he will be returning to the fold in two years' time to rejoin the English Department.

Treasa O'Reilly

Miss O'Reilly joined the History Department in August 2000 after a period teaching in her home town of Rathdowney in County Laois and quickly became a popular member of the team, with both staff and pupils. Enthusiastic and with a lively sense of humour, she has impressed everyone with her organisation, dedication and professionalism.



Treasa quickly involved herself in the busy life of the school and in addition to the contribution that she made to the History Department, she also gave a great deal to Learning Skills, RMPS, hockey and the preparation of costumes for the school drama production at the end of term. She now moves to a teaching post in the sun-drenched town of San Sebastian, in the shadow of the Pyrenees. The school and the Department will miss her ever-cheerful and refreshingly honest personality although we don't think she will miss our climate! We wish her every success and happiness in what we feel sure will be an exceptionally bright future.

Peter Lovegrove



Mr Lovegrove joined the History Department as maternity cover for Mrs Hudson in December 2000. A native of Essex and a graduate of New College, Oxford, Peter had extensive experience teaching at Hutchison's Grammar in Glasgow and in Peru. The school was fortunate to find someone of such calibre and he swiftly impressed staff and pupils with his passion for the subject and his extensive knowledge. Peter also brought his promoted experience in Guidance to bear as a First Year Group Teacher and made a first class contribution to the pastoral life of the school. Inevitably it was not long before a teacher of Peter's ability and experience found a full-time position and he has now been appointed to a History post at Morrison's Academy in Crieff. Our best wishes go to Peter for what we are confident will be a very successful career.

Jim Tucker



Mr Tucker joined the High School as Accountant under the Bursar Mr MacPherson in 1989. Following his schooling at Harris Academy he commenced training as an accountant with a Dundee Firm. Jim then pursued a career with a number of commercial and industrial organisations in Tayside, Fife and the North of England before coming to the High School.





During his time here Jim worked with three Bursars and for a short while was required to manage the Bursary during a period of vacancy. He had particular involvement in the administration of the Assisted Places Scheme in the school and this represented a considerable task from which many families benefited.

His two sons both came to the High School and subsequently pursued careers in the catering and leisure industries which in turn led to the decision for the family to establish their own business. Early in 2001 a suitable hotel was identified and the family moved to Cullen Bay in May. We wish Jim, Marjory, Simon and Douglas every success and good wishes in their venture at the Cullen Bay Hotel where staff and friends of the High School can be sure of a warm welcome.



Irene Foggarty

Mrs Foggarty joined the High School dining-hall staff in August 1987. She originally came to the school to 'help out' for a few weeks and ended up staying for almost fourteen years, taking over as Catering Supervisor in 1996. There are many pupils who will remember Irene's specialities with great

fondness, in particular her homemade soups and traditional puddings, not least the *Sticky Toffee Pudding*, which hold an enviable reputation! In 1999 when the catering arrangements were taken over by Gardner Merchant, Irene was appointed Catering Manager and had to manage through the period of transition from the former in-house arrangements to an out-sourced catering service. Her dedication and commitment to maintaining a high standard in her cooking will stand her in good stead as she moves to her new post. The good news for the lovers of excellent home baking and those famous puddings is that these can be enjoyed at the Cullen Bay Hotel where she is joining the Tucker family in their new business venture. Our thanks and appreciation go with her as well as good wishes for the future.

Dolina Matthews

Mrs Matthews was born and educated on the Isle of Lewis. She trained as a State Enrolled Nurse at Glasgow Royal Infirmary. She moved to Dundee in 1982 when her husband, Stephen, became minister of the United Free Church in Caird Avenue. After working for

some time in Fairmuir School, Mrs Matthews was appointed School Nurse at the High School in October 1986. She held this position until her retirement in December 2000.

Always sensitive to the needs of pupils and staff, Dolina showed a loyal commitment to the High School of Dundee. With her quiet, unassuming manner, she endeared herself to us all.

We wish her a long and happy retirement.



upgrades



Jean Melville

Jean's musical talent began to blossom at the age of six when she took her first instrumental lesson and discovered an immediate rapport with the piano. Her love of music and performance continued through her school years at Eastern Primary School, where she was a winner of both the Leng Medal and the Burns Federation Competition for singing, and at Grove Academy, where she took an active part in choirs and operas and learned to play the oboe.

Having decided that the Teaching of Music was to be her future, she went on to study piano, singing and violin at Dundee College of Education, gaining a Diploma in Music as well as the qualifications LGSM, LLCM and LTCl.

Her teaching career has included appointments as a class music teacher in Forfar Academy and Lawside Academy and as both a class teacher and instrumental specialist here at the High School where she has made a notable contribution to the Music Department, both curricular and extra-curricular, since her arrival in 1974.

Hard to believe though it may be, given the number of concerts and shows that the Music Department produces, not to mention the highly successful performance tours she has organised to Europe, Jean does have a life outside school. She enjoys reading, swimming, embroidery, golf, foreign travel and practising the saxophone – yes, music is a very important part of her leisure time too. Her best-loved composer is Mozart, favourite pieces being his Symphony No. 40 in G minor and the A major Piano Concerto K488, followed closely by any of the late Romantic nationalist composers. On a lighter note, she would rate most highly the musical *Les Misérables* although this might fall into second place after her visit to Verona this summer to see a performance of Verdi's *Aida*.

She now brings her energy and her vision to her new appointment as Head of Music. Future developments are likely to reflect her belief that her subject has something for everybody, that music is, genuinely, for all.





Shirley Magill

Mrs Magill joined the staff of the High School Music Department in 1995 having taught at Lochaber High School and associated primaries after graduating with a B.Mus (Hons) from Glasgow University followed by a PGCE from Northern College, Aberdeen. She was appointed to the post of Instrumental Co-ordinator within the Music Department in June of this year.

As well as teaching class music throughout the school at all levels, Shirley also teaches clarinet and piano. A keen instrumentalist, she is the Principal Clarinetist of Dundee Symphony Orchestra and plays the organ not only on school occasions but also at Logie and St John's Cross Church where she is an active member. Additionally, she has performed solo and in ensembles at University lunchtime concerts.

Shirley recently completed a three-year correspondence course with 'International Christian College' and was awarded the Certificate of Christian Studies. She is the leader of the High School's Scripture Union. Never one to be idle, Shirley is now working on a TESOL course, teaching English to speakers of other languages.

Since taking up her new appointment Shirley has been very busy dealing with over 430 applications for instrumental instruction for next session and organising the 3-day long Music Competitions. We wish her all the best in this challenging and rewarding post in such a busy department and hope that she will still have time to enjoy her hill-walking and badminton with husband Tim.

arrivals

Particia Maxwell

A native of Fife, Mrs Maxwell received her Secondary education at Bell Baxter High School and then went on to gain a B.Ed in History as well as a husband, from the University of Dundee. Further studies at Moray House College of Education brought her a Diploma in Professional Studies in Education (Special Educational Needs) and a Certificate in Specific Learning Difficulties/ Dyslexia.

After thirteen years as a Learning Support teacher at Glenwood High School, Glenrothes, during which time she rose to the position of Principal Teacher of Learning Support, the lure of a similar position as Headmaster at the High School of Dundee proved irresistible and Mrs Maxwell joined us in August 2000. Already she has brought an air of freshness coupled with a degree of warmth and professionalism to this important department in the school.

With two lovely daughters of 9 and 13, Mrs Maxwell needs to keep up her energy levels and can be seen regularly at one of the local gyms in Dundee. She also enjoys travelling during school holidays. Her most recent claim to fame was appearing on BBC '999'. A keen shopper, she also takes time out to relax with friends over good food and wine.



Jane Fulton

Born in Greenock but raised on the Isle of Harris, Miss Fulton left this idyllic setting to study English at the University of Dundee. After graduation she held down various posts including serving macaroni cheese to the customers of Arnotts, Dundee. In need of greater challenge however, she moved to Newcastle upon Tyne to do teacher training and subsequently spent two years in Cramlington High School on the outskirts of Newcastle.

A yearning for Scotland saw her move to Bell Baxter High School in Cupar and in August 2000 we welcomed her to the English Department where she has a particular interest in Drama and Media Studies. Her enthusiasm and humour have already endeared her to staff and pupils alike.

Her interests outside school include the theatre, cinema, her cat, spending money very easily and red wine but we shall not say in which order!





George Mackay

A true Highlander from the County of Sutherland, Dr Mackay gained a B.Sc in Applied Geology from the University of Strathclyde and an HNC in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Bell College of Technology. He was then employed in geophysical exploration working firstly on a seismic data acquisition vessel in the North and Mediterranean Seas and then as a Field Seismologist on land crews in The Oman and Kenya.

In 1986 he returned to the University of Strathclyde and obtained an M.Sc in Marine Technology a year later, moving thereafter to the Department of A.P.E.M.E. at the University of Dundee where he conducted research into the use of remotely sensed satellite data for land surface studies. His efforts were rewarded with a Ph.D in 1992 and he became a Research Associate, firstly at the University of Nottingham developing an atmospheric correction procedure for a new European Space Agency satellite and then at the University of Leicester working on the application of optical and radar imagery in vegetation and hydrology studies in the eastern desert of Jordan.

His career path then took another quite different direction when he completed a P.G.C.E. course at Nottingham University and accepted a position as science teacher at a school in Nottingham followed by the offer of a position here. We are indeed fortunate to enjoy the expertise and wide-ranging experience which Dr Mackay brings to the Physics Department.



Morag Keenan

Having lived in eleven different places by the time she was five, Miss Keenan eventually settled in Aberdeen and it was here that she graduated with distinction from the Northern College of Education. By a strange twist of fate Miss Keenan finds herself teaching in the very school her mother attended. She only hopes that this will not be held against her !



A talented athlete, Miss Keenan represented Scotland in the Scottish Schools International Athletics Competition in Dublin after winning the 300m under-17 Scottish Schools title at Meadowbank. This level of fitness is something she strives to regain but her newfound lifestyle is proving to be rather liberating.

Along with the many sporting hobbies that fill her spare time Miss Keenan can be found portraying 'Anna Ryder-Richardson' from Changing Rooms as she is currently refurbishing an old fisherman's cottage in the heart of Broughty Ferry, without sadly, a Handy Andy to assist !

Since moving to Dundee Miss Keenan has settled in very quickly and spends the occasional night frequenting her uncle's pub in the Ferry, where she meets a few High School teachers. Discretion being the better part of valour, however, she is revealing no names !

Jane Cochrane

Having trained as a Nursery Nurse, Mrs Cochrane spent her early years in Polepark Nursery before moving to Dundee Royal Infirmary where she was employed as the first Nusrery Nurse for Play in a children's ward, an innovation that was soon copied in other children's wards across the country. Her next position was as auxiliary at Menzieshill High School – a "Jack of all trades" you might say, but after five years in this post she felt it was time to move on and was happy to accept the shared position of Medical Auxiliary with us at the High School.

In her leisure moments Mrs Cochrane loves reading, the theatre, movies, television, walking and eating out. A widow with two grown-up daughters, she wonders if perhaps the job, time and place are now right to meet a new man in her life. All unattached males on the staff had better watch out ! (unfortunately, Mrs Cochrane missed the photo-shoot)

Graham Rodger

Born in Ayrshire, Mr Rodger grew up in Kilwinning and attended Kilwinning Academy. Thereafter he gained an Honours degree in Molecular Biology from the University of Glasgow and then did a year at Jordanhill College of Education to obtain his Certificate in Teacher Training.

His career in teaching began in Dartford Grammar School which boasts Mick Jagger as a former pupil, but after three years there the love of Scotland proved too strong and he was appointed to the Biology Department at the beginning of the session. A man of great enthusiasm and energy in the classroom, Mr Rodger uses up any remaining energy pursuing sport of which his main interests are football, rugby and golf.



Norma Stewart

Married with two grown-up children, Mrs Stewart hails from Perthshire. Her early married years saw her helping and supporting her husband as he built up his own construction company. Then when the children started school, she took a position as Nursing Auxiliary at Bridge of Earn Hospital.

Some years later she successfully completed a course in Child Care and Education and was appointed a youth worker with Perth and Kinross Community Education Department. Indeed she still pursues this position alongside her post of Medical Auxiliary here at the High School. What little spare time she has is spent bowling, walking and listening to music.



Kirsten Miller

Kirsten Miller joins the staff as Assistant Bursar, bringing with her experience in a wide variety of diverse areas including accounting software support, accounting and financial management, corporate training and nursing. Kirsten, who is a native of Wales, in addition to being a Registered Nurse, holds an Honours degree in Psychology from the University of Cardiff, both of which offer excellent credentials for working with the Bursar !

Kirsten moved with the family to her husband's native Scotland in 1997 and settled in Perthshire. With their three teenage sons, she and her husband are currently restoring their home, something which will keep B&Q in healthy profit for the foreseeable future.

She and her husband share a passion for falconry and birds of prey and they are working hard to establish a visitor centre near Blairgowrie where they can show their collection of over 40 birds.

Fiona Ferguson

Born and brought up in Dundee Mrs Ferguson attended the High School from 1981-1987, leaving with ambitions to become an architect. However life never turns out as planned and after gaining a B.Sc.in Architecture and a Postgraduate Diploma in IT, she worked for over six years as a Sales Administrator for



Tayport based textile manufacturers Scott and Fyfe Ltd before joining the High School as Development Support Officer (part-time) in December 2000.

At school she enjoyed singing in the choir and folk group and can still occasionally be heard singing on the odd karaoke night ! However, since childhood she has loved sailing and is a member of the Royal Tay Yacht Club where she has sailed dinghies, keelboats and even 150ft achoolners. The highlight of her sailing exploits was when she took part in two Tall Ships Races on the schooner *Sir Winston Churchill*.

Married to Neil she now has two boys, William (2) and Alastair (1), so life is hectic and the sailing has taken a back seat for the moment. Recently most of her spare time has gone into refurbishing her house and garden but when time allows she loves nothing better than a spot of cooking, dressmaking and gardening.

Newsflash

A rather busy stork delivered *Robbie Douglas* to Mrs Coupar and *Isaac Jonathan* to Mrs Sutherland of the Junior School and *Anna Claire* to Mrs Hudson of the History Department.

Wedding bells rang out for *Mr Parlour*, Assistant Rector, *Mr Richterich* of the German Department and *Mr Rodger* of the Biology Department.

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The Deserted Classroom

I took a deep breath. Hesitantly, gingerly I turned the handle and pushed open the door. The door creaked and shrieked like a banshee and I was showered in dust. Half blinded, blinking and spluttering I stumbled into the room. Standing still for a few seconds and waiting for my sight to return, I became aware of a disgusting smell that set my head spinning. It was a mixture of must and airlessness, but over that was the tainted smell of vermin. My sight returned and I began to look around. The prominent object was situated at the far end of the room. I walked down the centre aisle between five rows of desks and chairs. They were not modern day desks for I could see ink wells at the top of them, though they had dried out long ago. As I got closer to the object, I suddenly realised what it was. It was an old-fashioned blackboard although it was thickly covered in dust, and cobwebs were placed randomly over it. In one corner stood a teacher's lectern with a tawse on top of it. Yet it was hardly visible for covering all of this lectern was an immensely beautiful spider's web. I stood and gazed at it, marvelling at the skilful weaving.

Suddenly my heart froze. I could hear the silent pitter-patter of feet running over the floor towards me! I whipped round, only to find a mouse scuttling over the floor. I felt ashamed and was glad that nobody was here to see my foolishness. I then focussed my attention on the bookshelf on the wall. I was almost certain that this was a classroom but I just wanted to make sure. I took a book from the shelf. The leather front cover was falling to bits but I could just make out 'Algebra' faintly written on it. I tried to turn the page but the book crumbled into dust and fell to the floor. A shiver ran down my spine. How long had the room been deserted?

Douglas Dorward L7



When I grow up I want to be a vet. I want to help sick zoo animals.

Morven Millar L1

When I am older I want to be a popstar. I wood like to be fames and have lots of munay.

Ailsa Johnston L1

When I grow up I want to be an artist. I will yooz difrind colours.

Louise Pattullo L1

When I grow up I want to be a bin man and I'm going to tac all the rubhs away from the houses and I'm going to tac it to the rubhs stahsin.

Nathan Wight L1

When I grow up I want to be a postman. I will dlivr the letters and drive a red van.

Alex Sharpe L1

When I grow up I want to be an army officer. I will wear a uniform and wear a hat. I like to hide from the enmae.

Callum Rennet L1

When I grow up I want to be a doctor. I wood help peapule hoo are sick.

Hassan Baig L1

On Friday we had our Fun Day. I enjoyed the sack race. I also enjoyed the obstacle cors.

Vanessa Matthew L1

When I am Famous

When I grow up I should like to be a famous scientist. I would experiment on cloning dinosaurs and people as well. I do cloning insects as well as big things. I also do experiments at home too. I have cloned quite a lot of things. I use microscopes and mechanisms. I do all the things in a little laboratory. It is quite hard.

Graeme Smith L2

Sunrise and Sunset

In the morning I like the sunrise. I see my Mum getting up. I hear my Dad closing the car door. When I get up I like to have my breakfast. In the evening I enjoy the sunset. I went to the beach and the sun was setting and it looked like it was fainting into the water! I hear the birds cheeping. I have my tea.

Joanna Tait L2

My Day

My name is Robert Burns and I have a busy day ahead. In the morning I shall attach the plough to the horse. In the afternoon I shall look for a tiny mouse to write a poem about. In the evening I shall go to a Burns Supper. I like the reeps the best.

Josh Leeland L2

Marvellous Minibests

Butterflies blow busily
Grasshoppers hop quietly
Worms wiggle wickedly
Slugs slime slowly
Bees buzz busily
Spiders spin silently

Zara Evans L2

What Colour is Autumn?

Red said the very rosy apple falling from the tree
Yellow said the twinkling stars in the sky
Brown said the prickly hedgehog collecting leaves
Orange said the flickering fire as it danced an autumn dance
Golden said the sun as it was peeping behind the clouds
Pink said the umbrella as the rain went pitter patter.

These are the colours of Autumn

Sarah-Jane Dent L2

Autumn

Crisp autumn leaves are gold.
Days are colder.
It is dark earlier.
Autumn trees give shiny apples.
Trees bring us many acorns.
Squirrels gather nuts to nibble on
colder days.
Swallows migrate to warmer lands.
Farmers harvest the fields of golden corn.
It's autumn now.
The summer is over.



Joanna Tait L2

Diary of a Pharaoh

Monday:- Today I walked to the River Nile and walked along its sandy banks. I went to visit the pyramid. I told all the slaves to build it quicker. I gave them some water to drink.

Tuesday:- Today I got dressed and sent out my decrees for the next day. I sent them to the tax collectors, the scribes and the farmer.

Wednesday:- Today I held a feast – it was lovely. Everyone called me Tut.

Here is the menu:

Starter:-
Camel and cherry cocktail
Sarcophagus soup with burial bread.
Papyrus pâté with treasure toast.

Main Course:-
Cheops chips with cheese
Hippo hot dogs
Pickle and pepper pizza served with royal risotto.

Dessert:-
Pyramid pancakes with sweet syrup or Temple tarts or Scented snake surprise.

Anna Mackenzie L3



I should Like to Paint

I should like to paint
The breeze on a summer's day,
The soar of a eagle's wings,
The tap, tap, tap of ballet shoes,
A dolphin's song,
The wave of a wand in a fairy castle,
The cry of the whale,
The click of a crab's claws,
The sound of pencils at work,
These are the things I should like to paint.

Hannah Henderson L3

Senses of Winter

In winter I can see...
 Icicles hanging from the roof tops like sharp swords.
 The snow covering the ground like a white, sparkling blanket
 The orange sunrise brightening up the sky on a cold winter's day.

In winter I can hear...
 The sound of the snow purring under my feet like a little kitten.
 The sound of hungry robins scavaging for some food.
 The gritters putting salt on the roads early in the morning.

In winter I can feel...
 Jack Frost nipping my fingers.
 The north wind tugging at my scarf.
 The car sliding down the slope on black ice.

In winter I can smell...
 The log fire burning, warming me up.
 The scent of pine needles from the brightly decorated Christmas tree.
 The hot chocolate being made by Mum in the kitchen.

In winter I can taste...
 The delicious turkey in my tummy.
 The wonderful Christmas pudding going down my throat
 The excellent home made soup just right for a winter's day.

Jonathan Irons L4

My Garden

I can see flowing water, birds flying.
 The reflection of the moon
 in the lake at night.
 I can see, I can see.

I can smell the scent of the flowers,
 the great fresh air,
 the pine from the trees.
 I can smell, I can smell.

I can hear water bubbling, leaves whistling,
 birds singing.
 I can hear, I can hear.

Mallory Bergen-Reid L5

Bees

Bees buzzing
 Bees buzzing around
 Bees buzzing around flowers
 Bees buzzing around flowers busily.

Kirsty Morrison L5

Green

Green trees
 Green trees swaying
 Green trees swaying calmly
 Green trees swaying calmly, gently

Stuart Mires L5

Flowers

Flowers blooming
 Flowers blooming brightly
 Flowers blooming brightly beneath
 Flowers blooming brightly beneath me

Kate Foubister L5

Nighttime

Nighttime quiet
 Nighttime quiet, scary
 Nighttime quiet, scary, dark
 Nighttime quiet, scary, dark, creepy

Amy Watson L5

Wanted!

A Frightful Dragon

To join King Neptune in the ocean deep, specialising in devouring humans, acting in a fierce manner and guarding mermaids and their treasure!

Is this you?

Don't delay! Send a letter of application now to King Neptune, Atlantic Ocean, stating why you think you are suitable for the job.

Swimstone Cottage Squid Lane Scaleton-on-Sea

Dear King Neptune,
 I am applying for the post of Dragon. I am 175 years old and got an A+ in college for devouring humans. I hold a current fire-raising licence and know all the seas like the back of my horn. I am very good at guarding mermaids and treasure. I am very strong and have lots of stamina. I am happy to be on call 24 hours a day and if you did call me I would be there before you could say underwater Seahorse!

Yours sincerely,

Gareamel

Alasdair Gilmour L5



Inside Me

There is in me a mouse
Shy, quiet and whispering
Sometimes timid and
Scared of people.

There is in me a mouse
A very clever mouse
Sneaking to the kitchen
For food when no-one
Is looking.

There is in me a mouse
A mischievous mouse
Always looking out for
Fun and things to play
With.

There is in me a mouse
A silly little mouse
Always bumping into things
As I scurry around.

There is in me a mouse
A tiny mouse
Really hard to find
I can hardly be heard.

Arati Ahmed L6



The Volcano

The volcano is a troubled soul,
Awakening from a restless slumber,
Underground,
Its hot breath is felt,
As choking smoke and lava
Comes out of its top, high up.

It turns into the devil,
And starts to rumble,
Then roars like a wild beast,
Groaning and spewing smoke
from its peak.

It spits out molten rock
And shouts with all its might
You can hear men, women and
children shouting and
screaming for help.
The mountain bellows like an animal.

The volcano dies down,
It stops and goes back,
and starts to slumber.
Nothing can be heard but
the devastation can be seen.

Sarah Nimmo L7

What is Black?

**Black is evil in the eyes of a crow,
The stripes on a tiger as it starts to grow.
The spots on a leopard and a jaguar,
A cool pint of Guinness and a very cool car.
A trendy Nike tick, the colour of my cat
Some burnt toast and a vampire bat
A cold can of coke to quench my thirst,
A trendy piece of sculpture by Damien Hirst.
Some tasty dark chocolate and liquorice too,
A crazy gorilla in London Zoo.
Black is a colour unique in itself.**

Fraser Brownlee L7

What is Red?

**Red is the colour of passion and love
Red is the colour of fear
Rust, fire and sunset
War, blood and debt
Red is emotion, anger, embarrassment
Red can be flowers like tulips and poppies
Beautiful is red in sunsets and autumn leaves
Red is destruction as it tears through forest and
town as fire
What would the world be like without red?
Would it be more peaceful?
Or would it just be duller?**

Andrew Nimmo L7

What is Yellow?

**Yellow is the sun high in the sky
Yellow is the sand warm and soft,
Yellow is the sign of happiness all around.**

**Sunflowers, buttercups and daffodils are all yellow
Yellow is the strip down your back,
Which shows you're a coward inside
Yellow is the colour of the stars in the night sky.**

**Yellow is the colour of the Easter chicks
that will soon turn brown,
Yellow is the colour of a golden
retriever, the dog for the blind,
Yellow is the colour of the canary
chirping in the morning.**

**So what is yellow?
A colour that is magnificent
Can you imagine living without it?**

Mohna Linton L7

FIRE!

Yesterday night a fire broke out in Thomas Farnor's bakery. It is thought that he did not put out the fire in one of his ovens. The fire spread quickly because the houses are built of wood and thatch and are very close together. It has been a very dry summer with strong winds, which also helped the fire spread. There were also lots of warehouses full of flammable materials, which exploded when the fire hit them. Buckets of water and syringes of water are being used to fight the fire. I think they should blow the house up with gunpowder to stop the fire. The streets of London are swarming with people trying to escape the fire. Some streets are blocked by frightened horses pulling carts. There is chaos everywhere but thankfully only about 2 people are dead and not too many injured. Unfortunately over 13,000 houses, 84 churches and many public buildings have burned to the ground so far. I pray the Lord will be on our side and spare us.

Scott McIntosh L6

What is Green?

Green's the colour I like best,
It makes me happy and full of zest.
Green is for nature,
The birds and the bees.
Green are the meadows and
Green are the trees.
Green is the grass.
The grasshopper small.
Green for the leaves,
Which turn brown in the fall.

Green for the grapes,
That grow on the vines,
That are pressed and made
Into bottles of wine.
Green is the seaweed,
Growing under the sea.
Green is for broccoli,
Cabbage and peas.

Green is for emeralds
That come from the mines.
Green in for aspens,
Poplars and pines.
Green is for envy
Not happy nor sad
But when you want something
When you should be glad.

Green is in me and green is in you
Green is in everything we do.

Alexandra Short L7

Winner of the Old Boys' Club Prize for Creative Writing in Forms 1-3

Blind California

Billy looked down on the body and laughed – another mission almost successfully completed. One of the numerous music critics who had told Billy he couldn't be a star lay dead, the blood flowing from his lifeless body. Imagine the paper headlines, he thought – "MUSIC INDUSTRY STUNNED BY CRITIC'S DEATH". He laughed again, then quickly proceeded to carry out his main goal – the removal of the eyeballs, as he knew the early surfers would soon arrive. Gently he slipped them into the plastic bag he had brought for the purpose of carrying his trophies home, like goldfish won at a fun fair. He would add them to his jar with the rest so that the look of fear in his victims' eyes when they realised his would be the last image they would see, never left him. He was proud of his work but was it beginning to become too easy?

Billy went home to his small flat and crawled into bed. The dead silence all around made him feel even more satisfied. He woke from his sleep and looked out the window. The streets filled with rich idiots who loved to flash their money around by driving top of the range cars and wearing the best clothes. He hated them. He hated the way they flaunted their newest purchase, he hated the way they walked around like they owned everything, but most of all he hated the fact that some of them rejected him, not because he couldn't sing but because of the clothes he wore, the way he talked and the fact that he didn't brag about this obvious talent. All they said to him was that they didn't think he could handle the "media pressure". He detested them for not giving him a chance and wanted more revenge. Yes, the man who didn't have a friend in the world apart from his own mother, wanted to kill again. He wanted to kill more of the witless critics who considered him too insignificant to even look at with their ignorant eyes. Yet he also wanted a new challenge, something special!

He walked out onto the streets and looked around the rest of civilisation, scanning the streets for a victim who was just that bit different. He had no success, but just as he was about to return to his flat dejected, he saw her! A small blond-haired woman with the thing that made her different, *the white stick*. The woman was blind! He didn't want retribution like the other killings, all he wanted was those different eyes – eyes that could not see – perfect! Billy ran over to help her onto the pavement as she had tripped on the curb, but as she thanked him, she sensed the danger that he brought. Even though she could not see, unlike the others, she knew he meant her harm. Perhaps her other senses detected his evil intent?



He asked her where she was going and when she told him she had to catch a bus in an hour, he knew he had to act quickly and suggested he buy her a coffee from the nearby hot-dog stand. This would allow him to slip the essential pill into her drink, which would send her to sleep. While she did not like the idea, she thought it best to go with him otherwise he could force her to go, and at least there would be people nearby. They talked about life in California while drinking.

Maria was completely unaware that Billy had slipped the sleeping pill into her drink. She began to feel tired and after about ten minutes fell into his arms, fast asleep. Billy dragged her to the beach and left her lying there. The late night surfers would just think she was resting and leave her in peace. He would return later with one new instrument – his "killing" knife! All he had to do was wait until she woke and his "special" murder would take place.

He sat with her for about two hours until the beach was deserted then tried to revive her. Half an hour later he was feeling frustrated and thought he should perhaps just kill her in her sleep. But that would take away the whole point of the murder. He wanted to know what her eyes would look like when he killed her – would they be like the others or would they be somehow different? No, he would wait until she woke, then find out!

Maria eventually woke and was instantly aware of Billy's breath on her body. She felt around and quickly realised she was on the beach. She now knew his intentions and screamed for help. Surely someone would hear her, after all she was on the beach, she thought. Unfortunately she didn't realise how long she had been asleep and that most Californians were in their beds!

Maria scrambled to her feet but felt out of breath. The after-effects of the sleeping pill were setting in. As she tried to run away Billy laughed his cruel laugh once more and calmly followed her. He caught her by the neck and she fell to the ground again. He told her it wasn't her fault he had chosen her. Her fingers searched for the protective spray that she always carried in case of an attack. It would temporarily blind Billy and give her time to find something to hit him with. She found it and as he pulled her up, she sprayed as much of it as she could in his face. Billy yelled and stumbled around not believing he had given her time to find the spray. She felt around frantically for a sharp object on the sandy floor, knowing there was little time to be lost.

She picked up what she thought was a sharp rock and swung it, using her senses to try and judge where Billy was. Contact was made with something, and as the large figure fell with a scream of pain, she knew. Billy was dead! Yet it was not a rock that had killed him, it was the knife he had brought with him and which had fallen out of his pocket when he picked her up! His own murder weapon had killed him! Maria was safe – her sightless eyes beyond Billy's reach.

Ramsay Hall F2

Alone

Alone in the middle of the ocean,
Or in the raging eye of a storm.
Alone in the peace of the country,
Or by the bustling streets of New York.
Alone.

Alone by the waves of the beaches,
On a noisy storm-filled summer day.
Or in a concert set up by the city,
While pulsing beats fill the air.
Alone.

Alone in the underground cities,
Or in the den of the horrid mutant fox.
In the place of holy worship,
And in the holy temple of our God.
Alone.

Alone in the emptiness of space,
With desolate planets all around.
Alone on the rockiness of Mars,
Or in the swirling gases of the God Jupiter.
Alone.

Alone in the noise and the bustle,
Alone in the quiet and the peace.
Alone in your quiet solitude,
Or in the friendly company of others.
Alone.

Andrew Black F1

Spring

The sun emerges from behind dark clouds
Bright as day
Orange as flame.
The ice weeps slowly
Melting away.
Trickling liquid flows through the soft white ground
Gentle as silk
Forming dents in the snow.
The wind ceases
As quick as a shadow
Cast by the light.
Birds fly over
the solitary trees
Where fresh new buds are sprouting,
Where animals that are living
Peek out
Curious as a cat
Cautious as a deer.
All is silent through the trees.
Suddenly it's Spring.

Anni Dong F1

Winter's Habits

Winter emerges
Ere the snow begins to fall,
Surveying the land, preparing for change.
He yawns and stretches, making ready for mischief.

Winter darts
Through the woods and the plants,
Sculpting the snow,
Yet leaving no trace.

Winter flits
From tree to tree
Chilling the world around him,
But never being seen.

Winter freezes
Each moving thing
Transforming the landscape,
To the place of your dreams.

Winter steals
'Tween briar and bush
Working his magic, and awing the eye
Never stopping nor resting to take in breath.

Winter hides
When the warmth comes around,
Pausing and pondering over next year's creations...

Stuart McGrath F1

These are my shoes

These are the trainers
I wore when I was eleven
Everyone thought they were very trendy;
They got muddy and dirty
But still I wore them.

I played football in them;
They got holes in them
But still I wore them on my feet.
I wore them everywhere;
I even wore them in bed!

Tristan Cameron-Harper F1

Summer

Summer woke
The sun and flowers
The buzzing bees
The blossoming trees
To brighten the garden.

Summer warmed
The golden sand
The deep blue sea
The feet of the people
On the busy beach.

Summer brought
The shorts and t-shirts
The trunks and bikinis
The sandals and flip-flops
Out of their dusty drawers.

Kayleigh Murdoch F1

Autumn

A leaf-raker
A bonfire-burner
A crisp morning
An auburn tree
A brisk walk
A chilly night
A red squirrel
A crunching footstep
A smoky smell
A ripe blackberry

Catherine Jung F2

Winter

Winter slid
Across the frozen pond
Quickly, quietly, subtly,
Scratching at the surface.
Leaving a trail of mystery.

Winter whispered
Through the silent woods
Passing between the snow-covered branches,
Pinching and nipping,
Surrounded by silence.

Winter stalked
Over the high mountain peak,
With tentative steps
But with an air of certainty
Followed only by a shadow of misery.

Jenna Bradley F1

The Shoes

These are the shoes
My friend was wearing
When we played
Together in his garden,
When he kicked
The school bully's shin,
When he scored
His first goal for the team,
When he fell out a tree
And broke his arm,
When we played on his computer
And got a new high score.
These are the shoes
My friend was wearing
And I've kept them
So I remember.

These are not the shoes
My friend was wearing
When he discovered
That he had to move
When we saw his old room
Bare and empty,
When we said
Our final goodbyes,
When he climbed aboard
The groaning old train
When he rounded the corner
And disappeared from view.
These are not the shoes
My friend was wearing
And he'll get them back some day
Some day.

Steven King F1

Inspiring Speech

Today we will fight on the beaches;
Take out your rifles and start the offensive;
You will be fighting for Britain –
So get in and hit 'em;
Break the defences and run past the fences
To freedom!

Think of the people after you,
So fight to the end
And don't give in
On the road to Berlin
And freedom.

Let's be strong and courageous,
We will crack their codes;
We will fight in the air;
We will fight and be fair
On the road
To freedom.

You will fight night and day,
Trust your fellow man;
Jump in your tank
And take their left flank;
Always stay calm
When fighting for freedom.

When you come home you will be
well known
In a land fit for kings.
You may take the credit
For you and your comrades led it.
We will rejoice and sing
At our freedom!

Robin Dunlop F2

Saturday Rituals

No matter where I was going
To Dens or to the Villa
I was excited all week,
I was praying for a "thrilla".
I can remember the car trip
40 minutes or 4 hours
Jelly babies, flying saucers,
Mint imperials, fruit sours.
Walking to the gates
I could hear the huge roars
Pay for the tickets
Then run towards the doors.
For forty-five minutes
I would yell myself hoarse
Go and get a pie
Then listen to the scores.
No matter what the result
Lose, draw or win
We would jump into the car
And drive away from the din.
I can remember all of that
The sounds, the smells, the sights
The chanting of the capacity crowds
The players getting in fights.
But better than all this
The grass and corner poles
I can remember the happiness
Of our team scoring goals.

Glen Christie F2

Parrot

A flash of rainbow
A screeching squawker
A non-stop talker
A pirate's pal
A swooping soarer
A beaming brilliance
A sharp-tongued taunter
A beautiful flyer
A full spectrum of colours
A jewel of the rainforest

Catherine Jung F2

much weight on the
woodwormy banister.
When he reached the top of
the stairs he took the bundle of
spare keys out of his pocket and
started to go through them till he
reached No 13, James Path. It wasn't
the first time he'd let himself into this flat.
Peter nearly always refused to pay his rent.

Alan pushed the door and it opened easily. He
paced over to the window, pulled it up and leant over.
He could see a shape, swinging to and fro in the wind.
He started pulling the body up on the rope as an angler
pulls in a fish. After what seemed like an age he managed
to pull the corpse in through the open window. It landed
with a muffled thump on the floor, face down, so Alan
pushed until it rolled over, revealing an ashen face,
sunken eyes and lips drawn back in an awful grimace. His
old blue jersey was dripping but as Alan looked closer, he
noticed that it wasn't just water that was soaking into the
tattered old rug, a slight trace of red was oozing out from
underneath.

Alan was just about to roll him over again when he
noticed something else. In the dead hand was a crumpled
sheet of paper. He quickly pulled the stiff fingers away
from the sheet and read:
"Beware my killer standing by. Your time has come, your
soul must fly".

Suddenly Alan was aware of something in the room with
him. He spun round. He was standing face to face with a
huge man. His face was pitted and scarred in a hundred
places, his black, oily hair was slicked back and he was
holding a blood-stained dagger in his massive hand.
Instinctively Alan leapt back, forgetting the open window.
The backs of his knees hit the ledge and he teetered,
almost falling out of the window. He flung himself
desperately sideways as the attacker lunged towards him.
Next he grabbed a small coffee table and held it over
himself, using it as a shield, but to no avail. The man
seized the table and flung it across the room. Then he
dived at Alan, knife extended, and plunged it between
Alan's ribs, into his heart.

Robert MacLeod F3

Horror Story

As Alan Brimshaw turned the corner into James Path he
was aware of being watched. This didn't bother him
much. He usually felt this way when he came here. He
brushed the feeling aside and continued down the roughly
paved path. Rain lashed down from the black clouds
above. Water plunged in torrents to the pavement below
from the blocked gutters and gurgled out of the already
full drains. Then, above the sound of the storm, Alan
heard something flapping in the wind.

He looked around and saw nothing. Then a bolt of
lightning seared across the leaden sky and for a split
second he saw what it was. Dangling from the window of
Peter Reid's house was a corpse! Alan was used to
suicides by now. People living out here, alone and house-
bound, often decided to end it all in one quick drop. But
somehow this was different. Peter had always been
annoyingly cheerful. Alan knew he must investigate.

He stepped inside the close and fumbled his way along
the wall until he reached the light switch. He flicked it and
a single fluorescent bulb spluttered into light. He could
just see the graffiti, daubed on the walls, things like
"Arbroath FC SUX" and "Chaz wAz Ere". He made his
way up the cold staircase, making sure not to put too

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

A Place That Is Special to Me

"I've had enough of your lip, do you hear me?"

At that moment, the car slides to a halt in the yard (squint, I think to myself, critically) and, for now I am spared of answering His question. I hop out, snatching up my school bag and sports bag, and hurry away from Them. Up the path, dodging through the overgrown bushes in a way that means they are certain to spring back and spray my family with drops of rain. I grab my key from its hiding-place and sling open the door. I don't want to wait for Them to open it for me. I march along the passageway and thump up the stairs to my room.

My room. My little safe haven where I can go to escape the arguments and accusations of an overgrown family. We are too old to live together, my brother will leave home next year, and at times like these I can't wait to follow. The door of my room is closed, as always. Blobs of blue-tac, peeled-off stickers and yellowing sellotape stain the 'original Victorian varnish'. Inside, it is different.

Once I am inside and I have closed the door behind me, I can breathe again. I am home. Until we were about four and seven, my brother and I shared a tiny room. Although I can barely remember it, I have always appreciated my own space. I drop my bags, kick off my shoes and flop onto my bed.

My room is constantly changing. Ever since I have been old enough, I have been shunting my furniture about, taking down posters or putting them up. Sometimes my room is completely tidy, other times it looks as though it has been picked up and shaken violently. Occasionally, the walls are plastered with posters, pictures and cutouts, or maybe it will be bare and minimal. In summer, I take down my curtains for good and throw open the window so that the room is filled with beautiful dancing sunlight and clean fresh air. In winter, warm white fairy lights surround my window, twinkling between the black outside and the gleaming white paint. The radiator will be on, and I burn candles for the beautiful, warm smell. When I was younger, it might have been a vet's surgery, a woodland home, or, once, more bizarrely, a shopping centre, for weeks at a time.

However, within a few months, everything will have changed. My friends will walk in and say, "Hey your room's different again, isn't it? Or is it... no hang on, was that last time, or has it changed after all? What did it used to be like... Oh, I can't remember. It's great though, I really like it."

Do they really? I've never been able to work it out. I think that they are maybe being sincere, but I don't think that anyone really understands the constant need for change that I have. I get bored of things being the same, consistently; I am always on the search for a new way of doing things, to liven them up. I cannot stand routine, it kills me, it really does. For example, every Thursday I



train with my local swimming club. Sometimes, when we are doing stamina training, my coach will write a simple set up on the white board and we will swim it. Then we will kick it. Then maybe we will do the same thing with pull. Then maybe the drill. 'Repeat x 4' he will scrawl, or maybe x 8 (if we are lucky) then to cap it all we will repeat the whole thing backwards. If there is time we might do it all again. You have to understand, it is not the strain of the physical exercise that I object to; it is the mind numbing boredom of repeating myself over and over, with no purpose to look forward to at the end.

The room itself is medium size, with a high ceiling, and a huge window – the original, apparently. This might look beautiful, but means our house is freezing compared to some of my friends' cosy little modern double-glazed affairs. My walls are a deep, golden yellow and my ceiling is purple and blue with silver stars. Obviously, changing the colour of my walls regularly would be a great way of expressing my moods, but She put her foot down on that one, so I have to make do with furniture-shuffling instead. At the moment my furniture is in a very unusual combination, which involves a lot of clambering and squeezing to get around, and definitely makes fetching a book or finding my hairbrush a lot more interesting. My shelves are stacked with books, a great deal of which are childhood favourites I can't bear to throw away such as 'Pony Stories', 'Ramona', and 'Swallows and Amazons'. I have other childhood memorabilia in nooks and crannies around my room. A Lego man stares dustily down from a shelf and a few stuffed animals grin lopsidedly, safe in the knowledge that I will never, ever part with them.

I grin to myself, relaxing in my own heaven of happy thoughts and memories. I glance over at my photographs. A bunch of grinning nine-year olds look back at me from a summer past, about to set out on a camping trip with our bikes, dads and wild imaginations. The snow falls silently on my skiing-group from last year. Is the snow still falling there? On the exact spot where I stood, quite literally on the top of the world?

My school friends pull cheeky faces at me when I need cheering up, and my cousins and I laugh down at them from the grass where we will sit forever, suspended in the sunshine.

"Rebecca? Rebe-e-e-cca! There's work to be done, you know. Come downstairs and start helping out, now." Her tone is final, though not harsh. I don't even mind when He starts in, about carrying my weight and growing up a bit more. I know Them well enough by now to judge that emptying the dish-washer and laying the table and maybe offering to start supper are all it needs to turn us into your perfect happy family. That and a little calming magic from my room.

Rebecca Page F4

The Art of 'Cool'

I am *not* cool. I wouldn't want to be. At the moment I'm just fine as I am: mildly tepid. The whole principle of things or people being cool is not one that I can honestly say I comprehend. What is it that makes a person cool? Is it the way they act? The way they talk? How much money they have? Or the way they look? I really don't know.

My un-cool-ness has been noted by my peers and generally is accepted. Most people don't expect me to be cool, a state of mind I encourage, but there are those intent on reforming me into a totally cool being. Even the thought scares me...

Form three French is not exactly the most intellectually stimulating subject. Learning such gems as 'the cat sat on the mat' and 'the mouse is under the table' – phrases which have little or no relevance in even the most diverse French conversations – didn't exactly hold our attention for any length of time. Thus between looking up unsavoury words in my pocket French dictionary and passing hastily scrawled notes to those around, my desk-sharing companion found time to advise me on how best to improve my image. First the oracle of coolness informed me that my hair was a mess, a fact which I was aware of but never got round to dealing with. "Gel it" were his words of wisdom. I didn't – if it was such a hassle as that to become cool, it wasn't worth being.

My next brush with coolness occurred in the Virgin Cinema (now UGC) foyer as I, and a group of friends, awaited the arrival of several latecomers. I was standing listening to the 'who fancied who' and 'what was what' coming from one of the small cliques of girls dotted about the entrance when I was approached by a

group of three guys, all far too cool to have their names mentioned here. The biggest one proceeded to grab me by the collar of the checked shirt which I wore that day. Not the friendliest of welcomes, I thought, but I was suitably surprised when I heard a gasp of horror from my neck-holding acquaintance. "That's Wrangler!", he said, "Strachan's wearing a wrangler shirt!" The other two looked at him disbelievingly as if he had just said that the building was rigged to explode in less than five seconds. "Naw!?" the others cried, and I was handed from person to person by the scruff of my neck as they all stared aghast at their find. I was slapped on the back and congratulated in a manner which had me convinced that this was all some weird and twisted dream. Obviously further inspection was required. My trainers, although white, were Nike: acceptable, then. Then the discovery was made – I was wearing white socks. Laughter spread across the faces of the inspectors and 'white socks!' was repeated as though it were a genuinely funny statement. Slapping me on the back again, mockingly this time, they left me standing, still waiting for the others. I secretly thanked God that my jeans, though good-looking, comfy and flattering around the waist, had not been discovered for their true worth. If white socks made them laugh: I wondered what they would have made of my Marks and Spencer's jeans.

In my search for true coolness I have discovered many harsh realities, many false pretences and a lot of totally cool beings. The problem still remains: the road to ultimate coolness is long, tough and ridiculous; the map is tattered, misleading and incomplete. To those of you still unconvinced, those who still in their hearts seek the key to cool I pose a final question: Come on guys, why bother!?

James Strachan F4

Grandmother's Hands

I have my grandmother's hands.

Long and dextrous, with huge sinewy fingers, they are hands heavy and tired with the past. They are hands which dug for victory, fearlessly confronting Hitler with armfuls of well tended radishes and beans, hands which applauded the crumbling Berlin wall. They are hands which graced my grandfather's in the carefree dances of the thirties and shakily held the letter announcing his sudden death at sea. They are the strong, competent hands of a farmer's girl, that tend the sick and strangle chickens before breakfast. And they are the hands which waved aside smug doctors to wrench me, screaming and bloody, from my mother's womb into a stony, unfamiliar world.

This world of squealing roads and callous granite buildings, always terrified my grandmother. It crawls by us, she beside me, masked only partially by the smeared car window. My mother, meanwhile, huffs impatiently at the steering wheel. Each set of traffic lights seems to prompt some sudden new recollection in her and another burst of anxious scribbling in the "To Do" list. It is kept prominently displayed by the car windscreen, an anxious boast of ceaseless toil. She longs to smash the car's confines and embrace the bustling urban scene outside, whose pace she finds so irresistible. It is a conversion completed entirely since she married my father and dragged the final vestiges of rural upbringing, her mother among them, to sit discordantly in the less great part of Greater Manchester.

These vestiges (particularly the mother) were a source of great annoyance to my father. He still regards those lands beyond the reach of his Vodafone network as primitively hostile and the occasions he must cross them to reach London are perilous ventures through treacherous cow-populated waters. He is, I now realise, a pathetically lazy man. Overwhelmed by the efforts of forming his own personality, it is simply easier to collapse into a stereotyped "city-slicker", complete with anonymous suits and bizarre vocabulary. Even his sporadic snores, as he sleeps in the passenger seat, have all the abrupt splenicism of a business exchange.

Each one seems to abrade the tepid silence and prompts an irritated intake of breath from Mandy, my sister-in-law. Almost bovine in her static discontent, she picks sulkily at her nose, lamenting my brother's well-timed "matter or urgency" and consequential absence. Neither wished to be part of this trip any more than either of my parents. It has meant valuable minutes snatched from brimming Filofaxes, unwelcome deviation from routine. Mandy is particularly alarmed by the massive expanse of child, usually abated by nanny, currently engulfing her lap. Here is an extraordinarily fat baby, seeming to expand and flow to fill every available crevice. This impression of fluidity is further strengthened by the shining varnish of saliva seeping from its mouth onto Mandy's skirt, throwing her into another paroxysm of discontented inhalations.

Only my grandmother sits perfectly still and silent, wedged unceremoniously between myself and the baby. These faceless buildings mean nothing to her. Hers is a world of bare feet and frothing milk, of sweating summers and butterscotch, and of the endless grey-green fields freckled with brilliant patches of rape which greet us now as we abruptly leave the M6 behind us.

Merseyside flashes past in a burst of rain and Radio 2, the tiny houses dwarfed by an enormous sky. This sky, confettied with spring blossoms played guardian to my grandmother's childhood and maestro to her wedding. It saw, in too sharp clarity, her drowning husband and wept acid tears for their ruined farm. Bruised and pallid, it stretched the dying light of the past out infinitely beyond her. But it grows dark.

The titanium waves of the Irish Sea come into view just as the sun is setting. As though whipped back by salty winds, its sulphurous smoky rays withdraw beyond the horizon and bathe our slowing car in a heavy amber glow. We stop. The day's journeying is finished, over, gone forever. Escaping the impatient urban yawns of the family. I step out of the car with my grandmother and walk to the shore. Then, as my hands, her hands, tremble and sweat, aching with memory and heavy with death, I throw my grandmother's ashes into the sea.

Kirsty Dewar F5

Recall

Thank back:

Fairies, goblins, witches and knights;

Fantasy in freefall;

Imaginings endearing,

Unquestioned, inspired delights.

Small minds; big ideas.

World domination? "No sweat!"

'Invincible' friend to the sceptical eye.

The sole threat –

Self-constructed limits of the sky.

Think forward.

Age dawns. Time to "get a life".

Questioned joy, suppressed delights.

Aspiration? Audacity? No.

Strife resurrects the goblins;

now demons in their own right.

Big minds; small ideas.

Recall –

the dream that inspired hope.

Restore –

the uncannily moth-eaten resilience.

Comply –

with logic to cope

In a world of attainable brilliance.

Big minds; big ideas.

Emma Grant F6

Second Time Lucky

"Oh yeah, Jack, there's just one more thing."

"Sir?"

"You're taking him there."

My name's Jack Stevenson, and as a Detective Inspector in the Met, I've seen some pretty amazing cases in my time. But none like this one. A man, Freddie Travis, whom I'd been investigating for dealing in stolen goods eleven years ago in Manchester as a D.C., resurfaces down here in London right under my eyes. We'd had all the evidence we needed back then, but we lost the body at the very last moment, when we stormed his flat to nick him. He was gone. Vanished completely, though we'd watched it from all angles that day, and seen him enter. Just an admin problem kept us waiting: one of the Armed Response Unit team assisting us was sick, and had to be replaced at the last second. He'd bolted: we'd given up all hope of finding him, and life just had to go on.

I was promoted. First to Detective Sergeant and then to D.I., and when a place came up in the Met three years ago I jumped at it, never thinking I'd ever hear the name Travis again. But five days ago, I did.

I saw him just walking down a small commercial side-street on one of my afternoons off, cool as ever, and so I followed him back to the flat he'd taken, quality no better than the last one. After a couple of phone calls to Manchester, all I needed to do was to nick him ready for transport back up there. This time, the arrest went like a dream.

Driving him up the M1, I thought I'd try and find out exactly how he'd managed to escape all those years ago, but he wasn't having any of it.

"D'you think I'm mad?" he snapped back. "That was a good trick I pulled back then, and there's no way I'm letting you in on it." He winked and added, "You never know. I might need it again some time." Something in

his tone suggested to me that the real reason was more complicated. Then, "But what about you, Mr Stevenson? How's the Smoke been treating you?"

Naturally suspicious, I nevertheless decided to play along. "Very well, thank you. But I'm much more interested in how it's been treating *you*." This was true; we hadn't been able to find any evidence of crimes committed down here. Immediately seeing the implication behind what I'd said, Travis just laughed sardonically. I got the unnerving sense that he knew something I didn't, and D.C. Thompson, the new transfer who was with us on the back seat, wasn't helping. He'd been silent since the journey started. Finally Travis announced that he needed to go to the toilet, so I pulled into the next service station.

"I'll take him if you like, Guv," said Thompson before we could leave the car. But I didn't mind; I needed to go into the shop anyway, pick up some sandwiches for lunch. I told him this, but he protested.

"Are you sure? I want to go to the shops too, so if you want to just wait here then I'll get them for you. What'd you like?"

His haste made me even more suspicious, so I objected. Then it happened.

Thompson met eyes with Travis, who'd turned to look at him. Travis inclined his head briefly, and as if in response, Thompson frowned, sighed, reached inside his jacket pocket and pulled out a silenced pistol! Unceremoniously he waved it in my face like a toy. My hands, invisible under the steering wheel, began to sweat. I cleared my throat calmly, and spoke acidly. "What on earth do you think you're doing, Thompson?"

Thompson remained silent, Travis answering for him. His voice had taken on an aggressive, threatening edge; it was as if at any moment, the storm brewing in his head could break at me.

"It's always bothered me, that phrase. What does he think he's doing? I can tell you straight, Mr Stevenson, that he knows exactly what he's doing, and so do I. Just like we did eleven years ago." He smiled, smugly.

I frowned, and immediately my head jerked around towards Thompson, my thoughts in a whirl. "We?" He was certainly old enough to have been on that job, but I'd known every man there! I thought back to what I knew of him. He was new, but I couldn't remember where he'd been before. Not in the regular service, uniform or CID. He was...something odd, like, I don't know, a marksman...

Then it hit me.

"He was there that day, wasn't he, Travis? One of the A.R.U. team?"

An oily smile slithered over his face like a slick, and he nodded. "Yes, I was wondering when you'd make the connection."

"But how?" I jumped on his remark, eager to have him continue. "He couldn't have let you escape! There were two men covering every exit!"

"That's where you're wrong." Pointing at me, his smile returned. Don't you remember that we were one man down?"

"Yes, but he was replaced."

This time, Thompson replied himself "No he wasn't. You see, it really was very short notice, so we decided - well, I provoked the decision, but officially it was never made anyway - that we should just go in with one man down, and not tell you. We knew you lot'd never notice that one of us was missing."

I still wasn't satisfied. "But how on earth did you manage to wangle all this? What exactly happened?" The idea seemed incredible. But my question wasn't totally innocent; I had a plan, and I'd already started it off, but it needed time. My palms tingled.

"Oh, come on Jack." Thompson emphasised my first name, obviously enjoying having the upper hand over his superior. "You've been in the job long enough. You must know how easy it is to pull a string, call in a few favours here and there...Just like I did today."

"I'd been an 'associate' of Travis for years, almost since I'd started in the job. Anyway, he'd been fencing for guys all around Manchester for ages, and though I tried to keep tabs on what the police were doing, it was hard. I was in Armed Response by that time, so it wasn't officially any of my business. It was only at the last minute that I heard we had a planned operation on an address that I recognised as Travis's, leaving hardly any time to get ready."

"Getting rid of Drake, the guy who was ill, was easy. A few tablets in his drink, and that was him for a few days. I rang Travis to let him know what was happening, and I told him that when the police arrived, he should hide in his bathroom."

Travis continued, having obviously grown tired of taunting me in his superior voice. "Yea. Well, when I got the call, I wasn't exactly pleased, but we had long enough to cook something up. When they came - you know, "Open up, this is the police" and all that - we did it. I ran into the bathroom and sure as I'm here now, there was Thompson marking the window, all on his lonesome. He signalled - I was out like a shot and away- his cheque that day was worth having, I can tell you. So I moved down to London, and after lying low for a bit I just carried on. Thompson's being here is just a happy coincidence."

"So what was today's plan?" I asked him, my own already in operation. "I mean, I presume you intended to turn him loose in the toilets. . ."

"Correct," Thompson interrupted.

"...but that would have been your career over, and a heavy prison sentence, once they'd checked on you and made the connection with what happened in Manchester."

Travis answered for him. "You underestimate me, Mr Stevenson. You see, despite the humbleness of my abode," his pomposity having returned, "I am a very rich man. I have in my pocket two air tickets to airports on opposite ends of Mexico, and one cheque book with access to a secret account containing Thompson's life savings, transferred in yesterday, plus a very generous donation of £500,000 from yours truly. A man could live like a king there on that amount, no questions asked. We both intend to set ourselves up for a life of luxury, in

completely different regions, never to see each other again." "Neat," I conceded. "But what to you intend to do about me?"

I half predicted the answer, spoken with a resigned air. "You had to argue, didn't you?"

He nodded to Thomson, whose finger tightened slowly on the trigger of the gun . . .

"Not so fast," I put in quickly, raising my palm. It was blotchy, red and white, like it had been clenching something. "Can you by any chance hear something?"

Sure enough, in the background there was the faint sound of police sirens. They were getting closer.

"But...how..." Travis' face almost turned blue.

"Not every plan needs to be so elaborate, Mr Travis. You see, all I needed was one police-issue mobile phone. As soon as Thompson pulled the gun, I turned off the receiver, put the transmitting volume way up, and dialled 999. The emergency services' headquarters has a device to plot the location of mobile phone calls, and I just had to trust to luck that the person on the other end would have the sense to listen to what was being said, and act on it. Looks like they did."

By now the police cars had reached the car park, and were beginning to surround us. It seemed ironic that just like eleven years ago the marksmen were surrounding Travis, but this time we were both on the inside. So was his crony, Thompson. The only other difference was that this time, for both of them, there was no escape.

David Bean F6

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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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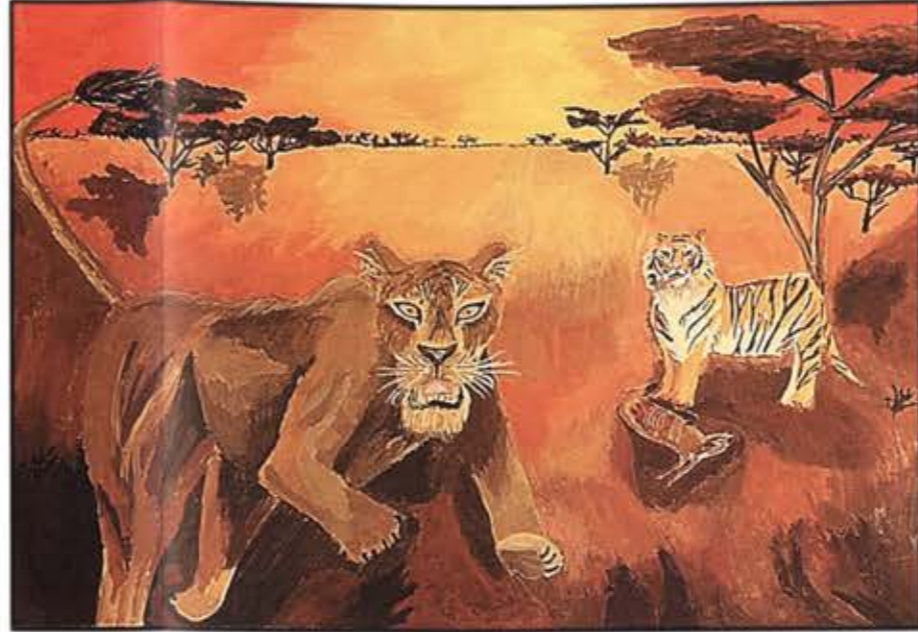
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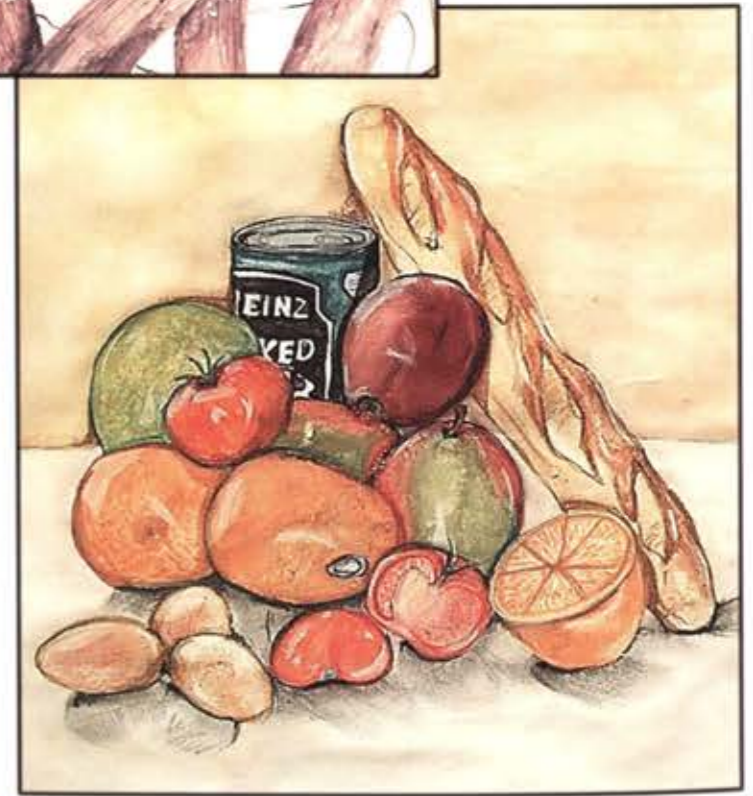
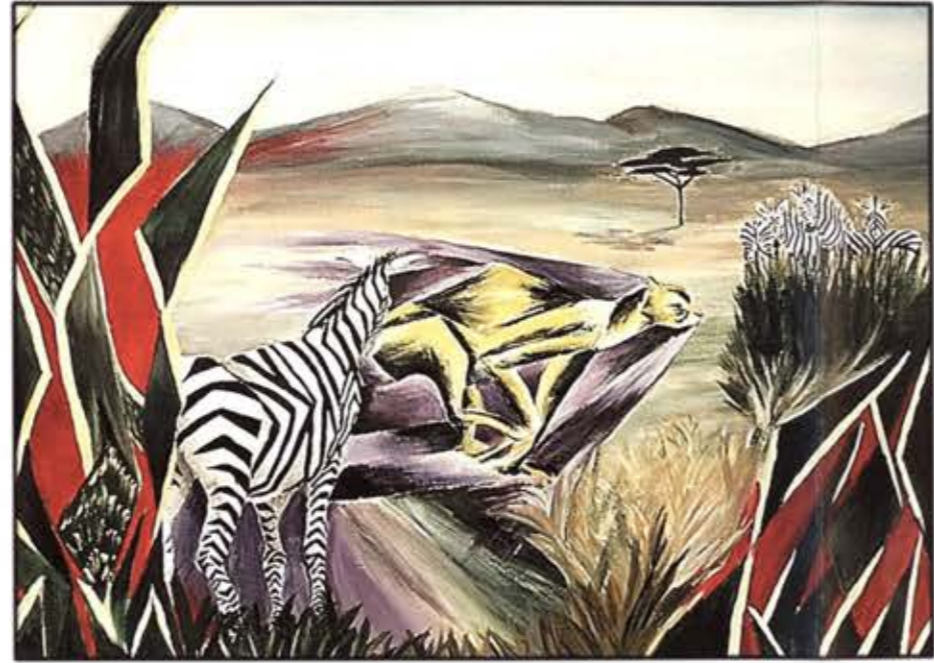


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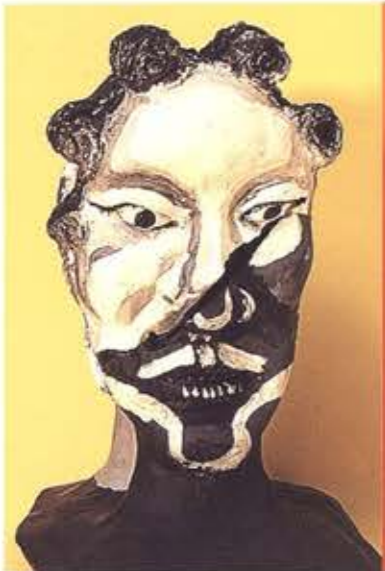


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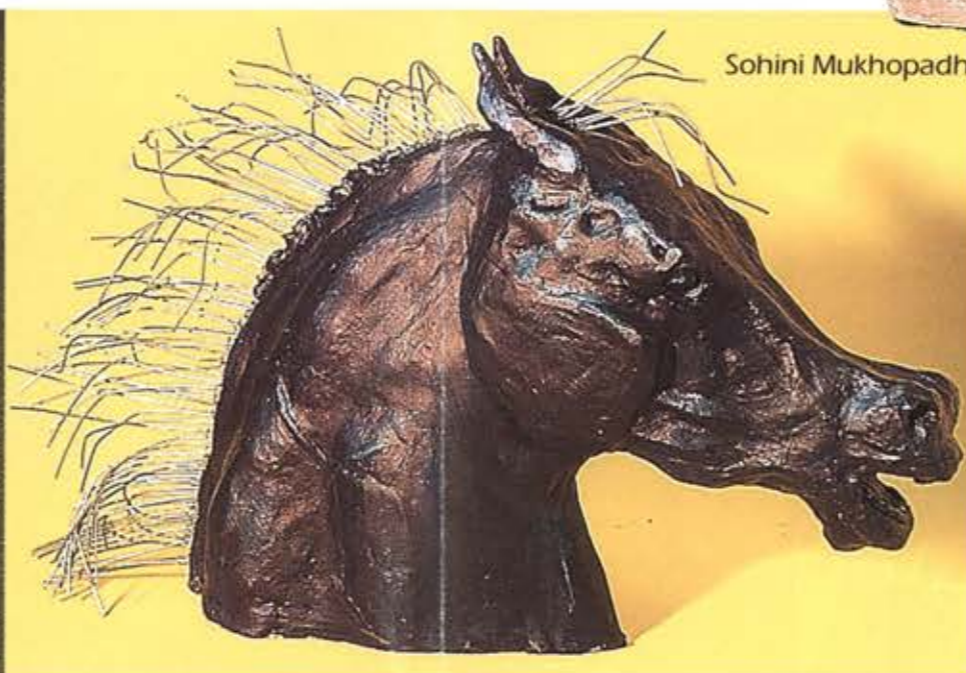
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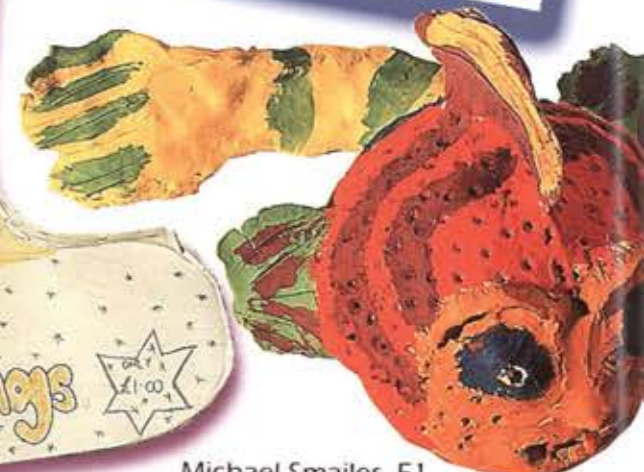
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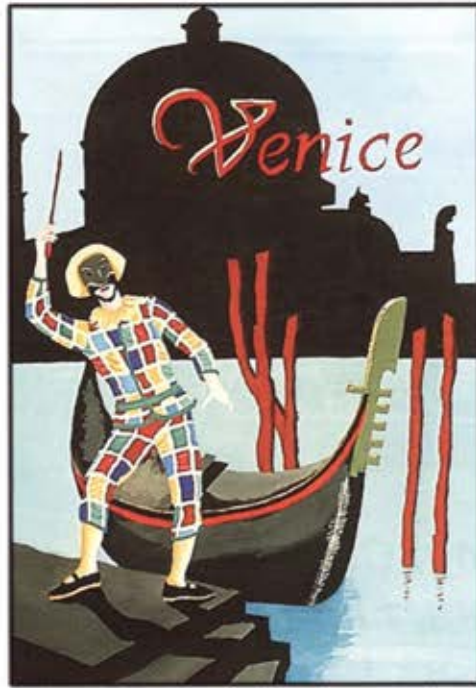


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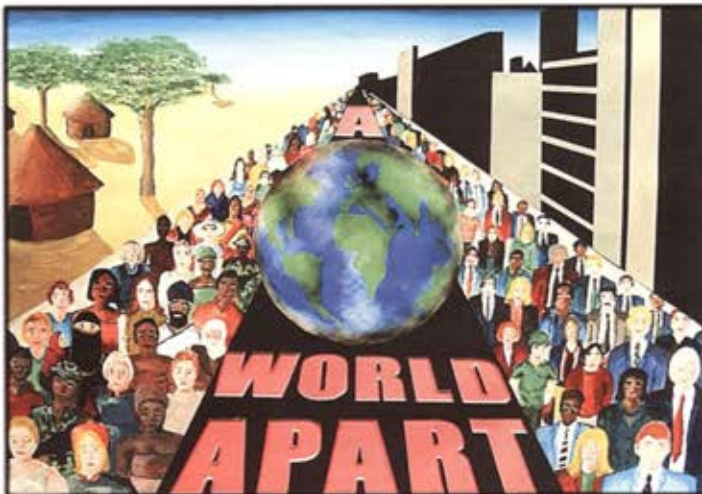
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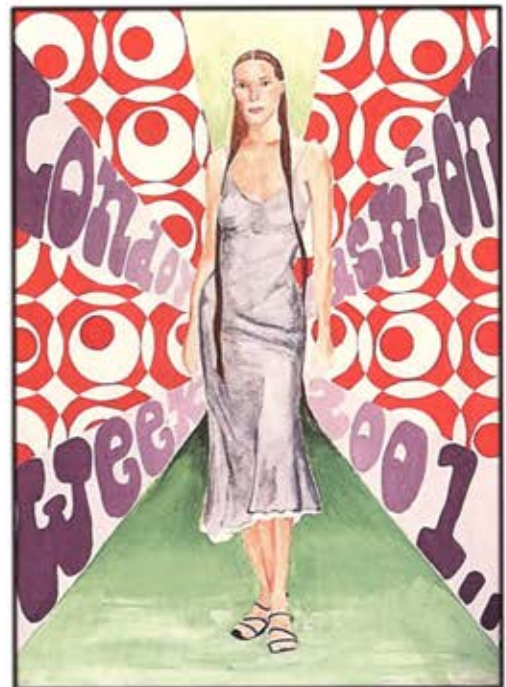
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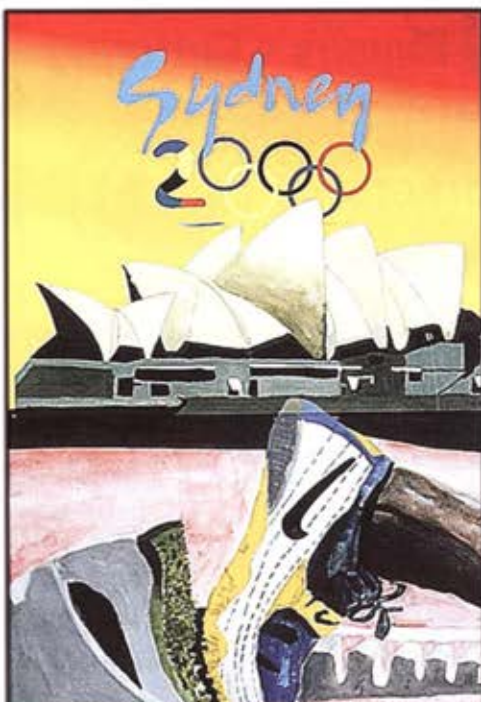
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Reports & clubs

Rainbows

Early in the autumn term we welcomed a set of eager young girls to the High School of Dundee Rainbow Guide Unit. It was a pleasure to see how willingly these young participants engaged in activities involving sharing, helping each other and having fun together. Through art and craft, games and drama they discovered the pleasure of being with each other and of being a Rainbow Guide.

Our first term theme was Colour – the colours of the rainbow – and involved activities encouraging the girls to observe and enjoy these colours all around us. For green the girls planted cress and had fun watching their efforts come to fruition.

In the second term our theme was Caring. The girls spent time thinking about caring for the elderly. As this was winter we also considered the plight of birds at this time of year. Each girl made a seed pudding to help with winter feeding. The girls also had fun thinking about caring for themselves and healthy living. A special activity was putting together a little posy of fresh flowers to give to their mothers.

The summer term theme was The Sea. Each girl made an origami paper fish and a little trinket box decorated with tiny shells. They had lots of fun making colourful yachting hats from paper. The girls went on a seaside adventure through drama and role-play and were very creative in their acting and improvising. A sea story provided an opportunity for the Rainbows to give this a musical accompaniment – instrument playing to match the waves etc.

The highlight of the year was the end-of-term visit to Pizza Express. The Rainbows spent a happy time learning how to knead dough, make a base and just what is required to put together an appetising pizza. Under the supervision of a restaurant chef a quite wonderful array of topping designs was concocted! The best part of course was in the tasting and eating. This was a very enjoyable event and an appropriate way to round off a full and active year for the High School of Dundee Rainbows. Thanks must go to Mrs. Mooney, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. McNicoll and senior pupil Zoe Linton for all their help, good ideas and valued participation with the Rainbow Guide Unit at Dundee High School.



Scottish Country Dancing

During the year Mrs Cargill took a Scottish Country Dancing Club for L6 and L7 girls who wished to join. We met on Friday lunchtimes at 12.30 pm.

In October eight of us were selected as the dance team: Chloe Brown, Alexandra Short, Catriona Wilson, Roxanne O'Fee, Rosalind MacDonald, Sophie Sneddon, Fiona McCulloch and Charlotte Farmer.

Our first performance was during the Open Morning in October where we danced the "Old Man of Star" to a steady stream of interested visitors.

By Christmas the team was well established and thoughts had already turned to the Perth Festival in March. We were to perform the "Maids of Currie" but would need lots and lots of practice!! Our normal practice day was therefore changed to Wednesdays so the maths class next door were able to work to the strains of our lovely music. In the end we came second in the Festival with 86 very respectable points.

For the rest of the season all of the 35 dancers were reunited at dance practice and we continued our usual routine: dance...collapse, dance...collapse, dance...collapse, Stop! It was great fun and we must thank Mrs Cargill for all her hard work and support.



Brownies

The High School pack of 24 Brownies has again enjoyed another active and busy year. They have taken part in a wide range of activities under the careful guidance of Mrs Kathleen Spalding (Brown Owl) and Mrs Smith (Unit Helper).

The year began with some former High School Rainbows joining the pack. They were helped to complete their promise booklet by their sixers. At this time others made and decorated a path for the new Brownies to walk down when making their promise.

After this the girls enjoyed various tasks and looked through their Brownie Badge book to select and work towards their chosen badge. Badges worked for by individual Brownies have included swimmers and chess (stages 1 & 2) jesters, house orderly, animal and horse-riding.

L5 Brownies completed their cooks badge with flair and imagination!

All 24 Brownies successfully gained their World Traveller badge. At the Thinking Day meeting each group of six displayed a table with objects and information about a selected foreign country. This was enjoyed by all.

During the last term Brownies were involved in the new "outdoor badge" and most completed at least three challenges. In the playground a good time was had by all cloud watching and making up various games with a ball or a skipping rope.

Most weeks when Brownies have cleaned up etc., there is time to play a game before the meeting ends, and particular favourites of the girls are *The chocolate game* and *Ladders*.

This year the Best Brownie shield was awarded to Sarah Low of L5 for her commitment to attending Brownies and her general willingness to help others.

As the summer term came to a close, farewell was said to the L5 Brownies who were presented with a brownie owl to remind them of their good times at Brownies and a toadstool was given to the pack which Ollie the Owl will be able to perch upon next session and view Brownies in action!

Burns Supper

On the 26th January 2001, the two L5 classes joined together in the Junior School Hall for their annual Burns Supper. A wide range of people contributed to the success of their afternoon: Mr Hutchison of the PE Department did the Address to the Haggis which was piped in by James Black of the senior school and carried in very carefully by Cameron McGrath. After the toast, Mr Stewart recited Tam O' Shanter and acted out a lot of it, too – we were very impressed!

L5 pupils had a lot of input too, with the strings, woodwind and pianos playing a variety of Scottish tunes. Paul, Calum and Rob performed *Afton Water* on guitar whilst Alistair contributed *Annie Laurie* on piano. Our large string group consisted of Annalies, Morven, Aneeqa, Amy, Vincent, Kirsty, Mallory, Alice and Sophie. They performed a selection of songs throughout the afternoon. It is impossible to mention all the names of those who took part, but everyone had worked very hard to ensure the success of the afternoon and thanks must go to the music tuition staff who put in a lot of extra work, particularly Mrs Neil who not only gave up so much of her free time but also helped us at the supper, too.

Both classes had been learning poems with a Scottish flavour and these were much enjoyed by those in attendance who listened to, among others, *The Sair Finger*, recited by Keith and Aamir, and *My Love is like a Red, Red Rose* from Lauren. We were also lucky to have our Highland dancers take part too, and Andrew, Rachael, Annalies and Rakhee performed an excellent Sword dance – with wooden swords for safety, of course!

The food had a Scottish theme and the pupils tucked in enthusiastically to the oatcakes, scones and pancakes – and the taste of haggis, too, provided by Jain's father. Mmmm, delicious!

As is the tradition throughout the world, everyone stood together and joined hands to sing *Auld Lang Syne* to end our afternoon of fun and enjoyment.



Calum Brownlee, Rob Madden and Paul McNulty play "Afton Water"



Mr Stewart in full flow reciting "Tam O' Shanter"



Cameron McGrath is engrossed after carrying in the haggis



Morven Lean, Amy Watson and Kirsty Morrison play "There was a Lad"

Junior Chess

Once a week, the Junior Department's outwardly calm exterior is shaken by excited cries of "Touch-Move!" and "Check" as the Junior School Chess Club members prove that chess is not quite the serene game that it is made out to be.

Indeed, there have been many "white knuckle" moments in this year's Russell Trophy games. Our four finalists were Gordon McNicoll L4, Iain Kennedy L5, Bilal Hussain L6 and Shahadat Hasan L7.

Shahadat earned himself a well-deserved place in the High School of Dundee record book by emerging triumphant for the third successive year, pipping Bilal to the post by two points.

Thanks go to all the children who have made this such an enjoyable year. Hopefully even more girls will pick up their pieces next year and join in the fun.

Chess Club

The Club meets on Monday lunchtimes at 1.10 p.m. in Mr Durrhelm's Room (Room 39) and a variety of pupils attend. Some just want to play chess on a sociable level while others take it more seriously and take part in the internal and external competitions.

The Tayside Schools' Chess Championship began again this session and our A Team - consisting of Liam Smith F6, Andrew Pond F4, Bill Whyman F4 and Susan Liu F2 came close to winning the Championship only to be beaten into third place by Harris and Perth High. I suppose our B Team will have to look on their games as part of a learning experience, having lost them all! Nonetheless, individuals in the team managed to "bag" a few wins and can look forward to promotion to the A Team next session.

This session's internal competitions were very hard fought. Eventually, the Beekingham Trophy (open to F1-6), the Intermediate Trophy (F1-3) and the Girls Competition were all won by Susan Liu so many congratulations go to her. It's another triumph for Girl Power! We commiserate with the worthy runners-up in each competition.

Red Cross

If you saw a man collapse in the street would you know what to do? Lots of people don't and that is why so many L6 and L7 pupils participate in a one-year course which covers the history of the Red Cross as well as basic training.

Some of it is hard work because at the end of each First Aid course everyone is tested - this year everyone passed! But it is fun as well. There are regular visits from the Red Cross Centre in Dundee and we were taken round their Centre too, which was great insight into how and where everything is organised and carried out.

It was also great fun doing CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) on dummies and learning how to bandage various parts of the body, especially arms, legs and heads. Needless to say the Christmas Party was a great success and involved everything from wrapping people up like mummies to hopping to a table.

The Red Cross youth group is a great way to meet new people and to learn valuable life-saving techniques. We must say a big thank you to Mrs Halliwell, Miss Halliday and Miss Cardno for running Red Cross Youth this year and making the course so enjoyable.

Scripture Union

The SU group has met every Friday lunchtime this session and we have had various Bible Studies and discussions as well as plenty of games and food. A visit by Alison Urie, a Scripture Union worker, initiated us in the art of slime making, amongst other things, and several of us are going on SU camp this summer. Our thanks go to Mr Stewart whom we shall miss next session when he leaves for Sudan to teach English for 2 years.

Junior Young Enterprise

Eight of us formed a group to produce a t-shirt to advertise and enhance the Junior School production of "Alice" at the end of the session in the Gardyne Theatre. Our strategy was first of all to place posters around the school detailing a competition to design a t-shirt. Imagine our surprise when we got an overwhelming 300 entrants! We reduced these to 50 and then to a short list of 8. Finally we and our teachers chose the winners. The results were:

- 1st prize: Angus Miller L6
- 2nd Prize: Guy Ballantyne L7
- 3rd prize (shared): Zoe Galloway L6 and Gavin Redford L7

Now the real fun began because Mrs Ross and Mrs McCabe took us and the winners

to the Tay Shirt Company to see the winning t-shirt being made. Mr Bert Bryden showed us round the premises where we saw the various stages through which the design process goes. It was very interesting and we learned just how much time and effort it takes to make a t-shirt. Needless to say, we have since sold lots and lots of t-shirts!!

Thank you to Mrs Ross, Mrs McCabe, all our teachers and all you competitors who made our little venture so enjoyable and successful!



THE GREAT COVER UP-

an adventure in rainproofing!

Starring THE WEATHERGIRLS (for one year only)

Cast in Order of Appearance:

Carol (Always Cool and Calm) **Bodie** "That's it! I am going to kill her if they do not arrive on time"

Jayne (Anxious) **Arbuckle** "Let's just get these delivered okay!"

Alix (The Optimist) **McGill** "They just won't arrive on time, we will have to sue"

Jolly (Jill) **Mackay** "Oh come on it's only money"

Anna (Puzzled) **Milroy** "Where are they, why are they not here yet?"

Rebecca (Filofax) **Ramsay** "Let me phone, I know the number"

The Plot

Forged by the heat of the entrepreneurial flame out of the depths of the common room they came..... One purpose energised their very existence ... the pursuit of one goal their only motivation ... their collective dream.... To provide the High School in times of inclement weather with...**the great cover up.**

They designed a garment both stylish and practical to the highest standards. They insisted on the inclusion of certain quality features to ensure complete waterproofing. They trawled the net for suitable sources, discarding most, but eventually landing their catch.

Here the Plot thickens.....

Suppliers from as far afield as Hong Kong and deepest Cumbernauld contrived to confound their plans. However overcoming immense delivery problems our WeatherGirls stuck fast to their demands, proving that right always prevails in the end.

Critics of their performance abounded but were silenced when the WG's made final delivery of 294 utterly superb jackets at a price which would have forced a smile from an Aberdonian.

"What the Papers Said"

AL Ruxton of The BusMan Herald "they did not hoodwink their customers, they guaranteed a silver lining in the end"

I Rattray of the Typing Times "a wonderful performance, well done the WeatherGirls"

G Spowart of the Physical Obscurer "a runaway success.... I should have known better"

W S McCulloch of the New York Herald Tribune (Govan Desk) "the WG's provided a wonderful performance under extremely difficult conditions. They learned how to take risks, deal with people, handle companies and manage setbacks. They fulfilled all of their 300 orders, produced an excellent product, created a great deal of future demand, made a profit, and donated 130 hard earned pounds to Cystic Fibrosis at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, by the way!"

The object of any school based enterprise scheme is to learn. The Weather Girls learned through perseverance in adverse circumstances. For this performance they deserve an Oscar.



Science Challenge

In the summer term L7 were set the following challenge: Design and make a torch out of junk, using a circuit, a lightbulb and a "homemade switch".

Everyone set to work with great gusto using an array of yoghurt pots, plastic bottles, toilet roll tubes, margarine tubs, washing-powder boxes and a whole lot more.

Their endeavours were rewarded with a selection of interesting, ingenious and fun torches – which all worked!

The photographs are a small sample of the day's activity and the end results. We done everyone!!



Young Speakers' Club

The Young Speakers' Club meets on Tuesday lunchtimes at 1.10 p.m. in Mr Durrheim's Room (Room 39). This venue will change in the new session because the English Department is moving to the Stiven Building, so in 2001-2002, meetings will be held there in Mr Durrheim's new room.

The Club sometimes stages quizzes such as "Just a Minute!" and "Call My Bluff" which often star members of staff Mr Durrheim has press-ganged into appearing! We also run a number of public speaking competitions and informal debates. Motions range from serious issues such as "This House thinks that Science has gone too far", to light-hearted topics like "This House would burn down the School!"

The latter motion was the closing debate of the session, during which the Club said

its goodbyes to Messrs. Asif, Bean and Smith. Although in Form 6, these three gentlemen have continued to help support the club, even after they left to join the heady heights of Mrs McGrath's Senior Debating Society and the Young Speakers owe them many thanks.

As well as the lunchtime meetings, the Club enters teams in various national and local competitions which usually take place in Terms 1 and 2, during the evenings. Unfortunately two of the competitions we usually enter had to be stricken from our calendar this year! Once again, thanks to the spectre of Form 2 exams we couldn't enter a team in the **Tayside Police Public Speaking Competition** as the competition is only open to pupils in Form 2. This misfortune was compounded by the fact that the **Dundee Speakers' Club Schools Competition** failed to take place this year because too few schools were willing or able to enter.

On a more positive note, we entered a novice team consisting of Sophie Cargill and Tyler Wylie (both in Form 1) in **Lloyds TSB/ESU Scot Nat Jun Deb Comp**, a new debating competition run by the ESU. Although the team only managed to get through to the repechage round (in which Matthew Atkins bravely stood in, at the last minute, for Tyler Wylie, who had a bad throat infection), they still enjoyed the experience. We also entered two teams in the **Schools Debating Competition** sponsored by *The Courier* and *The Royal Bank of Scotland*. Although neither team got beyond Round 1 in this fiercely fought competition, all four speakers acquitted themselves well and they can be proud of their efforts. We can only hope that next session we return to our usual form.

Perhaps we might even repeat the successes of 1997 and 1998 when our A Teams made it through to the Final in Lower Parliament Hall in St Andrews!

Debating Society

How many times this year did those immortal words **Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen...** or occasionally **'Madam Chairman'** – pass our lips? Far too many to count, assuredly, and this was reflected in the wide variety of motions we considered. Most interesting were the definitional kind, where the first team speaking decides how to interpret the motion. Sometimes this dubious pleasure fell upon ourselves: once, two of our teams had to define and propose "This House Believes that the Countryside has Suffered Enough", and, whilst James Potton and Patrick Rennie used it to attack agricultural funding, Gavin Illsley and I (David Bean, F6) let personal prejudice reign in denouncing Government attempts to abolish fox-hunting. On another, Gavin and I were asked to define "This House Would Layeth the Smacketh Down" (thought up by a somewhat idiosyncratic judge, who officiated the debate wearing a 'The Rock' tie); rather than make the viewing of professional wrestling compulsory, we instead proposed toughening up the prison system.

This year, our teams took part in every major national competition, travelling to Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Durham. Gavin and I qualified for the final of the prestigious Oxford Union debating competition, held in the city itself, speaking in the same spot as only a few days earlier had Michael Jackson. Closer to home, the same team reached the second round of the Cambridge Union competition, and later the national semi-final of the ESU Mace, being only narrowly defeated by the team that would go on to win the Scottish and British championships. Meanwhile, in the field of junior public speaking, the team of Gavin,

James Moir and Kirsty Hawkes qualified for the second round of the ESU's national competition, whilst, in that run by Law Society, the judges were so impressed by the team performance of James and Kirsty that they sent the Debating Society a cheque for £50! We were also delighted to win tangible silverware: Gavin and I won the Dundee University's one-day debating tournament, with the less experienced team of Naveed Asif and James Moir excelling themselves by joining us in the final of the competition. Moreover, Gavin won the Individual Speakers' prize there, whilst I took the prize for the best floor speech in the Robert Gordon's College 250th Anniversary competition, where Gavin, Naveed and I competed well as a team of three. I was also invited to take part in a trial for the Scottish national debating team.

The joys of debating, however, are not confined to activities within the chamber itself. We all relished the opportunities to make lasting friendships with debaters from the rest of Scotland, on one occasion teaming up to take on the residents of Hatfield College, Durham in a massive snowball fight, and, at Oxford, we ate out together and met up with some former debaters of our school.

Internally, we enjoyed one of our most successful Inter-House Debates of recent years. It fell to Form 4, this year, to witness the motion "This House Wants to Be a Millionaire" being transformed into a dogmatic struggle between idealism and realism. In the end it seemed that 'filthy lucre' had won over the audience, who carried the motion, but the competition was won by the Opposition team Lindores, whose members Jamie Yule and I fought the good fight to beat the Wallace team of Gavin and Rhiannon Williams, narrowly into second place.

Later, we were delighted to resurrect the Old Girls' Club Trophy for Public Speaking, awarding it in a new House competition based upon the ESU's national format. F5 comprised the audience, and Lindores again defeated Wallace by a whisker; Gavin and Rhiannon were joined by Emma Grant, whilst James Potton and Michael Page joined me for Lindores. Teachers judged both competitions, but, in the House Debate, Mrs. McGrath and the Rector were joined by Shona Methven, a former High School debater who is currently enjoying success debating for Glasgow University.

On that note, I shall turn warmly to our debating coach herself. Mrs. McGrath has been called many things, from 'tabs geek' (in reference to her fascination for the mass of sheets sometimes produced after a competition to show the points awarded to each speaker) to the 'serial-cutter-outer' of newspaper articles for research; but when all is said and done, she has been invaluable to us all. As in all years, our heartfelt thanks rest with her.

Nobody can doubt, therefore, that this year's debating was a pleasure for all who participated. Next year, who can say what might happen? One thing is certain: nothing can be achieved without the efforts of the competitors, and fresh, opinionated competitors are what the Society really needs. Anybody who attended either of the school's internal competitions can be in no doubt as to its attractiveness; as for the rest of you, well, there are enough people around who will tell you about it. Add in the travel opportunities and the truly superb people to be met, and the result is clear. Please, consider trying your hand at debating. Speak to Mrs. McGrath, or simply turn up at her room at quarter to one, on Mondays or Fridays. I, for one, certainly did not regret it.

Chemistry Quiz Team

The quiz team had a successful year. After several visits to other schools in Tayside we reached the finals which were held in Dundee University. The team consisting of Ily Mordy (F6), James Strachan (F4), Toby Davies (F3) and Catherine Jung (F2) did the school and themselves proud with a very convincing win in the finals.

This year a new trophy was being presented and it was fitting that The High School of Dundee was the first name to be placed on that trophy since it had been the first and indeed the most frequent name to be engraved on the last one.

As a result of this victory a team from the school will represent Tayside and Fife in the British Finals next March.

Mathematics Competition

The Mathematics Department has been its usual hive of activity as pupils from the High School entered a variety of competitions.

Despite some disappointments, principally at Senior level when we had to withdraw our very strong contenders due to clashes with exam-timetabling in the school calendar, we performed well as usual.

Competing against many other able young mathematicians from all over the United Kingdom at Intermediate (UKIMC) and Junior (UKJMC) levels, our results were as follows:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
UKIMC	3	0	3
UKJMC	14	10	10



Duke of Edinburgh

Last year's report mentioned the trip to Romania to be undertaken by two of our Gold participants, Nina de Franco and Johanna Brown. Not only have they reported on this trip but Nina has also described her experiences on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme from Bronze through to Gold. Hopefully you will find it interesting and who knows, you may be inspired equally to come along and try out D of E for yourself.

Over to Nina....



When I embarked on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at the start of 3rd year I set it as a challenge for myself, to learn new skills and savour new experiences. Little did I know when I started the Bronze of the many activities and memories I would have to look back on now, having just about completed my Gold. Here are some of my experiences on The Journey Through the Award....

I knew it was going to be more of a marathon than a sprint, as the scheme demands persistence and commitment and was not going to be completed in a short burst of enthusiasm. For each level of the Award I underwent activities under the headings of *Service, Skill and Physical*.

For my Service at Bronze, I, along with my friend Johanna, signed up for the Ranger Service. This proved to be a lot of fun, as well as exceedingly hard work. We cleaned out burns, built small bridges and cleaned forest areas and ponds. As well as the satisfaction of looking at the results after a hard day's labour it was good to meet people from other schools also involved in the Award.

I am a member of Dundee Dramatic Society and for my Silver Service I decided to step out of the limelight and help out front of the house. I was involved in many things such as serving teas and coffee, showing people to their seats and selling programmes. I even tested my persuasive skills with selling raffle tickets. This was also a pleasant experience and enabled me to see different aspects of the way the theatre functions. The society is a charitable organisation and a large sum of the money raised was donated to other charities.

My Service at Gold level has been one of my most gratifying and pleasurable episodes in the Award. The school organises various voluntary service programmes for the pupils of the school to partake in and Jo and I volunteered to visit Mrs Gilruth every





Friday afternoon. Mrs Gilruth is an elderly lady who lives in the sheltered housing complex near our school. Every Friday afternoon we visited her, made a pot of tea accompanied by a biscuit and had a long chat.

The Service section of the Award has been valuable in offering the experience of giving practical service and gaining an appreciation of the needs of the community whilst experiencing three very different services.

The Skills section gives opportunities to take up and persevere at satisfying and purposeful pursuits within a wide range of practical, cultural and social activities. It not only offers the excitement of trying something new but also allows for improvement in an activity already undertaken.



I decided that for my Skill at Bronze I was going to set about doing a new activity as opposed to something I was already involved in. This involved Johanna and I (perhaps through sheer desperation of trying to get started with something) joining the Early Birds Computing Club at school. We went up to the computing department most mornings and worked our way through a course booklet. It was good to develop practical skills in this area, as computing skills are necessary in today's IT environment. I was quite surprised at the enjoyment I got out of it but I think that was mainly down to the company.

For both my Silver and Gold Skills, I chose to try and improve in piano and flute playing. When my music exams were over it was good to have an extra goal.

As with all activities the Physical has to be done outwith timetabled school hours. So my games periods didn't count! I decided, for my Bronze, to use my after school hockey practices for the Physical section. For the Silver Johanna and I decided to undertake something new and challenging. We started aerobics, which proved to be immensely amusing due to our lack of hand and body coordination. But we persisted at it and after a while began to get rather; well I shan't say "good", but em... "used to it". After this I enrolled at the Sports Conditioning class at the University for my Gold. This was a tough class but the feeling of having survived yet another session each week was fantastic. What really kept me going though was my Dad. I had decided to take him along with me for (i) – company, but more importantly (ii) – comic value. The class didn't know what had hit them when my Dad attempted all the routines. (5:10pm at the University for those wishing a viewing of this amusing display).

This section enabled me to improve and extend my personal goals and derive a sense of achievement from all the activities I took part in as well as have a lot of fun!

The Expeditions in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award were very new to me, as I had never really experienced anything like it

before. There is a lot of forethought required for expeditions – with careful attention to detail and organisational ability in preparation. The expeditions are by far the best part of the Award (though you won't hear anyone saying that on an expedition at the foot of the recurring 'HUGE HILL') and it's where the most enjoyment and satisfaction is gained. This is the most challenging section in the Award and demands shared responsibilities for the venture, leadership from within the group, self-reliance and co-operation. The experiences I have had on expeditions remain some of the most enjoyable and memorable episodes in my school life. How can I forget traumas such as being stuck up to my thighs in mud, being attacked by killer midges, eating custard with added supernoodles, the unpredictability of the Scottish weather and sleeping in an adder infested field. I have also discovered many

new talents through expeditions – I too have the same knack as Mary Poppins for packing everything including the kitchen sink, hairdryer, bathtub and microwave into a 55L rucksack.

Getting through all the 'dilemmas' of these expeditions has produced many great stories that can be told again and again. Although you do not have to be the rugged out-door type to do the Award, it's surprising how you develop a taste for it even if you've never been up a hill before and the only ice you've seen has been in your Mum's 'G & T'. I certainly hope to put to use the skills I have gained through expeditions and hope to continue getting lost on many more hills.

For the Gold Award there is an added section called the Residential Project. The requirements for this are to undertake a shared activity, either through voluntary service or training, in a residential setting away from home and in an unfamiliar environment for 5 days. I had originally thought of helping out with disabled people on a trip to Lourdes but then I got talking to a lady who had gone out to Romania to help children out there. I ran the idea past Johanna and we both met up with Sister Aloysius who organised the trips. She was sceptical at first as she had never had teenagers volunteer before but soon enough we were thinking of many ways of raising the money for our trip. We had a stall at the Charities Fayre and organised a concert at the Little Theatre in which we raised over £1,000. We also received anonymous donations – thank you. We went out to Romania for a total of three weeks and worked in children's hospitals, orphanages, an 'old folks' home and a psychiatric hospital. It certainly was an experience of a lifetime and not something that I would have experienced if I hadn't been involved with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

When I first signed up to do the Award I had no idea of the things I would learn, the activities I would undertake and the places it would take me. I have made many new friends through the scheme and like Jaffa Cakes, you can never have too many of them!

Music

Once again this session, music in the High School has flourished under many different guises. At Christmas time the Junior and Senior choirs, orchestras, bands and ensembles, including the newly formed Jazz Band, combined for the first time to produce a very varied, entertaining concert programme in St Mary Magdalene's Church. Earlier in December pupils played and sang carols at the Verdant Works in aid of Barnardos, as well as participating in the Annual Carol Service at St Mary's Parish Church.



The High School String Ensemble has played at many functions throughout the year, including the Lord Dean of Guild Dinner in the City Chambers, the annual Sir Malcolm Sargeant Christmas Concert in the Caird Hall and in the Maryat Hall before the R.S.N.O Proms.

This session has seen many individual pupils' successes both within and outwith the school. At the Leng Silver Medal Competition, for which there were a large number of

entries, Malcolm Watson (L7) won the Junior Competition and Samantha Croll (F2) the Senior. Our pupils went on to represent the school at the Leng Gold Medal Competition in April when the Senior Boys' Competition was won by Neil Herbert (F4).



A number of successes were achieved in the Perth Music Festival held in March. Colin Coude (F2) won the Saxophone Solo Class, Rhona Crichton (F1) was second and fourth in the Clarinet and Flute Solo Classes, Mairi Cunningham (F1) was third in the Flute Solo class, Laura Brown (F2) second in the Oboe Class and Jennifer Tyler (F3) fourth

in the Clarinet Class. In the Chamber Music Class, the clarinet quartet of Calum McNicol (F3), Iona McFarlane (F3), Jennifer Tyler (F3) and Catherine Jung (F2) were placed second. The L4-5 choir came second in their class and gained a distinction. At the Arbroath Festival Sophie Cargill (F1) came second in her Euphonium Class.



In the Scottish Fiddle Championships, held in Musselburgh, Sophie Sneddon (L7) and Jennifer Watson (F2) were members of the winning ensemble group with Sophie also winning the Scottish Junior Championships there and at Irvine. Jennifer Watson also competed in two Gaelic Vocal Classes at the Provincial Mod winning both of them. She, along

with Susan Edle (F4), Kirsty Lowe (F2) and Sophie Sneddon (L7) took part in their second broadcast with BBC Radio Scotland which was recorded and played on air in February 2001.

Kirsty Watson (L7), who gained a place at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama Junior School last year has been awarded a Wolfson Scholarship for Session 2001-02. This year Emma Peebles (F4) gained a place at the R.S.A.M.D. Junior School to study viola next session and has also been selected to play at the National Youth Orchestra Summer School. Another Summer Music Course in Dunblane will be attended by Sarah Dorward (F3), Kirsty Lowe (F2), Jennifer Watson (F2) and Fiona Gibson (F2).

The installation of the Allan Organ in Trinity last year has provided the opportunity for organ lessons for Johanna Brown and Lindsay Rowan, both F6, who will give a short recital at the end of term.

On a staffing level, Mrs Melville was promoted to Head of Department in February of this year. In June Mrs Magill likewise was promoted to the post of Instrumental Co-ordinator. We say farewell to Mrs Neil, one of our string instructors, who is retiring at the end of the session after 5 years at the school.

In March, the Chamber Choir had the privilege of singing Faure's *Cantique de Jean Racine* at the wedding of Carolyn MacDonald, a former pupil and member of the choir. A few days later was the Junior/Intermediate Spring Concert in St Mary Magdalene's Church, again featuring a wide variety of vocal and instrumental ensembles.

At the end of March a group of 39 pupils from F2 to F6, with Mrs Melville, Mr Illsley, Mrs Robertson and Mr Armstrong, set off on a music tour to the Czech Republic and Austria which proved highly successful and enjoyable. Performances were given in various locations, featuring an orchestra, fiddlers, a mixed and a girls' choir, a Scottish Country Dance Group and an accordion, played by Jane Murdie (F4).





The final few weeks of term were witness to a continued flurry of activity with staff playing in the band for the Junior School production of *Alice in the Garayne Theatre*, with the Annual Music Competition, adjudicated by Mrs Melville and Mr Peter Onslow, Director of Music at Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, in which over 200 pupils took part, with a Baroque Music Ensemble featuring in the Senior School play *Daughters of Venice* and with the Strings holding a Soiree in Trinity Hall as well as performing at Prize-Giving – certainly plenty to keep everybody busy!



The month of May heralded many different musical activities, beginning with the Senior Concert at St Mary Magdalene's Church, which featured an unforgettable rendition of *Bohemian Rhapsody* by Queen, arranged by Johanna Brown (F6) and Lindsay Rowan (F6). The next day the SCD Brass came and gave an entertaining and informative presentation and concert in Trinity Hall to our Junior School pupils, while in the evening a group of pupils and staff travelled through to the Playhouse Theatre in Edinburgh to watch *West Side Story*. The Inauguration of the Foundation also took place in May, at which the Clarinet Quartet performed.



Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music – December 2000

Pass with Distinction

Sohini Mukhopadhyay	violin	grade 1
Douglas Dorward	violin	grade 3
Jamie Yule	violin	grade 5
Sarah Dorward	violin	grade 5

Pass with Merit

Ellidh Firth	violin	grade 1
Stephanie Wright	violin	grade 1
Christine Emily MacLean	piano	grade 2
Tom Emslie Smith	piano	grade 2
Helen Brian	violin	grade 3
Stephen Fraser	trumpet	grade 3
Ian Ryan	piano	grade 5
Lynsey Tyler	flute	grade 5

Pass

Guy Ballantyne	trumpet	grade 1
Heather Chalmers	clarinet	grade 1
Alison Leckie	saxophone	grade 2
Euan Clark	saxophone	grade 3
Jenny Davie	flute	grade 4
Jayne Arbuckle	clarinet	grade 5
Calum McNicol	clarinet	grade 5
Cheryl Rhodes	oboe	grade 5

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music – March 2001

Pass with Distinction

Amy Watson	violin	grade 1
Sophie Sneddon	violin	grade 4

Pass with Merit

Christopher Barday	trombone	grade 1
Mark Clayson	trumpet	grade 1
Neil Dewar	violin	grade 1
Katie Dollman	flute	grade 2
Laura Brown	oboe	grade 3
Carla Hogg	flute	grade 3
Emily Pringle	piano	grade 4

Pass

Rose Davie	saxophone	grade 1
Claire Joiner	clarinet	grade 1
Donna Joiner	flute	grade 1
Morven MacDonald	flute	grade 1
Julia Black	flute	grade 2
Eilidh Clark	cornet	grade 2
Sarah Crichton	trumpet	grade 2
Mairi Cunningham	double bass	grade 2
Anthony Dent	piano	grade 2
Eleanor Geddes	flute	grade 2
Catherine Hobart	flute	grade 2
Laura McConville	viola	grade 2
Ruth Stevenson	flute	grade 2
Danielle Whiteford	saxophone	grade 2
Emily Boyd	violin	grade 3
Jane Murdie	saxophone	grade 3
Mary Reid	viola	grade 3
Jilly Vannet	violin	grade 3
Malcolm Watson	violin	grade 4
Matthew Atkins	cello	grade 5
Amanda Pringle	violin	grade 5
Lucy Sneddon	violin	grade 5
Susanna Sneddon	violin	grade 5

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music – June 2001

Pass with Distinction

Callum Bannister	saxophone	grade 1
Sophie Easton	saxophone	grade 1
Ruth Foulis	piano	grade 1
Morven Lean	violin	grade 1
Kirsty Morrison	violin	grade 1
Rachael Sinclair	oboe	grade 1
Oliver Alexander	clarinet	grade 2
Lavan Sriskandakumar	trumpet	grade 2
Andrew Blake	cello	grade 3
Robbie Ferguson	trumpet	grade 3
Christopher Ferguson	piano	grade 3
Mairi Cunningham	flute	grade 5
Catherine Jung	clarinet	grade 5

Pass

Marianne Shanks	piano	grade 1
Amabel Dessain	violin	grade 2
Georgia Dessain	violin	grade 2
Fiona Smith	piano	grade 2
Lucy Boyd	oboe	grade 3
Laura Geddes	bassoon	grade 3
Fiona Gibson	piano	grade 5
Claire Low	piano	grade 5
Kirsty Lowe	violin	grade 5



Trinity College London Music Examinations – November 2000

Pass with Merit

Gillian Hume saxophone grade 1

Pass

Judy Boyle saxophone grade 1

Katie McLeod flute grade 1

Emily Smoor violin grade 6

Trinity College London Music Examinations – March 2001

Pass with Distinction

Rachael Sinclair recorder grade 1

Pass with Merit

Sarah Low recorder grade 1

Pass

Kirsty McEwan recorder grade 1

Keith Graham recorder grade 1

Marco Caira saxophone grade 3

Alan Fraser saxophone grade 3

Emily Pringle flute grade 3

Emma Peebles flute grade 5

Trinity College London Music Examinations – June 2001

Pass

Andrew Pond clarinet grade 5

charity

After last year's outstanding success at fund-raising, the High School might have been forgiven for taking and indeed needing something of a rest this year....

But no!! The urge to help others less fortunate than ourselves proved to be too strong, so once again, pupils and staff excelled themselves in their effort to raise money for Charity and did so in their usual imaginative and wide-ranging way.

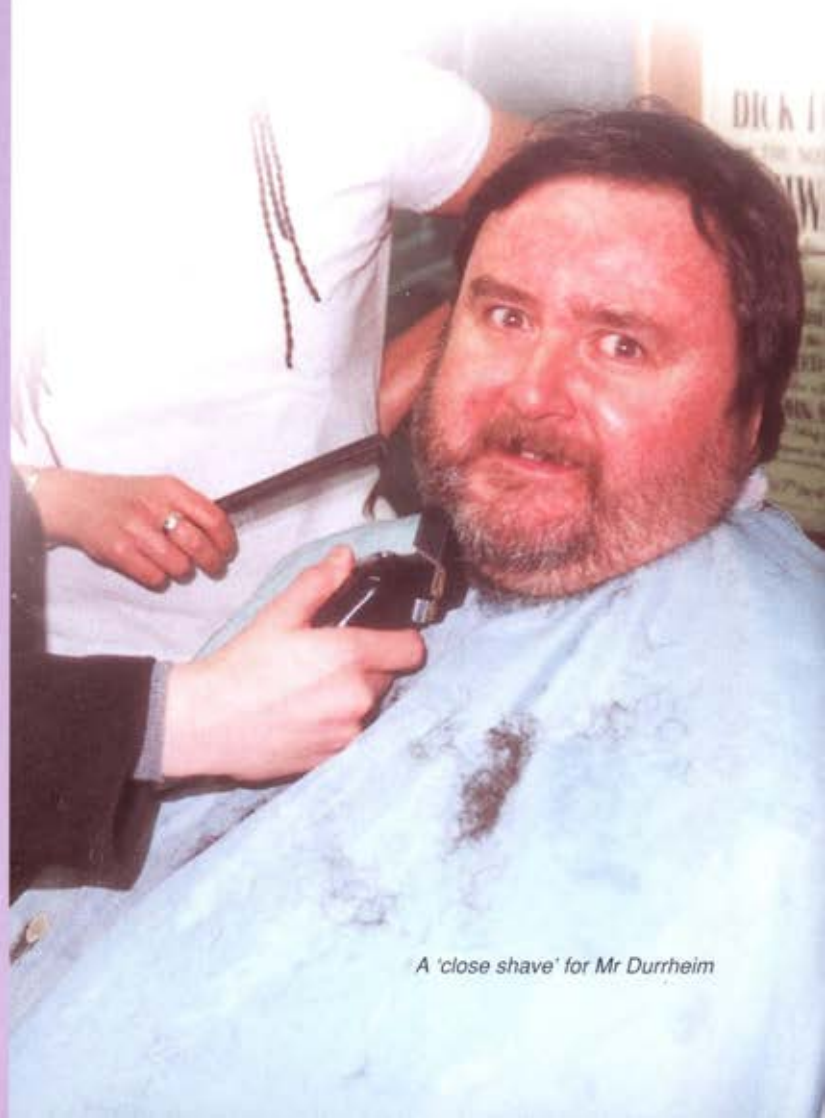
The money came pouring in as we sang, walked, rapped, donated, went bald, quizzed, ate donuts and collected our way to just under £4,000.

The causes we supported were varied too, both at home and abroad. As usual the Christmas activities attracted donations from all members of the school community, including parents of course, and we were able to send gifts to Samaritans Purse, Sight Savers, Roxburgh House, Operation Christmas Child and Children's Promise.

Later in the year the school responded to appeals from India and El Salvador for money to rebuild after the devastating earthquakes suffered in these two developing countries. The Junior School filled over 100 shoe boxes for the Romanian Appeal and schools in Namibia were given a donation towards reconstruction.

On a local note, Badaguish Outdoor Centre and the Dundee Disabled Children's Association, who both work with children physically less able than ourselves, were supported.

Individual efforts, class efforts and generosity on all sides resulted in a bumper year for Charity. Many thanks and congratulations to all who took part. Hopefully you enjoyed it so much that you will come back with ideas for raising even more next year!



A 'close shave' for Mr Durrheim



Form 2 girls, Carla Boyd, Claire Brown, Natasha French, Kate Henderson, Emma Gentleman and Fiona Sommerville, with Joanna Gray on the bicycle in the background, skate across the Tay Road Bridge for Children in Need.



Duncan Lean F5 can frequently be seen busking for Charity in the streets of Barre in the French region of Ardèche where his parents have a small farmhouse. Last July he appeared on stage with a folk group called 'Le Clan' to raise funds for the restoration of the local castle.

On 5th August he took part in the great Millennium Pipe Band March through the streets of Edinburgh. He was joined by Mr Ian Laird, our school crossing patrol attendant. Cheered by a crowd of half a million and buoyed by thousands of pipers and drummers from every conceivable corner of the globe, our sprightly 77 year old and Duncan successfully completed the march and we congratulate them on their charity-raising efforts!





We are pleased in this edition of the Review to publish a short progress report on the little girl we sponsor in Guthima, Kenya.

Monica - Muthoni Njuki lives in a small brick house with a corrugated metal roof along with her parents, two brothers and five sisters. Her parents Simon and Lucy are peasant farmers as is her brother Kingo.

Thanks to the regular contributions we send, Monica is in good health and is growing fast. She enjoys singing, can write her own letters and would like to be a nurse when she grows up.

Like most children, she has to help her family with household tasks. Together with friends and neighbours, Monica and her family have also worked hard to improve their standard of living in general and several projects have now been realised in the village.

The construction of Ventilated Improved Pit latrines has improved sanitation and reduced the spread of communicable diseases such as cholera. Moreover, school age children were issued with deworming tablets and syrups and health talks were presented as to their use and indeed necessity for an improved lifestyle.

Farmers' groups, including Monica's family, have been supplied with water pumps, seeds and fertilizers and training has been given on better farming methods so that crop yield might increase in the area to the benefit of everyone.

All of these changes and improvements have greatly enhanced the lives of Monica and her family and indeed her whole community over the last year. We are proud to be contributing in some small way and look forward to the next newsletter with great interest.




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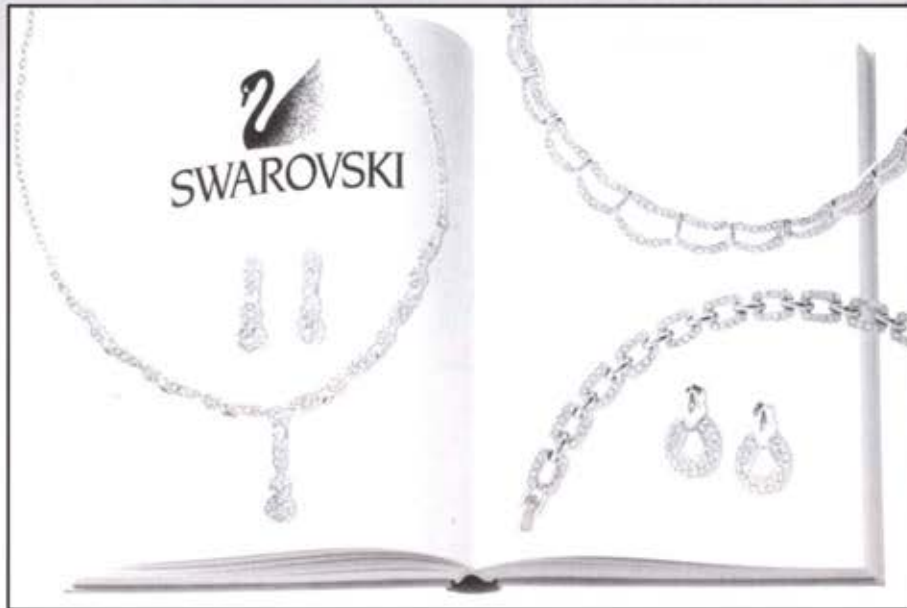
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library

a trip down memory lane

When the Rector asked me to search the old school magazines for an article written in 1946, he did not know that he would be leading me down a path which meant that normal work in the library would come to a temporary stop. So the man-hours lost while I read many of the old magazines are entirely down to that original request.

The exploits of the long forgotten pupils of yesteryear I found fascinating. For example, holidays in the 1950s were mostly spent in Great Britain, and there are some delightful articles written about holidays spent in the north west of Scotland. We tend to travel much further afield now. Advertisements too, were for shops and businesses long gone and merchandise at prices only vaguely remembered now.

It was, however, the references made to the library that were, for me, most interesting. The earliest reference I found was in the magazine of 1945. The article headed *Library Notes* refers to a "well stocked and varied collection of books" and Forms IV to VI are invited to take full advantage of it. A list of six books which have been donated to the Junior Library includes *The British Colonial Empire* by Noel Sabine and *English Music* by W.J. Turner - no room for Harry Potter there then!

In 1958 on the 16th June, the War Memorial Library was formally dedicated and in the school diary of the same year on the 1st October the entry reads "Initiation of Library prefects by the Rector – those prefects to supervise the library during lunch-time and after four, when it is open for the use of pupils wishing to extend their knowledge". What did the initiation involve I wonder? Perhaps we could try it out on the volunteers for next session. If I could get the library prefects to supervise the library at lunch-times and at four, I could shop 'till I drop – I dream on!

In 1960 there is an appeal to parents and FP's to return books which are missing from the school library – nothing has changed except that individual letters go out and we try to catch the pupils before they get to the FP stage. In 1967 there is an appreciation of the library where it is referred to as "that most heaven-sent of holy rooms". It was used for prayers and for singing lessons and was also a "place to meet and chat but not a place for work"! In the same year a Girls' Library opened and it actually had a section on careers and had "books specifically to interest girls. These range over hobbies, travel, beauty-culture and fiction". Gosh!

An L7 pupil in 1960 wrote that she had read and enjoyed *The Thirty-Nine Steps* and *Greenmantle* by John Buchan. She also enjoyed *Beau Geste* by P.C. Wren and other books about the Foreign Legion. She also added that she enjoyed *Biggles* and *The Chalet School* series. At the beginning of the 21st Century, the pupils in L7 are enjoying authors like Morris Gleitzman, Michael Morpurgo, Jacqueline Wilson and JK Rowling. *Biggles* and *The Chalet School* are still read and enjoyed, however, and Enid Blyton is our 5th most popular



From the horses's mouth...

author beating JK Rowling. I have to admit that that L7 pupil is the same vintage as I am and at that time I was reading things like *The Kontiki Expedition* and *Seven Years in Tibet* but was also enjoying *The Chalet School* series and any Angela Brazil I could get. There was not the wealth of books published for children in the 1950s and 1960s. Unfortunately fewer children are reading the wonderful books available for them. In 1968 there were 5,740 books in the library, today we have 15,572. We have issued 11,792 items to date this session as I write this at the beginning of June. A new automated catalogue has been installed and should be functioning properly by the time school resumes in August. We are moving with the times and I hope that the library will continue to be "that most heaven-sent of holy rooms" where the children can find peace to study and pleasure in reading. If you have a spare hour or three, do visit the library and dip into the old school magazines - you will have a wonderful trip down memory lane.

Shonagh Morrison
Librarian

Two notable authors visited The High School this session. In October Charles Ashton addressed L5 and in June Brian McCabe addressed F4. Both men were most enthusiastically received and their interesting and informative talks did not disappoint!

Charles Ashton told us how he planned his books and where the ideas came from. Some were based on fact whilst others were based on fiction although he wouldn't say which was which!!

Favourite themes of his are Giants and Water and one of his very first stories '*The Giant's Boof*' was one he told at one of his children's birthday parties to keep everyone amused.

In total he has had nine books published, others are still in the pipeline and yet more are being turned into books for adults. Writing is hard work! He often redrafts his books as many as eight times before he is satisfied with it, more strangely, once it is published he tends not to like it anymore. His favourite book is always the one he is working on at the moment. Once published he is given 10 copies by the publisher and has to buy additional copies at half price.

We were able to ask him lots of questions after his talk. We discovered that his favourite author is CS Lewis and that he enjoys reading his books to his own children. It was a very interesting visit.

Kirsty Morrison, Morven Lean L5

After explaining to us how much his background and upbringing have influenced his work **Brian McCabe** read to us his poem '*Grey Squirrel*', a particular favourite of Form 4 and in which he examines guilt and conscience with gentle humour.

His poetry often personifies animals, especially humble animals such as '*Eel*' or '*Grey Squirrel*' or examines the relationship between man and animals as in '*Cockroach*' from his anthology '*Body Parts*'.

After his talk, Mr McCabe invited us to ask questions and dealt with a variety of subjects including how to 'get started', how our own writing techniques could be improved and the importance of observation. We wondered, too, whether the Scottish Parliament had been more supportive of writers or whether indeed there had been no change in this direction. We gained a whole new insight, not only into Mr McCabe's work but also into poetry and short story writing in general. His interesting address was greatly enjoyed by us all.

James Potton F4

David Clark and Angela Moffat with Brian McCabe.



Bookworms

L3 have been reading about the Tay Bridge disaster. Here are a few reviews they wrote about 'The Tay Bridge Tragedy' by Dennis Hamley, published by Franklin Watts.

The story is about a boy called Alastair. He saw the Tay Bridge collapsing and thought his father had died although it turned out he was safe.

I liked Alastair best because he worried about his dad and went to try and save him.

I liked this book because it is sad but has a happy ending.

Ramsay Walton

Alastair had a dream about the Tay Bridge falling down and thought his dad was on the train at the time. He was, however, safe and sound. My favourite character was Alastair's dad because he was sensible and avoided the Tay Bridge disaster of 1879.

I liked the book because it was a mixture of truth and fiction.

Emma Pattullo

Apart from Alastair and his parents this is a true story. It is about a boy who sees the Tay Bridge fall down.

My favourite character is Alastair because he walks anxiously across the Bridge to save his father from dying.

I liked the book because it is very exciting and has a happy ending.

Heather Pringle

The story is about a young boy called Alastair who sees the Tay Bridge collapse. He mistakenly thinks his father is on board the train.

My favourite character is Alastair Reid because he is very brave and very caring and anxious about his dad and tried to save him.

I liked this book because it is a true story with a happy ending and is very exciting to read.

Anna Mackenzie

L6 have read quite widely this session so here are a few of their reviews to whet your appetite.

The Bogart and the Monster by Susan Cooper

This is a good old horror story. Every chapter and every page was so exciting. It is one of my favourite scary tales.

Tommy and Claire can't wait to see if the Bogart is still up to his old tricks. Mr Mackonoei the new owner of the castle knows nothing of Bogart and so when strange things start to happen it is a good thing that Tommy and Claire are there to help. But the Bogart's family is in trouble. Can Nessie help too? If I told you that it would spoil the story for you, wouldn't it?

Tom Bannerman

War Dog by Martin Booth

I recommend this book to everyone who enjoys reading. There is a lot of action in its pages which makes you feel like you are really there as a soldier in World War II. This is a good example of a historic action book.

Adam Robertson

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader by CS Lewis

I recommend this book to everyone aged 10-18 who enjoys fantasy stories. It is a book you can never put down. I give it a rating of 9 out of 10. What a great book – so imaginative and interesting. Go on, give it a read!!

Danielle Mordente

Stray by A N Wilson

This is a must read! A mixture of humor and adventure, it takes its perspective from a cat's point of view. Pufftail recounts his life to his grandcats in a gripping story of adventure, humour and sadness. From his beginnings as a tiny kitten in a lonely pet shop, he goes through bad times and good times, gets in and out of lots of trouble and finishes as a brave cat on the streets. This is a fantastic read for all ages.

Claire Barclay

Rachel and the Angel and Other Stories by Robert Westall

I would give this book only 4 out of 10. I only enjoyed the first three stories and think it would appeal more to someone a bit older who enjoys complicated sci-fi. This was certainly not a good example of horror genre because it was not scary at all – when I read it at night I had absolutely no trouble whatsoever getting to sleep. This book is a poor excuse for a horror. So sorry, Robert Westall, try harder next time!

Caitlin McDonald

The Weather Witch by Paul Stewart

Kerry and Joe are sent away to stay with their great-aunt Eleanor in Clee Manor. At first they try everything to make their aunt disapprove but then secrets begin to unravel and Clee Manor seems a lot more interesting than before. What will happen if the Weather Witch gets her way and will Kerry and Joe be there to find out?

I recommend this adventure fantasy story to everyone but be prepared – you won't want to put it down!

Ruth Foulis

Final Fling

Christmas 2000 saw all the L7s enjoying their last ever Ceilidh and a fun but exhausting time it turned out to be. We now bid them farewell and wish them much success in the challenges that await them in their next few years of Senior School.



L7 2000-2001



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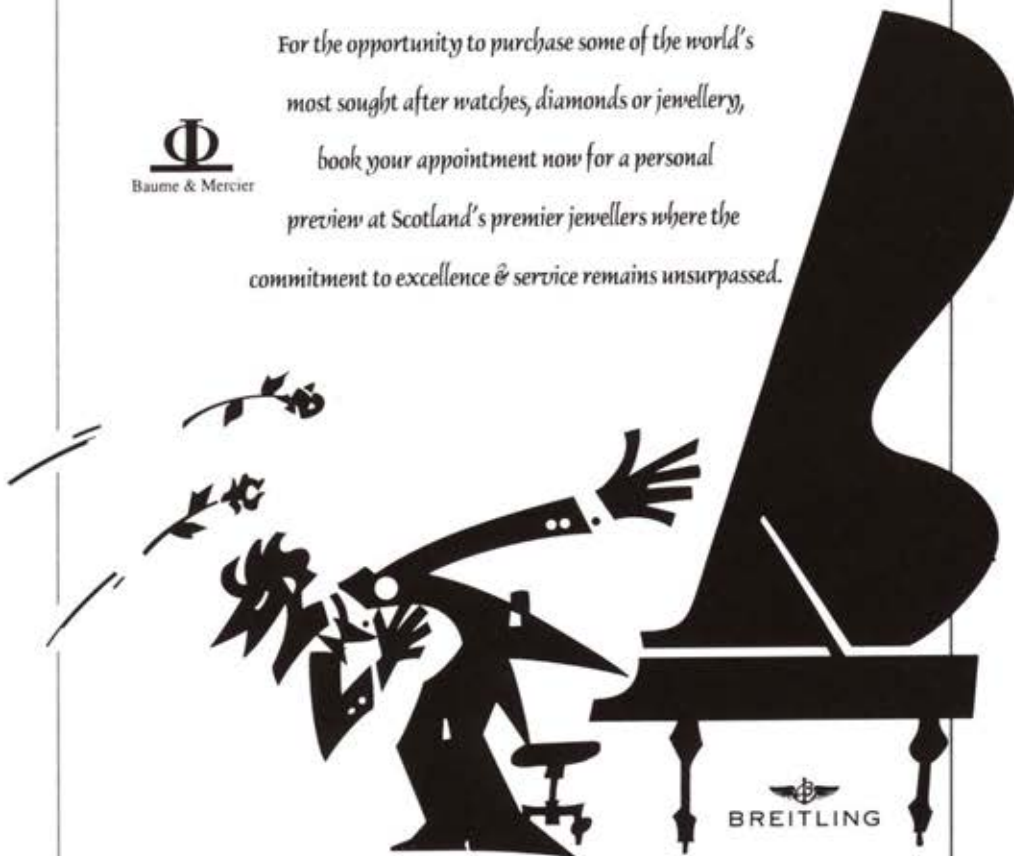
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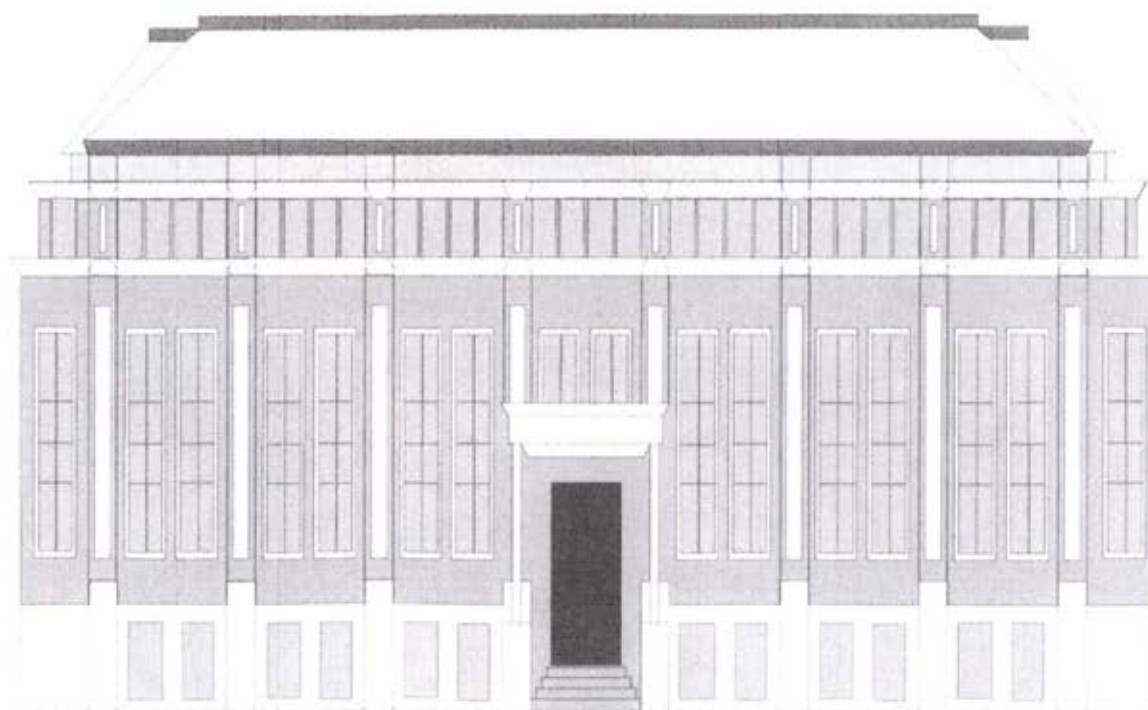
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ROYAL NAVY SECTION



Royal Navy Section at HMS Gannet



Biennial Inspection by Commodore Sandford CBE Royal Navy

PIPES AND DRUMS



Pipes and Drums at Army Recruiting and Ethnic Awareness Day

With the departure of Lt Andrews to Glasgow Academy the section was left without any officers but it was not without a leader, or to be more precise, leaders. The section was commanded most professionally by Adele McConnachie, Lyndsey Tyler and Rhiannon Williams (all Form 6) who were responsible for all the administering of and instructing within the section.

In the Scotland and Northern Ireland CCF Regatta we picked up a 3rd place in the Bosun Dinghy Class and we were 7th in the Topper Competition.

Our Biennial Inspection was conducted in late April by Commodore RJ Sandford CBE. He was impressed not only by the high morale within the section but also by the fact that it was being run so competently by senior cadets with the assistance of our new Area Instructor Chief Petty Officer (PT) Nordon.

Chief Nordon was also responsible for arranging visits to HMS Gannet and HMS Illustrious during the training year. The trip to Gannet involved flying in Sea King Helicopters which 819 Squadron use for their Search and Rescue (SAR) operations. The Sea King takes up to 9 passengers and the cadets, whilst securely strapped in, experienced some fast low level flying over the Ayrshire countryside with the side door open! The Illustrious is an Aircraft Carrier and the cadets visited the Bridge to gain an insight into how demanding it is to command a craft the size of an aircraft carrier.

The summer term saw the section up at Clatto on the water upgrading their sailing and canoeing qualifications with the assistance of instructors from Ancrum Outdoor Centre and Lieutenant Coleclough of 225 Field Ambulance. September will see the continuation of this training and the section will also be joined by some of the Form 4 cadets of the Army Section. Future trips also planned for September include visits to the Royal Marines at RM Condor and to the Faslane Submarine Base.

The Inter-Divisional Cup was also staged at Clatto and the winning division was Caledonia. Finlay Stewart was awarded the Braidstone Shield for best small-bore shot with Lyndsey Tyler a very close second.

Finally the John Pate Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Service to the Contingent was jointly awarded to Adele McConnachie and Lyndsey Tyler in recognition of their leadership and hard work.

Armistice Parade this year saw the first outing for some new band members as well as for the new Pipe Major Robbie Young (Form 5) and new Drum Major Aneka Walker (Form 4). The evening of the Armistice Parade saw two trios consisting of Robbie Young, John Bryden, Ossman Ashraf, James Blake, Duncan Lean and Fraser Kelly competing in the Scottish School Trios and Quartets Piping Championship at Robert Gordon's College in Aberdeen. The Trio consisting of Pipe Major Young, L/Cpl Bryden and Piper Ashraf was second and the other trio was third.

In March the band was invited to compete in the Glasgow Highland Club (GHC) Indoor Championship held at Glasgow Academy. The GHC aims to promote the Highland way of life and the development of pipe music is important to this and the Band felt privileged to be asked to participate in this event for the first time.

The summer term saw the band preparing for the Scottish Schools CCF Championship as well as playing at various events. The pressure was on them as they played after the Tayside Police band at an Army Recruiting and Ethnic Awareness event at the Police Training Centre under the watchful eyes of a diverse crowd of representatives from H M Forces.

The Scottish Schools CCF Championship was held at Fettes College and Scott Anderson (L7) was second in the Junior Individual Drumming and Drum Major Walker competed in the Drum Major's Competition for the first time and in front of a large crowd. She is the first DHS CCF female Drum Major to compete in the National Competition. She scored 87%

Next Term will see the Band again preparing for Armistice and the Trios and Quartets as well perhaps for a proposed competition to be hosted by George Watson's College in Edinburgh.

The Army Section returned to Scotland for Annual Camp after having been south of the Border in 1998 and 1999. Cultybraggan was as enjoyable and demanding as ever. Highlights of the camp included helicopter flights for almost every cadet and an overnight survival exercise run by specialists from the Royal Marines and The University Officer Training Corps. The Drill Team having practised hard throughout the summer term had to drag themselves in from their Survival Exercise to get scrubbed up and warmed up for the Drill Competition in which they were narrowly defeated.

The Foot and Mouth crisis has taken its toll on our outdoor activities this year with all Army facilities being closed and our Biennial Inspection which was to take the form of an inter section tactical competition at Barry Buddon having to be altered using non rural locations. It has also meant that summer camp has had to be moved from Wathgill in Yorkshire back to Cultybraggan again. One unfortunate result of our relocation to Cultybraggan has been that all schools have been forced to reduce their numbers by 25%. This regrettably has meant that we have not been able to take some members of the section with us to Annual Camp 2001.

During the winter with the assistance of 21 Cadet Training Team (Highland) and Tayforth Universities Training Corps, the Junior Non-Commissioned Officers (JNCO) Cadre (Form 5) completed their Methods of Instruction Cadre and are now able to instruct and teach younger cadets in a variety of military skills and activities. Having commanded and trained their sections since January Summer Campo will be the climax for the JNCO Cadre as they lead their sections. A further challenge awaits L/Cpl Susie Fleming as she takes part in the Cadet Leadership and Challenge Course in the Canadian Rocky Mountains over six weeks in July and August.

The winter also saw Major Steele running the inter section shooting competition and individual small bore classification shoots. Many cadets re-shot and upgraded their classification but the best female shot and winner of the Robertson Shield was Julia Black (Form 3) and the best male shot and winner of the Findlay Cup was Scott Clark (Form 4). The Best Section at Shooting was 4 section commanded by L/Cpl Karen Nicoll.

The inter section assault course competition was run at Barry Buddon by Tayforth OTC and the winning section was 2 section commanded by L/Cpl Nick Newton and L/Cpl Susie Fleming. The award for the Best Cadet at Physical Training (PT) was awarded to Patrick Pifcaithly.

All the Trophies were presented at our Final Leavers' day Parade where our Senior Non-Commissioned Officers (F6) marched off their for their last time in DHSCCF uniform after five years in the Corps and after a final year where they all gave so much in terms of leadership and instruction to the junior cadets.



Drum Major Anneka Walker

ARMY SECTION



Loch Earn Canoeing, Summer Camp 2000



Inter Section Assault Course Competition, Barry Buddon

Cadet Camp

Finally here are a few photographs from Cadet Camp 2001 where the High School Drill Team under the command of CSM William Wood trounced all other Scottish teams to come out clear winners.

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Surviving at the Top

When at the end of fifth year we were informed by the Rector that we had been elected to the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl for the coming session, we felt extremely honoured and proud, and the customary instruction to 'go home and think about it' was a mere formality. Of course we would accept. There was no option. In our mind's eye we could already picture ourselves parading around the school sporting the famous gold braid, enjoying the respect of our peers and generally putting everything to rights. We soon landed back on earth with an almighty bump!

From the very start of Session 2000-2001 we realised that strutting was out and responsibility was in! One of the hardest tasks we had to deal with was delegating duties to our fellow Form 6s and persuading them that it was indeed an honour and a pleasure to give up some leisure time to assist at Open Morning, parents' evenings and sporting events. Organising the rota for Assembly readings proved to be yet another challenge, especially when the designated pupils were absent or conveniently 'disappeared' at the critical moment!

The Armistice Parade was our first public duty. It was indeed daunting to require to perform the slow march to perfection before such a large gathering of honoured guests, staff and pupils. It took steady nerves, coordination and a lot of practice so we must take this opportunity to thank Mr Holmes for his time and above all his patience.

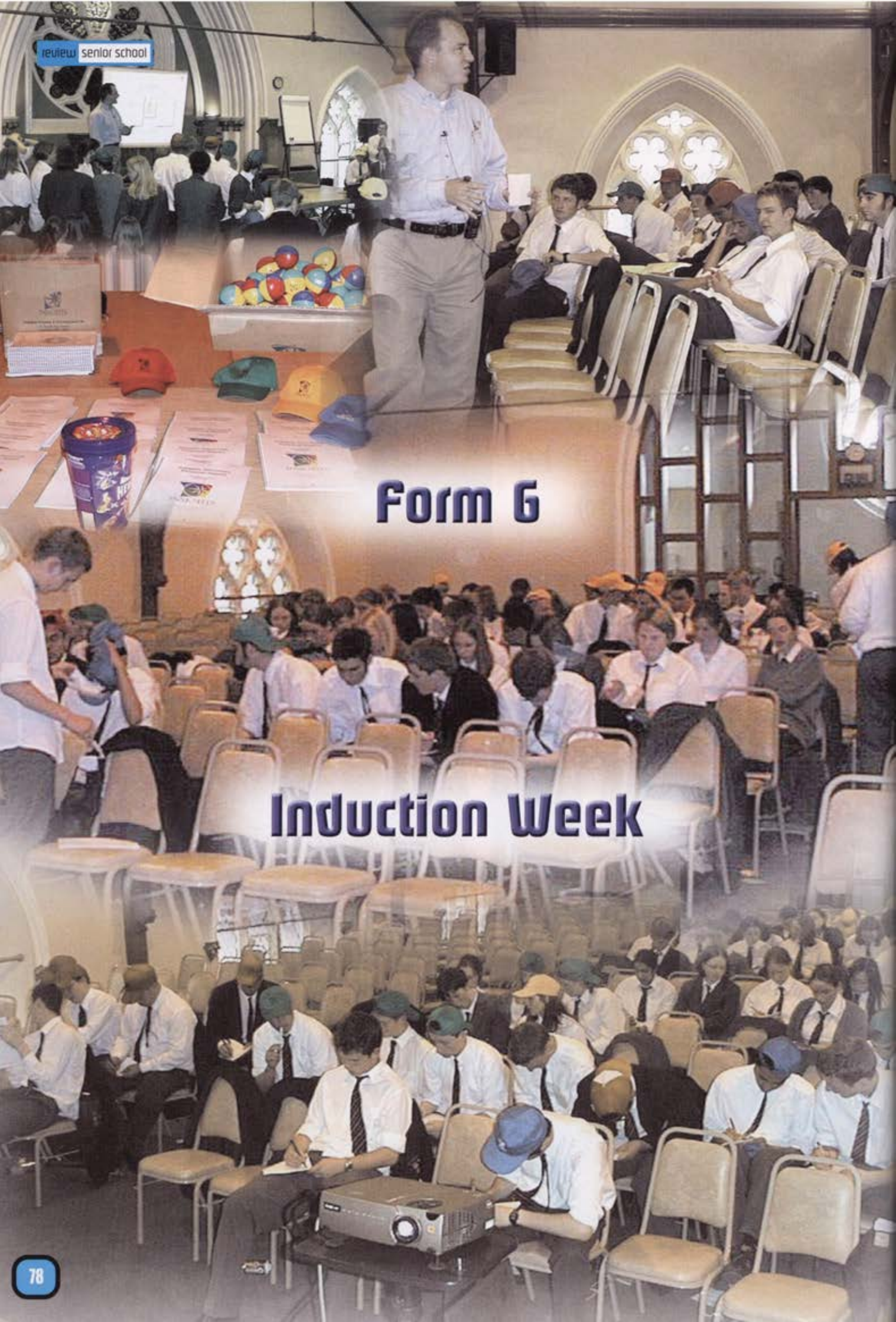
The Festive Season threw additional duties in our direction. We now had to find volunteers to assist at the various preparatory, junior and senior school Christmas parties. Our fears were unfounded, however, since almost everyone was willing to help, and at the Senior Ball, we managed to fool everyone into thinking we had danced together before as we led off the *Snowball Waltz* with great aplomb. Thankfully our list of entries in the diary thinned somewhat after January and were restricted mainly to meetings with the Rector, official events and overseeing the welfare of our fellow sixth years, so we could get in some studying, firstly for the Prelims and then for the all important post-Easter exams.

So ended our thirteen year journey through The High School of Dundee. We have to say however, that this our final year, has been the most memorable, rewarding and fulfilling of them all. Our thanks must go to Mr Duncan and all the staff for their encouragement, support and kindness throughout the year and to our Deputies, House Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects who have been towers of strength.

As we now venture out into the great unknown, this short-lived experience will remain a fond and vivid memory. We wonder whether our term of office will be remembered by future pupils and staff as a job well done? We can only hope so!



Stephen Gordon, Jayne Arbuckle



Form 6

Induction Week

INDUCTION WEEK is now fully established in the Form 5 calendar. Containing 'something for everyone' on both a useful and a practical level, the rationale behind it is simply to show pupils that there is more to formal education than may at first meet the eye and to make them aware of important issues which will affect them in their working environments, issues like facing choices, making decisions, team-building and leadership, forward planning and commitment.

Open Day: Events began on Friday 15 June with a visit to the University of Edinburgh. Upon arrival we were dispersed and instructed to return to the coach at 2.30pm so we had the ideal opportunity and freedom to wander round the university gathering impressions and valuable information on accommodation, student life and courses on offer. In addition we could attend talks and seminars which were delivered throughout the whole day. The staff of the university were very friendly and informative and one could not fail to be impressed by their warmth and hospitality. Verdict? — a great success and an invaluable experience for the vast majority of Form 5s.

Insights: Monday found the whole of Form 5 in Trinity, eager to hear Mr Lothian of 'Insight, Discovery and Development'. A few weeks earlier we had answered a multiple-choice questionnaire containing 25 simple questions relating to our personalities. On receiving our reports we were astonished at how accurate they seemed to be. We learned just what kind of people we are and exactly what our positive and negative qualities are.

Far from spending the time reading and

listening, the day turned out to be great fun and extremely interactive. Mr Lothian, himself very amusing and informative in his address, afforded us the opportunity to take part in a number of activities which tested perseverance and strength of character as well as a fun-filled juggling session designed to convince us that we are capable of doing many things we might ordinarily consider ourselves incapable of doing.

UCAS et al... 'This has the potential to be the least exciting day of Induction Week' we thought as we piled into the Girls' School Hall, and as Mr Allison presented his 'Form 6 Outline of Aims' this opinion might have been justified. Yet if we were to gain maximum benefit and enjoyment from sixth year, it all made sense. Mr Toley's talk on Work Placements and Army Induction Course was most informative. Indeed the whole range of opportunities available to us and by which we could be of service to the school seemed all very worthwhile and made us realise just how privileged we are not only to have such choices open to us but to have access to so much work experience through contacts with the school.

Dr Rodney Mallinson of George Watson's College, Edinburgh guided us through the joys of the UCAS form and stressed the importance of getting it right. Stupid though it may sound, a lot of students forget to add their names to the form! We have now completed a 'rough' UCAS form which will be invaluable when September comes round and we have to finalise our applications.

Finally Mr Holmes aided by Guidance staff advised us on subject choice for Form 6. We had not realised that such a huge choice was open to us and welcomed all the help

we could get. Of course our final choices would depend on our Higher results but at least the foundations of a sound study programme for our final year had been laid. All in all a most useful day!

Community Service: With the exception of prospective students of medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry and nursing who had arranged to do work-shadowing, we all headed in different directions to the voluntary organisations of our choice encompassing for example a day in the 'Save the Children' shop in Broughty Ferry, clearing litter and generally improving the Dighty Burn environment, one-to-one befriending of Dundee's young people through Youth Link, assisting the ranger with conservation work in Glen Clova and renovation work at the Barnardos Day Centre to create a colourful, low maintenance garden for the children to enjoy. Our efforts had been tiring but satisfying. The day had been a most worthwhile experience!

Clatto: was undoubtedly the best day of Induction Week as we went through a series of eight tasks designed to test our leadership and team-building abilities. We were fortunate to enjoy a day of beautiful warm sunshine and so it mattered little that we got completely soaked in the course of these challenges. Airlie was the house which eventually came out on top and which rescued Princess Guerty from the evil Pow Wows! We arrived back at school not only wet and exhausted but happy and satisfied with our performance and with a store of memories to reflect upon.

Robbie Young, Lorna Sommerville, Jennifer Hopkins, Lynsay-Ann Marwick, Russell Macleod, Mabel Chung

The transformation of an eyesore at the Barnardos Centre into a low maintenance garden for profoundly disabled children was completed in record time. Ground Force eat your heart out!

A hard day's work at the Dighty Burn cleared 15 shopping trolleys, a mattress, a sofa, a bicycle, a scooter and a burned-out car!

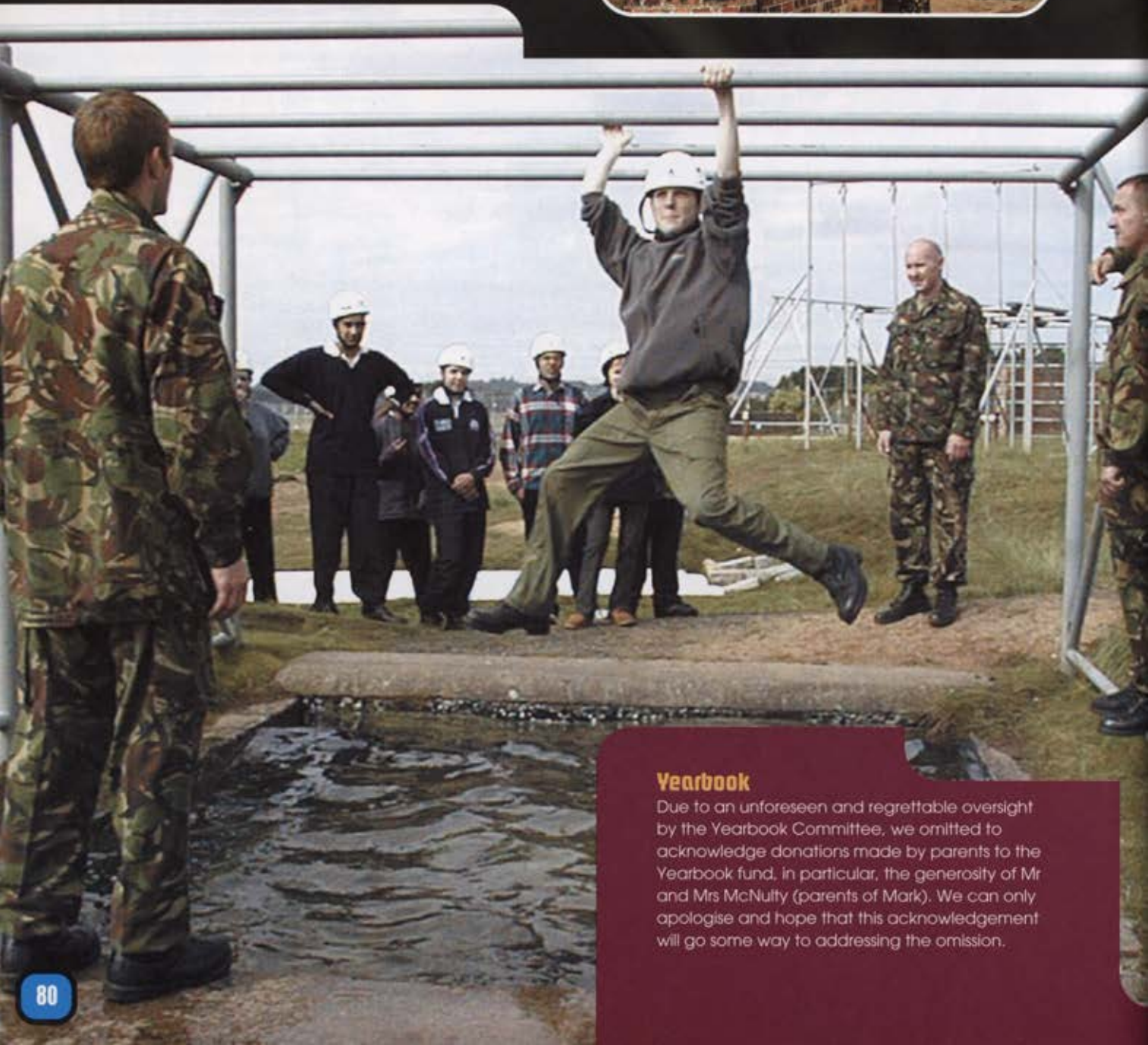
Fun and Games at Clatto



ARMY DAYS

The last few days of the summer holidays, the 21 – 23 August in fact, saw our Sixth Year pupils return early to school to undertake a Prefect leadership course run by the Army Youth Team under Major Liz McLean and Sergeant Andy Shearer at Barry Buddon Camp. The course itself proved extremely valuable as it emphasised, and indeed reminded the pupils, of the sorts of responsibilities and skills that would be required of them in the forthcoming year.

Activities undertaken included a workshop on leadership and teamwork, practical problem-solving tasks (the barrels proved a bit tricky), an assault course (which some people found a bit wet) and a session on the everyday problems facing a Prefect. A most enjoyable time was had by all and a highly trained Sixth year is now ready to tackle with confidence, the duties of the new session.



Yearbook

Due to an unforeseen and regrettable oversight by the Yearbook Committee, we omitted to acknowledge donations made by parents to the Yearbook fund, in particular, the generosity of Mr and Mrs McNulty (parents of Mark). We can only apologise and hope that this acknowledgement will go some way to addressing the omission.

The Dun - Tang Clan

The rapping phenomenon known as 'The Dun-Tang Clan' uniting east and westenders of Dundee was born of a Form 6 PSE project. Our chosen topic was Heart Disease and we decided to put 'our hard upbringings in the hood' to good use by performing our heart presentation with three raps. This was received with such acclaim that we performed a second gig with a new act 'limp Ritzid'. In the process we raised over £180.00 for local charities.

Thank you to all who supported us, our loyal fans and our manager without whom we could not have done this.

Graeme Henderson



Euroscola

The Euroscola programme is aimed at young people from 15 - 18 years of age and is designed to encourage communication and to further good relations between the countries of Europe. A group of around 32 Scots from Orkney to the Borders were chosen for their ideas on Europe and ability in foreign language and each of us was sponsored by our local Rotary club. It was an unforgettable experience and one which I am sure will help me in my future career in international business and tourism.

The Euroscola programme allowed me not only to see the European Parliament but also to hear the different opinions of young people from other European countries. For me, this was the most exciting aspect of the experience.

Although Euroscola day was the high point of our stay, we were also able to cram lots of amazing trips and activities into the other three days of our stay. With my new Scottish friends, I visited the picturesque mediaeval quarter of Strasbourg, had a guided tour in French, of the breath-taking Cathedral and visited some of the city's fascinating museums. One morning we were given the opportunity to practise our French by conducting a survey on people's knowledge of Scotland in the streets of Strasbourg.... in the rain! This produced some hilarious results like Scotland being part of Ireland or Cardiff being our capital! We were also able to visit different types of French school including the *Collège de l'Esplanade*, an international school where some of the children can speak four or five languages fluently!

We were all very nervous on the morning of Euroscola day but we also felt very important in our business suits. After the parliament security checks, we finally met up with the other international groups. We got to know each other over a *pain au chocolat* and I managed to do some great networking, hopefully making enough connections to get on the right foot with the other future MEPs (or at least to get a free bed should I want to visit their country!)

It was an amazing, multilingual day of debates, teamwork and fun during which I managed to get myself on French National radio for half an hour and received a round of applause from over 200 foreign students and some Parliament officials for being the first student to stand up and speak in the Parliament in a foreign language. Sitting in the official MEPs' seats, we were able to vote on European issues such as the single currency and the admission of new countries to the EU.

The next day no one could believe it was all over and that it was time to go home.....and get back to school! I felt I could have started work in the parliament the next day (if they had asked me!) It was a tremendous experience in which I was very privileged to take part and it has given me the confidence I will need in my career as well as the best week of my life.

Barbara Coleman



Interact Club

The Interact Club aims to provide help to local, national and international organisations and to provide its members in Forms 5 and 6 with a social outlet.

Led this session by Rebecca Ramsay, our 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 over £1000. All of this money was donated to the charity 'Chest, Heart and Stroke, Scotland' whose work involves providing care for those suffering cardiovascular disorders.

We were given a most informative talk by Mrs Anderson and Kerry from 'Lepra', the British Leprosy Relief Association and were delighted to support their efforts by giving a donation which will help to treat 23 sufferers of this surprisingly common, yet easily remedied condition.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had in Edinburgh Playhouse Theatre where we saw an entertaining production of *Saturday Night Fever*. We all agreed that this was something we should try to produce in DHS!

Help to deserving causes is not always simply the giving of money. The giving of time is equally important and 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 2001-2002 and wish all the leavers the best of luck in their future ventures. Many thanks must go to Mr Cram of Dundee Rotary Club for his advice and encouragement and also to Mr Rennet.

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

Rebecca Ramsay, President



tripping the light fantastic

After the fun and frolics of this year's traditional Christmas Ball, the taste for posh frocks, kilts and slipperene ran unabated and resulted in yet another fling – the 'unofficial' Form 6 DHS Leavers' Ball – which took place in the Invercarse Hotel on the 25th June.



A great time was had by all and thanks must be given to the various people who truly made it a night to remember: to the social committee comprising Nadia Rahman, Gemma Kidd, Penny France, Lindsay Rowan and Rosalind Bonar for organising the event, to Mr Allison who gave unstinting support and encouragement throughout the year, to the ladies who work in the Bursar's office, to the staff of the Invercarse Hotel and to the band 'Ringer'.

Perhaps this will become a fixture in the school's calendar, so to next year's sixth year we wish good luck in organising your own Leavers' Ball. We hope you have a fantastic night.

in the numerous house events throughout the year, and we did in fact record many notable successes.

Academically, Airlie gained more points than any other house, a terrific achievement which reflected the influence of the House Captains.

On the sports field, however, these high standards could not be replicated, the poor performances in the Boy's Hockey and Senior Netball being particularly disappointing.

Our proudest moment came with victory in the Senior Interhouse Cricket Championship and we also triumphed in the Junior Athletics Competition – a notable victory. On Sports Day we were pipped to the post and pushed into second place by an agonising single point!

Individually, there are a significant number of successes to report upon. Naveed Asif had a remarkable victory in the Interhouse Public Speaking Competition, Nicole Wilson was the Junior Girls Tennis Champion, Steven Hume notched up numerous wins on the golf course and Kenny Kyles was awarded the Don F McEwan prize for cricket.

So, despite disappointment at our final position in the house stakes, it was with great pride that we, Kenny Kyles and Julia Bryden, carried out our duties, greatly assisted by our Vice-Captains Phil Maciocia and Helen Rosbottom and all the Airlie prefects. Our greatest thanks, however, are reserved for Mr Spowart and Mrs Finnie who guided and supported us so magnificently throughout the year – perhaps 'put up with us' might be more accurate. Our best wishes go to next year's Captains, Ewan Goudie and Karen Nicoll, in what will be a difficult but enjoyable job. Let us hope for many more successes for Airlie.

Julia Bryden, Kenneth Kyles



house reports

AIRLIE

Despite beginning the 2000/2001 school session with a sense of hope and optimism, 3rd place in the Interhouse Championship at the end of the year left Airlie with a significant feeling of anti-climax. Yet this does not reflect any lack of determination or commitment on the part of all competitors who represented Airlie





AYSTREE



Sadly, Aystree failed to improve upon last year's performance and came fourth in the Interhouse Championship. Certainly not due to lack of effort, this was rather the result of a very competitive standard.



The year began well for us with three of the top six appointments in the school going to Aystree: Stephen Gordon was elected Head Boy, Ross Hawkes became one of the Deputy Head Boys and Jillian Mackay was chosen as Deputy Head Girl.

At District level, our house did manage some individual sporting success. Catriona Whiteford and Sam Sangster were selected for the Midlands Under 16 hockey team which won the U16 District Championship. In rugby, Stephen Gordon, Alasdair Dickinson, Tim Knight and Callum Rankin were selected for the Caledonian Reds Under 18 team who also won their District Championship. Stephen, Alasdair and Tim went on to gain full caps for the Scotland Under 18 side while Callum represented the Scotland Under 18 A-team.

House hockey was a huge success this year with a clean sweep of wins for our senior girls, and with junior girls and senior boys both coming second overall.

Unfortunately house rugby was called off because of adverse weather conditions so points were definitely lost there. There is no doubt that our trio of international stars would have shone through and won the day for us!

In tennis the senior girls came first and the junior girls joint first. Unfortunately the boys came fourth but congratulations are due to Chris McDonald who became Boys Junior Tennis Champion.

Sports Day was very competitive. Even with the genetically modified Stephen Gordon in our ranks, we did not do as well as hoped. However, Gemma Clayhills-Henderson came joint first in the Senior Girls Championship and we must make special mention of Stephen Gordon again. At the Dundee

LINDORES



Lindores entered this Session's House championship optimistically, but with a full knowledge of its somewhat chequered reputation. In the past we had been regarded as the House that could do nothing right, enduring wilderness periods long enough to rival the Liberal Democrats; recently, however, we had enjoyed something of a renaissance, actually winning the Championship in the previous two sessions. In the event, we were able to maintain this run of good fortune, again emerging (to coin a phrase) as this year's "strongest link". By an increased margin of over 130 points, Lindores are the proud winners of the 2000/2001 House Championship!

The Session's opening brought us mixed fortunes, with the Intermediate Rugby and Netball Competitions as our first major successes. Term 1 ended on a high note, moreover, with the Debating team of David Bean F6 and Jamie Yule F3 winning the Rorie Trophy for the Senior House competition. David also won the trophy and prize for Best Speaker and then went on with Michael Page F6 and James Potton F4 to captain the Public Speaking team to victory. Numerous other speaking and debating prizes were also won.

In Term 2 came Lindores' single largest points coup: the Swimming Gala. Already strong on paper, our team performed excellently; they took points in almost every race, and made Intermediate Girls' and Senior Boys' Champions of Jenni Kilgallon F3 and Michael Page respectively. Nevertheless, great kudos must go to all who competed, and particularly those who led the Boy's Relay team to victory.

Schools Meet he smashed the 100 m record of 11.1 seconds by running 11.06 seconds in his heat followed by a run of 10.83 seconds in the final – we should point out that 10.83 seconds is an Olympic qualifying time!

Despite not winning the Interhouse Championship, therefore, Aystree did indeed produce some remarkable individual performances. We would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the Aystree House Points this year and extend special thanks to Mrs Madden and Mrs Cram who kept everything together. Finally may we wish Nick Newton and Susanna Sneddon the new House Captains and their Deputies, Russell MacLeod and Susan Leckie, all the best for next year.

Callum Rankin, Amy Saunders

In spite of these successes, it was clear that Lindores could not excel in everything, as demonstrated in the dismal last places to which we fell in the Boys' Hockey and Cricket Competitions. Nonetheless, as summer began to approach, we managed to defy the awkward placing of the Boy's Tennis Competition in the middle of the examination period: our team, lead by Duncan MacWalter F6 and comprising also Graeme Henderson F6, David Vernon F5 and James Strachan F4, won the day. Perhaps even more surprisingly, the same result occurred on Sports Day when we managed to remain at the top of the points table throughout the event. Our Senior Boys' Relay team was particularly strong, and the tremendous effort of its Captain – Robbie Grieve F6 – rendered him Senior Boys' Champion for the second time whilst Jenni Kilgallon became the Intermediate Girls' Champion.

By the end of the Session, therefore, our position was strong: we had finally broken through the Wallace barrier to take the lead. However, several other obstacles remained in our way, the greatest of which was the academic points. Here, again, Lindores members came up trumps: two of the three Duxes of School, David Bean in Arts and John Watson in Joint Sciences, were ours, as were a healthy number of Duxes and other prizewinners further down the school. Congratulations to all who were able to contribute to our overall second place here. Finally, it was also very pleasing to note that we enjoyed a commanding lead in the Junior School's weekly competition totals.

Our successors, Captains Jamie Grewar and Katie Hutcheson, and Vice-Captains Christian Penhale and Clare Wilkie, will take up the reins of office as optimistically as we did. They enter the 2001/2002 Session as reigning champions and with many strong indications of good things to come. Our departing goodwill rests with them. Finally, we wish sincerely to thank our Vice-Captains, Alasdair Ford and Lindsay Rowan, for their much-valued help and support, our main rivals Wallace for their stiff and good-natured competition, and most importantly, each and every Lindores pupil who contributed, in any way whatsoever, to our success.

David Bean, Carol Bodie



WALLACE



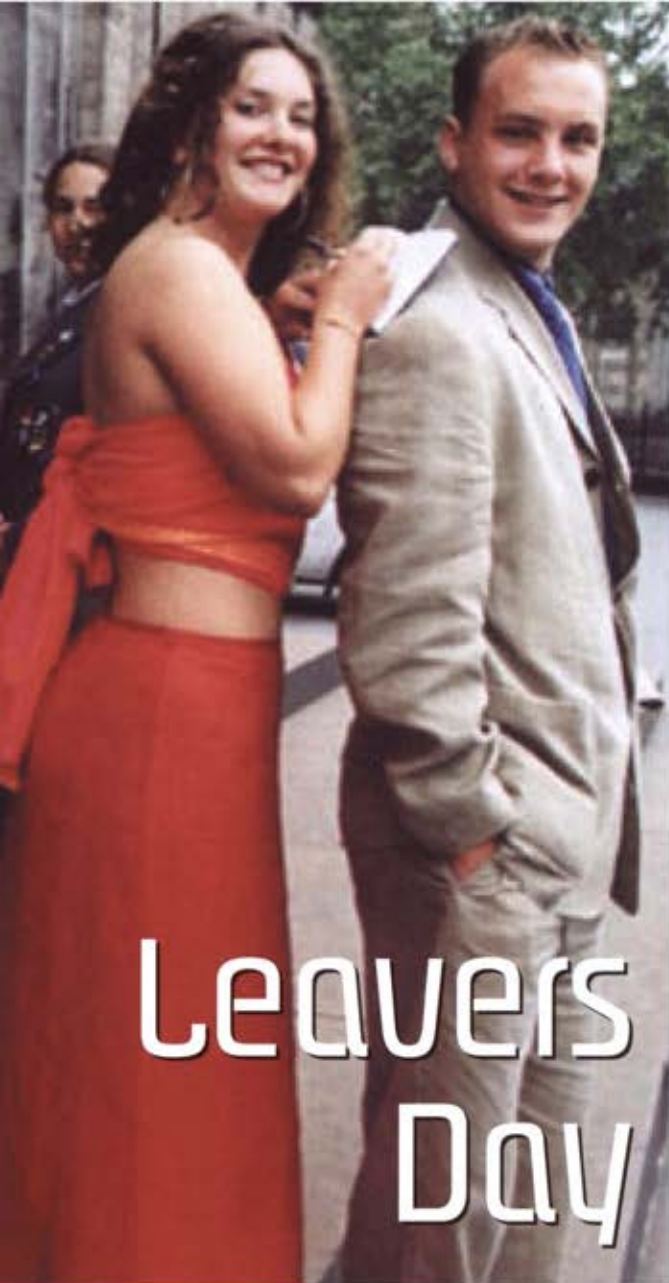
Wallace flew off to a superb start at the beginning of the Christmas term, upholding the tradition of winning a number of interhouse netball events and gaining solid ground against our deadly rivals, the House of Lindores! Fuelled by the renowned Wallace spirit and lively competition amongst House Captains, we scored a resounding victory at the Boys Interhouse Hockey event, putting Wallace firmly in the lead.

Much of Wallace's success was due to the unstinting support of the Junior School who secured a number of well-earned house points at the Primary Cross-Country and the Junior Swimming Gala. Again upholding tradition, however, Wallace suffered a crushing defeat in the Senior Swimming Gala at the hands not only of Lindores, but also of Airie and Aystree. Yet our six points from only three swimmers must be recorded as an undoubted success in itself!

In the Debating and Public Speaking Competitions we secured second place. This coupled with some Sports Day victories and the addition of academic points meant that Wallace missed out narrowly on this year's Interhouse Championship and had to settle for a well-earned second place overall.

Many thanks to all those Wallace members who tried so hard during the year – their superb efforts certainly paid off, to Mr McAdam and Mrs Spowart for their consistent support, advice and encouragement throughout the year and to Sixth Year Wallace who were ever-willing and eager to give up their lunchtimes with a minimum of grumbling to perform various duties. Best of luck to next year's House Officials who are sure to see Wallace retaining its prize-winning reputation and strong team spirit.

Robert Burt, Emma Grant



Leavers Day



FORM 6 2000-2001



Naveed Asif, Jack Bannerman, Katie Birrell, Alexander Blake, Dominic Bower, Julia Bryden, Harriet Chapman, Farhana Chowdhury, Andrew Chung, Barbara Coleman, Crawford Coutts, Alison Cuthbert, Peter Dollman, Nathan Holme, Margaret-Anne Lawrie, Christopher Morran, Kenneth Kyles, Philip Maciocia, Ify Mordi, David Murray, Maxine O'Fee, Paul Power, Rebecca Ramsay, Suzanne Robertson, Helen Rosbottom, Kirstin Taylor, Neil Tilston, Caroline Barron, Rosalind Bonar, Francesca Colaco, Alasdair Dickinson, Charlotte Foster, Stephen Gordon, Ross Hawkes, Anna Jameson-Till, Richard Kemp, Gordon Kennedy, Nicholas Knight, Timothy Knight, Mark McNulty, David Leiper, Rebecca Leslie, Jillian Mackay, Alexandra McGill, Darryl McKay, Anna Milroy, Brian Moore, Rennie Morrocco, Nadia Rahman, Callum Rankin, Sam Reid, Amy Saunders, Andrew Spalding, Iain Swan, David Bean, Mark Beaumont, Carol Bodie, Christopher Cumming, Gary Davies, Thomas Fairlie, Alasdair Ford, John Gray, Robert Grieve, Rumana Hasan, Gemma Kidd, Kirsty Tannock, Graeme Henderson, Alan Kearns, Jagdeep Kurer, Duncan McWalter, Philippa McDonald, Christopher Morris, Fergus Neville, Michael Page, Lindsay Rowan, Siobhan Sewell, Rinku Sharma, Ali Sholi, Mary Elizabeth Steele, Lyndsey Tyler, John Watson, Jayne Arbuckle, Timothy Atkins, Lynsey Brannan, Johanna Brown, Robert Burt, Ross Clark, Sally Cram, Nina de Franco, Penny France, Richard Gamble, Richard Grieve, Hunter Ip, Emma Grant, Stephen Maggs, John Martin, Adele McConnachie, Fraser Morrison, Andrew Muir, Robert Nicoll, Gemma Porter, James Roberts, Gordon William Robertson, Liam Smith, Rhiannon Williams.

Farewell to everyone in Form 6 and Good Wishes for Success in all you do!



Late Extra

Lyndsey Tyler and Adele McConnachie enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime experience when they joined the crew of the Stavros S Niarchos, one of the nine sailing ships which took part in the Dundee Tall Ships Event 2001.

On board the ship they were given training in how to tie ropes and climb platforms as well as having to do watch and bridge duties. Their most unforgettable but exhilarating experience was when they got caught up in a force 9 gale in the middle of the North Sea. Needless to say, the training and discipline they had received in our own CCF Royal Navy Section stood them in good stead and they came through it all in flying colours. Well done girls!

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distances



The Editor is delighted to bring to the attention of the readership of *The Review*, the huge success of David Strachan. Mr Strachan has enjoyed a most interesting and chequered career in America and Africa as well as his native Scotland, but it is as a teacher of English at the High School that we know and remember him best

A prolific writer of short stories, plays and poetry, he provided this abridged version of his short story 'DISTANCES' especially for us. In it he conjures up moments of loss and loneliness through the convincing voice of a female narrator and with it he won Scotland's most prestigious short story competition, sponsored by The Macallan and Scotland on Sunday. This competition is the biggest of its kind in Europe and attracted a record number of over 2000 entries of an astonishingly high standard.

Mr Strachan joins an impressive list of writers including Ali Smith, Michel Faber and Chris Dolan whose careers were launched by winning this competition. The judges of the year 2000 competition were the poet Douglas Dunn, Pam Wardell of BBC Scotland and Rosemary Goring, Scotland on Sunday's former literary editor.

I am listening with Kate to the CD my mother sent me for Christmas and it makes me want to cry. The songs are all in German and there's no tune to them and the only accompaniment is a rumpitumpty piano. I switch from track to track but they all sound just the same. My father opens the door and stands there, listening. Kate gets up hopefully.

"You're sure you don't want to come?" he asks. He looks like an actor in his evening suit. Très élégant.

"Sure."

He glances at his watch. "Jennie says there are sandwiches for you in the fridge. We're bringing some people back if you want to stay up. Be good."

He shuts the door firmly behind him.

Disappointed, Kate slumps to the floor and looks at me dully over her paws. She should know by now my father won't play. He's not that kind of person.

Last Christmas was different. Since then everything has changed I think as I listen to the car start up. Since then my mother has moved back to Nairobi and my father has remarried and I have stopped eating. My father toots the horn and Jennie shouts "Coming!" but of course he can't hear her and toots the horn again several times. Jennie is my stepmother. She was one of his students and when we go out together, people take her for my sister. I hear her running down the stairs then she pops her head in the door. "Will you be all right?" she asks. I nod. "Sure?" My father toots. She rolls her eyes. I smile. She goes.

I let Kate out. She grubs about under the rhododendron and comes back with a chewed rubber ball, dropping it at my feet and making little bounding turns in her eagerness to get the game under way. But it is Mandy's ball she has brought.

I stand there with the red ball in my hand.

Mandy, our first dog, a Shetland collie, just disappeared. Each day for months we expected her to come limping home, but we never saw Mandy again.

I throw the ball across the lawn for Kate to scamper after. Father is right. You can't spend your precious days grieving over the past.

I run into the house with Kate getting in the way when I hear the phone.

It's Stevie. My father can't stand being in the same house as Stevie which is why I have to give him a time to call and a time to visit. "Yes, just me", I say. "And Kate. They've gone to the theatre."

"Be prepared for a shock," he says. "I've something to show you."

I shower and brush my teeth. I once used my father's toothpaste and the next day he said, "Have you been using my toothpaste?"

I couldn't work out how he knew. Or why it mattered.

Kate barks and bounds ahead of me when the doorbell goes.

"Taaraa!" Stevie says as soon as I open the door, pulling off his baseball cap. "What do you think?" He has dyed his hair black.





Before I can tell him he looks like Dracula, he has lifted up his T-shirt which has TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY printed on it. "I'm getting a tattoo next," he says, talking so fast, high on something. "A pair of butterflies." He nods towards each nipple. "One here and one there. What do you think? Wicked eh?" He gives me a hug, moves his fingers up and down my spine as if I was a cello, frowns and holds me at arms length.

"You'll soon be just a skeleton."

"So will you," I tell him. "So will everyone."

He moves past me and heads for the kitchen. "Anything to eat? I'm starving. We fly out next month. Something that's not turkey."

He crouches to examine the illuminated contents of the fridge, telling me the latest about New Zealand. "We're stopping over at Los Angeles," he says, helping himself to Jennie's non-turkey sandwiches. His father's a dentist and seemingly New Zealand is crying out for dentists. I don't think the fact that he'll never see me again comes into the equation. "Mmmm. Great sandwiches!" he says. "Want to dance?"

He puts on a CD and holds out a hand for me and I dance with him, forgetting everything outside the room, for a while anyway. "I never thought -" he says but gets involved in some fancy footwork. He throws me from hand to hand, does that thing with the two fingers across the face. I follow what he does or he follows me, I'm not sure which.

"You never thought what?" I ask him.

"Oh yeah. I never thought of people actually going to New Zealand. Australia yes, everybody goes to Australia, but I had the feeling that people in New Zealand just got born there. Like the sheep. I'll hate it".

"Don't be silly," I tell him. "You'll -"

He stops dancing and jumps up on the sofa, waving his arms.

"Silly? I'll show you silly!" and he jumps back onto the floor, rolling over and over with Kate barking excitedly at each turn.

He stops at my feet and looks up at me. "I'll come back and marry you."

"No you won't."

"Will."

"Won't."

His move.

"A man with no legs goes to the railway station and asks for a ticket to Lourdes," he says. "Single or return?" the ticket-seller asks. "Just a single," the man says. "I'll be walking back."

In spite of the cold we go into the garden so that he can have a smoke. He points with his cigarette. "Just look at that moon!"

"What about it?"

"It's full."

"So?"





"It's making me feel...FUNNY," and he grabs hold of me and I can feel his mouth and his teeth against my throat, horrible and wet and hard and nice and warm and soft all at the same time.

We lie on the lawn and hold hands and look up at the distant stars. Some of them really do twinkle. Millions and millions of miles away. Stevie's cigarette glows red as he points up. "The Plough," he says. "Mars. Someone's belt."

"Orion's," I say.

"I knew it was somebody Irish."

"He fell in love with Diana so Apollo had him killed. Or turned into a swan or something.

"That Diana!" he says and shakes his head. "It's time they renamed all these constellations anyway, brought them up to date."

Millions and millions of earths spinning away in space without end. Time without end.

I think about the strangeness of it all.

Stevie points up again. "Look. The Great Dome. Beckham's Boot. And these five not so bright ones? The Popstars..." and on and on he goes but I'm not listening anymore.

When he is leaving, he puts his hands on my shoulders and I think he's going to tell me something. "I'm thinking about getting my ear pierced," he says.

"Why?"

He shrugs. "What else is there to do in this crappy universe?" Then he brushes my hair with his lips and off he goes. It is almost midnight when the door opens. My father is standing in the doorway with a glass in his hand.

"You missed yourself," he says. "You would have enjoyed it."

I close my book. "Dad," I say in my little girl voice, "you remember the

time you and me and mum drove to that old farm place to pick up Mandy when she was a pup? And at the back of the house they had this pond with two swans? Can we go back there? Can we go back tomorrow? Can we, Dad?"

"We'll see," my father says.

He switches off the bedside light and pauses in the doorway. "So. What did the Smith boy have to say for himself?"

After he has gone, the voices drift up to me like sounds from another planet.

There is a soft knock on the door. Jennie tiptoes in with a tray. "Some hot chocolate and biscuits," she whispers. She lays the tray down carefully on the bedside table and sits down on the edge of the bed. For a while she says nothing then she reaches for my hand and says, "You found the sandwiches. I'm so glad. You were breaking our hearts, did you know that?" I hold her hand like I had held Mandy's ball. Then I let her hand go to pick up a biscuit but wait till she has gone before replacing it on the plate.

With the light out, I listen to the distant voices, feeling in the dark the immense distance between me and everyone else in the universe, then I think TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY, then the only thought I have is I must hurry up and sleep.

*'Distances' was broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland's 'Storyline'. The full story is 'live' on The Macallan Website (<http://www.themacallan.com>) and published in *Shorts 3 (Polygon 1)*. It is priced £6.99 and is available from all good bookshops.*

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Rugby

This season's 1st XV had a lot to live up to this year as it was one of the most experienced teams the school had been blessed with for years. With eleven of the starting XV in sixth year the experience showed in the opening few games, with a trophy winning performance in the Robert Gordon's tournament and also an 88-0 trouncing of St Aloysius. After this we faced our toughest task, our old enemy Dollar Academy. This proved to be a game of two halves as we went into half time 18-10 up, with tries from Captain Tim Knight, Stephen Gordon and John Martin. However through poor defence from the home side Dollar ran out victors 28-18.

Then came the highlight of the season, a four match tour to Canada. This was a truly amazing experience and the opportunity was grasped with two hands by all involved. The tour began in Vancouver where we played The Prince of Wales school and recorded our highest ever victory 98-0. The following day we moved to Victoria the capital of Vancouver Island to play St Michael's University. This was be one of our toughest games on tour, but following impressive defence and scintillating attack, we were comfortable victors 48-19. Next we moved North to play Shawnigan Lake and again ran out comfortable victors with Stephen Gordon scoring five tries. Our final win was against neighbouring school Brentwood College, allowing us to keep our unbeaten tour record intact.

When we returned from Canada we started our Scottish Cup campaign. Unfortunately after impressive wins over Glenalmond College and Edinburgh Academy, our dream was shattered when we fell at the semi-final hurdle, losing out 10-0 to Merchiston in a game that had been ours for the taking.

A final match was arranged against a Dundee Old Boys XV, the firsts from four years ago. This was an exciting and fast flowing game and the final result ended in a 14 all draw.

However it wasn't just the 1st XV who enjoyed success. The second year 'A' team was undefeated this year and the U14 Jubilee squad won the District trophy and were narrowly beaten in the final of the National Trophy at Murrayfield.

Thanks must go to all our supporters and the PE staff for their help and support throughout the season, especially to Mr Hutchison whose excellent coaching made for a successful and enjoyable season.

Several individuals also achieved success in regional and national selection, *John Martin, Nick Knight and Graeme Henderson* were selected to play for Caledonia U19s and *Tim Knight, Stephen Gordon, Alasdair Dickinson, Chris Cumming, Callum Rankin and Robbie Grieve* were all selected for the Caledonia U18s. *Barry Jones and Ricky Imrie* were both selected for Caledonia U16s. Special mention must go to *Tim Knight, Stephen Gordon, Chris Cumming and Alasdair Dickinson* who were selected to play for Scotland U18 and to *Callum Rankin* who was selected to play for Scotland U18 'A'.

Finally on behalf of the leavers I'd like to wish good luck to next season's teams and hope they have a season as enjoyable as we have had.

1st XV Rugby Squad



back (l to r): J Grewar, A Dickinson, C Cumming, C Rankin, R Burt, C Morris
middle (l to r): Mr AH Hutchison, S Cunningham, D Vernon, P Maciocia, J Roberts, I Nimmo, K Kyles, A Sholl, N Dymock, R Gamble
front (l to r): N Knight, R Grieve, J Martin (Vice Captain), T Knight (Captain), S Gordon, G Henderson, A Haddanou

2nd XV Rugby Squad



back (l to r): D Campbell, S Arbuckle, J Ballantyne,
middle (l to r): Mr G Spowart, R Gamble, A Smith, R Burt, C Penhale, C Merris, N Dymock, S Cunningham
front (l to r): C Swan, J Gilbertson, R MacLeod, N Tp (Captain), P Steele, R Imrie, R Gray

2nd Year XV Rugby Squad



back (l to r): M Robbins, L Husbands, R Hall, K Ip
middle (l to r): A Todd, G Matthew, J Curless, M Lawrie, G Gray, M Walton, J Sneddon, J Reid
(l to r): D Paterson, N Bryden, A Quin, C Goudie (Captain), R Vernon, A Dymock, D Arbuckle

Girls' Hockey

The 1st X1 team has had another successful season. We got through to the finals of the Robert Gordon's Tournament, came a close 3rd in the Morrison's Tournament, losing at sudden death flicks to the holders and eventual winners, and beat Blairgowrie in the final of the Madras Tournament to retain our cup from last season.

September saw our Centenary match against Morrisons. We were determined to bury the memory of an 8-1 defeat all those years ago as well as our more recent defeat mentioned above, so a supreme effort from the whole team brought us a 2-0 well-deserved win!

Our tour of Vancouver and Vancouver Island took place in October 2000. Both the 1st X1 Hockey and 1st XV Rugby teams returned in victorious glory – indeed only one goal was scored against us girls in our last and most challenging match against Brentwood College. We are all agreed that these were the most wonderful two weeks of our hockey and school careers.

In the Indoor Midlands Tournament, a victory against Grove in the final qualified us for the Scottish Tournament where we reached the semi-finals. Unfortunately Grove gained revenge by defeating us in a very close and exciting match and halted our advance to the finals. In the Outdoor Midlands Tournament, flicks proved to be a most significant factor in our matches because we beat Dollar in the semi-final and Strathallan in the final, both matches going to flicks. Finally we played in the George Heriots 7s Tournament. We won two of our four games, but most importantly, we beat our arch rivals Mary Erskine!

Of all the matches played this season, the 1st X1 won 8, lost 3 and drew 3. Charlotte Foster notched up 11 of the 52 goals scored this season, making her our top scorer. The 2nd X1 team had mixed results perhaps due to a combination of extremely poor weather conditions and a lack of experience on astroturf.

Success came to individual talent in the team as always. **Catriona Whiteford** and **Sam Sangster** represented Midlands Outdoor U16s. This team won the Scottish Inter District Tournament. **Jayne Arbuckle** and **Ruth McNee** represented Midlands Outdoor U18s. Their team were runners-up in the Scottish Inter District Tournament. **Sam Sangster** and **Ruth McNee** were selected for the Scottish training squad and along with **Catriona Whiteford** and **Anneka Walker** (both F4) played in the winning Inter District U18 side.

In Junior hockey **Laura Brown**, **Claire Brown** and **Julia Bruce** (all F2) played for the Dundee U14s whilst **Kirsty Farnan** (F3), **Laura Burnett** (F1) and **Yvonne Dawson** (F1) played for Midlands U14. Well done and congratulations to you all!

The season ended as usual with the Staff v Pupils match. Our team of 'nurses' went out onto the pitch fully prepared for the most violent match of the season and we were not disappointed! Most of the opposition used elbows as extensions of their hockey sticks! Jayne did manage to get one goal past their international goalkeeper thereby affording us some dignity in a 4-1 defeat!

Thanks go to all of the PE staff, to Miss Cannon, Mrs Robb, Mrs Kennedy, Bev Harper, Laura Webb, Laura Hutchison and all other members of staff who have taken the time to travel with us on those wonderful early Saturday morning outings and who have supported us throughout the season. It has been a superb and enjoyable hockey season which Form 6 girls will remember fondly always.

Finally, good luck to all girls in next year's teams. May 2002 be another happy and successful season for you all!



"nurses" v staff



1st X1 Girls Hockey Squad



back (l to r): A Robertson, R Leslie, A McConnachie
middle (l to r): Mrs JA Hutchison, S Leckie, S Sangster, A Mackay, C Whiteford, G Clayhills-Henderson, L-A Marwick, E Yu
front (l to r): A Walker, M-A Lawrie, C Foster, J Arbuckle (Captain), J Mackay (Vice Captain), A Saunders, H Rosbottom

2nd X1 Girls Hockey Squad



back (l to r): Mrs JA Hutchison, M Smith, J Reid, K Nicoll, R White, N McRae, C Boyle, S Carroll
front (l to r): F Beaton, C Barron, R Bonar (Vice Captain), A Cuthbert (Captain), J Bryden, H Chapman, A Walker

1st XI Boys Hockey Squad



back (l to r): Mr W Nichol, M Smith, F Morrison, T Atkins, I McConnachie
front (l to r): R Kemp, P Dollman, B Moore (Vice Captain), D McKay (Captain),
A Muir, G Illsley, S Easton

2nd XI Boys Hockey Squad



back (l to r): Mr W Nichol, M Cairo, T Bannister, R McLean
front (l to r): C McDonald, D Wong, A Fraser, D Philp (Captain),
T Brian (Vice Captain), M Ross, S Easton

Boys' Hockey

The season began with a small tournament at Robert Gordons in which the 1st XI did exceptionally well considering it was so early in the season. These positive signs continued into the weekly fixtures and despite a few hiccups, the team sustained its good form. Improved commitment was a huge bonus ensuring two complete squads for the first time in recent memory. Once on the pitch, the fluency, skill and determination shown by the team helped to produce some very good hockey.

The Scottish Cup was a fine example of the team's fighting spirit. On one of the wettest and coldest nights of the winter we played arguably the most exciting game of the year. Against Edinburgh Academy we battled from 2-0 down to level the game. However, costly fouls and slight over-exuberance allowed Edinburgh to clinch an undeserved winner with seconds to go, resulting in our exit from the tournament. Our unrelenting ability to make games harder for ourselves unquestionably restricted our success.

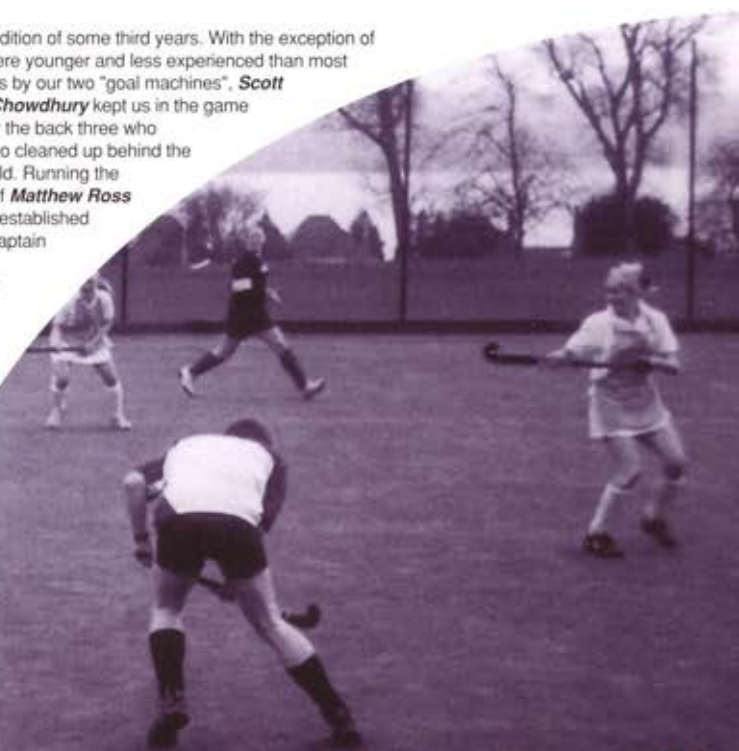
Throughout the season there were many ups and downs but it must ultimately be said that the year provided far more highs than it did lows. Special thanks must go to Mr Nichol whose patience and good humour were reflected in the team and to Mr Allison for his contribution at practices.

It is the players, of course, who make the difference and special mention must go to **Marc Smith** who, in his debut season for the 1st XI, was infallible in defence. Alongside **Brian Moore** and **Tim Atkins**, this trio provided a reliable foundation for the team. In midfield **Darryl McKay**, **Fraser Morrison** and **Richard Kemp** were ever present, ever committed to victory and most capably accompanied by **Louis McConnachie**, who is undoubtedly destined to achieve further success on the hockey field. **Peter Dollman** and **Andy Muir** provided the lion's share of the goals and were also two of the hardest working players in the team. Last but not least **Sandy Easton**, **Gavin Illsley**, and newcomer **Alasdair Ford** made up the team with their confidence and ability.

The season was certainly memorable and ended in final victory for the 1st XI. We wish good luck to next season's team and hope they achieve even greater success.

The 2nd XI this season was made up primarily of fourth year pupils with the addition of some third years. With the exception of some unlucky losses, we had a very successful season considering that we were younger and less experienced than most of our opponents. The ball was fired into the back of the net on many occasions by our two "goal machines", **Scott Clark** and **Stuart Bruce**. At the other end of the field, our goalkeeper **Kamal Chowdhury** kept us in the game on the few occasions when the outfield faltered. He was assisted constantly by the back three who comprised **Alan Fraser**, **Derek Wong** and "anchor man" **Richard McLean** who cleaned up behind the midfield. Providing the link between the defence and the attack, was the midfield. Running the wings were **Tom French** and **Oli Hickman**, but we also saw the introduction of **Matthew Ross** and **Chris McDonald** who played an amazing debut season and fitted into an established team very well. In the centre of the park were Captain **David Philp** and Vice Captain **Tom Brian**. They held the team together, controlled the game and provided impeccable service to the strikers. Due to the fact that the majority of the team were from the same year group, we got on very well both on and off the park. There were minor interruptions when we saw Tom French leave for other commitments and heralded the arrival of our Italian "super star" **Marco Caira**, the joker of the team. This whole team effort saw us take victory over some skilled and stronger opposition, fight on all occasions and even manage to recover from 2-0 down to a 3-2 win! Credit must go to all.

We must take this opportunity to give special thanks to Mr. Nichol whose constant banter with us at practice and bad music on the bus helped us both to improve our game and have a good time. An extra mention must go to Mr. Allison who left his cosy office to assist Mr. Nichol on wet Wednesday nights. We wish next year's 2nd XI all the best and hope they enjoy it as much as we did. Lastly, special thanks must go to Andy Wood and Stewart Gillan who gave up their Saturday mornings to blow the whistles most diligently.



Tennis

For the 1st VI especially this can only be described as a 'so near and yet so far' season of 4-5 matches. Despite much effort and dedication we never quite managed to secure the games to win the last crucial match. Nevertheless our determination paid off when we gained a convincing win in our last match against St. George's School in Edinburgh. The 2nd VI had a mixed season with the senior girls enjoying some hard fought games. Our match versus the FP ladies' team was played in the usual friendly but determined manner with the ladies exercising their doubles experience and winning 45-35 in games.

The Form 6 pupils were again successful in the Glenalmond Mixed Doubles tournament. **Richard Kemp** and **Jayne Arbuckle** won the top section of the competition, Richard repeating his win of last year, and the school team came a well-deserved third in the overall tournament scoring. Thanks must therefore go to **Rebecca Leslie**, **Jilly Mackay**, **Jack Bannerman** and **Richard Grieve** for taking part in the event.

Nicole Wilson and **Sam Sangster** (Form 3) are also to be congratulated on winning the Midland Schools Junior Tournament. They played with confidence to win 6-0 in the final.

Congratulations to the winners of the School Singles Championship events -
 Primary girls - **Georgia Dessain** P7
 Junior girls - **Nicole Wilson** F3
 Senior Girls - **Jayne Arbuckle** F6

1st VI Girls Tennis Squad



back (l to r): Mrs P Spowart, G Clayhills-Henderson, N Wilson
 front (l to r): A Mackay, R Leslie, J Arbuckle (Captain), J Mackay (Vice Captain), S Sangster

2nd VI Girls Tennis Squad



back (l to r): Mrs P Spowart, Z Linton, R White, C Whiteford
 front (l to r): S Leckie, A Cuthbert, C Barron, E Yu, A Robertson

The Interhouse tennis competition results were as follows -

Boys' event

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

Junior Girls' event

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

Senior Girls' event

- 1st equal - Wallace and Aystree
- 3rd - Airlie
- 4th - Lindores

Special mention must go to the following players who were awarded colours:

- Jayne Arbuckle** F6 (re-award)
- Rebeca Leslie** F6 (re-award)
- Nicole Wilson** F3

Finally thank you to Mrs Spowart for her part in organising practices and fixtures throughout the season.

Cricket

Season 2001 saw the High School able to field one of its strongest teams in recent years. After losing the services of bowling superstar John S. Gray to club commitments with Arbroath, there was disappointment after an opening day loss to a strong George Watsons side, who sneaked home with the narrowest of victories.

However, we soon found the winning touch against an annually impressive Morrison's side, the highlight of which was *Timmy Knight's* spectacular 40 runs off only 3.3 overs.

Next up was Heriots at Dalnacrraig, which again saw a reversed batting line-up. In this case though, this was almost to be our downfall as we managed to achieve victory by only two wickets.

Kelvinside Academy were next in line, and were comprehensively defeated in the most ruthless of styles. Captain *Kenny Kyles* stroked a potential school record innings of 159, well supported by vice-captain *Nicky Knight's* patient 54 not out.

Our total of 233-2 from just 35 overs proved insurmountable for Kelvinside who finished well off the pace.

In our next fixture though, we were to be defeated by a near full strength FP's side, who relied heavily upon pro Peter Wooden for the majority of their runs. This was followed by a poor defeat to the 40's Club, but the season ended on a high with a final victory over the High School of Glasgow.

This has been a most tremendous season. With the notable exception of defeats in all our fixtures against George Watsons, our teams recorded victories across all age groups in every other match.

On behalf of all the teams I would like to thank Mr Gallagher, 1st XI coach and Head of Selectors, for his commitment, insight and expertise throughout the season. Without him we would have undoubtedly struggled. With the school's cricketing future in apparent safe hands, let us hope it is not long before another side can reproduce the high standards which the 1st XI of 2001 have set this season.

1st XI Cricket Squad



back (l to r): Mr P Wooden, J Gilbertson, J Roberts, G Crosby, J Martin
front (l to r): A Smith, T Knight, P Maciocia, K Kyles (Captain), N Knight (Vice Captain), D Vernon, B Cannon

Cross-Country

Season 2000/01 has been badly affected by the foot and mouth restrictions, which saw the cancellation of several of our fixtures including the National Championships in Irvine. Nevertheless, there have been some notable performances, which culminated in a very successful Dundee Schools Championship.

Our first outing was at a blizzard-ravaged Glenalmond College, which gave a most bracing initiation into the world of cross-country running for our first year debutants. The conditions did not hamper *Andrew Wallace* (F1) however, who ran bravely to secure 3rd place. *Ross Campbell* ran well in the under 15 boys race (the first of many good runs), as did *Jamie Lamb* in the Under 17 boys' race. For the girls *Laura Black* was the star performer with an excellent first place in the under 15 girls race, ably assisted by *Sophie Henderson, Megan Hunter, Suzanne Law, Maria Thomas, Katie Armstrong* and *Marie Cunningham*.

The St Aloysius relays in February were hit by call-offs and we did well to field 2 teams at short notice – special thanks to Megan who was 'kidnaped' at the last minute to make up the girls team! The girls team *Lesley Niven, Suzanne Law, Lucy Sneddon, Laura Brown, Katie Armstrong* and *Megan Hunter*, without any runners above Form 3, ran bravely against much more experienced opposition, which bodes well for the future. Our boys' team of *Andrew Wallace, Paul Gibson, Ross Campbell, Marco Cairn, Nathan Holme* and *Robbie Grieve* ran solidly with Andrew and Ross having particularly good runs.

All our Spring races were cancelled due to Foot and Mouth therefore our final outing was at the Dundee Schools Championship in late March. Here for the first time this season we really performed well and showed good team spirit and encouragement. Our 1st year boys' team won bronze medals led home by *Euan Borland* (5th) followed by *Andrew Wallace, Daniel Haddow, Jamie Foulis* and *Tom Ogden*. Not to be outdone our First year girls kept the boys in their place by winning gold medals. Led home by *Katie Armstrong* (4th), the winning team was *Katie, Megan, Marie, Katie Hamilton* and *Laura Collins* – well done girls!

In C group, *Laura Brown* ran beautifully to secure first place and led *Maria, Lucy, Heather* and *Suzanne* to Silver medals. *Ross Campbell* ran very well to finish 6th in the Boys C group.

There was more success in the Boys A group where the team of *Robbie Grieve* (4th), *Kader Chowdhury, Michael Page* and *Jamie Lamb* secured the Gold Medals and much salutation from the appreciative crowd. *David Leiper* and *Struan Cunningham* should also be mentioned in despatches for solid performances. In the Girls A group *Anna McKay* made a rare outing and cruised home to take 3rd place!

A special thank you to *Robbie Grieve* (pictured below) who completes 6 years of high-class running with much accompanying success – keep it up!

Hopefully you will all be training and racing again next session. It doesn't always snow/rain/sleet – honest! Runners of any standard are welcome.



The 'Race for Life'

The 'Race for Life', introduced in 1994, is a national series of 5km fund-raising walks and runs to raise money for research into cancers which affect women. This summer, over 160,000 women took the opportunity to remember loved ones touched by cancer and to celebrate life, by taking part and raising together more than £6 million. Many of these women wear signs on their backs which carry messages such as 'in Memory...' or 'in Celebration ...' of loved ones so afflicted. The Dundee race was held in Camperdown Park in June and the High School was represented by a number of runners both young and just a little older! Pictured are four of our participants: *Megan Hunter, Laura Brown, Mrs Patricia Maxwell* and *Mairi Cunningham*. All of them ran with distinction with Laura particularly hot on the heels of winner Liz McColgan.



Swimming

We had a successful start to our year with *Jenni Kilgallon (F3)* winning the *Nancy Riach Trophy* for the 100m Freestyle event in the *Midland Schools* competition in October.

The school again had an encouraging number of entries for the *Tayside Schools Competition* winning a total of 12 medals.

17/18/19yrs Age group

The following boys won a silver medal in the 4x50m Freestyle relay:
Iain Swan, Robbie Grieve, Michael Page and *Stephen Gordon* (all F6).

15/16yrs Age group

Jenni Kilgallon (F3) won a gold medal in the 100m Freestyle.
Bruce Stark (F4) won a bronze medal in the 100m Butterfly.

12yrs & Under Age group

Katie Ferguson (F1) won a gold medal in the 50m Freestyle and a bronze medal in the 50m Butterfly events.
The following boys won a silver medal in the 4x50m Freestyle relay: *Malcolm Watson (P7), Mark Clayson (P7), Scott Clayson (P6)* and *Stuart Barlow (P6)*.

Due to these fine performances the following pupils qualified for the *Scottish Schools Competition* held in Glasgow on Saturday 27th January.



*Malcolm Watson (P7), Mark Clayson (P7), Stuart Barlow (P6) & Scott Clayson (P6) for the 12yrs & under Freestyle relay.
Bruce Stark (F4) for the 15/16yrs 100m Butterfly.
Michael Page (F6) for the 17/18/19yrs 100m Freestyle.
Jenni Kilgallon (F3) for the 15/16yrs 100m Freestyle. Jenni qualified for the final and finished in 2nd position.
Katie Ferguson (F1) for the 12yrs & under 50m Freestyle. Katie qualified for the final and finished in 4th position.*

On the strength of her performance at the Scottish Schools Jenni Kilgallon was selected for the Scottish Schools team to compete in the Home International. This was due to be held at the end of March in Wrexham but was unfortunately cancelled due to the foot and mouth crisis.

We all had great fun again at the Junior School Swimming Gala with all the Preparatory pupils winning a certificate and some the additional joy of a medal! The pupils cheered enthusiastically and loudly for their House relay teams! The competition results were as follows-

Primary Girls – Laura Treeco
Primary Boys – Mark Clayson

The entries for the Senior School Gala were disappointing this year but for those who took part it was an enjoyable and exciting competition. The Individual Championship results were as follows -

Junior Girls – Jenni Kilgallon F3
Junior Boys – Peter Saunders F3
Senior Girls – Lynn Valentine F4
Senior Boys – Michael Page F6

The PE Department would again like to express their thanks to Mrs Kilgallon and Mrs Harrow for their assistance at these events.

Congratulations to all the pupils who participated in our school competitions and those who represented the school.





Junior School Netball

Both the L6 and L7 netball teams had a good season this year. The L6's managed to get through to the final of the Miss Ward Trophy where they were narrowly beaten by Sidlaw View. Their best performance was against Blackness Primary where they ran out winners after a very tough contest.

The L7's took part in the Winter League where they had to play five matches. Unfortunately they won only three of these with a total of 28 goals.

Both teams would like to thank Mrs Docherty and Mrs Wood and all parents for their time and support throughout the session. Thank you also to all the teachers who took part in the staff v pupil match. This was a very hard fought affair with the staff team having a slight height advantage and the L7 team having to play without their centre, Susan Buchan. The result was a 8-6 victory for the staff!

The teams this year were:

L6: *Catriona Wilson, Caitlin McDonald, Roxanne O'Fee, Megan Kyles, Sarah Nimmo, Rossie Ogden, Claire Barclay and Ruth Foulis.*

L7: *Susan Buchan, Sarah Knowles, Gillian Allan, Charlotte Farmer, Chloe Hall, Fiona Smith, Fiona McCulloch, Mohna Linton and Sophie Sneddon.*

Netball

This year netball was played at both F1 and F2/3 – Junior level with practices taking place at Dundee University. The season began with friendly matches against Harris and Strathallan with the F1 netball team recording convincing wins over both teams.

In the Dundee Schools Netball league the F2/3 Junior team finished in 5th position on goal difference out of a total of 7 teams. Well done.

We had an encouraging number of F1 netballers who helped us to success this season so the F1 netball team are now proud winners of the Dundee Schools Netball League 2000-01, positioned first out of 7 teams - an excellent well fought achievement. Well done to all team members!

Netball House Matches

The House Matches were a popular event as usual with a high standard of netball being played. Thanks to all House Captains who organised teams. The results were as follows.

Junior F1-3

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

Senior F4-6

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

Finally, many thanks to Mrs Barlow who joined us at the beginning of the season, for her umpiring and coaching. Good luck with next season.

Golf

This year the Boase Medal was won by **Steven Hume** F5 with scores of 78 and 75 at Panmure.

The match play competition for The Pirie Handicap Cup was also won by Steven Hume who beat **Neil Bryden** F5 in the final at the Lyndoch course at Murrayshall.

Five teams entered the British Heart Foundation Junior Competition at Ladybank and one qualified for the Scottish final. The team of **Graeme Black, Neil Bryden and Martin Laurie**, the two best scores counting, scored a very creditable 72 Stableford points on the shortish but very tricky Lyndoch course at Murrayshall in the Scottish Final on the 18th June. The winning team scored an amazing 81 points. Thank you to all pupils, parents and friends who contributed money 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 and the Dundee and Angus Schools' Competition played at Brechin at the beginning of June.

Once again, the School entered this competition with a team in each of the Junior, Intermediate and Senior age group classes.

Unfortunately this year, there was disruption to preparations due to the foot and mouth crisis. Fortunately, it was possible to re-schedule the event in mid-June and enthusiasm among both riders and mounts was unabated!

The weather remained kind, although clouds came over the Junior team mid-afternoon. Nothing daunted, they went to a re-gripping jump-off which was won by Heidi, with help from **Katrina Hamilton** in F1. Overall, in the combined training, the Junior team was placed a very creditable 4th and won the Show-jumping.

The Intermediate team was unlucky to miss out on the ribbons in what was the largest, and arguably the most fiercely contested class, while the Senior team came fifth in the combined training, a one-place improvement on last year!

All enjoyed a fine day, and thanks are due to team captain, **Jennifer Reid** (F5) for her inspiration, Mrs Tosh for her administration, and all the competitors' parents for their perspiration!

Equestrian Competition 2001



Junior Team: Katrina Hamilton, Stephen Lohoar, Laura Collins, Yvonne Dawson



Intermediate team: William Murray, Katie O Henderson, Pamela Reid, Nikki Galloway



Senior Team: Angus Lohoar, Lynn Clark, Jen Reid, Kirsty Tannock with Mrs Tosh

The House Championship 2000-2001

This Session's House Championship was definitely "a game of two halves", with Wallace leading the way throughout Term 1. After a brief respite caused by those pesky things called prelims, Lindores nudged Wallace into second place, remaining there for the rest of the session, although there were times when it looked as if Wallace might regain first place.

Lindores finally stretched the lead to ensure a well-deserved victory by the end of June. After a good start in second place, Aystree's challenge flagged and it all ended up in a fight to the death with Airlie for third place. That battle was finally won by Airlie, who were helped by a fine victory in the 1-3 Athletics and a share of the spoils with Lindores in the Music Competitions.

Bad luck with the weather meant that some

House events, such as the Boys' Senior Rugby, were not played this year and some events were postponed thanks to a crowded schedule of study and activities. A wet weekend in the middle of June meant that the School Sports Championship was held on the afternoon of Tuesday in the penultimate week of term, when a number of other events were also still being decided, so the tension was maintained till the very end.

Well done to all those who took part, especially the House Captains and Vice-Captains, whose efforts are much appreciated by the younger pupils who rely on them for help and encouragement. Thanks are also owed to those members of staff who give up their time to organise and run House events and who put up with my pestering them by e-mail, sometimes even after the results are already in my pigeon hole - sorry Mrs Magill and Mrs Melville!

Finally, congratulations to Lindores for maintaining their hold on the House Trophy.

Sports Day Results

Boys Champions

Senior

Robbie Grieve

Joint Intermediate

Brian Gillan
David McCulloch

Junior

David Arbuckle

Girls Champions

Joint Senior

Jayne Arbuckle
Gemma Clayhills-Henderson

Intermediate

Anneka Walker

Junior

Katie Armstrong

Final House Points

Lindores	1124
Wallace	987
Airlie	972
Aystree	919







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Papa Panov

The Nativity play performed by the Prep Department at Christmas has become something of a tradition at the High School. This year the L1, L2 and L3 pupils delighted their parents and friends with an adaptation of the famous Leo Tolstoy story of *Papa Panov*. In our version Papa, played convincingly by David Burnett and Craig Tallett, was a toymaker instead of a shoemaker and the audience was treated to L1 and L2's portrayal of the toys in his shop. The colourful clowns and dolls, hobby-horses and teddies, toy soldiers and spinning-tops, Jack in the boxes and puppets danced, jumped, marched and span energetically around the stage. When Papa dreamed of visiting Bethlehem, the traditional Nativity characters were played by L3 pupils.





Alice

Everyone in L4 to L7 performed 'Alice', a musical based on the original story by Lewis Carroll and suitably adapted by Mrs Woodman, Head of the Junior School. The L4/5s formed the choir whilst the L6/7s performed on stage. Two casts were selected, each one appearing twice over the four nights from the 12-15th June, and always to packed audiences, with Charlotte Farmer and Lynsey Nicoll playing the lead part of Alice. A lot of time and effort went into this musical - costumes

had to be hired and many more made by the school costume team, auditions had to be done, practice schedules had to be drawn up, stage and lighting crews had to be selected and of course scenery and theatre decoration had to be made.

Rehearsals took place at lunchtimes and after school, then as June approached, they were held in school time, ultimately in a whole week of rehearsals just prior to opening night. Mrs Thurston, Mrs Duffus and Mrs Magill had us all word perfect, but we were nevertheless very nervous at the dress rehearsal in the Gardyne Theatre. Our fears were unfounded. The show was a great success and the four perform-

ances seemed to be over in a flash!

We had a really good time and must say a big thank you to everyone who helped make everything so wonderful!

Fiona Smith L7





Daughters Of Venice

In the penultimate week of the summer term, the Gardyne Theatre was filled with eager audiences, anticipating the delights of another production by Roger Illsley. They were not to be disappointed by "Daughters of Venice" and those who didn't come to the show missed a very entertaining experience. The play was written for Chiswick Youth Theatre by Don Taylor and, as the title suggests, the stage bustled delightfully with young actresses in the rôles of the orphans or "daughters" and the Sisters of the Pietà who care for them.

The plot unfolds as follows. Under the direction of Vivaldi, the nuns train the girls to a high degree of musical excellence but they face a harsh choice when they come of age, as only a few are chosen to stay on as teachers and musicians. Most must leave the Pietà and make their way in the vicious world of 18th century Venice, either by attracting a rich nobleman as a husband or lover or, like the cruel option Hamlet offers Ophelia, by entering a nunnery. The play features humour in the form of the attempts of two Italian confidence tricksters, Pazzo and Grimaldo, who swindle an English Milord and his Baldrick-like servant Bodger, and an incisive revelation of the constraints on the lives of women in eighteenth century Venice. Vivaldi's music provides a backdrop for the action.

The blend between recorded music and live playing by some of the Music Department's gifted pupils was seamless and accomplished. Worthy of particular mention is Emily Smoor's 18th century "karaoke" as Anna-Maria in the Finale, which was so good that some of the audience mistook it

for part of the recording! This was charmingly complemented by the eight dancers who brought the show to a graceful conclusion. The gentlemen in the cast, though outnumbered, put in some fine performances. Ross Hawkes played the fussy, easily flustered Maestro Vandini convincingly while Kenneth Lowe embodied the penny-pinching pomposity of the Governor. Vivaldi's moody, manic genius was captured very effectively by Nicholas Newton and Ian Nimmo's interpretation of Grimaldo as an "Eastenders" wide boy had the audience in stitches. Neil Herbert's Pazzo was hilariously disgusted by the grossness of his partner in crime, Grimaldo, while Stewart Lindsay and Rob Macmillan as Milord and Bodger lampooned the typical English gentleman and his reluctant and lazy servant perfectly and to hilarious effect

As for the girls, it would be impossible to do credit to them all. Claudie Qumsieh's Madre was like a broody Spanish Infanta and the revelation of her tragic secret towards the end was poignantly portrayed. Maxine O'Fee's Contessa recalled the glamour of a young Liz Taylor and Perduta, the lost soul she mistakenly claims as her daughter, was played with heart wrenching pathos by Julia Black. Sarah Jones, Kirsty Dewar and Rhiannon Williams all hid their youth under the wimples of the older nuns with consummate skill and Emily Smoor, Fiona Beaton, Lynsey-Anne Marwick and Susie Sneddon were outstanding as "Figlie di Coro" facing that terrible moment of decision when they must leave the Pietà.

There are too many stars in the firmament of the Ospedale to name them all but all played their parts very well and contributed significantly to making this complex show the great success it deserved to be. Congratulations to all who took part.

Tom Durrheim





globetrotting

Canada

On the morning of 6th October 2000 the Pillars area of DHS was awash, not with its usual complement of High School pupils, but with 42 matching tracksuits, 42 matching sportsbags, 38 excited tourists and 4 rather anxious-looking teachers. The day we had all been waiting for and planning for had finally arrived. Counting down the months, the weeks and then the 'sleeps' as they were fondly known, had been fun. Now we were actually leaving for our Rugby/Hockey Tour of Canada – two weeks of parent free, action-packed, sport-related fun !

The last such tour had been in 1986. Andy Nicoll had been on it, and as well as being very supportive of our fund-raising efforts, he was able to assure us that this would be the single, most wonderful experience of our hockey, rugby and indeed school careers. With excitement at a peak, we bid farewell to our parents and set off on our experience of a lifetime.

Flying from Edinburgh via London to Vancouver we spent our first night in a YMCA before going on to the Prince of Wales School. It was somewhat daunting for us to be 'handed over' as it were, to a completely strange family, but our worries were unfounded. We were made very welcome in their lovely, sometimes glamorous homes, enjoyed muffins for breakfast, shared their *Thanksgiving* celebrations and attended many, many parties held in our honour. We found time too, to do the sights of Vancouver, including the famous Aquarium.

Both the girls' hockey and the boys' rugby teams enjoyed victories of 1-0 and 93-0 respectively against the Prince of Wales School, and as we travelled to Vancouver Island and our comfortable hotel, we duly celebrated on the coach. Our next adversaries were to be St Michael's University. The girls played first, and with much vociferous support and Mexican waves from the boys, won comfortably with a score of 5-0. Soon after, the boys ran out victorious with a 48-7 win. We were a most contented group ! During our stay in Victoria we took the chance to do some more tourism and even introduced some culture into the proceedings by visiting a museum. Something to tell the parents !

Our penultimate destination was a boarding school, Shawnigan Lake, where we would spend three nights in dorms in the most serenely beautiful school grounds imaginable. We forged yet more friendships, played basketball, miniature golf and laser-tag, went bowling, beat Mr Spowart on the go-carts and climbed in *Tube and Tunnel World*. We also visited Cowichan, an original Indian reserve and found this a most interesting outing. Needless to say we won both our matches again, this time 4-0 for the girls and 45-3 for the boys. Altogether a very enjoyable three days !

Finally we headed for Brentwood College, a mere ten minute drive from Shawnigan Lake where we would once more enjoy Canadian hospitality in host families. Whilst the boys won easily with a score of 47-7, the girls had more of a match than the final score might suggest, eventually winning 4-1

The last two days found us back in Vancouver and in the same YMCA we had used initially. While here we simply enjoyed one another's company and shopped till we dropped !

Friday 20th October saw us back in Dundee. It was nice to be back on familiar ground and see our parents again. Yes, the best two weeks of our lives, as Andy Nicoll had predicted, were indeed over but the memories will be with us for ever.

We must take this opportunity to thank everyone who made our tour possible : parents, school, fund-raisers, advertisers and particularly our surrogate parents throughout the trip, the Hutchisons and the Spowarts.



New York –

Brown Bags...Bagels and BIG!!!

There were 21 of us altogether who set off from the school one dark Easter holiday morning. Ahead of us an experience that promised to be unforgettable. Here are some of the pupils' thoughts and impressions of the trip.

Although it is tiring, I think it's best to fit as much into each day as possible – as we did. The mix of visiting the big corporations with sightseeing and shopping was great. It was all in all a brilliant trip.

Barbara

Phenomenal, unlike anything I've seen before. Amazing architecture, very interesting and helpful insight into the functions of top companies and ... fabulous shopping. Very tiring, but worth every minute – breath-taking.

Emma

Having spent one week in the Big Apple I definitely want to be part of it. Friendly people, once in a lifetime opportunities (touring IBM, Xerox etc), culture and most importantly of all, huge portions of food and shopping!!

Nadia

All in all, absolutely ace. Definitely a must for avid coffee fans. Blister plasters and a teacher who has at least a vague idea of where he is going, are good investments (sorry Mr McCulloch)! The less than impressive rumours of every other New Yorker being a homicidal freak seems to have been somewhat exaggerated as none of us has been shot or stabbed... (yet). The businesses and buildings are incredible! I'm definitely coming back at some point. Thanks to everyone who made this trip possible.

Kirsty

A bit of a culture shock! After the sheltered existence of Scotland this is certainly something new! NY is best described as a bucket-size cocktail of everything you can imagine. The whole trip has been a great success, the business trips, fantastic shopping as good as your budget allowed and the basketball being definite highlights. Everyone has been superb and I would like to give a big shout out to the teachers who have been very cool about everything. A special thanks to Mr McCulloch for his faultless tour guiding! If I fail all my exams can I get put back a year so I can come back to NY next year? Thank you to everyone.

Mark

NY rocks! Everything, whether it be the buildings, the shops or the people is just amazing. Highlights so far have been the Knicks game at Madison Square Garden and being on the roof of the Twin Towers; IBM was enjoyable as was the Bank of Scotland which was right in the middle of Manhattan. Our days were spent at different companies and our nights spent cruising around Manhattan, Times Square and 5th Avenue.

Daryl

Trip was both fun and educational. Especially enjoyed basketball, ice-skating, IBM and just "chillin" in the ghetto. A valuable and unforgettable experience. Thanks a lot.

Fergus

New York has been a valuable experience and has given us a good insight into the world of business as well as the shops and culture.

Katie

I think it is fair to say that it wasn't an entirely wasted week. Actually, it was fantastic.

Duncan

The week started with our visit to the IBM headquarters in White Plains and I am glad to admit that unlike many other trips to the world conglomerates, it revealed all and left little to the imagination. We were eternally grateful as we learned how many processes were undertaken and got a fabulous insight into the assets of such a powerful company. Thanks must go to the Business Studies department for their tolerance and good nature, and mostly for organising a trip that was both educational and enjoyable.

Richard

The Twin Towers were amazing and the World Trade Centre lived up to my expectations! NY was absolutely amazing and I will definitely be bringing my kids to this great place.

Fraser

Sex, drugs, alcohol, parties, guns? No we did nothing like this in New York. I came to the Big Apple expecting to see hustlers and gangsters. Instead there were highlights such as IBM. Overall NY is a spectacular city with stunning technology and people with a unique view of life.

Anon

'Geogging'

Pupils in the Geography Department have been out 'in the field' again on a number of occasions this session bringing their studies to life in the outdoor classroom.

In September, Advanced Higher pupils took part in 'Coastline 2000' organised by the Geographical Association and completed valuable recording of land use along the coast at Broughty Ferry and Monifieth. September also saw Form 3 Standard Grade students visiting the Pitlochry area to study glaciated scenery, whisky distilling!, hydro power and tourism. In February, Form 2, who had studied earth forces in the Christmas term, backed up their studies with a visit to *Our Dynamic Earth* in Edinburgh. As well as touring the exhibition, they participated in a hands-on workshop on volcanic activity. In March, Form 1 has a 'taster' of fieldwork, conducting shopping surveys in the Murraygate and learning that Geography is very much on their doorstep – if they stop to look! In June, Form 3 spent a day 'discovering' Dundee, studying aspects of urban land use such as shopping, housing and industry. A walk from the city centre to the outskirts along Princes Street, Stobswell and Forfar Road provided an excellent illustration of the theory of city growth learned in class.

More 'Geogging' is planned for next session when Form 4 will study rivers and the legacy of glaciers in Glen Clova.



Queen's View. Rain doesn't stop play!



Advanced Higher students participating in 'Coastline 2000'



The open-air classroom - a bench in the Murraygate



Form 3 discovering Dundee from The Law

Normandy

PROLOGUE : This trip was somewhat of an experiment last year. We reluctantly had to accept three years ago that the exchange scheme, which had operated well for nine years with the school in Montpellier, was no longer a viable option. Given the increasing bureaucracy surrounding school journeys, we decided it was better to opt for a company who would provide a safe environment within which to experience a bit of real French life as well as other activities. We considered that the package offered by "Normandie à la Carte" offers participants the opportunity, not only to improve on their knowledge of French and France, but also to learn useful life skills. Now read on to find out what really happened ...

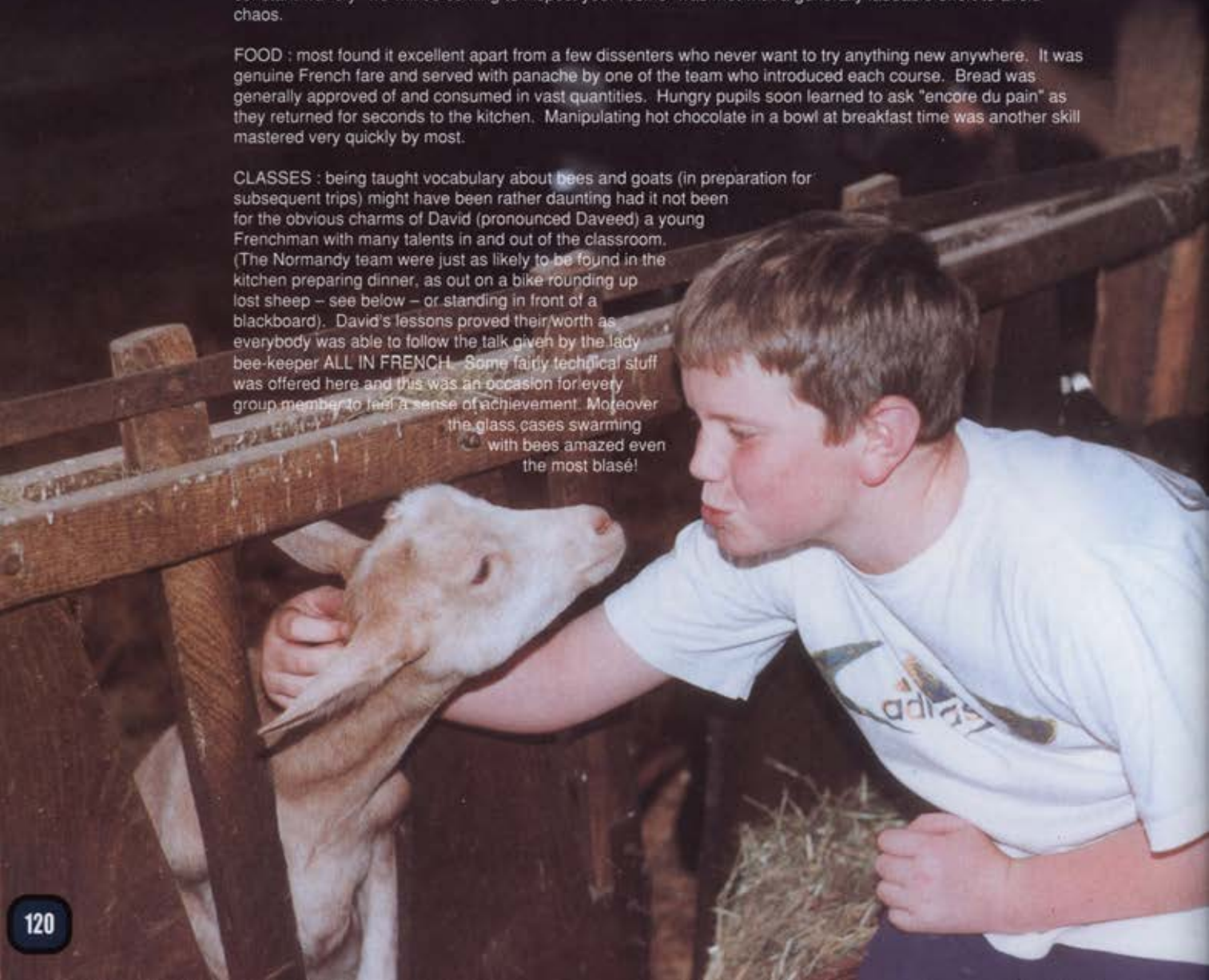
DATES : too soon after the summer break for teacher sanity – persuading 34 Form 2 pupils to bring in completed E111 forms (N.B. not valid unless stamped at a post office), emergency medical form (does going to France automatically mean you will need surgery?) and PASSPORT (a few urgent calls to Glasgow on that one – including a few from Mrs Seith who had omitted to remind parents that they were responsible for getting their child's passport). Not too soon after the break, however, for Mr Mackenzie to produce endless variations on lists of pupils with photographs attached – for activity groups, bedroom doors etc.

TRANSPORT : coach all the way (on a ferry across the Channel) with a very friendly driver who loved his vehicle and kept everyone on his/her toes regarding litter-louing. To avoid the inevitable rivalry over the back seat, Mr Mackenzie nobly chose that location for the return journey. This allowed everybody else to sleep peacefully without feeling that they had lost any "street cred". The obligatory motorway stops for drivers provided, as usual, the opportunity for consumption of incredible quantities of food.

ACCOMMODATION : converted farm buildings in the middle of the Normandy countryside surrounded by meadows where football could be played whenever there was a spare moment without activities or French lessons. Bedrooms were two-tiered – having a platform reached by a ladder, right into the roof space. Fortunately building regulations must be good as the favourite sitting and chatting place in most cases was in the loft area. Cupboard space was at a premium – so we were living out of suitcases which made it very difficult to be tidy, especially when wet clothes and footwear from canoeing etc. were added into the scenario. Teachers' constant war cry "we will be coming to inspect your rooms" was met with a generally laudable effort to avoid chaos.

FOOD : most found it excellent apart from a few dissenters who never want to try anything new anywhere. It was genuine French fare and served with panache by one of the team who introduced each course. Bread was generally approved of and consumed in vast quantities. Hungry pupils soon learned to ask "encore du pain" as they returned for seconds to the kitchen. Manipulating hot chocolate in a bowl at breakfast time was another skill mastered very quickly by most.

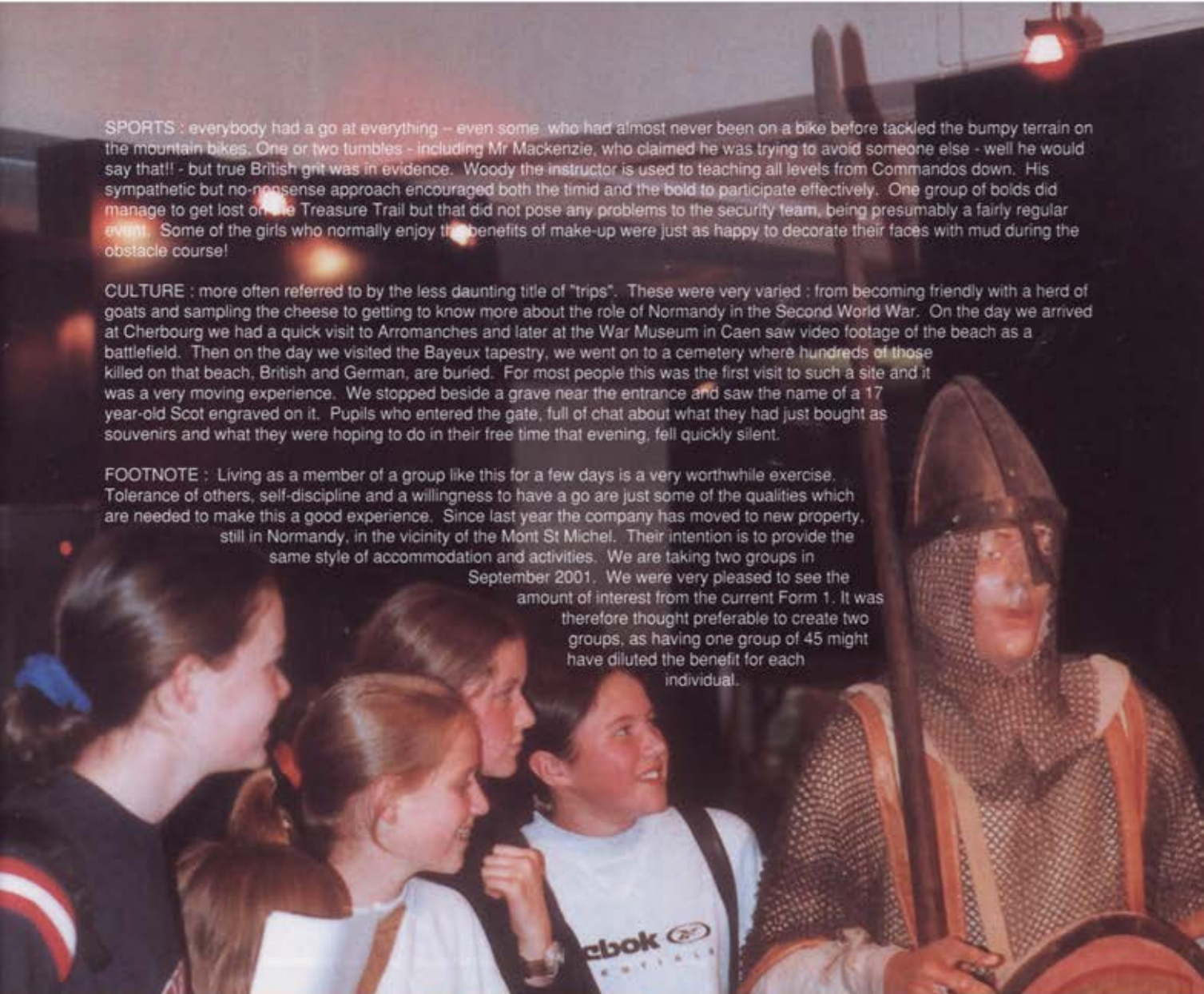
CLASSES : being taught vocabulary about bees and goats (in preparation for subsequent trips) might have been rather daunting had it not been for the obvious charms of David (pronounced Daveed) a young Frenchman with many talents in and out of the classroom. (The Normandy team were just as likely to be found in the kitchen preparing dinner, as out on a bike rounding up lost sheep – see below – or standing in front of a blackboard). David's lessons proved their worth as everybody was able to follow the talk given by the lady bee-keeper **ALL IN FRENCH**. Some fairly technical stuff was offered here and this was an occasion for every group member to feel a sense of achievement. Moreover the glass cases swarming with bees amazed even the most blasé!



SPORTS : everybody had a go at everything – even some who had almost never been on a bike before tackled the bumpy terrain on the mountain bikes. One or two tumbles - including Mr Mackenzie, who claimed he was trying to avoid someone else - well he would say that!! - but true British grit was in evidence. Woody the instructor is used to teaching all levels from Commandos down. His sympathetic but no-nonsense approach encouraged both the timid and the bold to participate effectively. One group of bolds did manage to get lost on the Treasure Trail but that did not pose any problems to the security team, being presumably a fairly regular event. Some of the girls who normally enjoy the benefits of make-up were just as happy to decorate their faces with mud during the obstacle course!

CULTURE : more often referred to by the less daunting title of "trips". These were very varied : from becoming friendly with a herd of goats and sampling the cheese to getting to know more about the role of Normandy in the Second World War. On the day we arrived at Cherbourg we had a quick visit to Arromanches and later at the War Museum in Caen saw video footage of the beach as a battlefield. Then on the day we visited the Bayeux tapestry, we went on to a cemetery where hundreds of those killed on that beach, British and German, are buried. For most people this was the first visit to such a site and it was a very moving experience. We stopped beside a grave near the entrance and saw the name of a 17 year-old Scot engraved on it. Pupils who entered the gate, full of chat about what they had just bought as souvenirs and what they were hoping to do in their free time that evening, fell quickly silent.

FOOTNOTE : Living as a member of a group like this for a few days is a very worthwhile exercise. Tolerance of others, self-discipline and a willingness to have a go are just some of the qualities which are needed to make this a good experience. Since last year the company has moved to new property, still in Normandy, in the vicinity of the Mont St Michel. Their intention is to provide the same style of accommodation and activities. We are taking two groups in September 2001. We were very pleased to see the amount of interest from the current Form 1. It was therefore thought preferable to create two groups, as having one group of 45 might have diluted the benefit for each individual.



Dalguise

When we first arrived in Dalguise we didn't know what to expect, but as the week progressed, we found that the activities were more action-packed and adventurous than we could ever have imagined. Even the changeable weather could not dampen our week's fun and enjoyment. Whilst evening entertainment of singsongs, jokes, a Cluedo evening, a talent show and particularly a disco was fun, it was the daytime activities which were best of all. They were exhilarating, nerve-wracking, frightening, brain-teasing and great fun. They pushed us to the limit and we all felt that we had achieved something even if we didn't quite complete the task.

We will never forget our Dalguise experience. We know that whoever goes there in years to come will enjoy it as much as we did.



Dalguise
2001



Spain

It all seems like a dream now. All the planning and preparation over months had been worth it. The trip had been a great success. It was a tired but happy busload of pupils who arrived back in Dundee in May. Everybody had enjoyed the exchange and said it was a 'never to be forgotten 10 days'. Friendships had been forged, addresses exchanged and memories made. So much happened and at such a pace that it is hard to know where to begin.

Our departure day dawned bright and clear. Anxious parents and excited pupils gathered outside the main gates. Last minute checks for passports, toothbrushes and most importantly, sun-cream, were carried out. Pupils' luggage was stowed safely away and we boarded the bus. We were off. Glasgow airport presented no challenges and we were soon ready for take off. The flight was smooth and the pupils impressed everyone with their excellent behaviour.

Once we arrived in Alicante the reality of the trip hit home. Waiting to meet us was Jose-Luis Hernandez, a teacher from the exchange school in Murcia. We had an hour-long bus journey to reach Murcia and much to everyone's disappointment and amazement it was raining!! Anxiously the pupils practised what they would say to their opposite numbers. All too quickly we arrived at the designated meeting place, the *El Corte Inglés* and we could see the Spanish families waiting, trying to work out whose adoptees they would be for the next ten days. Now the pupils had to put their Spanish to the test and greet their adopted family. Soon everyone was paired off and the initial nerves were quickly replaced by squeals of excitement as plans were made. With cries of 'Adios' staff watched them go, hoping that this once in a lifetime experience would be everything they hoped and dreamed it would be.

Every morning we met up at the school, which is very different from the High School in Dundee. The pupils don't wear a uniform and classes don't begin until 9.30 am. However, tempting and all as that may sound, the school day doesn't finish until 5 pm! Each day we went on a different excursion to a variety of places in and around Murcia. Unfortunately this did involve a day at the beach but what could we do? The school had planned this for us and the pupils did the best they could to hide their disappointment! Naturally this gave us all time to reflect and remember our colleagues back in Dundee. We visited a natural spring, the town of Caravaca with its beautiful churches and some of us even tried a hand at pottery. Everyone we met during our stay was very kind and appreciated our efforts to speak in Spanish. The days flew past and all too soon it was the last day. Presents had been packed away carefully and now instead of nerves we had tears and pledges to stay in touch.

We must thank Mr Parlour and Miss O'Reilly for accompanying us and for being such good sports. Everyone involved is now looking forward to the Spanish pupils coming to Dundee in September. We may not be able to guarantee good weather but we can promise a 'never to be forgotten experience'.



Prague and Salzburg



At the end of March, a group of 39 pupils from F2 to F6 and 4 staff, Mrs Melville, Mr Illsley, Mrs Robertson and Mr Armstrong, set off by coach on a music tour to the Czech Republic and Austria. We had been rehearsing every Thursday evening throughout the session and had put together a versatile programme for the various ensembles that had evolved – an orchestra, fiddlers, an SAB and SSA choir, an accordionist and a Scottish Country Dance Group.

After thirty-three tiring but enjoyable hours in our coach which was to become home for the next ten days, we arrived at the Hotel Vitkov, in the beautiful city of Prague. The following morning saw the first two of our six concerts whilst on tour. We travelled south to the town of Humpolec and presented our programme of mainly Scottish music to enthusiastic audiences from local schools, one of which was a specialist music school. The following day, after a conducted tour of the Chateau Veltrusy (famous for the filming of 'Amadeus') we were delighted to perform at the former fire station, the acoustics proving excellent. The large and extremely appreciative audience, which included an uncle and aunt of one of our F3 pupils, were thrilled with our performance and we were pleased to have contributed towards the cost of the gas heating system for their community centre.

We all really enjoyed the sightseeing tours of Prague – the Castle area, St Vitus Cathedral, the Old Town and the Lesser Town but I think our favourite was wandering amongst the numerous stalls in the Old Town Square with the local crafts for sale. Another memorable part of our walking tour was the Charles Bridge where there are dozens of stalls displaying pictures, jewellery and other local crafts. Despite the bustle Gandhi is reported to have said that out of the whole of Prague, the Charles Bridge had the best feeling about it for him. One evening we went to see the opera 'Don Giovanni' at the National Marionette Theatre. It was an opera with a difference – the beautiful music of Mozart – with a very entertaining performance from the puppets. Another enjoyable evening was spent having dinner at a Czech folklore restaurant. We were thrilled when we were asked to contribute to the evening's entertainment and were only too eager to give the international audience our rendition of 'Scots Wha Hae'. What a surprise too, to be approached by a couple from Broughty Ferry who recognised one of our staff!

Then on to Salzburg where we enjoyed two very interesting sightseeing trips – one on foot around the old city and the other the 'Sound of Music' tour which took us round the various locations of the film including a visit to Mondsee in the Austrian Lake District. The weather was glorious in Salzburg, which made for two very successful open-air concerts, one in the beautiful Mirabell gardens and the other in the mediaeval Kapitelplatz adjacent to the Cathedral. Both concerts drew international audiences who were extremely complimentary in their comments about our music making and us. Up above us was the Hohensalzburg fortress which we had visited in the morning. After a strenuous climb we were thrilled with the view over the city – a sight we will never forget.

We gave another presentation at the Musiches Gymnasium, a school which specialises in the creative arts. They expressed an interest in an exchange with us, which may be of some benefit to our artistically minded pupils in the future. Then for something completely different – a tour of the salt mines at Bad Durrnberg the original source of much of Salzburg's enormous wealth. We all enjoyed the visit especially dressing up in white suits, the trip on the subterranean lake and tobogganing down tree trunks, some of us several times! Evening entertainment wasn't for the faint hearted either. In our hotel, the Torrenerhoff in Golling, the staff organised a ceilidh, a disco and a karaoke to keep us amused – the latter certainly did! Another enjoyable evening was spent ten pin bowling in a nearby village.

Then sadly it was time to board our coach again with our two friendly drivers, Alan and Dave who provided entertainment in the form of quizzes and games to while away the long journey back to Dundee.

This was certainly an excellent trip and it has left us all with wonderful memories that will last forever.



Paris

The spring visit to Paris was as enjoyable as ever, and each morning we looked forward to the day's events with great excitement. The gleaming cathedral of Sacré-Coeur and the buzz of the Place du Tertre which heaved with artists and tourists was our first port of call and the rest of the week found us visiting the other main sights such as the impressive Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame. A drive down the Champs-Élysées and an evening sail on the Seine were spectacular, as were the shops – all that designer gear!

Two more treats awaited us, one a visit to the magnificent Château de Versailles built by Louis 14th, with its splendid rooms and even more splendid gardens and fountains and another to Eurodisney, where we had great fun on all the different rides.

Unfortunately our stay came to an all too sudden end and it was time to go home. We must thank everyone who made our trip possible and especially the teachers who accompanied us and made it all so much fun. We shall be back!

Italy

View from the hotel

During the trip to Italy pupils were asked to keep a diary. Here is a short selection of what they wrote.....

Friday 30th March - destination Rome

Woke up at 3am! Took the bus, got on the plane, took another bus and hey presto, landed in Rome. Sorry, but I am now too excited to write any more! (John Clarke)

Saturday 31st March - Vatican City

We made an early start today – thankfully not as early as yesterday – and took the metro into Rome. This left us only a short walk to the Vatican City. The queue was enormous but once in, we were dazzled by breathtaking architecture, paintings and statues. The Sistine Chapel was probably my favourite part of the indoor tour. We then went out into St Peter's Square and took our leave of the guide. For lunch I ate something strange that resembled a pizza then had about an hour to look round the stalls in the piazza. After a short walk along the river Tiber we took a local bus back to the hotel and had dinner at Chef Express in the Termini building. (Sarah Parlour)

Sunday 1st April - Downtown

Today we walked round most of the sights starting with the Colosseum. It was enormous yet what we saw was only a third of the size of the building when it was first put up. The floor had been taken away and we could see down into where the animal pits would have been. We then made our way to the Forum and saw where Julius Caesar was probably assassinated. After a nice lunch at the Piazza del Popolo we went on to the Piazza di Spagna, the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. (Alistair Bowie)

Monday 2nd April - the Catacombs

Got up at 7.30am today to make sure that we were all packed and ready for the bus – it arrived two hours late! However this gave us some time to do some extra shopping in the Termini building before setting off for Sorrento. On the way we visited the Catacombs which were very interesting. The early Christians must have been very small judging by the size of the hollows in the wall! We had lunch at a service station – this was my first real Italian pizza and it was yummy! The hotel in Sorrento is very nice and has an excellent view. We went down to the beach shortly after our arrival then had tea at the hotel. Later on Iggy took us down to get an ice-cream – it was very big and very delicious! (Katherine Matthew)

Tuesday 3rd April - Up Pompeii

We went to the most famous town in Italy today – Pompeii. It

was very interesting and the wealth of the town was easy to appreciate from the architecture and mosaics. I liked the amphitheatre best because we have been studying them in class.

In the afternoon we crossed to the lovely island of Capri and did some shopping. Afterwards we went to the other side of the island where we saw the clashing rocks and where we were given a history lesson on Hitler and his friend Krupp who once owned a villa there. (Robin Dunlop)

Wednesday 4th April - Vesuvius

Today we went to see the remains at Herculaneum. This town was built at sea level but when Vesuvius erupted it was buried under 25 feet of mud and ash. We saw many of the frescos and houses but not the amphitheatre since it is under the modern town.

After lunch we went up Mount Vesuvius (4000ft) although Mr Toley tried to persuade us not to go up as it was about to erupt. I think he was just a bit scared. By the time we got to the top our backs and calf muscles were aching! We were allowed to walk round the mouth of Vesuvius and look down into the crater to see how deep it was. From here the view over the Bay of Naples was spectacular. (Christine Jardine)

Thursday 5th April - Paestum

Had to make a long bus journey today. Saw some buffalos on the way and had mozzarella rolls for lunch. Paestum was older than the other sites we have visited since it had both Greek and Roman remains. I wondered what it would have looked like when it was first built, especially the Temples. Back at the hotel we performed our plays on the balcony in our togas. They were extremely funny but I think Glen's group was the best with the Caesar rap. Getting to go to a nightclub in the evening was a mega surprise. Seeing the teachers trying to dance was quite something! (Stuart Valentine)

Friday 6th April - going home

Get up nice and early, have breakfast of, you guessed it, a nice crusty roll and jam! Finish packing and lug my nice, heavy suitcase down to reception. Pack suitcase into the lift, race downstairs, retrieve suitcase and drag it to the bus. I am going to be so fit after carrying this lovely suitcase all over the place! Bus journey back to Rome with one stop. Catch plane to Heathrow. Fine. Buy a very nice Mickey Mouse tin. Coach arrives at the Pillars at 12am. Don't get home until 1.30am. My own comfy bed awaits me. At least I can sleep..... (Sarah Joy)

Thank you to Mr Toley, Mr & Mrs Parlour, Mr Meehan, Mrs Fletcher and Iggy for taking us and making it such an enjoyable and successful trip.



The Vatican



Chilling out in the small theatre



At the Clashing Rocks



The House of the Vettii



Sailing into Capri



Paestum



The Caesar Rap

London

Big apple and SQA duties dealt with, early June saw the Business Studies Department break camp and head for the smoke. Bonar no more. No expense or old favour string-pulling was spared. A full programme of opportunity was provided for job and career guidance seekers.

Insurance and banking, share dealing and bond brokering, publishing and estate leasing, all sounds pretty turgid stuff. Not so when you're with Business Studies. Demonstrated and delivered by Executives of the highest international calibre on football-pitch-size trading floors encased in steel and glass cathedrals of capitalism, the effect is galvanising - or terrifying.

It is important to allow pupils the experience so they can choose for themselves. Even identifying what you don't want to do is equally valid ... but without a first-hand insight, informed choice is minimised.

If a rung on a ladder is needed or a career choice confirmed, then summer placements and possible internships were on offer. As already stated, no expense was spared or string left unpulled.



Alas, Ageing staff and London nights no longer mix! Eyes and brains were dazed by the Imax Cyberworld Experience and the digestive process speeded-up on London's 430 foot rotating Eye. Gosh What fun! Imagine staff's further dismay on discovering that 'Chicago' was not about Al Capone and that they had to sit through two hours of Denise Van Outen as she danced in stockings and leotard. They was so dismayed, I sat through the second half and three encores to boot!

After four action packed days it was time to leave London. We were only there long enough to pick up a flavour of this exciting capital. Nothing of permanence rubbed off.

So with aching plates of meat which were beginning to pen and ink, John Gregs in need of hot Scottish water and some Bob Hope, it was time to slip out of the tin flutes, remove the Tom Foolery and take the old frog and toad back to Dundee with hardly a deep sea diver between us.

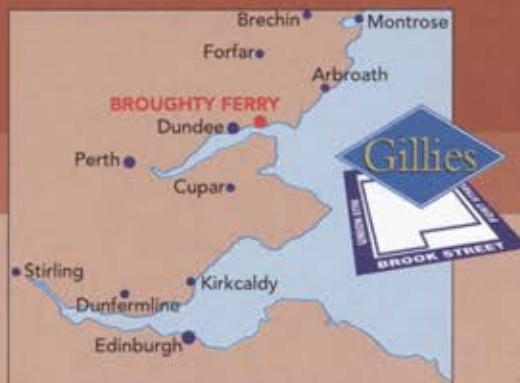
We hope the pupils' had their mince pies opened and that valuable lessons had been learned and even more valuable contacts made.... If so, then London's calling.



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The Patron's Association is looking to increase its membership in order to continue to offer support to the School and to the Foundation. The Patrons' Association is the oldest constituent body in the School Community having existed since 1834 as 'the Subscribers', being those who contributed at that time to the construction of the main School Building (known to generations as The Boys' School). The name was changed to ' The Patrons ' in 1986.

Membership of the Patrons provides an important link in the chain of support to the School. For example it allows parents of school leavers to continue their contact and maintain a family interest. As the patrons elect six Directors to the School Board it is important to have a broad membership from which to draw. The Partons now seek to create a higher profile and anticipate arranging social events with a view to increasing membership and participation.

Life membership costs £100 (corporate £500) and an application form is below. Please help to support the School and maintain membership of this important association.

Jim Coull (Chairman)

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The Dundee High School Trust Appeal Fund

The fund is established to provide funds for the advancement of the purposes of the school and the funds have been built up over a period of 30 years to the current level of approximately £1.1 million.

Each year the Trustees meet with the school and discuss with them the projects which the school has in mind. Funds are provided and thus the revenue of the fund is fully utilised. In some years relatively small grants are paid so that funds can build up to allow in other years a much more substantial grant for a bigger project. In the last year the Trustees, following such consultation, provided funding for the following projects :

- £26,400 for a general workshop and studio to promote the study of Drama
- £30,630 towards the provision of a 6th year Physics laboratory and darkroom
- £7,750 for a locker room for Form 2

Currently the trustees appointed by the Old Boys' Club are Alan Clark, Fraser Ritchie, Robin Winter and Kenneth Murray. The Trustees appointed by the Old Girls' Club are Margaret Stewart, Alison Stevenson, Isobel McCulloch and Sally Mearns. Those co-opted having an interest in the school are Fred Sieber, George Linton, Bill McFarlane-Smith and Grant Lindsay.

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

Fraser Ritchie (Secretary)

The Dundee High School Old Boys' Club

At the Annual General Meeting in November 2000 Mr Scott Landsburgh was elected President of the Club and Mr John Vannet 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 able 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

The Dundee High School Old Girls' Club

At the 69th Annual General Meeting held on Monday 5th March 2001 the following office bearers were elected :

President	Dr Jane Bruce
Vice President	Mrs Eileen Black
Junior Vice President	Mrs Annette Grewar
Secretary	Mrs Susan Reid
Assistant Secretary	Miss Jane Cumming
Treasurer	Miss Maggie Stewart
Committee Members	Mrs Sandra Johnston
	Mrs Carolyn Joss
	Mrs Alison Paterson
	Mrs Caroline Sim

The Old Girls' have had a very happy and eventful year under the Presidency of Mrs Norah Meikle.

Parents' Association Report

Under the leadership of chairperson Alyssen McKillop, the Parents' Association has been active within the school. A regular meeting with the Rector and Depute Rector gives a forum for office-bearers to discuss matters relating to the school and to assist in any way. The mulled wine and mince pies in the lunch hall after the Carol Service was well attended by school families. Refreshments were also provided as usual at the school productions *Alice* and *Daughters of Venice* at the Gardyne Theatre in June and were much appreciated. The Ceilidh in Bonar Hall in March was again a great success. Everyone enjoyed dancing to the music of Cutting Edge, not to mention the stovies !

Also appreciated by the parents and staff who attended was the *Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Information Evening* in Trinity Hall. Postponed due to inclement weather, it was well worth waiting for and was most informative about a subject that is a concern to all parents.

The Book Sale in the Girls' School Hall gave families the chance to buy and sell books and was a popular way to minimise expenses for the coming year.

The Parents' Association has donated money to the school to be used to purchase a video camera for the Junior School and for a display cabinet to be situated in the main entrance of the Senior School. In it will be displayed the school's achievements to visitors, pupils, parents and staff. While fund-raising is not its prime concern, this continues the Parents' Association's commitment to contributing towards the school and its facilities.

The committee always welcomes volunteers or nominations for new members and is receptive to any parental concerns and ideas to assist the school. It is very grateful for all assistance and support throughout the year.

Dr Helen M S Taylor

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.

*N Barclay
Secretary
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DD1 3RU*

June was a very busy month starting with Sports Day. The ' Tea Tent ' was as popular as ever and a big thank you must go to all the parents who kindly donated sandwiches and cakes and to all those who helped out. The following week the Old Girls were involved at the Millennium Fair helping to fund-raise for the Charities Committee. We broke with tradition on Leavers' Day and invited the boys to join us for the pre-lunch party. This was a great success and we hope to see the girls at Old Girls' functions in the near future.

The Old Girls' Golf Outing was held in August at Glenisla. It was an enjoyable day and this year's winner was Eileen Fraser. The Old Girls won the Old Boys v Old Girls golf match at Blairgowrie.

The annual get-together with the Old Boys was in the form of a Wine and Savouries Evening held at Mayfield in September and everyone had a very pleasant time.

One hundred ladies gathered for our annual reunion lunch at the Invercarise Hotel in November. It was good to see some of the younger members of the club attend this year. After the formalities the Old Girls were entertained by the Barbershop Quartet *Four in a Bar*.

We now look forward to another successful year under the Presidency of Dr Jane Bruce.

Susan G Reid (Honorary Secretary)

DHSFP Athletic Union

The past year has been a busy one for the Athletic Union although membership numbers are dropping. This seems to be a common problem throughout Scottish Sports Clubs however.

The Rugby Club was disappointed not to achieve promotion but it is a very young team and all are hopeful of progress this year.

The Cricket Club of course, is starting its Centenary Season and this was given a major boost by promotion into the National League at the end of last season.

All of the Clubs would welcome new members and appearance at Mayfield Clubrooms on a Tuesday, Thursday or at the weekend would be appreciated.

Collin T Graham (Secretary)

DHSFP Cricket Club

Year 2001 was truly historic for the FP Cricket Club as we celebrated our Centenary, and I think we did justice to those here now and those who have gone before, as we embarked on a series of memorable events and projects. Our first achievement was rightly on the playing side as we gained promotion to the National League, putting us in the top tier of Scottish cricket for the first time. This laid the perfect foundation for our big year, and we were soon to find that the playing membership had seldom been larger, with very healthy availability for our four XI's, two Senior and two Junior.

The cornerstone to our celebrations was the Gala Centenary Marquee Dinner held for 285 male guests in July at Dalnacraig. This venue too, was celebrating its Centenary so a marquee it had to be. It was a night that everyone present will remember for a long time. The speakers were brilliantly led by Freddie Trueman OBE and Doug Walters MBE, who provided a very topical Ashes double-act. Then at the end of June, the Centenary match was played against MCC at Dalnacraig, where a rain-affected (some things never change!) wicket nevertheless produced an excellent game of cricket. During the tea interval, the gift to the School of the Pavilion Clock was formally accepted by Mr Michael Duncan in an unveiling ceremony whilst the School and the FPCC flags fluttered from the new twin flagpoles. During May month a very imaginative event was held on the RRS Discovery. Twelve (100% turnout!) surviving Captains of the Club 1st XI dined at the 'Captain's Table' - the wardroom on Scott's 100 year-old (of course!) historic vessel. This too, was a memorable night filled with atmosphere and nostalgia.

A common thread throughout our Centenary year has been an acknowledgement to the School of the huge debt of gratitude owed by our Club for 100 years of cricket at Dalnacraig. To the Board, the Rector, my ex-classmate Mr Hutchison and the PE staff and to Mr Dave Connor and the Groundstaff, a humble and heartfelt Thank You. Obviously if it wasn't for the School we wouldn't have a Club!

It is therefore my very pleasant duty to report that the FP Cricket Club is a very healthy centenarian! And in order that season 2002 isn't too anti-climatic, we'll not be resting on our laurels!

Graham McLaren (President)



The DHSFP and MCC teams line-up before the Centenary Match at Dalnacraig on 27th June 2001. The Centenary Clock was unveiled the same day.



Sir Garfield Sobers, the world's greatest living cricketer, visited Dalnacraig on 5th June 2001 as part of the FPCC's Centenary Celebrations. He addressed the juniors before signing autographs.



FPCC President Graham McLaren welcomes 285 guests to the Gala Marquee Centenary Dinner at Dalnacraig on 6th June 2001. Guest speakers were Freddie Trueman OBE and Doug Walters MBE.

DHSFP Rugby Club

Season 2000-2001 was an extremely difficult season for many reasons. For the first time a lack of playing membership became a cause for concern with a number of 2nd XV matches having to be cancelled. A shortage of prop forwards also contributed to this state of affairs.

The 1st XV finished 4th in Premier 3 and without doubt should have finished much higher but for some indifferent performances. The 2nd XV finished at the bottom of the Scottish 2nd League but with no promotion or relegation due to League reconstruction, live to fight another day in the top league.

Two players, Colin Whittaker and Allan Brown won International Honours at U21 level whilst Dougie McLaren won his first International cap at U18.

We wish to place on record our sincere thanks to the School and the PE Department for their continuing support and of course the Groundstaff for their efforts in providing first-class facilities.

David P McNicol (Club Manager)

DHSFP Badminton Club

Around twelve members continue to meet each Tuesday evening from September to March at St Stephens and West Church in Broughty Ferry. It is a non-competitive club and new members will be made most welcome. For further information please contact **Julie Lemon** 01382 779687 or **Susan Reid** 01382 350693.

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 obtained from :

Linda Stirling Tel : 01382 459039

Pam Leslie Tel : 01382 730651

Carol Lamb Tel : 01382 534527

Ladies' Hockey

Centenary

On Sunday 17th September 2000 Mayfield pavilion and Dalnacraig playing fields provided the venue for an historic girls hockey match between the first XI teams of the High School and Morrison's Academy, Crieff. These two schools first played a match together in October 1900 and a 50th anniversary match was played in 1950. The September 2000 match was organised to mark the centenary and to keep the tradition alive. All but one of the 1950 High School team were successfully traced and most managed to attend despite the fact that the event occurred at the height of the UK petrol crisis. Elizabeth Robertson travelled from Virginia and Beatrice Ross returned from Ontario to celebrate the occasion and meet former team mates again. Netta Spence, Pamela Crichton, Mamie Bone and Muriel Sim also attended as did the umpire from the 1950 match, Mrs Catherine Grant (better known as Tommy Spreull). Sir Roger Young whose mother Ruth Wilson was the 1900 team captain, was special guest for the day and made the presentations. The event was relaxed and informal and everyone who attended enjoyed the celebrations.

The High School won the match comfortably 2-0 and team captain Jayne Arbuckle was presented with a Centenary Salver kindly donated by Dr Joyce Hunter, a former pupil who was Scottish Cap in 1956.

In the 1900 match our squad was defeated 8-0 which was attributed to the fact that the Morrison's team had formed much earlier and consequently had more experience. An article in the Strathern Herald indicates that the score in the 1950 match was 3-2 in favour of Morrison's, but the ladies who played in the match all disputed this result most vociferously, claiming that the High School was victorious!

The line-up of the two teams, the High School of Dundee and Morrison's, before the historic Centenary match



Academic Success (as known)

University of Aberdeen

2000

Anderson, Rory Ross	BSc (Hons) Psychology
Bennett, Anthony Andrew	B Land Economy (Hons)
Dargie, Colon S A	BSc Agriculture
Kay, Roger	B Land Economy (Hons) Urban Surveying and Planning
Orr, Christopher G	MA (Hons) Economic Science
Parratt, James Simon	B Land Economy (Hons) Urban Surveying and Planning
Reid, John William	BSc Agriculture

University of Cambridge

2000

Stevenson, John	BA (Hons) Geology
Titterington, Jane	BA (Hons) Engineering

University of Dundee

2000

Brown, David	BDS
Buttars, Grant	MA (Hons)
Cargill, Ross	LLB (Hons)
Chan, Jonathan	BAcc (Hons)
Durk, Natalie	BAcc (Hons)
Gadalla, Jonathan	MA (Hons)
Gadalla, Anne	BSc (Hons) Science
Gordon, Shelley	MBChB
Hopton, Jonathan	BSc (Hons) Engineering
Hutcheson, Adam	BSc (Hons)
Lee, Corina	MBChB
McLeod, Juliet	MA Hotel and Catering Management
Parr, John	MBChB
Robb, Alan	BAcc
Scrimgeour, Roderick	MA
Stevenson, Howard	BSc (Hons) Science
Willis, Alastair	MBChB
Winton, Joanna	MA Hotel and Catering Management

University of Edinburgh

2000

Hope, Kirsty Mather	BCom (Hons) Business Studies and French
Laird, Sarah Kay	BCom (Hons) Business Studies
Lawson, Joanna	Bcom (Hons) Business Studies

University of Glasgow

2000

Cunningham, Graham Andrew	BSc (Hons)
Hunter, Emma	LLB (Hons)
Hunter, Graeme Ian	BSc (Hons)

University of Leeds**2000**

Walker, Sarah

BA (Hons) Broadcasting Studies

University of York**2000**

Dawson, Julian

BSc (Hons) Economics

University of Cambridge**2001**

Stevenson, John

M Sci

Titterton, Jane

M Eng

University of Dundee**2001**

Allen, Sonja

MBChB

Bremner, Julie

MA (Hons) Psychology

Campbell, Stuart

BDS

Corstorphine, Kevin

MA (Hons First Class) English and Philosophy

Donnachie, Cheryl

MA (Hons) Psychology

Duffus, Lesley

MA

Fullerton, Jill

Diploma in Nursing

Golden, Maurice

MA (Hons) Economics and Modern History

Hansen, Richard

MBChB

McAree, Laura

MA (Hons) Psychology

Mullen, Lucy

MA Food and Welfare Studies

Nicoll, David

MA (Hons) Business Economics, Marketing and Modern History

Glinn, William

BSc (Hons First Class) Zoology

Reid, Kirsten

BSc (Hons) Pharmacology

Scrimgeour, Samantha

Bachelor of Nursing

Smith, Damian

MA (Hons) Geography and Modern History

Smith, Euan

MA in Hotel and Catering Management

Stone, Michael

MA (Hons) Business Economics and Marketing

Thomson, Emily

Bachelor of Nursing

University of Glasgow**2001**

Adam, Rhian Katherine

BSc(Hons) Microbiology

Bodie, Alan John

MA (Hons) Economics and Management

Cran, Dawn

MA (Hons) History

Gowans, Elliot David James

MA (Hons) Philosophy

Methven, Shona

BSc(Hons) Clinical Medicine

University of St Andrews**2001**

Lacaille, Louise

MA (Hons First Class) Languages

Weddings

Terry Cowan and Karen Leadbitter were married in May 2000 in Queen Margaret's Chapel, Edinburgh.

Craig Samson and Rebecca Gooday were married in July 2000 in Rubislaw Church, Aberdeen.

Colin Houston and Lesley McDonald were married in August 2000 in Broughty Ferry East Church, Dundee.

Tudor Lloyd and Amanda Frakes were married in October 2000 in Eglise Bourg St Christophe, France.

Scott Mather and Laura Irving were married in October 2000 in Fern Church, Brechin.

Neil Young and Karen Boot were married in October 2000 in the Royal Masonic School, Rickmansworth.

Andrew Boggon and Janice Kilpartick were married in November 2000 in Inchtute Church, Inchtute.

Fraser Robertson and Sarah Roberts were married in November 2000 in Palm Springs, California.

Anthony Edwards and Carolyn McDonald were married in March 2001 in Broughty Ferry East Church, Dundee.

Ian Hannah and Lisa Walker were married in May 2001 in St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee.

Donald Smith and Jenni Bett were married in June 2001 in Kingennie House, Kingennie.

Error

The editor wishes to apologise to Miss Lucy Kelman and her family for any embarrassment caused when her wedding was reported erroneously in the Review 2000.

Obituaries

Burnett, Gerry A

Mr Burnett, a former Dundee Chartered Surveyor, who spent more than 45 years with Lickley, Proctor & Burnett, the company that bore his family name, died in Ninewells hospital. Mr Burnett, whose father George was one of the original partners in the firm, followed in his father's footsteps by choosing a career in Chartered Surveying. He started in 1947 and rose to become a senior partner in the firm before taking up a consultancy post two and a half years before his retirement in 1994.

Outside his working life Mr Burnett was an enthusiastic member of Dundee Rotary Club which he served as President of the Club between 1975 and 1976. He was a past chairman of the Deaf Association in Dundee, served as a property convenor of Dundee Chamber of Commerce and was also a prominent member of the Kirk session of Dundee Parish Church (St Mary's). His other interests included golf, gardening and fishing.

Low, William JP CBE

Mr Low, one of Tayside's most prominent businessmen, died in Strathcathro Hospital following a short illness. He was 79. He joined the family firm of Low Brothers & Company in Dundee in 1930 and he later served in the Indian Army, rising to the rank of Major.

He retired as chairman of the textile company Don & Low (Holdings) in 1989 but remained actively involved in industry both past and present until the mid-1990s as the first chairman of both Scottish Enterprise Tayside (SET) and Dundee Heritage Trust. During his long career he served on numerous trade bodies and was a past president of Dundee Enterprise Trust. He was also a former provost of Kirriemuir and member of Angus County Council.

Mr Low who was a JP, became a CBE in 1984 and was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Law from Dundee University in the early 1990s. His drive and enthusiasm played a major part in bringing *Discovery* back to the city, and once here, in finding funds needed to refurbish it to its current standard. He enjoyed a long and fruitful involvement with Dundee Heritage Trust too, and became its first chairman in 1984. The Trust and its operating company Dundee Industrial Heritage are responsible for the *Verdant Works* jute mill museum which has helped to raise Dundee's profile as a tourist destination. On his retirement Mr Low was made a life member of the Friends of Dundee Heritage Trust in 1996.

His contributions to public life also included charity work, in particular his latter work with Kirriemuir Day Care and his chairmanship of East of Scotland Water. Sport played an important part in his life and he was a past president of both Scottish Midlands Lawn Tennis Associations as well as being non-playing captain of the Scottish tennis team.

Mr Low, who lived in Kirriemuir, is survived by his wife Elizabeth, sons Barclay and Crawford and grandchildren Christopher, Sarah and Jennifer.

Mackintosh, George

Mr George Mackintosh, the co-founder of Dundee-based Radio Tay, died suddenly after a short illness. He was 54. Mr Mackintosh began his journalistic career with the Fife Herald in Cupar. He then joined Aberdeen Journals and worked on the Press and Journal before moving to Glasgow and the Daily Express whence he moved into broadcasting with Radio Clyde, where he became senior news organiser. In 1980 he became part of the team that launched Radio Tay in Dundee and remained there as director of programmes for five years before forming his own PR and media company. Mr Mackintosh was responsible for the launch of Kingdom FM in Fife, of which he remained a director, and was involved in the setting up of Dundee-based Discovery Radio, now called Wave 102.

In the few hours he was not concentrating on media matters, Mr Mackintosh was a keen golfer and member of the Panmure Club.

Marshall, Andrew

Andrew, who was president of the Broughty Ferry Lawn Tennis Club and a well-known figure throughout Scottish tennis circles, died suddenly. He was 49. He was a past president of the Midlands Lawn Tennis Association and was still actively involved in tennis at Midlands level as a league secretary. Mr Marshall was also a committee member of the Scottish Lawn Tennis Association and acted as a referee at a number of tournaments. He was a keen table-tennis player too.

After graduating with a BSc degree from Dundee University Andrew worked as a civil engineer with Tayside Regional Council before transferring to Angus Council upon reorganisation in 1996.

Philip, Herbert D MBE

Mr Philip, former chairman of Watson & Philip, the well-known food wholesale company which had its headquarters in Dundee for many years, died at the age of 84. A great grandson of one of the company's founders, he was instrumental in building it up into the biggest independent food wholesaler in Scotland. He was chairman from 1953 until 1976 after which he retired to live in the south of France and then Portugal, before finally settling in Auchterarder in Perthshire.

Two years ago he was invited back to Dundee for a civic reception to mark Watson & Philip's 125 years in the city. He met other former directors and chairmen at the event held in the McManus Galleries, and was presented with an engraved decanter and glasses. It was not long after that occasion that the company changed its name to Alldays and moved its headquarters to Southampton.

After leaving school Mr Philip joined his father's firm as a salesman. On the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, he went overseas with the 303 Royal Artillery and was in the Dunkirk evacuation. He was then transferred to the third division and took part in the North Africa landing under General Montgomery. He was awarded the MBE in 1943 for gallant and distinguished services while acting as a temporary major. In the closing months of the war in 1945 he was attached to the Movements Branch, Headquarters 15th Army Group and for his actions he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement by the United States at a ceremony in the American Embassy in London. He was demobilised with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and in 1947 he became a director of Watson and Philip. He played a prominent role in forming the firm's Glasgow manufacturing side, with Watson and Philip opening factories in that city for the production of chocolate goods and baker's sundries.

Mr Philip travelled abroad extensively, visiting Canada and America twice and also Greece and Crete. Additionally he made several trips to Scandinavian countries, Holland and France in connection with the importation of various foodstuffs.

Mr Philip was a keen sportsman and in the early part of his life he played rugby for Panmure, cricket for Forthill and represented the Midlands district as a member of the West End Tennis Club. When living in Glasgow he played golf and became captain of Buchanan Castle Club. He was also a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

Thomson, Margaret (née Hutton)

Mrs Thomson, a long-serving teacher and former director of the High School, died suddenly in Ninewells Hospital. She was 77. Born and brought up in Albany Terrace, Mrs Thomson's first taste of the High School came as a pupil when she completed her primary and secondary education there. After leaving school, she attended the University of St Andrews where she studied for an MA in History and Economics. Upon completion of her degree, Mrs Thomson moved to Harrogate to help in the war effort by joining the Ministry of Aircraft Production. After the war she returned to Dundee to take teaching qualifications.

Her first teaching post was in the secondary department of the High School where she taught for a few years before leaving to have a family. Following a ten-year break, she returned to the school to teach in the preparatory department, retiring at the age of 50. After retirement she became a School Director, a post she held for 18 years.

Outside school she was a keen hill-walker and was a member of the Grampian Mountain Climbing Club. She also took a great interest in Dundee University's Botanic Garden which was partly established on land owned by her family off Perth Road, and was a founder member of the Friends of the Botanic Garden group.

Mrs Thomson is survived by her husband Douglas, her three sons Sandy, Ken and Michael and four grandchildren.

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