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foreword

In May 2002 the updated and revamped school website was launched. Within the first month it had had twelve thousand hits from all over the world. In this electronic age it is possible to analyse in countless ways the frequency of visits to the website and from where they originate.

To analyse the frequency with which the Review 2002 will be read or the number of readers is impossible. Nevertheless, it co-exists comfortably with modern means of communication.

This is the final magazine to be edited by Mrs I E Duncan. During her six years as Editor, it has become bigger, brighter and even better. Her enthusiasm, ideas, meticulous planning and hard work have ensured that the life of the School is communicated successfully through the pages of the annual review to its many readers. This edition is no exception.

A M Duncan
Rector



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Rector

prefects 2001 - 2002



Back (l to r): Nicholas Newton, Jamie Grewar, John Bryden, Russell Macleod, Adam Knowles, Christian Penhale

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rector's report

Mr Chairman, Mr & Mrs Macmillan Douglas, guests, ladies and gentlemen, pupils of the School. It may well be a sign of advancing age on my part, but it seems scarcely believable that twelve months have passed since we last gathered for prize-giving. On one level, nothing much changes within a school year; each day is divided into forty minute blocks of time, weeks make up terms and terms give a session. Within that framework there are the fixed points of examinations, reports, parents' evenings and, of course, the Rector's Annual Report. If I were to repeat the same report each year and only substitute different names would anyone notice?

I believe they would. Each session brings its own unique combination of people and events. The wider world we inhabit today is different from twelve months ago – the tragic events of September 11th have seen to that – and that puts into perspective events in our own lives.

Recently the Scottish Executive launched a National Debate on education; five national priorities for Scottish education have been identified: the thrust of the Standards in Scotland's Schools Act 2000 is for continuing improvement and raising of Standards and applies to both the state and independent sectors. Against that background, there is also a recognition of the value of diversity in educational provision and the independent sector contributes significantly in that regard. To seek improvement, to raise standards, to provide opportunities for our young people is central to our endeavours. Standing still is not and cannot be an option.

“significant development in accommodation and resources”

This session has seen the most significant development in accommodation for a number of years. The Robert Fergusson Building, officially opened in March by Dr Brian Lang, Principal of St Andrews University; a new technology centre and expansion in laboratory provision have provided the School with increased and enhanced resources which enable us to provide a modern curriculum and accommodate an increasing school roll.

Interest in the School and demand for places remains strong: there was a 30% increase on the previous year's high figure in the number of visitors to our Open Morning in October and the School roll next August will increase in both Junior and Senior School with already some year groups full. We have sought to increase the School's profile by introducing television advertising and only last month we launched our revised and updated school website. For those of you interested in such facts, the website had twelve thousand hits within the first month from all over the world including Kazakhstan and Costa Rica!

“demand for places is high – some year groups already full”

But what really counts is the human contact within a school – the interaction of pupils, staff and parents. As I said earlier, we seek to provide opportunities and the activities and successes of

this year bear testimony to the responses which the pupils have made to these opportunities.

Performance in the 2001 SQA examinations was exceptionally good with 98% gaining at least Grade 3 at Standard Grade and a pass rate of 95% in Higher in Form 5. I want to highlight the performance of one pupil in particular, Kirsty Dewar achieved the top mark in Scotland in Higher Physics and Higher Chemistry; to achieve this in one subject is remarkable, to achieve it in two is outstanding.

In September, HMI paid a follow-up visit to the Inspection in 1999 and expressed satisfaction with the progress which the School had made on the points of action identified in the Inspection.

Changes to a curriculum take time to bed down and a number of sessions must pass before it is possible to judge the impact of change. Four years ago, French was introduced in the Junior School and two years ago two languages other than English became the norm within E1/E2 curriculum. The year group which has been exposed to that wider language provision is now about to enter Form 3 and it is pleasing that the numbers selecting one foreign language or two for Standard Grade is the highest ever. At a time of continuing concern over the decline in modern languages nationally, I am pleased that we are bucking the trend and that we are also seeing a resurgence of interest in Latin.

“bucking the trend in Modern Languages and Latin”

The use of IT within the curriculum is now an integral part of virtually every subject in Senior School and we are continuing to extend this within the Junior School with IT becoming a formal part of the curriculum from E4 next session.

On the face of it, one would not immediately regard Chemistry as a subject which lends itself easily to a national competition. This year four pupils have proved how misplaced such an assumption would be. Top of the Bench is a UK wide competition and this year was



Kirsty Dewar receives her award for achieving the top mark in Scotland in Higher Physics and Higher Chemistry



Winners of the Top of the Bench competition of 2003. Emily Pringle, Catherine Jung, Kiyo Adya and Toby Davies (Presenting to the Royal Society of Chemistry)

won for the first time by a Scottish team – and a High School team at that. Emily Pringle, Kiyo Adya, Catherine Jung and Toby Davies emerged overall winners in the final round, held in London at Easter.

Twenty-nine other schools from UK and

Ireland and the British School in Brussels also made the final. I should add that we have already booked a place in the National Final in 2003. In congratulating the pupils, let me also thank Mr Norman Forrest who has organised the School teams for a number of years.

In the UK Mathematical Challenge Competitions seventy-three pupils gained certificates thirty-nine of which were at gold or silver level. Three of our pupils were invited to enter the follow-up competition – the UK Junior Mathematics Olympiad. We have heard only this week that Steven King won a silver medal and book prize – the first time a High School pupil has won a medal at this level. How appropriate that this should have happened in the final year in school of his Maths teacher, Mr Bell.

Another first in competitions this year was the success of

Matthew Atkins and Catherine Jung in winning the debating competition for pupils in First to Third Year run by the Courier and St Andrews University. Our senior debaters participated in nine major national



Catherine Jung and Matthew Atkins won the Schools Debating Competition sponsored by The Courier and The Royal Bank of Scotland

competitions clocking up

four hundred and eighty-eight minutes of competitive debating. School teams reached the final of the Oxford and Edinburgh Competitions and won the Dundee University Competition retaining the trophy won last year. Gavin Illsley and James Moir made up the team with Gavin also being awarded the prize for

the Best Individual Speaker for the second year running. Much of the credit for the School's continuing high reputation in debating is due to the coaching of Mr Durrheim and Mrs McGrath.

For hundreds of our pupils, the School week is not five days but five and a half with Saturday morning given over to representing the School in team sports and for those selected for teams at district and national level it is often a seven day week. This session



Gavin Illsley was awarded the prize for Best Individual Speaker for the second year running at the Dundee University Debating Competition

the 1st XV won the Madras Tournament and the girls' 1st XI won the same tournament and also the Midlands under 18 tournament. In rugby Niall Dymock and Ian Nimmo were selected to play for Scotland U-18 'A' team and in boys' hockey



Lewis McConnachie was selected to play for the Scotland U18 team in hockey

mention the L6 netball team who won their league competition. Most recently in Dundee Schools Sports seven out of eight age group trophies were won by the School with Maria Thomas winning the sprints trophy and Colin Goudie the jumps trophy.

Ladies and gentlemen, in highlighting these achievements I am conscious that there are other sporting successes too numerous to mention. In celebrating this, let us also remember all those who willingly and enthusiastically take part week in week out. Whether or not they are winners, they bring credit to themselves and the School. Let me also pay tribute to the PE Department who devote so much time and effort in coaching. In particular I want to thank Mr Sandy Hutchison, who gives up as Head of PE today, for his dedication over so many years in furthering sport within the School. There are many who have achieved sporting success at the highest levels whose careers began at school under the guidance of Sandy Hutchison.

Last year, restrictions introduced because of the foot and mouth outbreak, caused problems for Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions. The backlog was completed by early September and in the course of the session fourteen Bronze and six Silver awards have been presented with two former pupils achieving gold. The healthy state of the Award Scheme owes much to the assistance of many members of staff ably led by Miss Sheila Cannon.

Earlier this month the Scottish Schools' CCF Pipe Band Championships were held at Glasgow Academy. Last year in the Under 14 CCF Junior Drumming Competition, Scott Anderson, now in Form I, came second.



I (left) - Ian Nimmo and Neil Dymock were selected to play for the Scotland U18 'A' team in rugby

Lewis McConnachie was selected to play for Scotland at U-18. Jenni Kilgallon represented Scotland in the Schools Home International for swimming. I should also



Jenni Kilgallon represented Scotland in the Schools Home International for swimming



In the Junior Solo Drumming section of The Scottish Schools CCI Pipes and Drums Competition, Scott Anderson was placed first and was awarded The Douglas Henderson Memorial Cup and Shield

This year he was first confirming him as one of the leading drummers in the country.

Drama has always had an important role in the School and now that it is established within the curriculum an increasing number of pupils pursue its study at Intermediate 2 and at Higher. Earlier in the year Form 3 and Form 4 pupils visited London for a theatre weekend and a group of girls won a place in the national final of a Schools Theatrical Make-Up Competition. Perhaps some of the U-L3 pupils who, as always, provided a delightful pre Christmas entertainment with the Nativity Play "The Town that forgot it was Christmas" will see that as the starting point for a theatrical career.

sooner is one musical activity completed than another begins. Last week's vibrant production of Calamity Jane was not the end. On Monday of this week a recording was made for a CD and a Strings Soirée was held in the evening - and very shortly we



The performers in the Strings Soirée held on Monday 24th June in Denny Hall

shall hear from a group of our brass players. My thanks go to all members of the Music Department and to all the pupils for the pleasure which music in the High School gives to so many.

A school is a community; learning and teaching in a classroom or a laboratory; competing on a games field, making music, taking part in school trips whether to Berlin or Broughty Ferry, re-enacting Bannockburn at Mayfield - these are the realities, the experiences of education.

I began, Mr Chairman, by referring to opportunities. Over two thousand five hundred years ago, Hippocrates, the Greek

physician, wrote "Time is that wherein there is opportunity, and opportunity is that wherein there is no great time." That is the challenge for those providing education and for those who are receiving it. Yes, education must adapt to the circumstances of the time as the developing electronic age testifies but many of the essential elements and values are timeless; respect for oneself, respect for others; working together; accepting responsibilities.

The events, the successes to which I have referred this morning, in different ways, manifest such values. Together they contribute to that concept

which we all understand but which is so difficult to explain - the ethos of a school.

It is right to celebrate success, to congratulate but not be self congratulatory. We are not and must never be an inward looking institution but one which seeks its place within and contributes to the wider community.

The staff of a school - teaching and non-teaching - is its most valuable asset and I am, indeed, most fortunate in the dedication and professionalism of my colleagues.

Finally, let me thank the pupils. To those of you returning in August - enjoy your holiday. In twelve months time, I shall be able to report on your responses to opportunities provided in the next session - and your endeavours will ensure that, again, it will be a different Rector's Report.

To the leavers: you are about to step on to a new and wider stage with greater and as yet unknown opportunities awaiting you. Build upon what you have achieved in the High School and wherever you go, whatever you do, seize your opportunities with both hands.



A scene from the Prep Department's, (U-L3) Nativity Play "The Town that forgot it was Christmas"

This year the School has embarked on a new venture in partnership with Dundee College through the establishment of the Discovery School of Theatre Arts which is open to children - from all schools - between the ages of ten and eighteen. Running on Saturday mornings in term time, the pupils are coached in dance, drama and music. After a successful inaugural year, enrolment for the new session is now underway. Mr Roger Illsley who is Principal of DSTA is to be congratulated on its achievements.

"Discovery School of Theatre Arts established for all"

I referred earlier to the large numbers of pupils who show commitment to sport. The same can be said of Music. In the current session four hundred and twenty-nine pupils receive instrumental lessons and that number will increase. In addition to concerts at Christmas and Spring, our pupils are in increasing demand to play at charity functions throughout the City. No

school duxes 2001 - 2002



Back (l to r): Anna Mackay, Ewan Goudie

Row 3 (l to r): Fiona McCulloch, Julia Black, Jennifer Allison, Toby Davies, Kirsty Dewar, David Clark, Ruth Dunlop, Finlay Stewart, Ngairé Linton, Jennifer Davie

Row 2 (l to r): Cheryl Rhodes, Neil Dewar, Emily Pringle, Steven King, Douglas Dorward, Baldur Karlsson, Mary Reid, Jamie Foulis, Catherine Jung

Front (l to r): Ruth Foulis, Catriona Wilson

annual prizegiving

Harris Gold Medal & David Gray Book Prize for Dux of School

Kirsty Dewar (Sciences)
Ruth Dunlop (Arts)

Erskine Prize for Head of School (Boys)

Rob Strachan

Lowson Prize for Head of School (Girls)

Elise Yu

Dr John M Morgan Prizes for Service to School (Boys)

Alan Clark
Ralph Gemmell
Eryk Kedra
Duncan Lean
Finlay Stewart
Gavin Taylor
Robbie Young

Bain Prizes for Service to School (Girls)

Tahira Akbar
Clare Waugh

Armitstead Trust Prize for Dux in English

Ruth Dunlop

Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Dux in Classical Studies

Ngairé Linton

Armitstead Trust Prize for Dux in French

Cheryl Rhodes

Consulate General's Prize for German in Form 6

Alex McDowell

W E Crichton Prize for Dux in Spanish

Cheryl Rhodes

Elko Takahashi Prizes for Excellence in Modern Languages

Cheryl Rhodes

Dott Memorial Prize for Dux in Mathematics

Finlay Stewart

Dr Evelyn Gow Prize for Science

Kirsty Dewar

Frank Young Prize for Dux in Natural Science

Kirsty Dewar

Frank Young Prize for Dux in Chemistry

Kirsty Dewar

Brian McNeill Prize for Dux in Biology

Kirsty Dewar

Jacuk Prize for Dux of Physics

Finlay Stewart

Sibbald Prize for Dux in Geography

Jennifer Davie

Sir John Leng Trust Prize for Dux in History

Ruth Dunlop

Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Dux in Modern Studies

Ruth Dunlop

J Torrington Bell Prize for Dux in Art

Ellidh Greig

Mhairi Henderson Cup and Rector's Prize for Dux in Physical Education - Girls

Anna Mackay

Rector's Prize for Higher Modern Studies

Natalie Ryce

Caird Prize for Higher Business Management

Susan Inglis

Rector's Prize for Higher Physical Education
Ewan Goudie

E M Stewart Prize for English in Form 5
Rebecca White

Robert Biggar Prize for Geography in Form 5
James Blake

Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for History in Form 5
David Clark

Rector's Prize for Economics in Form 5
Stewart Arbuckle

James Stevenson Memorial Prize for French in Form 5
David Clark

Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Spanish in Form 5
Patrick Pitcaithly

Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Classical Studies in Form 5
Tom Clark

James Stevenson Memorial Prize for German in Form 5
Douglas Friedberg

J B Melkdejohn Prizes for Mathematics in Form 5
Boys – Stewart Arbuckle
Girls – Jennifer Allison

Christopher and Philip Daft Prize for Physics in Form 5
James Strachan

Sandy Wardlaw Memorial Trophy and Book Prize for Chemistry in Form 5
David Clark

Glenday Award for Biology in Form 5
Stuart Goudie

Isabella Hunter Award for Art in Form 5
Martini Baillie

Graeme Matheson-Bruce Prize for best pupil in Higher Grade Music
Emma Peebles

Alan Hall Prize for Technological Studies in Form 5
James Strachan

Rector's Prize for Computing Studies in Form 5
Tom Brian

Dennis J Paterson Prize for Dux of Form 5
Boys – David Clark

Caroline S Low Prize for Dux of Form 5
Girls – Jennifer Allison

Merit Prizes in Form 5
Stewart Arbuckle
Stuart Goudie
Gavin Illsley
Patrick Pitcaithly
James Strachan
Rebecca White
Derek Wong

R S L Macpherson Prize for Dux of Form 4
Boys – Toby Davies

Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Dux of Form 4
Girls – Julia Black

Merit Prizes in Form 4
Rory Baxter
Sally Brunton
Sandy Farmer
Laura Geddes
Carla Hogg

Merit Prizes in Form 4 (continued)
Simon Jones
David McCulloch
James Moir
Catherine Peters
Amanda Pringle
Lucy Sneddon

Jane Spiller Prize for Dux of Form 3 Boys
Baldur Karlsson

Jane Spiller Prize for Dux of Form 3 Girls
Catherine Jung

Merit Prizes in Form 3
Tahrima Abedin
Kiyo Adya
Glen Christie
Iona Friedberg
Fiona Gibson
Colin Goudie
Ramsay Hall
Keith Ip
Sarah Parlour
David Poulton
John Sneddon

Neil Fraser Cup and Prize for All-Round Ability in Form 2 Boys
Steven King

Prize for All-round Ability in Form 2 Girls
Emily Pringle

R S L Macpherson Prize for Dux of Form 2 Girls
Mary Reid

R S L Macpherson Prize for Dux of Form 2 Boys
Jamie Foulis

Merit Prizes in Form 2
Andrew Black
Jenna Bradley
Neil Crosby
Mairi Cunningham
Lucy Doogan
Heather Ferguson
Eleanor Geddes
Judith Kilgallon
Lewis McNicol
Ailsa Murray
Sophie Thomson

Florence Whytock Memorial Prize for Dux of Form 1 Girls
Fiona McCulloch

Robertson Prize for Dux of Form 1 Boys
Neil Dewar

Alexander Mill White Prizes for All-Round Ability in Form 1
Boys – Douglas Dorward
Girls – Fiona McCulloch

Merit Prizes in Form 1
Andrew Blake
Steven Boath
Charlotte Farmer
Caroline Foubister
Sukhdeep Gill
Ismael Hussein
Christopher Respinger
Laura Treece
Robyn Watt

Block Prize for Creative Writing in Forms 4 to 6
James Strachan

Old Boys' Club Prize for Creative Writing in Forms 1 to 3
Kiyo Adya

Beddington Trophy and Chess Club Prize
Kader Chowdhury

Trophy And Chess Club Prize for Girls
Susan Liu

Intermediate Trophy and Chess Club Prize
Matthew Atkins

A S Drummond Prizes for Reading and Public Speaking in Forms 1 to 3
Vikash Vashishta
Lucy Doogan

Rorie Trophy for the Inter-House Debating Competition
Airlie

Dennis J Paterson Prize and Trophy for the best individual speaker in the Inter-House Debates
Gavin Illsley

Old Girls' Club Trophy for the Inter-House Public Speaking Competition
Airlie

Cambridge Gavel for Contribution to Debating
Gavin Illsley

High School Quaich for the Best All-Round Instrumentalist
Emma Peebles

Larg Prize for Piano – Open (Grade 7 and above)
Emma Peebles

Larg Prize for Woodwind – Open (Grade 7 and above)
Gavin Illsley

Larg Prize for Strings – Open (Grade 7 and above)
Emma Peebles

Larg Prize for Brass – Open (Grade 7 and above)
Jennifer Hopkins

Larg Prize for Vocal – Open (Grade 7 and above)
Emma Peebles

Prize for Grade 6 Woodwind
Catherine Jung

Prize for Grade 6 Piano
Rory Baxter

Prize for Grade 6 Strings
Andrew Bell

Prize for Grade 6 Vocal
Ross Croll

Prize for Grade 5 Piano
Kirsty Watson

Prize for Grade 5 Woodwind
Jennifer Tyler

Prize for Grade 5 Strings
Sophie Sneddon

Prize for Grade 5 Brass
Graham Caskie

Prize for Grade 5 Vocal
Jennifer Watson

Southgate Prize for Musical Ensemble

Rory Baxter
Toby Davies
Sarah Dorward
Jamie Yule

Leng Silver Medals for Singing

Boy – Douglas Dorward
Girl – Sophie Cargill

D Arnot Shepherd Travel Scholarship(s)

Eldh Greig
Charlotte Penhale

Douglas Henderson Memorial Cup for Best Junior Drummer

Scott Anderson

Simon Newton Memorial Trophy for Commitment in Music and Sport

Rebecca White

Games Merit Scarves

Jenni Kilgallon (Swimming)
Lewis McConnachie (Hockey)

Ties for International Recognition

Alan Fraser
Jenni Kilgallon
Lewis McConnachie
Emma Peebles
Christian Penhale
Freya Smaill
Eoin Smaill
Elizabeth Tainsh

The Dr Rita Forrest Prize for Art in L7

Boys – Patrick Haddow
Girls – Lindsay Tannock

The Hutton Prize for Environmental Studies in L7

Camilla Chan

The Walter Smith Memorial Prize for Drama in L7

Catriona Wilson

Old Girls' Prize for Creative Writing in L7

Tom Emslie-Smith

Prizes for General Excellence in L6

Sarah Acheson
Alex Ferguson
Iain Kennedy
Lauren Pringle
Maud Sampson
Rachael Sinclair

Prizes for General Excellence in L7

Claire Barclay
Scott Clayson
Anthony Dent
Caitlin McDonald
Sarah Nimmo

John McLennan Prize for Proxime Accessit

Adam Robertson

E M Stewart prize for Dux of the Junior School

Ruth Foulis
Catriona Wilson

Stark Cup for Public Speaking

Tom Emslie-Smith

Robbie Prize for Public Speaking

Jilly Vannet

Leng Medal for Singing

Lindsay Tannock

Marshall Prize for Recorder

Kirsty McEwan

Prize for Grade 4 Strings

Jilly Vannet

Prize for Grade 2 Woodwind

Catriona Wilson

Prize for Grade 3 Brass

Tom Emslie-Smith

Prize for Grade 3 Guitar

Rob Madden

Russell Trophy for Chess

Matthew Mordente

Special Prize for Chess

Josh Ivinson

welcome to L1



Back (l to r): Brewster White, Jamie Clarkson, Callum Strachan, Jonathan Forbes, Bradley Smith, Timothy Ellis, Jack Cayzer, Gordon Robertson, Keir Will, Liam Barnett, Calum Bennett

Row 3 (l to r): Sean Munro, Rebecca Chalmers, Zara Bilal, Fatima Adnees, Hannah Rorieson, Jenna Low, Gemma Hunter, Emily Culross, Karyn Joss, Alice Burnett, Megan Wallace

Row 2 (l to r): Bethany Brown, Stephanie Baker, Sarah Emslie-Smith, Betty Henderson, Laura Strachan,

Olivia Tait, India Moorjani, Olivia Dobson, Riyah Alsaif, Mariam Okhai, Lauren Cowie

Front (l to r): Angus Haddow, Scott Lothian, Neil McMillan, Guy Doogan, Nicholas Morran, Henry Samson

simply the BEST...



Kirsty Dewar, Neel Mehta and Mooktadir Ansar head for Oxford. Kirsty and Mooktadir will study Medicine and Neel will study Chemistry



from top left: Neil Duffy, Simon Jones, Carla Hogg and Toby Davies won Gold Certificates in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge. Simon also achieved the Best in School award



Jonathan Spink was chosen to represent the UK at a Scout Jamboree in Thailand



Susan Lowrie represented Scotland at an International Guide Camp in Ireland



Amir El-Bakary won the Scottish U15 title for Boxing, recording the most knockouts for his age group.



Nicole Wilson played for the Midlands Impact Squad who won the North of Scotland U16 Tennis Inter-area Competition. She was named player of the tournament



Patrick Pircaithy was awarded an Army Scholarship after extensive interviews



1 to 3: Yvonne Dawson, Mairi Cunningham and Julia Bruce (absent from photo) represented Midlands Hockey in the Alison Ramsay U15 Inter-district tournament. Mairi is also the school's Junior Tennis Champion



1 to 2: Jamie Bell and Scott Barnett were selected for the Caledonia U16 Rugby team



Susanna Sneddon was selected by the local Rotary Club for Euroscola 2001



Laura Brown came first in the Dundee Schools' Cross Country competition for the Forms 2/3 age group



Emma Peebles won the Premier Quail for excellence in Music. She was the best instrumentalist (viola) / vocalist in the High School



Tristan Harper-Cameron was top goal scorer, best forward and most improved player for his Ice Hockey team, The Kirkcaldy Chiefs, who won the Scottish Cup and League



From left, Catriona Whiteford, Annela Walker and Kirsty Farnham represented Midlands Hockey in the Scottish Inter-district tournament. Kirsty played in the U16 team who became District Champions whilst Catriona and Annela played in the U18 team who finished in third place



Brother and sister, Freya and Eoin Small were awarded Ties for International Recognition of their excellence in Gymnastics



Ross Croil is a World Championship qualifier in Highland Dancing and can now dance in the World Finals. He ranks in the top twenty dancers in the world



Despite an injured knee, Jennifer Watson won five titles at the Aberfeldy Mod. In particular, she won the Angus MacAskill Memorial Trophy for solo singing and the Peter Shepherd Shield for the third year in succession



Alan Fraser was awarded a Tie for International recognition of his excellent skills in mountain-biking



Cousins David and Ewan Philp Forms 5 and 3, and brothers Jamie and William Lamb Forms 5 and 3 entered the Scottish Schools Sailing Event at Loch Earn on 18th June 2002.

Sailing a 'Laser Radial', a 'Laser 4.7' and a 'Hobie 405' respectively, they braved gusting winds and choppy conditions to finish in 3rd place overall out of 9 participating schools.



Million Pound Development Opened

The Robert Fergusson building situated on Bell Street was officially unveiled on Wednesday 27 March at an opening ceremony, followed by a buffet lunch in Trinity Hall.

Dr Brian Lang, Principal and Vice Chancellor of the University of St Andrews formally opened the Robert Fergusson building and toured the new facility, meeting staff and pupils prior to attending a buffet lunch at which Head Girl, Elise Yu presented him with a wooden crest of the School. Amongst the 50 guests were Mr Bill Barr, Deputy Principal of Dundee University, Professor Mike Swanson, Deputy Principal of Abertay University, Mrs Moyra Forrest of the Robert Fergusson Society and the Chairman and senior Directors of the School Board.

The Robert Fergusson Building is the latest addition to the School's campus, which is located on adjacent sites. Encompassing six

large teaching rooms, a departmental base, study and recreation facilities for sixth year pupils, and extensive support facilities, the building is a clever restoration of a former industrial property, the Stiven paint works.

In 1762 Robert Fergusson was awarded the Fergusson Mortification, a scholarship scheme founded in 1695 by the Reverend David Fergusson, Minister of Strathmartine, for poor boys of the same surname. The award funded Robert Fergusson's studies at Dundee Grammar School (a predecessor of the High School), and four years study at the University of St Andrews, where he wrote his first poetry. Before he died in Edinburgh, at the age of 24, his poetry won the respect and admiration of Robert Burns, who paid for and composed his headstone, and described him as "My elder brother in

misfortune, by far my elder brother in muse."

The conversion of the former paint warehouse and shop has been achieved with the integration of sustainable materials, and has been designed to complement the existing Bell Street buildings. Architect David Leslie, of Broughty Ferry-based partnership Wellwood-Leslie, explained: "We have taken a dysfunctional, clumsy building and, through the use of traditional materials and proportions, transformed it into a structure that blends with the surrounding streetscape whilst adding a little freshness and vibrancy."

By a happy co-incidence, the Robert Fergusson building was once occupied by a company by the name of Robert Fergusson! The 1940/1941 Dundee Directory lists Robert Fergusson and Co., Oil Merchants, as trading from 15 Bell Street at that time. How fitting that the name of the building should have come full circle.



...and there's more!



A Biology laboratory

The rolling programme of repair and redecoration has continued in the other buildings which make up the High School of Dundee, and developments in ICT (Information Communications Technology) continue apace as ICT becomes a more integrated element within the curriculum. Additional provision in the Junior School has resulted in every classroom being equipped with a computer, and changes in the Science curriculum in Form 6 has required a significant increase in the availability of computers within extensively refurbished laboratories.



A Physics laboratory





Open Morning

The School entered new territory by advertising its annual Open Morning on local television in October 2001. Attendance figures at the event were up 30% on the previous year, with a marked increase in the number of families from outwith Dundee and a particularly high interest in the Junior School.

Departments provided excellent displays, exhibits and experiments to showcase all that the School has to offer, and senior pupils who acted as tour guides, were highly praised by our visitors.

A record number of applications was received shortly after the event, resulting in the full occupancy of some classes much earlier in the year than usual.

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Sandy Hutchison

The vast numbers of pupils who have been positively influenced by Sandy Hutchison is testament in itself to his great popularity and to the tremendous enthusiasm for his vocation which he permeated to his charges. Anyone arriving at the school will have heard Sandy's ex-pupils regale stories of his teaching. The tales he told of *Bilbo Baggins* (long before the recent huge film success).

the great many games he constructed such as *Snapper* and *Bomb Alley* and his infamous silent cheers have entertained and educated generations of pupils. He was without doubt a natural teacher, having the ability to get the best from his pupils and getting them moreover, to come back wanting more. I am sure that Sandy did not see any aspect of rugby as work. He taught and coached with a real passion and single-mindedness, and you would often find him at his desk, either scribbling out a drill for that night's practice or mulling over a team selection. He demanded an extremely high standard of himself when coaching and expected his players, whether schoolboys or seniors, to do the same. His hard work and commitment achieved many successes at every level of the game and he is rightly seen by those involved in rugby, as someone whose ideas and views should always be very seriously considered. Sandy took a particular pride in his team officials and in return for being 'looked after' he expected a great deal of loyalty from them. This he got without question. The regard they had for their Coach, and the influence he had on their development, not only as

young rugby players but also as young men, is seen today. This is manifest in the standard of rugby that several of them have reached and in the love and respect they extend to him. Indeed he is considered a close, personal friend by many of his Captains and Vice Captains, as witnessed by their high turnout at his Retiral Dinner. He has had many successful XV's of whom he should be rightly proud, but he took great pride and pleasure too, in the individual successes of many of his charges. Andy Nicol and Jon Petrie to name but two.

It might surprise some to learn that Sandy does have a life away from rugby and school! A devoted family man, he will have much more time to spend with them and of course there is his fishing to perfect, his garden to cultivate and his new puppy to train. If he finds he still has some time on his hands he might even force himself to do a bit of socialising. Sandy will be greatly missed by the High School of Dundee, by the pupils and in particular by rugby within the school. Thank you Sandy for all your contributions to our school community and we wish you all the very best for the future.



Sheena Leadbitter

Dundonian to the core, Mrs Sheena Leadbitter was born in Dundee and educated at Morgan Academy and Dundee College of Education from where she graduated with distinction in 1962. She began her teaching career at

Charleston Primary School, where she remained for six years and gained her Infant Endorsement. During her time at Charleston, she met and married Harry Leadbitter, a medical student and a Yorkshireman. It takes a very persuasive lady to convince a Yorkshireman to settle outside his county, but then we know how persuasive Sheena can be! The couple settled in Dundee and in 1968, their first child, Karen, was born. Three years later Katrina came along to complete the family. Never one for letting the grass grow under her feet, Sheena returned to her career in 1972 as a part-time learning support teacher at Craigiebarns school. A post became available at the High School in 1975, where Karen was a pupil, and the rest, as they say, is history! Sheena was first promoted to Assistant Principal Teacher on the amalgamation of the Preparatory and Junior

Departments into the Junior School in 1994, and became Assistant Head (Early Years) in 2001. What Sheena does not know about Dundee and its High School simply isn't worth knowing and one cannot be in the Junior School and not be aware of her presence. She brings vibrancy and vitality to everything that she does and her own brand of TLC to staff and pupils alike. Sheena's leaving, after 27 years of devoted service, is without doubt the end of an era. The Junior School will be a much quieter place without her! We wish Sheena a long, healthy and happy retirement, whether she is chairing the Children's Panel Advisory Committee, serving with the Dundee Disabled Children's Committee or playing with grandchildren Mary and Joe. She takes with her the respect, affection and best wishes of all who know her.



Bob Macdonald

When Bob Macdonald was appointed Head of Chemistry in December 1989, he already had a distinguished career behind him and had been

involved nationally in the development of chemistry teaching for a number of years. Educated at Naim and Bathgate Academies, he graduated from Heriot Watt University and undertook teacher training at Moray House. His teaching career began at Elton Academy in Aberdeenshire where he soon gained his first promotion before moving to Montrose Academy as Principal Teacher of Chemistry and from there to Grove Academy in 1978 as Principal Teacher of Chemistry.

A love of his subject has been central to his teaching career and the experience which he has brought to the leadership of the Chemistry Departments in three separate schools is second to none.

For over thirty years he has been involved in the work of the former Scottish Examination Board and now the Scottish Qualifications

Authority in a variety of roles: marker, setter, assessor, moderator. He was a member of the joint working party for the introduction of Standard Grade and was part of the development team for Chemistry under the Higher Sull programme.

Bob Macdonald is a modest man. His interest in his pupils and concern for their overall welfare is unwavering and their performance in Chemistry bears testimony to his talents as a teacher and leader of his department. Whether it is assisting with Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, school shows or singing in the choir, he has played a full part in the wider life of the School.

As Bob and his wife contemplate a new career of retirement, our best wishes and our thanks go with him.



Alan Bell

Alan Bell was a pupil at DHS from 1948 until 1957. In his final year at school he reached the rank of CSM in the cadets and played as hooker for the first XV rugby team.

He returned to the school as a teacher of mathematics in 1964 until 1969, during which time he was commissioned in the cadets and reached the rank of Captain.

While he was away from DHS, he held the post of Principal Teacher of Mathematics at Kelso High School for six years, obtained a teaching qualification in Computing and a First Class Honours degree in Mathematics from the Open University.

He returned to the school in 1990 as a teacher of Mathematics and Computing and stayed until his retirement in 2002, having spent a total of almost forty years in the profession.



Elspeth Halliday

After graduating with a B.Sc. in Social Sciences from Edinburgh University, Miss Elspeth Halliday completed her post graduate teacher training year at Moray House College in Edinburgh. She began her teaching career in Midlothian, where she taught at Pathhead Primary School for five years before moving to Aberdeen to study for her Early Years Diploma. In 1975 she joined the staff of the Junior School, and there she has remained for the last twenty-seven years!

Elspeth enjoys all things geographical and is a member of the National Trust for Scotland

and the Dundee branch of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society. Living in Malaysia as a child must have given her a *Wanderlust* since she enjoys travelling extensively during the school holidays. She also takes pleasure in the theatre, all kinds of music, gentle gardening and hill-walking. She plans to spend her retirement rekindling her interest in golf and improving and extending her computer skills. We hope the years ahead will be healthy and happy ones spent visiting exotic places and e-mailing friends both near and afar!



Andrew Wilson

Andrew Wilson joined the Learning Support Department three years ago after a short spell at New Butterstone School and quickly became a popular member of the team with both staff and pupils. In addition to his considerable contribution to the department, he has given a great deal of his time to helping with the Junior School Field on Monday afternoons and to supporting

Saturday morning rugby matches. He has been a valued member of the L6 staff team on the annual trips to Dalguise, has gained his Rugby Referee's Qualification and has played out his passion for football as an enthusiastic member of the staff football team. We wish Andrew every success as he takes up his new post as Depute Head teacher at the Philip Greene Memorial School, Cranbourne, Dorset.



Frances McGlashan

Mrs McGlashan, instructor of woodwind, joined the instrumental staff of the Music Department in 1997 as Mrs Crammond, having graduated from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow and the Royal College of Music in London, playing clarinet as principal instrument. She played with the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland and the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra before a love of teaching was found. It all started with a little girl called Florence, from Peckham, who enjoyed her clarinet lessons so much that Frances decided that teaching was what she really wanted to do. She worked as a peripatetic

instructor firstly in Dundee City Schools then in Fife, before joining the instrumental staff of the Music Department at High School where she taught all single and double reed instruments to an extremely high standard. She will be remembered as an excellent teacher who developed a team spirit amongst the wind, brass and percussion players, thus establishing the High School's now excellent Concert Band. Frances is sorely missed but we must send our best wishes to her in her new role as full-time mother to son Andrew and new baby Samantha.



Shonagh Morrison

Following her schooling at Cardiff High School and Aberdeen High School,

Mrs Morrison continued her education at Strathclyde University and Robert Gordon's Institute of Technology before embarking upon her career as a librarian for both Highland Region and Aberdeen City Council. She moved to Dundee in 1986, working for Dundee District Libraries and completing a Diploma in Education at Dundee University before accepting the post as Librarian at the High School in 1990.

As the first School Librarian, Shonagh was responsible for setting up the new Library in Trinity. Thanks to her energy and enthusiasm, the Library rapidly became a focal point in the school and the many visitors it received made

it the model for many school libraries throughout the country. Not content with her librarian duties, however, Shonagh quickly became involved in the wider life of the School, running 'Friday 9' activities in 'Fashion and Beauty', assisting with the make-up at School productions, accompanying the L7s to Paris and providing the back-bone for School Fashion Shows.

Retirement will give Shonagh more time to spend with her three grandchildren and to indulge her favourite pastimes of reading, singing and gardening. Most of all however, she will now have the time to do what she loves best - shop till she drops! Our thanks and appreciation go with her, as do our good wishes for the future.



Margaret Anderson

The appointment of Mrs Anderson to the library demonstrated just how busy it had become. She settled quickly into the routine, using the experience she had gained while working in a college library in Canada and in the library of Bell Baxter school.

Mr Nimmo, who was Rector at the time, asked her to develop the Careers Library and this she most certainly did, as anyone who has ever used it will testify. We can now boast that we have an excellent Careers Library which is easy to access and which is second to none. She made it her business not only to keep the information up-to-date but to keep herself up-to-date. This meant that she was able to talk knowledgeably with the

students when they needed assistance. As new technology was introduced to the library and to the Careers Library, she read and practised so that she could both use and understand how it worked. Margaret had an amazing memory. She knew the names of every child who came into the library whilst other members of staff remembered only the naughty ones! Her decision to leave was a sad one for the High School, but she had so many other things she wanted to do, such as visit her lovely granddaughter in Canada. She set a very high standard, was a good friend to her colleagues and is definitely a hard act to follow. We wish her well for the future.



Jack Spain

Jack Spain took up the post of Network Manager in March 1999 having previously worked for ATM Ltd in Aberdeen as a senior hardware engineer and PC-Support analyst. He oversaw the transition of the central infrastructure of the school network from Windows NT to Windows 2000 server, ensuring at all times that the school was at the leading edge of ICT. Throughout his time at the school Jack showed tremendous dedication towards his duties, working long hours if a problem had to be solved, either within the school or helping out staff at home. At any level, keeping up to speed with developments in IT is a daunting

task and Jack put in many hours of his own time (reading the occasional thousand-page manual) in order to make sure that he was comfortable with the underlying technologies and skills.

Working in IT support is usually a thankless task, aiming for serene bliss above the surface whilst paddling furiously beneath, and although it may have seemed like an unending grind at the time, many members of staff were very pleased to have him instantly available to solve their problems. Jack has had a great impact on the school network and we wish him well in the future.



Lisa Kell

After only two short years as an Assistant in the Reprographics Department of the High School, Miss Lisa Kell has moved on to pastures new. As in most schools nowadays, this area of the school is a constant hive of activity where stress levels can run high. Yet

Lisa's contribution to its smooth running was considerable. She was at all times pleasant, helpful and above all, efficient, and her calm presence will be sorely missed. We wish her well in her new post and for the future.

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Christine Gill

Mrs Gill was appointed Science Technician in the High School of Dundee in 1993. She quickly found her feet and became invaluable to the work in the Sciences. Her quiet but enthusiastic manner has made its mark in the teaching of Biology, Chemistry and Physics and her promotion this year to the position of Senior Science Technician was well deserved. Her effectiveness has ensured that she continues to perform many other functions in

the school including First Aid Instruction, having been a member of the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association for many years. Christine makes time for many other interests too. She enjoys gardening and amateur dramatics in her home village of Letham and reading, especially books about the First World War, take up what little time she has left.

Congratulations

must go to **Mrs Sarah Fletcher**, Head of Physics, who has been appointed a member of the Scottish Science Advisory Committee of the Royal Society of Edinburgh ...

... and to **Mr Colin Allison**, Assistant Head Teacher, who has been appointed to the post of Assistant Assessor of Her Majesty's Inspectorate.





David Cockburn

David Cockburn is a graduate of the University of Glasgow although most of his teaching career has been spent in the East of Scotland. He has been a Principal Teacher of English, an Assistant Head Teacher and an Examiner in English with the then Scottish Examination Board from 1982–1992. In 1962 he rose to the giddy heights of Assistant Director of Education in Grampian Region, before being offered an irrefutable package in 1996 with the demise of the Regions.

Since then David has continued to produce books and other material for Higher English but discovered that he sorely missed the challenge of the classroom and the staff-room chat. When the opportunity to return to the chalk face arose, he leapt at the chance and joined the English Department in August 2001.



Dawn Keogh

Mrs Keogh joined the staff at the beginning of the session from Harris Academy. An Honours graduate from Dundee University, she completed her PGCE at Northern College, Aberdeen. In her degree, she is particularly pleased to have specialised in early modern literature and Middle English, being a keen student of Chaucer and Shakespeare. Before her degree years, Dawn spent a year in Provo, Utah State, where she majored in drama. One of the highlights of that year was her involvement in a production of "Educating Rita" which

furthered her interest in drama-related activities such as make-up and costume. She uses her considerable IT skills, gained in administration, to full advantage in teaching, where power-point presentations are now to be viewed in the Robert Fergusson Building!



Stewart McKellar

Stewart McKellar joined us at the beginning of the academic year 2001–2002. He has worked mainly in the Classics Department, teaching both Latin and Classical Studies, but has taught some English too. He was educated at Bell Baxter High School in Cupar from where he progressed to the University of Glasgow to study Latin, Greek, Classical Studies and English. After graduating, he went on to the University of Strathclyde where he obtained his Secondary Teaching qualification.

Stewart is interested in football – he is a regular participator in staff five-a-side games – and in rugby, having played at various levels for the Howe of Fife club. He is also very interested in the cinema. As a student he had a variety of interesting part-time jobs, mostly in the licensed trade, but also worked as computer operator and as a house-sitter in Athens.





Gordon Fyall

Gordon Fyall arrived at the High School of Dundee after graduating from Stirling University with a BA Hons in History and Politics, and Jordanhill College where he gained his teaching qualification. During his student days he displayed a special interest and appetite for soccer, representing his faculty with some success.

Gordon is now well established in his post and brings a fresh-faced vivacity to the History and Modern Studies Departments. He is looking forward to his second year of teaching as by then, most members of staff will no longer mistake him for a pupil out of uniform!



Carolyn McDonald

Born, bred and educated in Dundee, Mrs Carolyn McDonald graduated from Northern College in 1988. After seven happy years teaching in Dundee, she married and moved south of the border to live and work in Bolton. The lure of sunnier climes then took her to the United Arab Emirates where she

spent four years teaching in the International School. On returning to Scotland in 2000, she joined the staff of the High School and has enjoyed teaching L7 and L2. Carolyn has settled happily into life in Auchterhouse and in her spare time enjoys cooking, reading and hill-walking.



Sharon Tonner

Mrs Sharon Tonner graduated from Northern College in Dundee in June 2002 with a First Class Honours degree. She joined the staff of the Junior School in October 2002 to embark upon her teaching career with a lively L3 class. Sharon lives in Monifieth with her

husband, two sons and a daughter. She enjoys playing and teaching the piano and playing the trumpet in various bands and orchestras. When not 'blowing her own trumpet', she likes to relax with her family by running and playing squash and tennis.



Fay Ballantine

Mrs Fay Ballantine was educated at George Watson's College and trained at Moray House College, both in Edinburgh. Her first teaching appointment was also in Edinburgh, although after her marriage she moved to Liverpool where she lived and worked for several years. After relocating to London, she taught in the London Borough of Bromley for twelve

years at Bickley Preparatory School. Yet another move brought Fay and her husband back to Scotland where she started teaching in Perthshire, moving to the High School in February 2002. Fay's hobbies are mainly horticultural, although she does also enjoy the theatre and travelling.



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Peter Hancock

Peter Hancock was born and bred in Middlesex. He joined the Glaxo Group Research (GGR) after completing his A-Levels, and during his 11 year career at GGR he participated in the successful development and registration of new pharmaceutical products. While at GGR he qualified as a Graduate of the Royal Society of Chemistry through day release and then achieved Chartered Chemist status.

In the late 80's Peter moved to Glaxochem at Cambois, Northumberland where he managed the Quality Assurance Laboratory. A few years later just before Glaxo sold this facility, he transferred to the company's Montrose bulk drug manufacturing facility. He spent the next ten years working in the New Products Introduction before managing the Quality

Assurance Laboratories. Having survived two corporate mergers, he opted last year to escape from the uncertain future at GSK Montrose and joined the High School of Dundee in February, as a School Technician. In the short period of time he has been with us, Peter has organised, catalogued and generally transformed resources in the Physics department. We are very fortunate to benefit from his wide-ranging experience and cheerful personality.

Peter enjoys living in Arbroath with his wife and two children. Three years ago he achieved his lifetime ambition and obtained his Private Pilot's Licence. In his free time he takes to the sky over Angus and the north west of Scotland – flying high!



Fiona Dakers

A native of Australia but a Forfarian by marriage, Mrs Dakers grew up amongst the palm trees of sunny Brisbane. After graduating from the University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Arts degree, she headed south to Sydney in search of work and excitement – and took a job in a library!

She undertook full-time studies in Librarianship and graduated from the University of New South Wales in 1991. During the years that followed, she enjoyed working with children and students as a professional in two major Sydney libraries and bought a flat in

Beverly Hills, a suburb that sounds much more glamorous than it really is! With the age of 30 fast approaching and in search of a fresh challenge, Fiona found herself in Kirriemuir, having swapped jobs for a year. The warmth of the locals made up for the weather, but some folk were friendlier than others and it was while working in Angus that she met her husband-to-be. After returning to Australia to fulfil her contract, she finally arrived back in Scotland in late 2001 with the firm intention of dragging her husband and stepson through every historic property in the country.



Kathleen Brown

Mrs Brown went to Primary school in Monifieth and Zambia, returned to live in Monifieth and completed her education at Carnoustie High School.

Her first job was in the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art Library until she met and married Colin in 1981 and moved to Edinburgh. Here she was lucky enough to get a job in the National Library of Scotland but unlucky enough in the Official Publications Department! She moved to Italy and spent two wonderful years there before returning to Scotland to have her son Adam in 1985. She then moved to Holland and returned once more to have her daughter Karis in 1988. When her children were small Kathleen worked as a Childminder and

then Playleader at St Rule's Playgroup in Monifieth.

Returning to library work in 1994, she worked in the College of Education and Art College Libraries before moving to the Educational Development Service of Dundee City Council. Here she oversaw the setting up of automated libraries in all 41 primary and 14 nursery schools within the city, working with head teachers, teachers, parents and pupils. She soon found that each school provided a different challenge!

Kathleen has many interests which include glass painting, silk painting, cross-stitch, occasional visits to the gym and fund-raising for the charity Plan International.

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David Webb

Born in Dundee, David Webb was educated at Menzieshill High School and Dundee College of Further Education. He achieved seven O-Grades as well as Certificates in City & Guilds Engineering and Motor Vehicle Components. He joined A. Kelly Ltd as a Photocopier Technician and occasionally worked "off-shore". He had to sit various courses in "Off-Shore Emergency Training" which he found challenging and enjoyable. After 13 years at Kelly's he felt he needed a change of direction and joined the High School of Dundee in 2001 in the Janitorial

Department. Recently he has had a change of job and is working in the Reprographics Department. A family man, he and his wife Fiona have one son, Connor, who is a pupil in the Junior School. In his spare time David enjoys playing pool and occasionally has his friends round to the house for a "pool" night – these have been known to last from dusk until dawn! David's other hobbies include driving, fishing, going to the cinema and music.



Doris Morrison

Born and brought up in Dundee, Mrs Morrison was educated at Kirkton High School before going to work for Carharts in Hamilton as a training Supervisor. In 1995 Doris changed the direction of her career when she went to work as a House Manager, initially in Broughty

Ferry and then in Perth, before joining the High School as Domestic Supervisor in 2001. Her part-time status allows her time to enjoy her many hobbies and interests which include gardening, sewing and walking.

....and finally:

Champagne flowed at the summer wedding of *Miss Jane Fulton*, English, Drama and Media Studies Departments. She is now *Mrs Christie*.

Mr McAdam, Geography Department, *Mrs McGlashan*, Music Department and *Mrs Coupar*, Junior School became the proud parents of *Mairi*, *Samantha* and *Fraser*, respectively.

Congratulations and Good Wishes to you all!

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PATRONS ASSOCIATION

The Committee of the Patrons' Association have shown much enthusiasm during the past year and a renewed membership drive has seen the number of patrons increase substantially. We would especially welcome school leavers whose connection with the school would be preserved. Perhaps parents of Form 6 Leavers might consider presenting membership of the Patrons' Association to their children to mark the occasion. Life membership costs £100 and payment would be welcomed by the Bursar.

On the social side, the Patrons were happy to assist the Foundation with the arrangements for the very successful Foundation Dinner held in March, and plans are in hand to do the same for next year's Dinner.

It has been felt that some formal acknowledgement of membership of the Patrons would be appropriate. A certificate of membership has accordingly been produced and these should have been received by all Patrons by the time this report is printed in The Review 2002.

I express my thanks to all members of the Committee for their hard work and support throughout the year.

Jim Coull (Chairman)

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION REPORT

The past year for the Parents' Association has been overshadowed by the death of Helen Young, our representative to the School Board. We will all miss her calm presence, hard work and insight, and send our best wishes to her family in her loss.

This year the Parents' Association has been active under the leadership of our chairman, Nick Brian. We provided refreshments in the Dining Hall after the Carol Service. Our thanks go to the school catering staff for supplying and serving the mulled wine and mince pies – all who sampled them agreed they were delicious.

In March we held our traditional Ceilidh in the Bonar Hall, with the band *Benachally*. Although ticket sales were marginally down from last year, everyone who attended had a great evening, complete with stovies!

In June we staged a double event. We organised the annual School Book Sale in the Margaret Harris Hall to help pupils recycle their old school books and allow parents to save some money. On the same morning we held a Car Boot Sale in the playground. We would like to thank everyone who took a car boot, donated goods, provided refreshments and assistance, helped with the side shows or simply turned up to buy on the day! Special thanks go to the janitors and main office staff for all their help. Over £1500 was raised to help provide music, sports and IT equipment for the school.

Again in June, in the Gardyne Theatre, we provided refreshments during the intervals of the school production of *Calamity Jane*.

The Parents' Association meets regularly with the Rector and Deputy Rector to discuss school matters and items of general concern. We always welcome volunteers and are grateful for assistance and support from all school parents throughout the year.

Dr Helen M. S. Taylor

THE DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL TRUST APPEAL FUND

This 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 just over 30 years to the current level of approximately £11 million.

Each year the Trustees meet with the school and discuss projects which the school has in mind. Funds are provided and the revenue of the fund is fully utilised in this way. In some years relatively small grants were paid so that funds could build up to allow, in other years, for a much more substantial grant for bigger projects.

In 2000, following such consultation, funding was provided for the promotion of

Drama in the school in the form of a general workshop and studio (£26,400), a 6th year physics laboratory and darkroom (£30,630) and a locker room for Form 2 (£7,750). We await proposals from the school for the ensuing two years.

Currently the Trustees appointed by the Old Boys' Club are: Fraser Ritchie, Robin Winter, Kenneth Murray and Stewart Graham. The Trustees appointed by the Old Girls' Club are: Margaret Stewart, Alison Stevenson, Sally Mearns and Jane Cumming. Those co-opted having an interest in the school are: Fred Sieber, George Linton and Bill McFarlane-Smith.

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:

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Fraser Ritchie (Secretary)



THE DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL OLD GIRLS' CLUB

At the 70th Annual General Meeting held on Monday 4th March 2002, the following office bearers were elected:-

President:	Mrs. Eileen Black
Vice-President:	Mrs. Annette Grewar
Junior Vice-President:	Mrs. Linda Cunningham
Secretary:	Miss Jane Gunning
Assistant Secretary:	Mrs. Alison Paterson
Treasurer:	Miss Maggie Stewart
Committee Members:	Mrs. Claire Morrison
	Mrs. Miriam Rennet
	Mrs. Carolyn Gibson

THE DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting in November 2001 Mr. John Vannet was elected President of the Club and Mr. Alasdair Chalmers 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 hear of the continuing progress of the School.

The Club is also active with a number of sporting activities during the year. Annual competitions take place in golf, fishing and curling as well as the annual Golf Match versus the Old Girls' Club. In January, at Mayfield, the Club held a very successful Burns Supper at Mayfield which was organised jointly by the Old Boys' and Old Girls' Clubs.

Our now traditional Barbecue for School Leavers was held again in June. This gives pupils their first taste of what the Club can offer!

The Club believes that it is important for the well-being of the school that links are fostered and maintained with former pupils and endeavours to achieve this in the most enjoyable way with its programme of events each year.

Details of Club Membership and any of the Club's activities can be obtained from the Secretary.

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The Old Girls have had a busy and varied programme of activities during the last year under the presidency of Dr. Jane Bruce.

In March a number of local members travelled down to London for the biannual lunch with members based in the London area. The event was declared to be most enjoyable by all who attended.

Although Sports Day had to be postponed until midweek, the Committee was pleased to man the "tea tent" as usual. The provision of strawberries and cream as an addition to the usual refreshments proved to be a popular innovation with both parents and pupils this year.

The Club again invited both boys and girls to a Leavers' Reception in the school hall and were delighted that it was so well attended by departing pupils despite their hectic schedule on the day.

The Old Girls' Golf Outing was held at Alyth in August and was enjoyed by all who took part - the winner being Heather Graham. A special mention must go to Isabel Anderson who had the distinction of being the first Old Girl to achieve a hole-in-one during an Old Girls' outing. In September at Blairgowrie, the Old Girls were victorious in their match against the Old Boys.

Our annual reunion dinner was held in the Invercarose Hotel and was attended by 114 ladies. We were delighted to welcome Miss Dorothy Dobson as our guest speaker who entertained us with humorous reminiscences of her career before, during and after her time with the School PE. Department.

The annual joint Old Boys' and Old Girls' function this year took the form of a Burns Supper held at Mayfield. This was a memorable evening thanks to the organisers and the outstanding quality of the speakers and musicians involved.

We now look forward to another enjoyable year under the presidency of Mrs. Eileen Black.

Jane E. Cumming (Honorary Secretary)

DHSFP Rugby Club

The 2001 – 2002 season must be considered a little disappointing for the club. Having set out with hopes of gaining promotion back to Premier 2 we eventually had to settle for staving off relegation, finishing 3rd bottom of Premier 3. After beating Dunfermline in the first round of the cup we then drew Division 1 side Glasgow Hawks in the next and went out to them at Mayfield.

The second XV had a very difficult season in the top division of the Inter City League and were relegated to division 2 for next season. This is perhaps not a bad thing as this level will be more appropriate for us at this time. The club has a very young pool of players, but one with lots of potential and this was reflected in the number of individuals who achieved representative honours during the season.

Although results in the early part of the season were disappointing things picked up at the end with a great performance against Stirling in the Caledonian Cup and the winning of two Sevens Trophies – the Highland Plate and Midlands Cup.

In the TRYathlon competition, held at Murrayfield on Scottish Cup Final Day, our 5-man team outplayed 20 other clubs to reach the final play-off on the main pitch. These various successes let the club finish the season on a more positive note and with some realistic optimism for the new season.

Off the pitch the club worked very hard to maximise the financial support which is now essential for any ambitious club. We are already working on improving the coaching and playing strengths for the coming season and intend to be pushing very hard for promotion.

No report would be complete without acknowledging the support we receive from the School and the excellent facilities we have at Mayfield. The club has always enjoyed outstanding co-operation from the PE and ground staff, so it is particularly appropriate, on his imminent retirement, for us to recognise the outstanding contribution made by Sandy Hutchison over the last 30 years.

Sandy is a former Club Captain and Coach who has been a great servant to the club ever since he left DHS. We are very grateful to him for all his efforts and in particular for his part in building the excellent relationship between the School and all its FP Clubs. Very best wishes in your retirement Hutch!

Gavin Garden (Secretary)

DHSFP Badminton Club

Members continue to meet on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 – 10.00 pm at St Stephens and West Church, Broughty Ferry. New members are always welcome. For further information please contact:

Julie Lemon Tel: 01382 779687
Susan Reid Tel: 01382 350693

DHSFP Tennis Club

Practice night is Wednesday from 7.00 – 8.00 pm and league fixtures generally begin in May. New members are always sought, made welcome and assured of fun evenings. For further details of membership please contact:

Linda Stirling Tel: 01382 459039
Pam Leslie Tel: 01382 730651
Carol Lamb Tel: 01382 534527

DHSFP Cricket Club

The publication of the magazine coincides with the half-way point of the cricket season making it necessary to report here on the second half of season 2001 and the first half of this season 2002.

The second half of season 2001 saw the FP Cricket Club buckle down to a playing side again after the memorable series of Centenary events which had so marked the first half. I do think that we would perhaps have swapped gladly some of our off-field success for some success in the middle, because we ended up losing our newly acquired place in the National League, albeit narrowly, and were relegated.

However, the 1st XI finds itself back at the top of the good old Strathmore Union and on-course for the regaining of a place in the upper echelons. By contrast, the 2nd XI had an excellent conclusion to the season, adding a very commendable runner-up league position to an earlier winning of the Two Counties Cup.

The two Junior XIs run by the FPs, the Under 13s and the Under 15s, both fared very well and their development remains the primary goal of the FP Cricket Club. Most Scottish cricket clubs are finding it harder to lure junior cricketers into the senior ranks, and it is certainly an issue which requires ever more focus.

In last year's report I hope I expressed sufficient gratitude to the School for a century of cricket, all of it on our much loved Dalnacraig. Times may be a-changing but our 101st season is no different from the previous ones and so, again, I pass on DHSFPCC's humble and heartfelt thanks to the High School of Dundee, its Rector and its Board, its PE Staff and its Ground Staff, without whom we simply would not have a club. Lastly, on a personal note, I extend good wishes for a very happy retirement to Mr Sandy Hutchison who has been looking after our interests for many years.

Graham McLaren (President)

1902 – 2002

Wearing Edwardian period dress, DHSFP Ladies' Hockey Club marked its Centenary by a special fun match played in glorious sunshine at Dalnacraig on Saturday 21 September.

Their very first match was played against a Dundee High School side in October 1902 when they lost 3-0. A hundred years on, the most recent FP team lost by the same margin to a former FP side. The first goal was notched up by Pauline Stott, a former captain of the ladies' Great Britain squad and an Olympic medallist. Two more fine goals by Miffy Batchelor followed soon after.

More than fifty current and former members of the club attended the occasion, amongst whom were representatives from each of the last six decades. All of them enjoyed a centenary dinner at Mayfield sports club to round off a perfect day.



Unhindered by the long skirt, Laura Peebles (left of picture) makes a spirited move down the pitch with Sheila Cannon in hot pursuit.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

University of Aberdeen 2001

Brown, Georgia E	MA (Hons) Economic Science-Entrepreneurship
Buchan, Corinna J	Undergraduate Certificate in Higher Education (Science)
Callaghan, Gavin TR	LLB (Hons)
Erdal, Nicholas B	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
Karlsson, Ragnar A	B Eng (Hons) Electronic and Software Engineering
Lawson, Douglas W	MA (Hons) Geography
MacDonald, David R	MA Management Studies
Meiklejohn, Richard JA	Bachelor of Land Economy (Urban Surveying)
Pate, Thomas L	BSc (Hons) General Agriculture

University of Edinburgh 2001

Allan, Fiona K	BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences (Physiology)
Anderson, Alison E	LLB
Anderson, John RS	BSc
Arbuckle, Helen	Postgraduate Certificate in Primary Education
Bannerman, Lucy	MA (Hons) Italian and English Literature
Berkeley, Michael D	BSc
Bustard, Rachel	MA (Hons) History of Art and Italian
Clark, Douglas A	MA (Hons) Economics
Foley, Jennifer A	BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences (Psychology)
Galloway, Catherine A	Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Primary Education)
Gibson, Jill	LLB (Hons)
Harris, Steven D	Undergraduate Diploma of Higher Education
Harrison, Barry M	BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences (Biochemistry)
Laws, Alison M	BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences (Psychology)
Lawson, Joanna D	MA (Hons) Geography
Lawson, Katie J	B Com (Hons) Business Studies
McGregor, Lorna	LLB (Hons First Class)
McNeill, Gregor BS	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
Muir, Gillian K	BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences (Plant Science)
Munishankar, Sowmya S	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
Scott, Alastair C	Undergraduate Certificate of Higher Education
Walker, Philip G	M Eng (Hons First Class) Civil Engineering
Wallace, Kirsty M	LLB (Hons) Law and Spanish
Williamson, Peter A	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

University of Glasgow

2001

Watson, Alistair	B Sc
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University of St Andrews

2001

Grant, Louise E	MA (Hons) Mediaeval History and Social Anthropology
Kirk, Andrew N	MA (Hons) English Literature
Law, Diane S	MA (Hons) Classical Studies
Martin, Neil D	MA (Hons) Classical Studies
Nicoll, James R	BSc (Hons) Computer Science
Olejnic, Tamsin F	BSc (Hons) Geography and Geoscience
Ross, Susan F	MA (Hons) Management
Summers, Mark	BSc (Hons) Chemistry with Materials Chemistry
Wood, Graeme GB	MA (Hons) Modern History
Young, Christine E	MA (Hons) Psychology (Arts)

WEDDINGS

Dr Andrew Woodward and Tara O'Driscoll were married in June 2001 in St Mary's Church, Broughty Ferry.

Carrol Forbes and Jamie Gibson were married in August 2001 at Whitecroft, Kingennie.

Richard Petrie and Amanda Armer were married in September 2001 in Vancouver, Canada.

Dominic Wedderburn and Diane Wyllie were married in September 2001 in St Salvator's Chapel, St Andrews.

Rosemary Pate and Neil Rankin were married in October 2001 in Kinclaven Church.

Louise Woolridge and Scott Archibald were married in March 2002 in the School's Trinity Hall.

OBITUARIES

Aitken, John

Respected and well known Dundee business man Mr John Aitken, a former President of the Scottish Grocers' Federation, died in Ninewells Hospital, aged 77. He was the third generation of his family to run the grocers and wine merchants, Jas Aitken & Son, established by his grandfather at the shop at 53 Perth Road in 1874. Mr Aitken joined the family business in 1941. In 1942 he was called up and served with the Royal Corps of Signals as part of the 14th Army in India and Burma until the end of the Second World War. He returned to family business in 1947.

Mr Aitken was President of the Dundee Grocers and the Dundee Licensed Grocers in the early 1960's and was co-opted to the directorate of the national body when it was founded in 1960, before being elected to the national executive the following year. He was elected President in 1968 and later had an honorary membership conferred on him in recognition of his services to the industry.

Foreseeing the major changes in food retailing, he took the business in the direction of fine wines, continental foods and customer choice, establishing a reputation as one of the leading wine merchants in Tayside, with regular listings in specialist publications. The business also expanded with a second shop in Monifieth. In this period he became a founding member of the Tayside Wine Study Group and was widely recognised as an authority on wines and spirits. He retired in 1989 but until 1995 continued to provide his expertise to his son Bryan, now the fourth generation of the family to manage the business.

Mr Aitken was a member of Dalhousie Golf Club in Carnoustie and in recognition of his many years with the club, was made an honorary member. He was also a

member of Panmure Golf Club. He was a long-standing member of the congregation at Rye Hill, Roseangie and, latterly, Dundee West Churches.

Mr Aitken is survived by his wife Margaret, sons Bryan and Jamie, daughter Joan and five grandchildren.

Angus, The Rev JAK,

The Rev JAK Angus, former Chaplain to the Queen in Scotland, has died aged 72.

After graduating from St Mary's College in St Andrews, he did his National Service with the army from 1947-49 then served with the Territorial Army from 1950-76, rising to the rank of Captain. He was also Chaplain to 5 KOSB (TA) and became convenor of the General Assembly's Committee on Chaplains to HM Forces.

As Minister of Braemar and Crathie churches between 1979-1995, and extra Chaplain to the Queen since 1996, he preached to the Royal family while they visited Balmoral on holiday for over twenty years. He also conducted the marriage ceremony of Princess Anne and Commander Tim Lawrence.

A former Moderator of Kincardine and Deeside Presbytery, he was also previously a minister in Gourrock and Dumfries.

A native of Aberdeen, his parents moved to Broughty Ferry in 1935 where his father, the late Walter Angus, was Minister of West Church. A keen angler and hill-walker, he removed to Ballater with his wife Jane following his retiral in 1995. He is also survived by son Hugh and daughter Alison.

Bruce, Margaret (nee Greenlaw)

Mrs Margaret Bruce, a former consultant with Tayside and Dundee Chamber of Commerce and a tireless volunteer with various charitable organisations, died at home. She was 64. Mrs Bruce, of Auchterhouse, had battled bravely with cancer for two years. Formerly a counsellor with the Citizens' Advice Bureau, Mrs Bruce was latterly involved with Henny King in the fund-raising venture *Operation Shipshape*, which raised thousands of pounds for essential repairs to *RRS Discovery*.

Born in Keith, she came to Dundee as a baby where her father, the Rev Karl CS Greenlaw, was minister of Old St Paul's and St David's Church in King Street.

After leaving School she moved into journalism, as a reporter with D C Thomson & Co. Ltd, before leaving to start a family with her husband, Robert D Bruce, a Director with former jute firm W G Grant & Co Ltd. During the 1950's she was heavily involved with Dramatic Society before helping establish Dundee Ladies' Circle, being firstly its founder secretary and then becoming its chairman in 1963. She became area secretary and in 1966 rose to Chairman of Area 42, which took in Inverness, Fraserburgh and Aberdeen as well as Dundee. The couple then went into hotel management in 1971, running the Greenmantle Hotel at Broughton in the Borders for 10 years before returning to live in Fife, where she became involved as a volunteer counsellor with CAB for several years.

A further move to Angus came when her husband became chief executive with the Enterprise Trust in Blairgowrie, and Mrs Bruce worked locally with a firm of solicitors. The couple settled in Auchterhouse and her interest in computers saw her gain a secondment to the Dundee offices of *Operation Shipshape* before being offered a post as a consultant with the Chamber of Commerce, marketing the *Investors In People* project.

Mrs Bruce is survived by her husband, her son Ewan and daughter Sally.

Gibbs, HB

Mr Barrie Gibbs, formerly the Marketing Manager for printers at Andrew Valentine Ltd in Dundee, died in Seymour Nursing Home in Newport. He was 75.

Born in Barry, South Wales, Mr Gibbs moved with his family to Dundee in the 1930s, when his father was made Manager of the Woolworth's store in the city. After leaving School Mr Gibbs started work with Valentine & Sons. He was sent to work for the company in their London Office and then their south-east England office, where he became Regional Sales Manager.

In 1969 he returned to Dundee and subsequently left Valentine & Sons to work with Mr Andrew Valentine in his own company, where he was Marketing Manager. Mr

Gibbs suffered a stroke in 1987 which caused him to retire.

In his leisure time he was a keen hill-walker and a member of the Grampian Club. He was also a keen golfer, playing at Scotsraig.

Pre-deceased by his wife, Mr Gibbs is survived by his children Richard and Anne and grandchildren Hazel, Rachel and Philippa.

Lawson, Dr John AR

Former Dundee General Practitioner, Dr John Lawson has died at the age of 81. Dr Lawson, born in the city in 1920, lived in Dundee throughout his life and had a distinguished career in the medical field. He was awarded the OBE in 1979.

John graduated in 1943 with an MB ChB from St Andrews University. His wife was also a graduate there and they were married in the University Chapel, St Andrews in June 1943. A keen sportsman throughout his life, he was a "blue" in hockey and cricket during his University years. At school he was Chairman of the Patrons' Association and also a member of the School's Board of Directors, a position he held from 1986 until last year.

During the second world war Dr Lawson served as a Major with the RAMC in the 1st Battalion Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in India, Burma and Japan. He later spanned the medical and military careers by becoming chairman of the Armed Services General Practitioners Approval Board which saw doctors out of the army and into practice from 1979-86. He held a number of positions at Dundee Royal Infirmary, following which he spent most of his career in general practice, being a principal partner of Mills, Lawson and McGregor from 1948-86.

His dedication to general practice extended outwith the partnership and he held positions with the Council of the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) firstly as a member, then chairman from 1973-1976 and finally president from 1982-1985. He was chairman of the Scottish Council of the RCGP from 1965-1968 and member and chairman of the World Organisation of National Colleges and Academies of General Practice. Dr Lawson was also a member of the Royal College of Practitioners from its inception in 1952 and was made a fellow in 1967. He also served on the joint committee for postgraduate training.

Dr John is survived by his wife Pat, sons Alastair and Derek, daughters Sandra and Anne and 10 grandchildren.

Lund, David

Dundee artist and teacher David Lund died in Ninewells Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was 66.

After leaving School David attended Dundee College of Art in Bell Street where he graduated DA before going on to Dundee Teacher Training College.

He spent his national service with the Royal Corps of Signals at Catterick. After national service he taught at Logie Secondary School from 1960-1966, when he then became a lecturer in art at Kingsway Technical College. While at the Kingsway Tech he founded the college art collection.

In 1974 he became Lecturer in Art and Design at Dundee College where, always an innovator, he established the art/design section graphic computer-aided design unit and had a close involvement with industry through student work placement. In 1987 he was appointed Lecturer in HNC graphics. Mr Lund also served for a number of years on the Scotvec validation panel until 1996. He retired from teaching in 2000.

A painter with his own highly individual style, he participated in various exhibitions including one man shows. He also operated his own freelance consultancy in graphic design.

A great lover of the Scottish outdoors, he was formerly a member of the Grampian Climbing Club and spent many years climbing with friends all over Scotland. He is survived by his wife of forty years, daughters Fiona and Jane and grandsons Alexander and Duncan.

Phillips, WS,

The former President of the Dundee Liberal Association and Scottish Lawn Tennis Association, Mr William Sangster Phillips, died at the age of 99. He was perhaps best known among friends for his expansive knowledge of the city and its textile heritage. He worked as a representative for Samuel Jones, who supplied paper to firms such as Valentines, and saw wartime service as a marine policeman at Clydebank. He was an office-bearer of Ward Road Baptist Church.

He continued his association with the High School long after his schooling ended, as a member of both the DHSFP badminton and tennis clubs, joining the latter in the mid 1920s where he held duties as president, secretary and treasurer.

He had a long-standing commitment to tennis and was vice-president of the Midlands Lawn Tennis Association, having previously served as the Midlands representative to the Scottish Lawn Tennis Association from the mid-1930s until 1949. He was elected president of the SLTA in 1952, having already held the post of vice-president.

He was involved with the Liberal Association nearly all of his life and was the first candidate to contest a Dundee municipal election under the Liberal tag in 1962 when he stood in the Hilltown ward. He later became president of the association.

White, JY Forbes

Mr White, well known Fish and Fruit merchant, who helped build the Betty White chain of greengrocers in the city, has died. He was 67.

After leaving school he joined the family business and trained under his mother's leadership. After her death, Mr White became a partner in the firm. He was often described as "the man in the hat" as he went about his business in his pick-up truck. Mr White developed a flourishing business throughout the 70s, 80s and 90s. He dedicated his entire life to the business and more recently had reluctantly taken a back seat due to his ill health. However, he was still keenly involved in the background, commenting on the decisions made by his daughter, Vivienne, and cousin, Stewart, on his behalf.

Mr White enjoyed playing golf at Panmure Golf Club, Barry, and horse-racing was another interest.

He is survived by his wife, a son, three daughters, and two grandchildren.



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'Nutcracker' costume by Claire Redford, F5



Gillian Grieve, F5



Eilidh Greig, F6



'Arachne' costume by Maggie Zane, F6



Emma Pyne, F3



Shona Fyffe, F3



Robin Dunlop, F3



Nina Morrocco, F4



Shona Fyffe, F3



Emma Peebles, F5



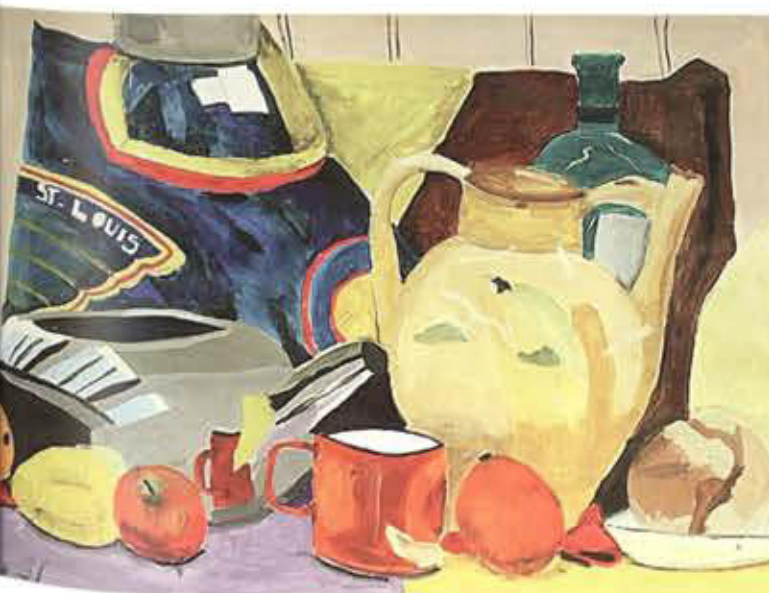
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Keith Ip, F3



Nicki Galloway, F3



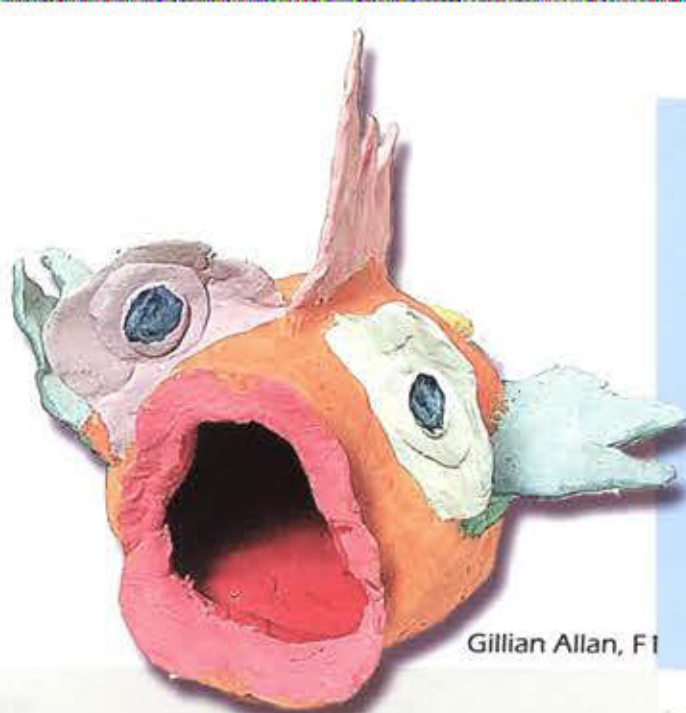
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Douglas White, F1



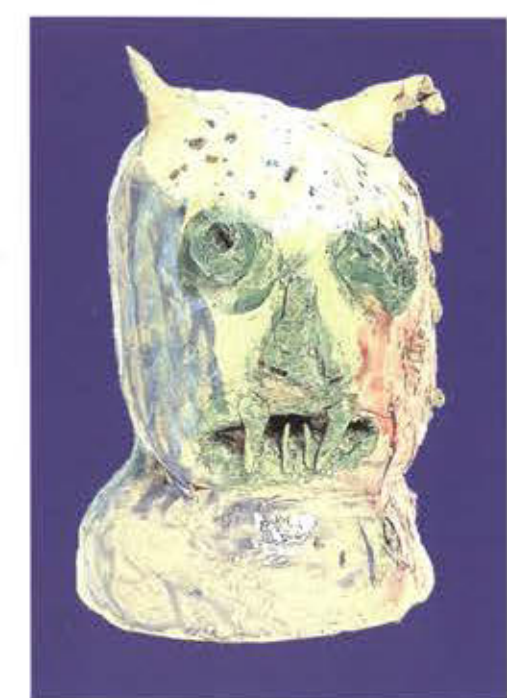
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'Titania' costume by Clare Waugh, F6



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Cheryl Roberts, F2

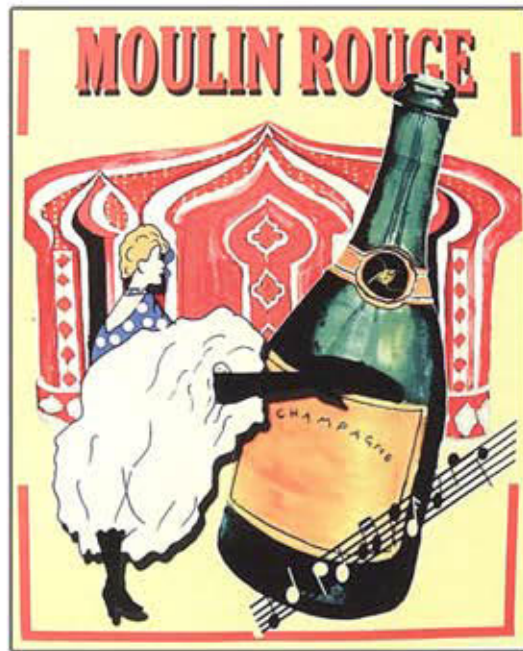


Renna Mahsoub, F1

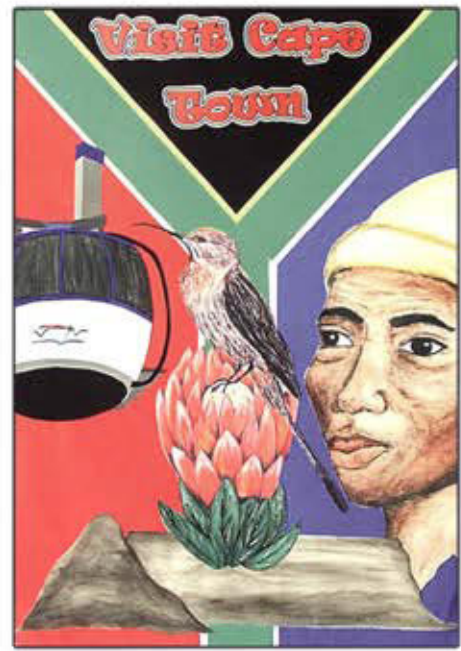


Lynsey Nicoll, F1

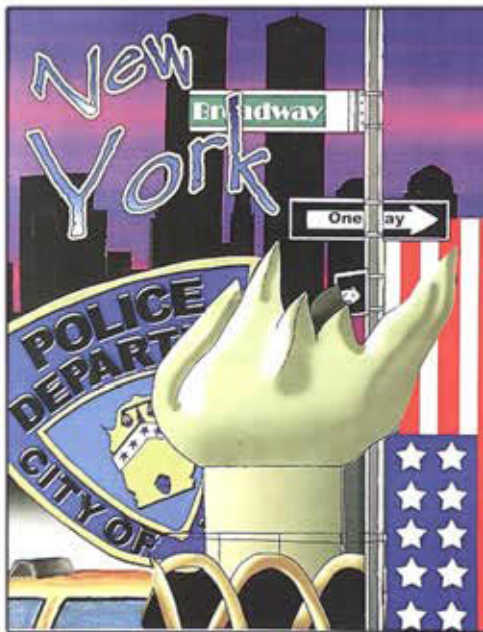
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Jenny Laing, F4



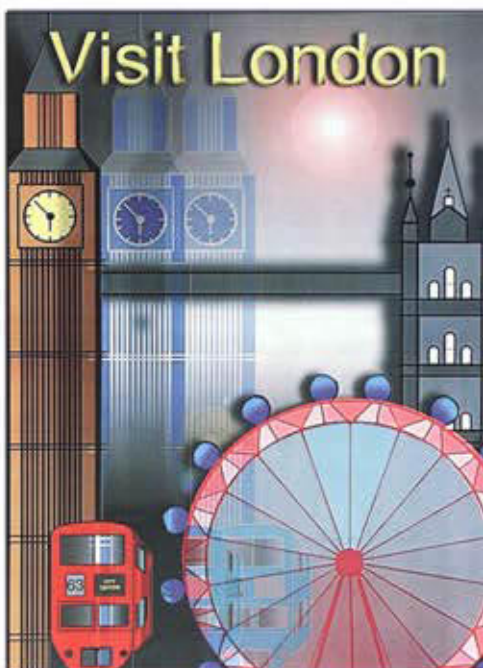
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Young Speakers Club

The *Young Speakers' Club* meets at 1.10 p.m. on Tuesdays. Since the English Department has relocated to the newly built and newly named Robert Fergusson Building in Bell Street, the Club convenes in the luxury of Mr Durrheim's new classroom, RF16.

Here, the tradition of interspersing conventional debates and public speaking competitions with quizzes such as "Just-a-Minute!" and "Call My Bluff" continues. We did plan a mock trial for the Summer Term but, unfortunately, school trips suddenly deprived us of most of our members, who were either marching manfully (and womanfully) up hills or luxuriating in foreign climes as part of the Modern Languages exchange programme!

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. Renna Masoub and Nina McLeod (both F1) entered the *Lloyds TSB/ESU Scottish National Junior Debating Competition*, a contest open to pupils in Forms 1-3 run by the ESU. They met their Nemesis in Glenalmond, but both girls battled worthily and enjoyed the experience.

We also entered three teams in the *Schools Debating Competition* sponsored by *The Courier* and *The Royal Bank of Scotland*. Our B team

consisting of Lachlan Young (F2) and Neil Dewar (F1) did very well, succeeding in getting through to the second round in this fiercely fought competition. Although our C Team was forced to concede defeat in round one, owing to the very sudden withdrawal of a competitor, Matthew Atkins generously acted as a last minute substitute, partnering Simon Watts (F1) so that he was still able to take part and deliver his speech. Unfortunately, they had to join the fray as a "dummy team" as we needed Matthew in our A Team, and the rules of the competition prohibited him from speaking for both teams.

This year's A Team was a force to be reckoned with! Catherine Jung (F3) and Matthew Atkins (F2) were determined at least to equal the glory of 1997 and 1998, when our teams made it through to the final of this competition, an event which takes place with much pomp and circumstance in Lower Parliament Hall in St Andrews. They fought their way resolutely through the preliminary rounds and swept aside their opponents in a hard fought semi-final held in St Leonards.

The 1997 finalists (Fiona and Robert) may have won the second prize of a trip to London, but Cathy and Matthew went one better. The motion was "This House Believes that Youth is Wasted on the Young" and they won both debate and contest decisively, beating strong opposition from the five other teams in the final.

Not only did we win the trophy and the coveted First Prize but George Reid MSP, who was one of the judges, further rewarded us with a chance to visit the Scottish Parliament. The trip took place in June and Mr Reid and his secretary Alison Dickie treated us to a grand tour of the building, during which, Cathy and Matthew were presented with a salver to commemorate their visit. It was a great conclusion to a very successful year for the *Young Speakers' Club*.

My sincerest thanks go to Mrs Tosh and Mrs McGrath who looked after all the teams so well during the latter part of Term 1 when I was ill. Cathy and Matthew owe part of their success to the dedication of these two ladies.

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James Moir at the despatch box in the Oxford Union

The high point of the season was the evening in Oxford, when, after debating unseen motions all day, Gavin Illsley FV and James Moir FIV made it into the Final from an initial entry of 200 schools across Britain, 64 of whom qualified for Finals day in Oxford. On the individual speaker tab, Gavin was placed 3rd out of 128 and James 9th.

Gavin and James also reached the Final of the Edinburgh University one-day tournament, and won the Dundee University one-day competition, retaining the trophy won last year by Gavin and David Bean. Gavin was awarded the prize for Best Individual Speaker at Dundee for the second year running.

Over the course of the year teams participated in the Cambridge Union tournament and the Law Society competition, reaching the second rounds, the English-Speaking Union Mace and Public Speaking competitions, the Durham Union Society weekend event and the Northern Lights invitational tournament.

Airlie triumphed in both the Senior House competitions, with James Moir and Lynsey-Anne Marwick winning the Rorie debating trophy on the motion 'This House has no confidence in the Scottish Executive'. Gavin Illsley of Wallace was awarded the Dennis J. Paterson prize for Best Speaker. Joined by Kader Chowdhury, the same Airlie team also won the Old Girls' Club trophy for Public Speaking.



Gavin Illsley and James Pottor at the Durham Union

At national level Gavin Illsley was invited to trial for the Scottish team. The School was pleased to be asked to host the national final of the Mace debating competition, attended by schools from throughout Scotland and chaired by Mrs McGrath. At the start of the summer holidays Gavin and James attended a residential UK debating training camp at Oakham School in Rutland, at which Mrs McGrath has been invited to be a member of the teaching faculty. She is also now a member of the Scottish Schools International Debating Council.

With motions ranging from Kyoto to cloning and from third world debt to the expansion of the EU, the fact that you have participated in debating is definitely an asset on a CV.

Expeditions all over the country, from Aberdeen to Oxford and from Glasgow to Durham, may or may not contribute to your grasp of geography but will greatly expand your circle of friends, while the ability to stand up and express yourself, to think on your feet and to justify the points you have made, will be useful in a variety of situations, sticky or otherwise! And anyway, aside from all these grown-up and worthy reasons to debate, it is a tremendous buzz to get behind a lectern and have a whole hall fall silent ... to listen to *you*.

Monday and Thursday lunchtimes in Mrs McGrath's room - see you there!

BROWNIES

The 2ndDundee Brownies have enjoyed a busy year, with a full and enthusiastic pack taking part in numerous activities and badges covering a wide range of interests.

Individual badges are chosen by the girls themselves and are worked on at Brownies and outwith the school. This year, popular choices were swimming, music, chess and house orderly with a few girls also achieving their writers badge. Congratulations must go to Michelle Arnot who was awarded her stage 3 Downhill Skiers badge. This had to be specially ordered as it is not an easy badge to attain and is not kept in stock - well done Michelle!

Whole pack badges have also kept the girls busy during Brownie meetings. This year we were pleased to welcome Mrs Dent, District Commissioner, who willingly came along to advise the girls on First Aid. After initial training, Mr Dent then kindly joined us to test the girls on their individual First Aid knowledge and thereafter, badges were duly presented.

The 15 Brownies demonstrated their prowess in the kitchen to acquire their cook badges. As a combined group and after many rehearsals, they also presented a fashion show and entertained the other brownies with a comedy act and a super dance routine for their 'go challenge' badge. Venture badges were offered during a trip to Sensation which gave the 15 girls a 'sensational experience' to remind them of their time in Brownies.

This year the 'Best Brownie' award of a miniature Ollie Owl was given to Meriel Young. This is given for effort, attendance and commitment to Brownies.

At the last Brownie meeting, a fond farewell was said to the 15 girls, and we now look forward to welcoming the new recruits who are eagerly awaiting to join us next session.

Mrs K Spalding - Brown Owl, Mrs J Smith - Unit Helper



High School of Dundee Rainbows



The Queen was beautiful. She smiled like the sunshine.

Carin Russell

On Tuesday I really enjoyed seeing the Queen. I liked her peach dress.

Natasha Henderson

I liked the Queen's shoes. They were very shiny.

Rachael Cosgrove

I liked the Queen's clothes. I liked the feather in her hat.

Charlotte Thompson

When the Queen came to Dundee, Charlotte and I gave her flowers.

Kirsty Gray

This has been a very active session for the High School Rainbows. The girls have been engaging in many activities and benefiting from opportunities to participate together, to share and to find out new things.

An enthusiastic set of girls joined us at the beginning of the session and were quickly involved at each Rainbow meeting. 'Rainbow Chat' has proved to be a popular opening for each gathering. For this, girls share news or something of interest with the others. By expressing themselves in front of their peers it is hoped they may feel positively about the experience of public speaking.

The first term project was based on the colours of the rainbow – to match the colours in the Rainbow tabard badge. This worked out well for us and it was also during this term that we received a special invitation – High School Rainbows were asked to participate in The Girl Guide Association AGM in the City Chambers. This was quite a privilege for us and we were pleased to be able to contribute. We had to perform a short drama which we based on seeds, plants and growing things. Much rehearsing and a lot of fun ensued. We had two very good narrators in Holly Maxwell-Stevenson and Linsey Bower, whilst everyone else participated in dance, song, mime with props or recitation. The big night was an exciting one for all who were taking part, and the drama contribution from High School Rainbows was well received by those in the City Chambers, including the Lord Provost. Thank you to all parents who so kindly supported this event.

In the second term, the theme was countries of the world and the girls had an interesting time learning about Holland, trying a Scottish Country Dance, hearing about Claude Monet, the French Impressionist painter, going on 'safari' in an African land and having fun with things Australian. One of the most energetic destinations was China where the girls enjoyed 'moving to music' from the Far East and performing their very own Chinese dragon dance.

The third term had the theme of summer, a project which afforded the girls many creative activities.

The highlight of the year came during this term when High School Rainbows were invited to join other selected organisations in welcoming Her Majesty the Queen to the city of Dundee. This was indeed a great honour and we were delighted to be part of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Tour. On May 28th the Rainbows gained ticket only access to the City Square and took up their positions in the hope of catching sight of the Queen. In fact, we were more fortunate than this as the Queen actually paused at our little group and received some flowers. Perhaps it was the High School of Dundee curtsies which caught her attention, or, perhaps that's what the cameramen enjoyed, since the girls were also captured with the Queen both on Grampian television and in the press! The girls were thrilled to be so close to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh – their brush with fame and royalty is certainly an occasion of which they will have very fond memories.

I should like to thank Mrs Mooney and Mrs Cargill for all their help, their good ideas and for their valuable participation in the High School of Dundee Rainbow Unit.

Margaret Cardno



Scripture Union

As a group we have met every Friday lunch-time, during which time we have played many new games and, on several occasions, crammed our mouths full of food! As well as the fun side to our meetings, we have learned more about God and what it means to be a Christian, working our way through Luke's Gospel, and other parts of the Bible.

From 22nd-24th February some of us went on an SU weekend to Lendrick Muir, near Dollar. We arrived in heavy snow but still managed to go mountain-biking and orienteering, play archery and golf, and test our skills on the rope course. The theme of the weekend was *Daniel* and there were various art/drama and music challenges related to this as well as discussion groups.

We were visited twice by Martin Boyd, the SU Independent Schools' Worker, who also spoke to the L6 and L7 pupils. He put it to us all that the Bible, far from being a dull and dusty book, is a Book to be read every day, and that Jesus is a person to be followed, not just thought about at Christmas. He also mentioned the SU Summer Camps which some of our group are attending this year.

Altogether this year has been good fun for the group and we are hoping to start a Junior SU, also on Fridays, next session.

Mary Reid F2



Pupils in L6 and L7 can join Mrs Halliwell's First Aid Group which is held on a Wednesday. We learn how to put on various bandages, treat burns and scalds, do mouth to mouth resuscitation, do CPR and lots more besides.

In March, the First Aiders from the St Andrew's Ambulance Association come to test our skills in bandaging and ask questions on what we have learned.

At Christmas, we have a First Aid Party where we work together in teams and play lots of fun games.

In May, as our year draws to a close, everyone takes part in the *Egg Box Challenge*. This is to remind us about road safety and to remind us always to wear our seatbelts! In the challenge each team designs an egg box car to hold two egg people. It is then tested by running it down a steep slope and crashing it into a large, heavy object at the bottom. Points are awarded and the team which ends up with the most points wins a prize.

First Aid is lots of fun and it is good to learn new skills to be able to help people who are hurt.

Anthony Dent L7



Chess Club

The Club meets on Monday lunchtimes at 1.10 p.m. in Mr Durrheim's Room (RF16) and pupils with a range of skills attend. Some are complete novices, some just want to play chess for fun while others take it more seriously and enter the internal and external competitions.

This session's internal competitions were very hard fought as usual. Eventually, the *Beckingham Trophy* (open to FI-6) was won by Kader Chowdhury (F5), the *Intermediate Trophy* (FI-3) by Matthew Atkins (F2) and the *Girls Competition* by Susan Liu (F3). Congratulations to all three!

Unfortunately the Tayside Schools' Chess Championship didn't get off the ground this year. Nonetheless, we shall be entering teams for next session when I'm sure we shall equal our success of previous years.

Tom Durrheim

Rabbie Burns

On the 23rd January 2001, L5 celebrated Burns' Night in the Margaret Harris Hall. Mr Sandy Hutchison addressed the haggis, Mr Colin Stewart performed Tam O' Shanter and Rebecca Bramhall proposed the Immortal Memory. The event was interspersed with dancing, recitations and music from a wide spectrum of L5 talent and a great time was had by all! The toasts this year were particularly good so here they are:

Tae the lasses by Jordan McLaren

How're you supposed tae toast a lass
When you're only in an L5 class?
Tae us they're fae a different planet,
Tho' Burns wad chase any Jean or Janet.

They dinnae like the games we play,
Preferrin' hockey tae rugby,
They like netball and nae the cricket,
Tae L5 boys, they're nae the ticket.

But Burns wrote them loads o' prose,
Like, My Luv is like a Red, Red Rose,
Ae Fond Kiss was anither,
An' he didnae write that tae his mither!

He wrote a ballad tae Bonnie Jean
And drooled o'er Leezie Lindsay,
Wi mony a lassie he was seen
He'd e'en woo them fae his windae.

So Rabbie couldnae be that wrang,
Tae write sae monie a poem and say monie a sang,
So, L5 boys, raise your glasses
And drink a toast - TAE THE LASSES!

AND...The Reply to the Toast tae the Lasses by Rosie Gray

We thank you, boys, for words like these,
Such tender thoughts your ladies please.
You L5 boys are Braw and brassy,
You quickly steal the hearts o' lasses!

We may be only eight or nine,
But all of us are fair and fine,
A' Bonnie Lassies - muckle gifted,
Frae Rabbie's poems, newly lifted.

You may be only nine years old,
But lads like you are rare as gold.
You make us laugh with awfy jokes,
You're strong and kind - such canty blokes!

But mind now - here's a word o' warnin'
When us you spy on each new mornin',
Don't try to cheat us, trick or slight
Or you'll be feeling woman's might!

Each handsome boy, come tak' your miss,
And squeeze a hand, or steal a kiss,
Our friendship's sure a lasting pleasure,
We swear to you - we're yours for ever!



1 Meriel Young performs the Highland Fling
2 Andrew Gerrie, Lyndsey Docherty and Gordon Russell
recite *The Snowman*, *The Saw Finner* and *The Crocodile*

3 The L5 Scottish Orchestra
4 Auld Lang Syne
5 Jordan McLaren and Rosie Gray

Birmingham Make-Up Competition

"We're through" cried Nicole Wilson and Helen Chalmers as Miss Fulton imparted the happy news to them. As make-up artists, Helen and Nicole had been selected to go to Birmingham for the final of the "Treasure House" national make-up competition, and as their models, Elaine Todd and I were going too. This was the culmination of four months of hard work and fun, which we had enjoyed after school under the careful tuition of Miss Fulton. Photographs of Helen's and Nicole's work had been submitted to the selection panel in England who had chosen the 16 finalists. The hard work was down to Nicole and Helen but obviously Elaine and I must have played some minor part in their success too!

The theme of the competition was "A Creature from Outer Space". Nicole's theme for Elaine was a water creature whilst Helen created a strange, silver bird - both from other planets. We took our own props and costumes which attracted many curious glances on the train down to Birmingham.

We stayed overnight in Birmingham and early next morning travelled to the competition venue. Everyone was excited and nervous, Miss Fulton being no exception. Once inside, we were shown to a room full of other apprehensive yet hopeful artists and the judges circulated looking at equipment and asking questions. Helen and Nicole answered questions on costume, make-up and on the character they had created and were not at all fazed by this, keeping their cool remarkably well. The final make-up was, in my opinion, the best yet.

Unfortunately we failed to win a prize. I do not feel I can give unfair comment on this grave misjudgement on the part of the judges, but this slight disappointment was more than balanced by the good time had by all. It was a great achievement to have reached the finals - our luck for next year. Thanks from all of us to Miss Fulton who was a bottomless pit of original ideas and tips and who gave up her time to allow the whole trip to be possible. We hope she enjoyed it as much as we did.

Jenni Kilgallon F4

Worldwise Quiz

In February 2002, two teams went over to Buckhaven High School in Fife to compete in the Fife/Angus Worldwise Quiz.

After the first round, both teams were in the lead, with only one point separating them. However, the rules allow only one team from any school to carry on into Round 2, so our B Team - Lachlan Young (F2), Glen Christie (F3) and Rory Galloway (F4) - picked up their maps and

navigated their way through a tense and nerve-wracking second round. It was a very close contest. Monifieth High School pipped us at the post by one point to become winners. If only we had known there was a Hyde Park in Sydney, Australia, things might have been different! Congratulations to both teams on their outstanding achievements.

Susan Williams



Team A (l to r): Euan McKee, James Moir, Andrew Black



Team B (l to r): Rory Galloway, Glen Christie, Lachlan Young

top class



The chemistry quiz team has had its best year ever. They won the Tayside and Fife final once again and as a result, a team will be off to the National Finals in London next year where they will defend the title they won this year. They are the first Scottish Team to win the RSC's national schools chemistry competition 'Top of the Bench' and were presented with a trophy and a cheque for £500 to spend on lab equipment. The competition involved 28 teams from the UK, each of whom had won their regional finals, and one team from the British School in Brussels. The teams were faced with a series of challenges including a chemistry-based written test, a research exercise at the Science Museum and a lab-based problem-solving exercise at Imperial College, London. The team comprised the following pupils: Mooktadir Ansar, Toby Davies, Catherine Jung and Emily Pringle and for the National Finals, Kiyo Adya replaced Mooktadir. The photo shows (l to r) Emily, Kiyo, Toby and Catherine with their devoted coach and mentor, Mr Norman Forrest, without whose support and encouragement this success would not have been possible.

Chemistry Camp (9–13 June 2002)

It was a Sunday afternoon and I was off to Chemistry Camp. On the drive to St. Andrews University, I was feeling quite nervous, as I didn't know anyone who was going to be there.

On arrival, I was greeted by a happy little lady who showed me to my room and quickly made me feel more relaxed! Half an hour later, fifty participants from all over Scotland and England, gathered in a hall to be welcomed. Thereafter, we were left to settle in. All was quiet at first since we were strangers to each other, yet in no time at all, we were chatting happily together and looking forward to the next four days!

We each had a room in one of the university's halls of residence. The meals were very good and the choice was wide and varied. Every night we were free to visit each other's rooms, watch TV, or sit in the bar and have a drink (non-alcoholic, of course!) However, it was 'lights out' at 11pm!!

'Chemistry Camp' may sound a little boring, but the chemistry we did throughout the week was anything but boring! Our daytime programme included hands-on practical work in the university labs, a surprisingly interesting lecture, 'Chemistry in the 21st Century', and an industrial site visit. In the evenings, a whole range of social activities were arranged, so it definitely wasn't all work!

Practical work included 'Dyes and Dyeing' where we had fun tie-dyeing T-shirts with different coloured dyes, and I had extra fun tie-dyeing Mr. Macdonald's lab coat!! The finished T-shirts were really good, and as part of the exercise, we had to prepare a PowerPoint presentation to be given to other groups, trying to sell our fantastic finished products!

Other chemical activities were: 'Chemical Cluedo' – solving a murder mystery at Kinshaldy Castle using scientific techniques; 'Chemical Clock Music' – designing chemical clocks to change colour in time to our favourite music; 'Making a Nickel-Plated Bookmark' – using electrolysis to deposit nickel on a pre-treated copper sheet to make our own designed bookmarks and 'Cold Light' – making a chemiluminescent compound, similar to those found in fireflies and jellyfish, to detect impurities in pharmaceutical compounds. This was all great fun and an exciting way to learn new chemistry.

There was a sports evening, where we could choose to join in on a whole variety of indoor and outdoor games or opt to sit, relax and spectate! On another occasion we went bowling and on the last evening, we had a beach barbecue. Despite the pouring rain all fifty of us cooked and ate burgers on St. Andrew's gorgeous, tropical? beach. Some daring souls were even crazy enough to venture into the sea! We had fun and it definitely was a memorable night by any standards!

By the end of the four days we were all very good friends and none of us wanted to go home. Chemistry Camp was both a great fun and a great learning experience. If you ever get the chance to go, grab it!

Kiyo Adya F3



A Jacobite Journey in History

Our Term 2 History project was The Jacobites and so Mrs Docherty arranged for a few members of the 'White Cockade Society' to come along to Margaret Harris Hall to bring this period in Scottish history to life for us.

Two Jacobites came running in, chased by a Redcoat soldier. They had a pretend fight which was really very exciting and then they went on to tell us about their costumes and their weapons. One of the Jacobites, Mr Blair-Oliphant, really looked the part with his long hair and beard and we were treated to a display of fighting tactics using claymores, broadswords and targes (ie swords and shields).

The Redcoat told us of the various tricks that were used in order to get new recruits for the King's army. People would be fooled into touching a penny with the face of King George on it or sometimes a soldier would drop a penny into a tankard of beer. Whoever drank from it and found the coin would be forced to join up.

One of the many things we enjoyed was being shown how to dress in a plaid. Robert Constable was picked to demonstrate a man's plaid then Rachael Sinclair was dressed in a woman's plaid. Our guests made it all look so easy but we're sure it would take lots of practice before we could manage to dress ourselves correctly!

Maud Sampson, Cameron McGrath L6



Master Chef

ADundee schools Master Chef Competition launched in October 2001 by Dundee College and sponsored by Radio Tay and Watson and Phillips PLC, caught the attention of Miss Smith in our Home Economics Department. She in turn fired the imagination of two very talented young cooks, Gillian Hume and Lesley Niven, and encouraged them to enter. It was no surprise to learn that our team was one of the six selected to go through to the Grand Final on Friday 23rd November at Kingsway Campus, Old Glamis Road, Dundee. The remit was to compile a two course menu reflecting the best of Scottish ingredients, using only fresh foods, for a foreign visitor to taste and enjoy. The menu had to be prepared, cooked and presented within

2½ hours. Competitors had moreover, to provide a typed or computer enhanced menu with the school badge, as well as a list of all the ingredients and detailed methods of work for each dish.

Undaunted, Gillian and Lesley set to with great gusto.

Their chosen menu was:

Fresh seared Scottish Salmon with lemon/thyme butter, Cucumber and Mint Salad and New Potatoes Carse of Gowrie Bramble Tart with Fresh cream

Auchterarder High School just pipped them to the post for first prize, but Gillian and Lesley were delighted nonetheless to be placed second and received a cash prize of £30.00 each and a Certificate of Achievement.

Well done girls!

Mathematics Competitions

It has been another busy year in the mathematics department with pupils from all years entering a number of different competitions. Our pupils were given the chance to compete against able young mathematicians from other schools throughout the United Kingdom this year when we entered pupils for the UKSMC, UKIMC and the UKJMC. Our results are shown in the table below.

Gold	Silver	Bronze
UKSMC	1	2
UKIMC	4	7
UKJMC	11	14

Best in School for UKSMC - James Strachan

Best in School for UKIMC - Simon Jones

Best in School for UKJMC - Steven King

The Maths Challenge competition did not prove as popular amongst pupils this year and we had only a small number of pupils who completed both sets of questions. We are hoping that more pupils will complete the whole competition next year.

Junior Division Silver: Sukhdeep Gill, Shahadat Hussain

Intermediate Division Gold: Toby Davies, Catherine Jung

Senior Division Bronze: Mooktadir Ansar

At the beginning of March the school entered two fourth year teams in the competition 'Mathématiques sans frontières'. This competition was open to schools throughout Europe. This is the fourth time that the school has entered this particular competition and it proved to be an interesting experience for the pupils. One of the questions had to be answered in a language other than English which gave the language enthusiasts a chance to show their skills. While our teams enjoyed the event neither of them finished in the top ten in Europe. Perhaps next year!

United Kingdom Junior Mathematics Olympiad

The United Kingdom Junior Maths Challenge was sat by over 200,000 pupils throughout the UK and the top 1100 of these were invited to sit the follow-up round of the competition ie The UK Junior Maths Olympiad. All of them received certificates of participation but the best 25% were awarded certificates of distinction, and medals were awarded as follows: Gold to the top 9 pupils in the UK and Silver to the next 27 in the UK. Our top pupil, Steven King, has therefore come in somewhere in the top 36 out of the 200,000 who entered the initial competition and was one of only two pupils in Scotland to enjoy such success.

Three of our pupils were invited to take part in UKJMO and the results of their efforts were as follows:

A Silver Medal and Book prize: Steven King (he is the first DHS pupil to win a medal at this level)

Awarded a Distinction - David Pitcaithly

Awarded a Certificate of Participation - Andrew Black

Congratulations boys! Your success is particularly pleasing this year since it is a fitting tribute to your teacher.

Mr AD Bell, who had now retired.



Ceilidh Capers

The legendary L7 Ceilidh night of dancing, games and refreshments took place on Thursday 13th December 2001. A live band got everyone's toes tapping as they played our favourite Scottish dances, and the boys looked smart in their colourful kilts. There was certainly no shortage of people on the dance floor.

Once we were all tired out, drinks, chocolate bars and crisps soon got us all back on our feet ready for the next round of games and dancing. All too soon it seemed, it was time to go home. Yet, after all our exertions, we were happy to get into the back of dad's car and be taken home to bed. It had been a great night and one we would remember for a long time to come.

Ruth Foulis L7





Spot the bird

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

It is report time again. It is also expedition time again. I am writing this from the splendour of my tent at the end of a glorious day in the Ochils with a Bronze expedition group.

This session began in an unusual manner, as we had to complete the Bronze expeditions from the session before. These had been postponed because of the effects of Foot and Mouth a year ago.

Expeditions feature highly in many minds when the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is mentioned. This may be in parents' minds as holders themselves, or as assistant packers, who silently wonder how their son/daughter is ever going to manage to get everything back into the rucksack after the first camp. Staff groan, – some not so silently – knowing that they will lose yet more pupils for a few days in third term. Pupils remember the long year of training and preparation and then have lasting memories of the trials and tribulations of the actual expeditions.

However there is much more to the Award than this. Other activities such as badminton, karate, swimming, cooking, After School Care Club, volunteering at Barnardos or Discovery Point, taking part in a conservation programme or police course, to name but a few, have all been undertaken this session.

Self-motivation, enthusiasm, commitment and determination are all required if one is to gain an Award at any of the three levels. In this last year two former pupils completed Gold and four pupils in Form 6 have only the report on their final expedition to write before completing theirs. There have been six Silver and fourteen Bronze Awards presented at school assembly. Many pupils, particularly in Form 4, have just one section left to complete their Bronze Award. Please do make the effort to complete that last section because then you will feel really proud of all your hard work and glean a great sense of satisfaction from your achievements.

The school input is predominantly for expeditions, so many thanks must go to all the staff who have given up endless hours training pupils for the expeditions as well as supervising groups in the hills during weekends, holidays and the odd school day. The training team is going to miss Mr Macdonald's invaluable input as well as his good humour. Perhaps in his retirement he might be persuaded to give up a few days to help out! Another gap will be created when Mrs Finnie departs on maternity leave. She is going to be greatly missed. We wish her well, and assure her of an open invitation to the hills any time she feels she would like some more adult company!

Finally, can you spot and name the bird photographed in the photograph accompanying this report? It was taken during the Gold expedition in Maycamouflage is a wonderful thing!

Sheila Cannon



Duke of Edinburgh 'Gold' participants with Miss Cannon and Mr Middleton. (l to r): Christian Penhale, Gemma Clayhills-Henderson, Russell Macleod and Alison Leckie

Farewell to L7



Back(l to r): Rose Ogden, Anika Chowdhury, Becky McKillop, Lily Vannet, Rachel Fraser, Roxanne O'Tee, Claire Barclay, Megan Kyles, Victoria Bryson-Blair, April Clark, Caitlin McDonald, Rosie Armstrong, Kirsten Fairlie
 Row 5(l to r): Tom Emslie-Smith, Stewart Todd, Tom Bannerman, Umayr Asif, Mark Mutimer, Murray Barnett, Tom Morgan, Rishi Lall, Oliver Bergen-Reid, Owen Dyer, Cameron Forbes, Scot McIntosh, Michael Niven, Thomas Spowart
 Row 4(l to r): Sarah Nimmo, Kamran Ashraf, Robbie Pullar, Adam Robertson, Rohini Mukhopadhyay, Katy Bain, Rachel Coleman, Camilla Chan, Eilidh Firth, Stephanie Wright, Ruth Foulis, Scott Clayson, Tom Faulkes, Michael Houston, Kate Robson
 Row 3(l to r): Adam Cuthbert, Andrew Herron, Murdoch Smith, Michael Towns, Harry Whitford, Ammar Habib, Bilal Hussain, Anthony Dent, Stuart Thomson, Stuart Barkin, Angus Millar, Callum Bowie, Tom Hinison, Michael Milne
 Row 2(l to r): Heather Chalmers, Merle Henderson, Chloe Brown, Harriet Rathbone, Danielle Mordente, Louise Cuthbertson, Sarah Mallick, Zoe Galloway, Katy Steele, Suzie Sutherland, Catriona Wilson, Jerry Maggs, Lindsay Tarnock
 Front(l to r): Patrick Haddow, Alistair Clark, Mark Pringle, Craig Wallace, Gavin Peebles.

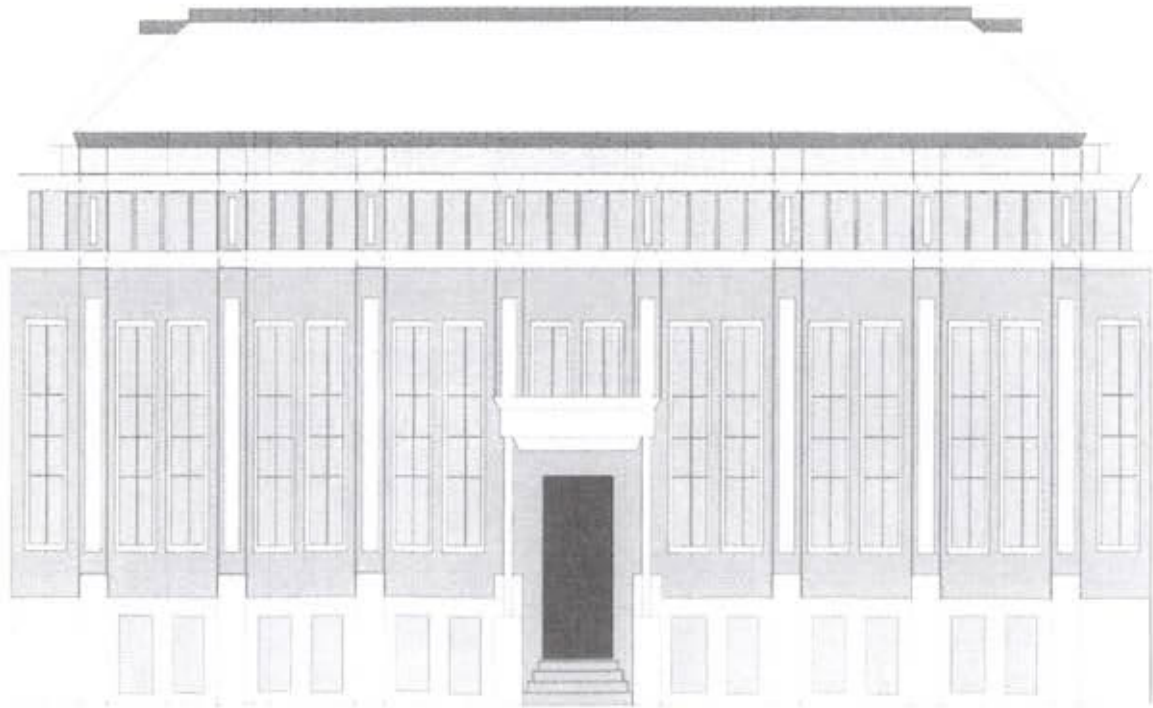
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A Librarian's Letter from America

This is my last report as Librarian of the High School of Dundee and I am sitting by the pool in my friend's house in Florida as I write. You, I understand, are freezing in temperatures of 12C.

Twelve years ago almost to the day I left, I walked into the library that was to be my life for so long. There was not a single book to be seen, the library was empty apart from some glass-fronted shelves at the far end and some tables and chairs arranged at random. I wondered if I had bitten off more than I could chew but decided that it was a challenge I could cope with, and so the library as we know it, began to take shape.

I set myself a deadline of Open Morning in October and started taking the glass off the bookcases and having them put in the position they were to be in until Mr Parlour and IT mania hit us. I took myself off to what was then the Albania Book Company, now the Cawdor Book Company, and bought every suitable book they had. I ordered catalogue cards – no automated catalogue in those days – and a catalogue cabinet. I ordered labels, book cards, readers' tickets, date stamps, book stamps etc., etc. and bought an electric typewriter. Before long the books started to arrive and I classified and catalogued until I was dizzy, and on Open Morning, I proudly showed prospective parents our embryonic library.

Very quickly the library established itself as part of the school and I had to have help in the mornings from Mrs McMurray who is the Auxiliary in the Prep Department. As time went on, it became necessary to appoint a part-time library assistant and so Mrs Anderson

joined the staff. Eventually the Prep Department needed Mrs McMurray for more hours, Mrs Anderson took over Mrs McMurray's time and the library was able to be open every day from 8.30 – 4.30 pm. In 1993 I was given additional funding for two 386 computers and the arduous task of automating the administration and catalogue system began. I purchased EASL and set to work. With the help of Form 6, it did not take us long to get the system up and running and we were amazed at the difference the automated catalogue made. The pupils were able to locate resources for topics much easier, and the issuing and returning of items was much more accurate.

Librarians from all the independent schools in Scotland turned up every May to the one-day conference which was our annual training day. Our library was much admired and declared by many to be the best in Scotland. Life at that time was not too bad in Libraryland apart from the odd crisis with Private Study classes, so we could have basked in this glory for evermore. Then one day Mr Nimmo decided to retire and Mr Duncan took over as Rector and I was given a line manager in the shape of Mr Parlour. I had never encountered a line manager before. What was I expected to do with him? What would he expect from me? Should I throw in the towel and make a run for it? Was life as I knew it going to end?

Apart from arriving with 20 PCs tucked under his arm, he really was on my side and never failed to support and encourage me for the rest of my stay at the school. The 20 PCs caused me a lot more bother however, since the bookshelves and all the resources had to be moved to make room for the furniture

that was to make up the "IT Suite". I had to learn on the hoof how to work them and sometimes how to mend them when odd things happened. I had to learn to be one step ahead of the smart young lads who thought, I have to admit correctly, that they knew more than I did. I had to do all this and not have a nervous breakdown!

I am pleased to say that all the resources were carefully arranged so that we lost no stock, the furniture was arranged to allow continued smooth running of the library and I became computer literate. Then EASL began to crash and we had to purchase another system. LINES looked good and the price was not too bad. We bought it. The administration side went in with few hitches but it took a year to get the catalogue running, and even as I write, it is not perfect.

With all the changes, it had somehow escaped our notice that the library which had once been hailed as the best in Scotland, had begun to look tired. It needed, a bit like myself, a facelift, and so estimates were called for, plans were drawn up and I decided that the time was now right for me to hand over to a younger librarian. Mrs Anderson retired at Christmas and was replaced by Mrs Brown and I have been replaced by Mrs Dakers. I am proud to have been the first Chartered Librarian at the High School of Dundee and am now happy to hand over my library to Mrs Dakers and her assistant, Mrs Brown. I see in them the excitement I felt that first day in May 1990 when I walked into the empty library and I know that they will take it safely through the next stage of development.

Shonagh Morrison



Author Visit

On the 30th November 2001 Mrs Bea Ferguson came to see the L5 pupils. Here is the letter they wrote to thank her;

High School of Dundee
Euclid Crescent
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10 December 2001

Dear Mrs Ferguson,

Thank you for coming all the way from Edinburgh just to entertain us. We really enjoyed all your stories, songs, poems and riddles. We had two favourites: **The Clever Girl, her Father and the King** because it was different from the usual kind of story. Usually authors make the male characters the clever ones, but in this story it was the little girl who was the smart one. It was very interesting to hear how she handled the many tasks that the King asked her to do. **Horace**, our favourite poem, was about the boy who ate himself. It was really funny and made us all laugh. We really enjoyed your visit and hope you can come again soon.

Yours sincerely,
L5

Bookworms

L4 have been voracious readers this session. Here is a selection of their reviews:

Rescue Riders Fire Alert

by Peter Clover

Somebody is living in a very old building. When fire breaks out, Hannah, Jade and Charlotte are the first to come to the rescue with their horses Flash, Mandrake and Pickles. This is a very exciting story and if you read it, I am sure you will enjoy it.

Siobhan Strathearn

School can wait

by Teresa Dahl

This story is about a boy who went on holiday and got involved saving animals. One day he has to go to the Mayor to take care of a very annoying, stupid parrot that won't stop chatting!

I liked this story because it was very funny and because the boy did not have to go back to school after the holidays were over.

Lauren Clayson

Sandy Simmons and the Spotlight Spook

by Jean Ure

Starlight Stage School puts on a play and Starlotta gets the leading role, so the gang is trying to scare her. Maybe the ghost girl can help? But on the night of the show they really do see a ghost

I liked the story because it is funny and a bit creepy. It is really exciting with great illustrations!

Anna MacKenzie

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

by JK Rowling

Harry is an orphan and also a wizard. He has to try not to let Lord Voldemort find the Philosopher's Stone because he will come back with it and try to kill Harry, just as he killed Harry's parents.

This is a good story because the author uses language that makes it very exciting.

Dominic Munro

Watch out for Witches

by Hilda Offen

The story is about a Prince and his parents, the King and Queen. Everyone told Prince Pompom not to go into the woods so he escaped from the castle and did just that! But he got caught by witches. Laura Jones has to teach the witches to be good.

I liked this book because it was very funny and the characters were nice.

Leanne Forbes

The Farm that ran out of Names

by William Mayne

Owen, Gwen, David and Myfanwy live on a farm in a valley. One day the City of Birmingham Water Supply decide to turn the valley into a lake so that they can get water to their city. The family is not happy about this. They build a house on a boat and live on the lake.

I really liked this story because you never know what is going to happen next.

Emma Pattullo

Lucky Pup

by Jean Ure

Ben has always wanted a dog and when he turns seven, he and his mum go to the dog home to get one. Ben picks a dog that was found in a dustbin and calls her Lucky. One weekend Ben goes to London with his dad but Lucky can't go with him. When they leave, Ben accidentally leaves the gate open and Lucky escapes. His mum thinks that someone has stolen him. When Ben gets back home they go back to the dog home and find Lucky again! This teaches Ben not to be careless. This is a good story. It is exciting and I really like dogs.

Amy Clark

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

by JK Rowling

The Chamber of Secrets has been opened again after 50 years. Voldemort comes back to get Harry. This book is very exciting!

Mike Harley

James and the Giant Peach

by Roald Dahl

James' parents got eaten up by a rhinoceros that had escaped from the zoo so James has to go to live with his horrible aunts on the top of the hill in the south of England. In the garden is an ancient peach tree. Something peculiar happens and James' adventures begin.

I liked this story because they go on an adventure across the sea on a giant peach and end up at the top of the Empire State Building wondering what to do.

Hannah Sampson

Pirate Pandemonium

by Jeremy Strong

A supply teacher is asked to go to Wits End Primary School for a week or two. But this is not the teacher that the school is expecting ...

I liked this story because it was very funny.

Elizabeth Scott

The Magic Hare

by Lynne Reid Banks

A magic, dancing hare makes bad people nice and teaches people lessons. He makes frightened people brave and makes everybody's wildest dreams come true.

This story is full of magic and is very, very funny. That's why I like it!

Jasmine Brown

Harry Potter

by JK Rowling

Harry is starting his third year at Hogwarts School of witchcraft and wizardry. He meets his parents' best friend Black who gives him the chance to live with Black.

You never know what is going to happen next in this book and that's why it is so good.

David Burnett

Digging deep...

The main fund-raising event of the session was, of course, the Fashion Show, but throughout the year, pupils and staff have been involved in a huge variety of events large and small, all with one aim in mind – to help others!



Tucking into hot chocolate and doughnuts

Children's Aid (Afghanistan) benefited from our annual sale of hot chocolate and doughnuts after the Armistice Day Parade – long queues proved yet again how popular this is. Later, two groups of pupils responded to specific needs and organised events in November and May to raise money for "Children in Need" and "Christian Aid". Many congratulations to these groups and their friends for their hard work.



(l to r): Lucy Gibson, Mari Cunningham, Sophie Cargill, Lea-Jane Statham, Laura Peebles and Jane Orr sent a healthy cheque to "Children in Need"

There was a flurry of activity in the run up to Christmas: the Junior School managed to fill 15 sacks for the "Rep Charity Christmas Appeal for Toys"; a Blue Peter "bring and buy" sale in aid of minibuses and wheelchairs for the elderly was organised by Miss Hulbert's class and raised £75; Anthony Dent and Thomas Spowart, both L7, Sarah Jane Dent L3 and Beth Spowart L5 organised a garage sale for the same appeal and raised £250; Mrs Halliwell's L7 class raised £100 for Liver Research and £100 for Guide Dogs for the Blind; through the initiative of three Form 6 girls, Susan Leckie, Gemma Clayhills-Henderson and Anna Mackay, a school calendar was produced with the proceeds going to "Dennis Beats the Menace Cancer Research", Ninewells Hospital.

As usual our Christmas appeals, including the "kilometre of cash", brought a generous response from all sections of the school community. Donations were sent to the Aberlour

Childcare Trust, Scottish Refugee Council, Cancer Care (Ninewells), Concern/Food Aid, Cystic Fibrosis Trust, CHAS, Childline Scotland and the Children's Promise. Thanks to all who gave, bought cards, quizzed and sang towards the magnificent Christmas total of £1877.06.



Form 2: Girls held a "Cake and Cards" sale and gave the proceeds to "Christian Aid"

In March, Macmillan Cancer Relief received over £425.00 from a "bucket" collection – a much less stressful way of raising money, although it did require strong arms to carry the buckets! And finally, the Junior School's gift of foreign coins, around £100.00 after conversion, went towards buying Emergency Shelters for use in disaster areas.



Rosie Armstrong, Kirsten Farlie, Ruth Foulis, Rachel Coleman, Danielle Mordente, Katy Steele and Harriet Rathbone raised money for the "Blue Peter Wheel Appeal"

As a school we sponsor two children from the developing world: Joel, from the Philippines, and Monica, from Kenya. Both children have now left school and are helping to support their families by doing farm work. This is very typical of peasant farming families, but the communities really benefit from the sponsorship money and have given us details of school, sanitation and medical improvements which they are all now enjoying and which have all been paid for by this very money.

A huge thank you is extended to all pupils, staff and parents who have dug so deeply into their pockets and given so generously to others. Well done!

Frances Martin (Charities Committee)



Budding Thespians

On the mornings of 12th and 13th December in Trinity Hall, all pupils in L1, L2 and L3 enchanted a captive audience with their performance of 'The Town that forgot it was Christmas'. In it were all the ingredients that we at the High School have come to expect in our traditional Christmas treat: autumn leaves, trees, icicles, robins, snowflakes, bells and frogs all sang, recited, swirled, twirled, hopped and danced their way through delightful scenes from village life. When the townspeople realised the true meaning of Christmas, the traditional Nativity characters appeared on stage, played by L3 pupils.



CCCF

This year saw the Contingent working very hard to achieve its aims. November once again saw us on Parade for the Remembrance Service and it also marked the start of an intensive programme run by Mr. Nichol and the Cadet Training Team. The programme involved all Cadets completing all aspects of Military Knowledge, culminating in an all day exercise at Barrybudden. This proved very successful and will be repeated again this year. During study leave Mr McAdam and Mr Nichol put together an adventure package which tested individual skills rather than teamwork. This comprised of Tai-Kwan-do, rock-climbing, kayaking and indoor shooting. It proved to be very popular and it is hoped that this, too, can be repeated. Cadets are a mixture of adventure training and military skills which when broken down, are 60/40 in favour of adventure training. The combination of skills acquired by the Staff and the continued support of the Cadet Training Team demonstrate clearly, that Cadets are achieving our objectives in creating an

environment which teaches Leadership, Teamwork and Individual skills, strengths which they can carry forward to adulthood.

Our annual camp this year was held just outside Catterick and although the weather was decidedly unkind, the Cadets really enjoyed themselves. The training programme organised by Mr. Nichol and Mr. McAdam was put to the test by the local Cadet Training Team. The days proved to be very long and arduous, and although everyone was tested to the limit, it has to be recorded sadly, that it was the staff who wilted first, especially when the dulcet tones of Major McAdam were heard to cry: "IF IT AIN'T RAINING IT AIN'T TRAINING". Some cadets too, could have gladly seen him far enough! Overall however, the week was a great success and those cadets who attended camp are to be congratulated for bringing with them their enthusiasm, their willingness to learn and their determination to achieve such a high level of success. There is no doubt that you will continue this next session and together with Staff, will very possibly go even better!





Armistice 2001



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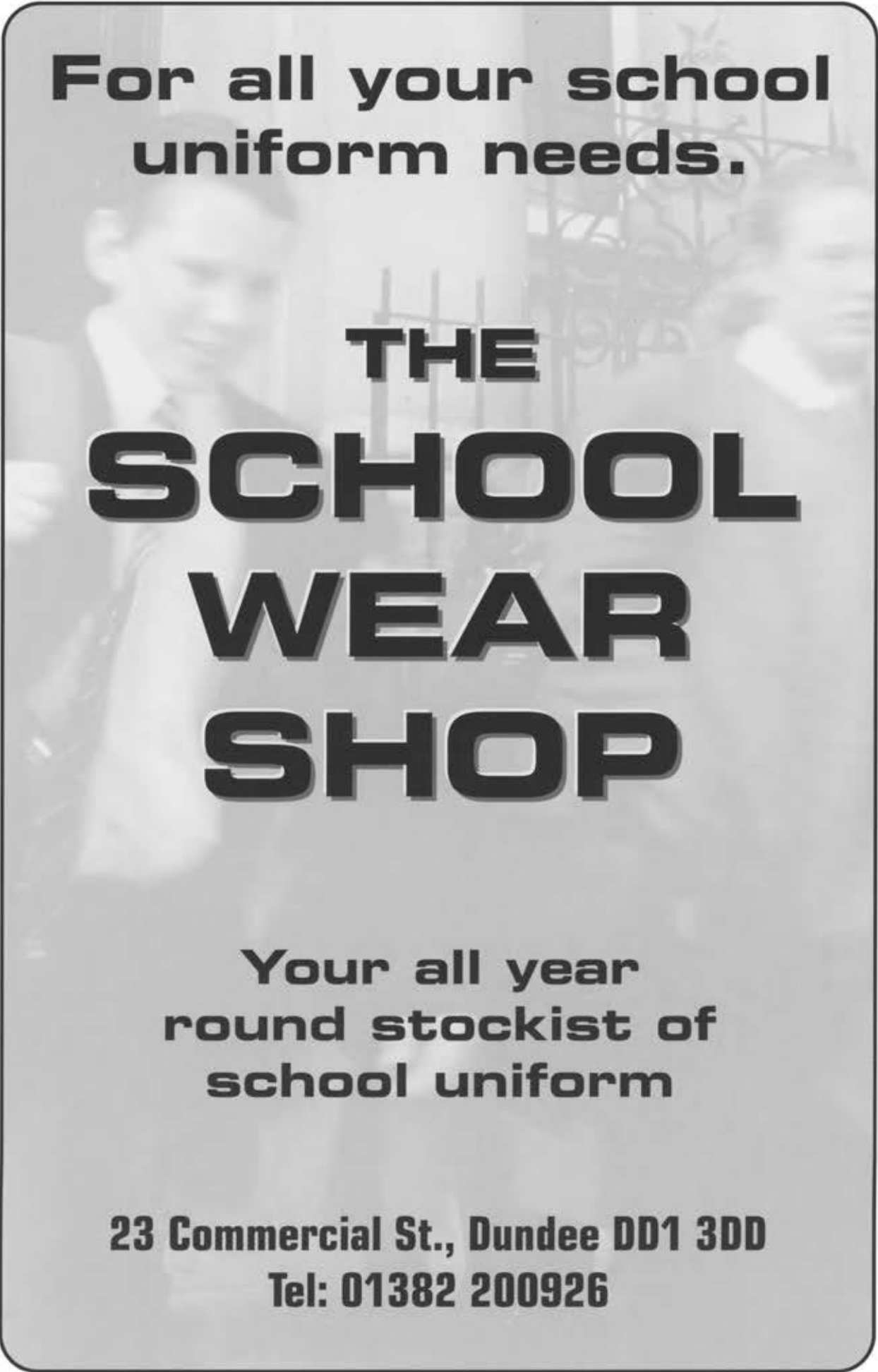
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Musical Notes

From Trinity Hall to the "Windy City" the Music Department has continued to flourish with more pupils taking up instrumental and vocal instruction and participating in more and more public performances. With around 450 pupils receiving instrumental instruction every week from a dedicated team of full time and part-time instructors it is not surprising that the choirs, orchestras and bands continue to flourish and expand in numbers and repertoire.

Following the hugely successful evening Christmas Concert in St Mary Magdalene's Church in December 2000 it was decided to establish this event as a High School Music Department tradition, and so the evening of 12th December 2001 saw us again in St Mary Magdalene's for a wonderful Christmas Concert. It featured all six of the High School Choirs, from 14/5 to the Senior Choir who, along with many of our orchestral groups, presented a varied programme of Christmas music to the delight of an appreciative, capacity audience. Such was the popularity of this event that we have had to seek a much larger venue for this year and shall be presenting it on Wednesday 11th December at 7 pm in the Caird Hall no less! Definitely a date for the diary!

Christmas is of course, a very busy time musically, and this session has been no exception. As well as the concert in St Mary Magdalene's, the choirs were delighted to perform at the Annual Carol Service in St Mary's Parish Church and in the Overgate shopping centre for Barnardos. String groups performed at charity events such as the Malcolm Sargent Appeal Concert in the Caird Hall and Roxburgh House. As well as Christmas engagements the String Ensemble has been in great demand to play at functions throughout the year: a 'Ladies' Evening in 'Boots' which raised money for CLIC, a Malcolm Sargent Dinner in the Blyth Hall, Newport, the Rotary's Kids Out Day at Kingspark School to name a few. They also held their very own Soirée in Trinity Hall during the last week of term.

A Clarinet Quartet whose members comprise Catherine Jung (F3), Jennifer Tyler, Iona MacFarlane and Calum McNicol (all F4) entertained at the first *Foundation Dinner* in the Invercarrow Hotel in March.

Up and coming is the Brass Ensemble who, along with strings, played at the *Open Morning* in October and also at the *RSNO Proms* in the Marryat Hall in June. They competed in the *Perthshire Music Festival* in March winning a merit award in the Intermediate Class and performed a selection of five



The Clarinet Quartet

pieces at the *Annual Prize-giving* in the Caird Hall at the end of the session. Individually, brass players were very successful in solo competitions at the *Perthshire Festival*. Eilidh Clark (F2) won the intermediate cornet class and Christopher Barclay (F2) won the elementary trombone class. Tom Emslie-Smith (L7) won the elementary trumpet class and Jamie Van der Ham the elementary cornet class. Merit awards were gained by Robbie Fergusson (F3), Craig Wallace (L7), Cameron McGrath (L6), Scott Claydon (L7), Mark Bourne (L7), Donald White (F1), Lavan Sriskandakumar (F2) and Sarah Crichton (F1), with Stuart Thomson gaining second place in the elementary trombone class. Andrew Ferguson (L6)



Festival success for 1 to 5: Eilidh Clark, Christopher Barclay, Sophie Cargill, Jamie Van der Ham, Rhona Crichton



The String Ensemble



Trumpeters (l to r): Donald White, Scott Clayson, Tom Emslie-Smith, Mark Bourne

third place in the Eb horn elementary class and Stephen Fraser and Jonathan Spink (both F2) coming third equal in the intermediate trumpet class. Rhona Crichton won first place in the intermediate clarinet class. At the *Arbroath Festival* Sophie Cargill (F2) gained first place in the under 15 vocal duet class and was placed third in the under 18 vocal solo class. Congratulations to all.



The Southgate Ensemble (l to r): Jamie Yule, Toby Davies, Rory Baxter, Sarah Dorward

Our own annual Music Competitions took place in March and were adjudicated by Mrs McVilvie and Mr Henry Neil. This year pupils competed for named prizes only – a full-scale competition will be held next year and it is hoped to hold an evening session featuring the more senior classes such as the *Southgate Ensemble* and the *Premier Quaich*. This year's top winners were Emma Peebles, viola (Premier Quaich) and Jamie Yule, violin, Sarah Dorward, violin, Rory Baxter, cello and Toby Davies, piano (Southgate Prize). For the first time in several years there were enough keen, interested boys to hold a Boys' as well as a Girls' Leng Silver Medal competition in school. We were delighted to welcome Mr Charlie Maynes, Expressive Arts Coordinator for Dundee District Schools, to judge the three competitions. Winners were Lynsey Tannock (L7), Sophie Cargill (F2) and Douglas Dorward (F1).



Douglas Dorward

There have been many individual successes in music throughout the year and we are pleased to report that in October Sophie Sneddon (F1) and Jennifer Watson (F3) gained places in the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland. Jennifer Watson and Kirsty Lowe (both F3) have been selected to play with the National String Orchestra of Scotland and Emma Peebles (F5) attended an Easter course with the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland. A group of our pupils who are



(l to r): Sophie Sneddon, Kirsty Lowe, Jennifer Watson

members of Tayside Young Fiddlers – Susan Edie (F5), Sarah Dorward (F4), Jennifer Watson and Kirsty Lowe (F3); Sophie Sneddon and Malcolm Watson (F1) – were winners of the Scottish Orchestral Championships. At the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival in Oban, Samantha Croll (F3) won the *Songs from the Shows* category.



Samantha Croll

In March St Mary Magdalene's Church was the setting once again for the first of our Spring Concerts. This time it was the turn of the Junior and Intermediate singers and players who entertained the audience with a wide variety of music to an exceptionally high standard. Jennifer Watson (F3) was the solo violinist in *Spring* from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*. At the end of April, F6 pupils who opted to sit a performing exam at Higher or Advanced Higher, level presented part of



Steven Gilbertson



Robbie Young

their programmes to a captive audience in Trinity Hall. Performances included voice and drum-kit as well as orchestral instruments.

May saw us return to St Mary Magdalene's for the Senior Concert which, too, was equally enjoyable for the listener. Amongst the many notable performances were *Highland Cathedral*, played by the Concert Band, featuring Robbie Young (F6) as the solo piper and *Zadok the Priest* sung by the Senior Choir, a piece chosen with the Queen's Jubilee in mind. Emma Peebles was the soloist for movements 1 and 2 of Telemann's *Viola Concerto*.

To end the session the members of the Senior Choir presented *Calamity Jane* in the Garry Theatre. All who saw it agreed that it was a fantastic production and we would like to thank all staff and pupils who helped make it such an outstanding success, particularly our choreographer, Kenny Christie, who, at the eleventh hour, took over as director. His commitment to detail and sheer hard work was inspirational.

Not content to end the session with a major production the final week of term saw the Concert Band and Intermediate Brass Ensemble record a CD of *Highland Cathedral* and other items. The CD, proceeds of which will be donated to *Helen's Fund*, will be on sale in plenty of time for Christmas. As previously mentioned the String Ensemble were also busy holding their Soirée in Trinity Hall. We were delighted to hear of the birth of a baby daughter to Mrs Frances McGlashan and husband Iain on 19 December, 2001. We send them our best wishes for the future. Many thanks to Mrs Laura Young and Mrs Karen Hamilton who have acted as supply woodwind instructors for the remainder of the session. Congratulations, too, to Mr Neil McCulloch, who has taught guitar for many years at High School. He will be embarking on a postgraduate course in teacher training at Moray House next.

session. We wish him success in his career and thank him, too, for his hard work and dedication.

With six choirs, three orchestras, three windbands and numerous other smaller instrumental and vocal groups rehearsing every week, we look forward to another busy session of music-making and concerts. Arrangements are also well under way for a Music Trip to Switzerland and Italy in April 2003 for 71 of our musicians.

We also look forward to welcoming five new members of staff. In August Mrs Susan Sneddon takes up the position of full-time Instructor of Woodwind. Mr Rob MacKillop and Miss Alison Smith join us as part-time Instructors of Guitar and Miss Kate Openshaw as an additional instructor of percussion. Mrs Margaret Scott Brown will also join the staff as a part-time class teacher and instructor. We look forward to welcoming them to the Music Department and wish them every success.

Strings of Success

The String section of the department continues to play a busy and successful role, both in school performances and in performances in the wider community, and is graced by the talents of some exceptional young string musicians. Here is a brief summary of their 2001 - 2002 season.

October:

Gill Robertson and Stephen Armstrong perform at a Dundee University lunchtime concert playing music from Eccles, The Franck Violin Sonata and Saint-Saen's "Danse Macabre".



November:

Jennifer Watson and Sophie Sneddon (left of photograph) join the National Youth Children's Orchestra of Scotland after a series of auditions in Glasgow and Edinburgh.



December:

The String Ensemble presents a Christmas Concert in the Caird Hall as part of the Malcolm Sargent Appeal for Sick Children. They also entertain the patients of Roxburgh House with the same repertoire, and to high acclaim.

April:

Emma Peebles joins the National Youth Orchestra for the Easter course. Gill and Stephen perform at the Forfar Arts Guild.

June:

Gill and Stephen perform once more at the Forfar Arts Guild and the young players present a magnificent "String Evening" in Trinity Hall.

July:

Jennifer Watson and Kirsty Lowe join the National String Orchestra of Scotland.



Some of the String Ensemble players (l to r): Amanda Pringle, Jennifer Watson, Lucy Sneddon, Susan Edie

Tayside Young Fiddlers News

November:

Scottish Orchestral Champions

March:

Scottish Ensemble Champions

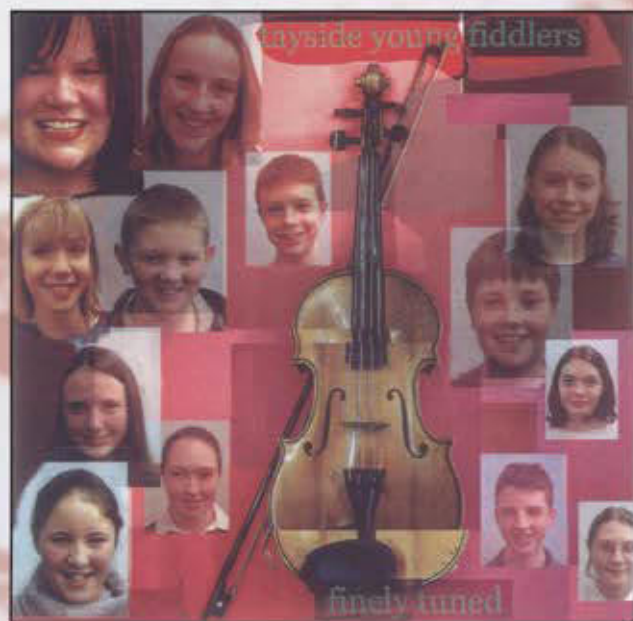
June:

Jennifer Watson wins 5 titles at Aberfeldy Mod

CD work begins on the Tayside Young Fiddlers "Finely Tuned" with a grant from the National Lottery

July:

Course at the Gaelic Centre in Skye with Alastair Fraser thanks to another grant from the National Lottery



Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music – December 2001

Pass with Distinction

Scott Clayson	Trumpet	Grade 1
Emily Boyd	Piano	Grade 3
Louis Ryan	Violin	Grade 5

Pass with Merit

Rakhee Vasishtha	Piano	Grade 1
Marion Lean	Violin	Grade 2
Jonathan Spink	Trumpet	Grade 2
Tom Emslie-Smith	Trumpet	Grade 2
Oliver Alexander	Piano	Grade 3
Douglas Dorward	Piano	Grade 3
Neil Dewar	Piano	Grade 3
Stephen Fraser	Trumpet	Grade 4
Andrew Bell	Piano	Grade 5

Pass

Andrew Glover	Piano	Grade 1
Mark Pringle	Piano	Grade 2
Lisa Respinger	Piano	Grade 4



Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music – March 2002

Pass with Distinction

Rashidar Lall	Violin	Grade 1
Morven Lean	Piano	Grade 1
Sophie Sneddon	Piano	Grade 2
Chris Respinger	Guitar	Grade 2
Rachel Sinclair	Oboe	Grade 2
Douglas Dorward	Violin	Grade 4

Pass with Merit

Sophie Thomson	Violin	Grade 1
Cameron McGrath	Trombone	Grade 1
Stuart Thomson	Trombone	Grade 1
Craig Wallace	Trombone	Grade 1
Amy Watson	Violin	Grade 2
Rob Madden	Guitar	Grade 2
Donald White	Trumpet	Grade 2
Jamie Van Der Ham	Bb Cornet	Grade 2
Charlotte Farmer	Piano	Grade 3
Alison Leckie	Saxophone	Grade 3
Lauren Hesp	Oboe	Grade 3
Sarah Crichton	Trumpet	Grade 3
Lavan Sriskandakumar	Trumpet	Grade 3
Jamie Yule	Violin	Grade 6
Toby Davies	Piano	Grade 6
Kirsty Lowe	Piano	Grade 6



Pass

Paul McNulty	Guitar	Grade 2
Jamie Morrison	Guitar	Grade 2
Iain Kennedy	Piano	Grade 2
Scot McIntosh	Piano	Grade 2
Andrew Ferguson	Eb Horn	Grade 2
Guy Ballantyne	Trumpet	Grade 3
Chris Barclay	Trombone	Grade 3
Kirsty Hawkes	Trumpet	Grade 4
Robbie Ferguson	Bb Cornet	Grade 4
Elidh Clark	Bb Cornet	Grade 4
Iona McFarlane	Clarinet	Grade 5
Jennifer Tyler	Clarinet	Grade 5
Graham Caskie	Trumpet	Grade 5
Emily Pringle	Piano	Grade 5
Carla Hogg	Piano	Grade 6

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music – June 2002

Pass with Distinction

Lewis Foggie	Piano	Grade 1
Nicol Foggie	Piano	Grade 1
Anthony Den	Saxophone	Grade 1
RakheeVasishtha	Clarinet	Grade 1
Elidh Firth	Violin	Grade 2
Morven Lean	Violin	Grade 2
Jamie Morrison	Saxophone	Grade 2
Peter Cameron	Violin	Grade 3
Oliver L. Alexander	Clarinet	Grade 3
Helen Brian	Violin	Grade 4
Emma Peebles	Violin	Grade 4
Colin Goudie	Saxophone	Grade 5
Sarah Dorward	Violin	Grade 6
Jennifer Watson	Violin	Grade 6

Pass with Merit

Thomas Spowart	Violin	Grade 1
Maud Sampson	Violin	Grade 1
Melanie Matthew	Violin	Grade 1
Sarah Murdie	Flute	Grade 1
Alister Daw	Piano	Grade 1
Becky McKillop	Piano	Grade 1
Lauren Pringle	Piano	Grade 1
Marke Bourne	Trumpet	Grade 1
Stephanie Wright	Violin	Grade 2
Stuart McGrath	Violin	Grade 2
Neil Dewar	Violin	Grade 2
Emma Pyne	Violin	Grade 2
Claire Barclay	Clarinet	Grade 2
Catriona Wilson	Clarinet	Grade 2
Lea-Lane Statham	Violin	Grade 3
Ruth Stevenson	Flute	Grade 3
Jilly Vannet	Violin	Grade 4
Simon Jones	Piano	Grade 6
Andrew Bell	Cello	Grade 6

Pass

Elidh Firth	Piano	Grade 1
Lucy Morgan	Piano	Grade 1
Sean Burgess	Clarinet	Grade 1
Victoria Bryson-Blair	Flute	Grade 1
Katie Bain	Violin	Grade 1
Lauren Pringle	Clarinet	Grade 2
Rob McMillan	Double Bass	Grade 2
Katy Steele	Cello	Grade 2
Claire Joiner	Clarinet	Grade 2
Sophie Easton	Saxophone	Grade 2
Ashley Shand	Saxophone	Grade 2

Michael Smailes	Saxophone	Grade 2
John McNicol	Saxophone	Grade 2
Catherine Peters	Flute	Grade 2
Kirsty Morrison	Violin	Grade 2
Christine McLean	Piano	Grade 3
Mark Clayson	Trumpet	Grade 3
Rose Davie	Saxophone	Grade 3
Christopher Smith	Saxophone	Grade 3
Julie Black	Clarinet	Grade 3
Lauren McConville	Viola	Grade 3
Eleanor Geddes	Flute	Grade 3
Andrew Blake	Cello	Grade 4
Emily Boyd	Violin	Grade 4
Hannah Ogden	Violin	Grade 4
Mary Reid	Viola	Grade 4
Duncan Lean	Violin	Grade 5



Guitarists (l to r): Sandy Easton, Alan Fraser, Colin Wain, Martin Baillie

The 'ABRSM Preparatory Test'

Melanie Matthew	Violin	December 2001
Kirsty Mitchell	Violin	June 2002
Kathryn McIntosh	Violin	June 2002
Rosie Morgan	Violin	June 2002
Grace Batchelor	Violin	June 2002
Emma Patullo	Piano	June 2002
Fraser Burt	Piano	June 2002
Rachel Herron	Piano	June 2002
Matthew Emslie-Smith	Piano	June 2002
Lauren Clayson	Piano	June 2002
Peter Robertson	Piano	June 2002

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Pass with Merit

Ben Hlack	Recorder	Initial
Amy Clark	Recorder	Initial
Angus Miller	Saxophone	Grade 1
Laura Treece	Recorder	Grade 2
Fiona McCulloch	Recorder	Grade 3
Castriona France	Violin	Grade 4
Jamie Lamb	Clarinet	Grade 6
Amanda Pringle	Violin	Grade 6
Lucy Sredden	Violin	Grade 6

Pass

Amanda Somers	Recorder	Initial
Beth Spowart	Recorder	Initial
Katie Smailes	Recorder	Initial
Alistair Statham	Recorder	Initial
Clare Waugh	Flute	Grade 4
Fiona Gibson	Violin	Grade 6



The Jazz Band



Calamity Jane

This summer's school production "just blew in from the windy city" and knocked everyone out! Before I'm lynched by an angry mob from Deadwood, I mean that in the nicest possible way. It's a show I am really proud to have been involved in, even in what was very much a backstage role. It was a real "stonker" and one of the "rootiest tootiest" shows we've done.

Rebekah Morden acted her pants off (almost literally during the Fort Scully scene!) as Calamity Jane, the sharp-shooting braggart and tomboy who boasts to the citizens of Deadwood that she can persuade Adelaide Adams to perform at the Golden Garter Inn. She does this despite her jealousy when she sees the two men in her life, Lieutenant Danny Gilmartin and Wild Bill Hickock, getting dewy eyed over a picture of the famous chanteuse. Stuart Lindsay cut quite a dash in the red sash of Danny, the young cavalry Lieutenant but, unfortunately for Calamity, the twinkle in his eye is not for her. Rob McMillan's portrayal of the "four flushing" cynical Bill had us all fooled at first, but even he succumbs to romance and a not unexpected twist is on his cards in the Second Act.

The reason for all the fuss is that the proprietor of The Golden Garter, Henry Miller, played with a Basil Faulty-like frenzy by Nicholas Newton, thinks he has booked a beautiful actress Frances Fryer to top the bill in his show. Instead, he ends up with a song and dance man, "Francis

Fryer with an i". Ross Croll, who tap-danced his way into the role, first wowed us with his terpsichorean display (that's dancing to any dead wood amongst the Deadwood citizens!) only to have us rolling in the aisles with laughter when Fryer is persuaded to dress up as Adelaide and troll his way through "A Hive full of Honey" in drag. Needless to say, the deception is soon exposed and only Calamity's boast that she can get Adelaide to come to town saves Fryer and Miller from an angry mob.

The next case of mistaken identity takes place when Calamity gets to Chicago and goes backstage to see Adelaide. Playing the "real" Adelaide, Lynsey-Anne Marwick's saucy rendition of "It's Harry I'm Planning to Marry" is mimicked by Katie, her maid, played by Sarah Jones, and Calamity mistakes the maid for the mistress. When they get back to Deadwood, Katie's deception is uncovered when she loses her nerve performing her opening number, but once again, Calamity saves the day and Katie gains the confidence to sing the song properly.

Both Sarah and Lynsey-Anne sang the numbers with real verve and musicality and the bevy of beautiful dancers at both The Golden Garter and The Bijou Theatre strutted their way through their numbers with grace and style not to mention a good helping of sass and pizzaz! The other cast members also turned in fine performances to complement the excellent work of the main characters. Ngairé Linton was sweetness and light as Henry Miller's daughter Susan, and Ian Ryan was loveably toothless and horrible as Rattlesnake,

the stagecoach driver. Pete, Hank and Joe, played by Jamie Yule, Rory Baxter and Edwin Scullion put real "life and mettle" into their roles as mischievous cowpokes and Doc Pierce, played amiably by Neil Dymock, must have made his



doctor father proud of his portrayal of Wild West medical know how.

Naturally, as the plot unfolds, the love story gets more and more tangled. Both Danny and Bill fall for Katie and Katie struggles to be loyal to Calamity and deny her love for Danny ... but if you want to know what happens, you should have gone to the show! If you didn't see it, "you missed yourself", as my granny used to say. The chorus and ensemble singing was lovely and both Mr Leckie and the Rector were heard singing along to "The Black Hills of Dakota". The dancing and acting were also superb and the entire cast should be proud of their accomplishment.

Indeed the accomplishment was made all the more wonderful given the circumstances. Reluctantly, Mr Chynoweth, the original Producer, had to abandon his plans for the show, owing to illness. Because Mrs Melville and her staff had already done so much work with the cast, and Kenny Christie had already put in a considerable effort as dancing coach, it was agreed that "the show would go on" with Kenny Christie as Director and Choreographer and Roger Illsley as Producer. Noone could have



anticipated what a magnificent job these three would do with so little time in which to do it. It was certainly worth all the blood, sweat and tears that went into making it a success.







ASPECTS OF Senior School

When we were summoned to the Rector's office at the end of 5th year, the question flashed through our heads.... what had we done?! But when Mr Duncan offered us the positions of Head Girl and Head Boy, we felt privileged and honoured. In our hearts we had already accepted, but all the same, we used the evening to 'think about it' – we could think of nothing else!

Our first hurdle was to persuade our oh-so-willing fellow peers to fulfil their duties as 6th year prefects: helping at Parents' Evenings and reading at Morning Assembly. As our experience grew, so too, did our realisation that the best method of persuasion was...bribery!!

Our first public appearance was the annual Armistice Parade. This had to be our most memorable duty, and it gave us the chance to put hours of slow marching into practice. Many thanks go to Mr Holmes for his patience and encouragement before and during the parade.

In March the school saw the official opening of the new Robert Fergusson building by Dr Brian Lang. On this auspicious occasion we were joined by fifty guests who were given a tour of the prestigious new building. A buffet lunch then followed. The strong media attention resulted in us being pushed into some rather nervy interviews with local radio stations and a local newspaper – an experience we shall not forget in a hurry!

Despite the lack of volunteers for Assembly readings, our fellow pupils were more than happy to lend a hand at Junior School Christmas parties. What was even more 'surprising' was the overwhelming number of male volunteers for the 4th year Christmas dance!

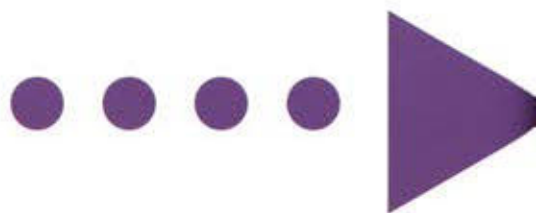
Our thirteen-year trek up through the school has now, sadly, reached its end and we must conclude that these school years have all been good ones – enjoyable and unforgettable, especially our final year. We thank the whole of Form 6 for their help and support and extend a special thank you to Lynsey-Annie and Struan (Deputy Heads), and to all the House Captains and Vice Captains, without whom this year would not have been nearly so special. Last but by no means least, we must thank Mr Duncan, our Rector, and all of the Senior Management Team for their endless patience, help and encouragement.





Y2K2 fashion

On the evenings of 18th and 19th March, Form 6 Students presented a Fashion Show in Trinity Hall. They modelled a diverse range of clothing from Casual and Sportswear to Formal and Wedding attire. All outfits were provided by businesses in Dundee, Broughty Ferry, Perthshire and Angus. In addition, other prizes such as floral arrangements, a food hamper and meals for two were donated for a grand raffle and all publicity material was provided free of charge. The event raised over £ 2000.00 and was divided between Childlink Scotland and Dundee Disabled Children's Association. Jenni Hopkins, Lorna Sommerville and Susanna Sneddon who were the inspiration and driving force behind the whole venture, are to be congratulated. Their planning, commitment and meticulous attention to detail ensured that a good time was had by all!





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It was something of a first for the Modern Studies Department when we were visited by both our local M.P. Ernie Ross and former Defence Minister Douglas Henderson MP. As part of the Higher course we study the Political Decision Making Process in the UK. This was an excellent opportunity for our students to question two long serving M.P.'s who have played an active role in British political life. The following is a much abridged version of a question and answer session which lasted for over an hour.

Is the influence of the Media a good or bad thing?

Ernie Ross (ER) Both good and bad. Anonymous reporting can be quite irresponsible. There are 200 media people in Holyrood for 129 MSPs. Much trivia is reported.

Douglas Henderson (DH) Much is locally focussed, local internet, radio, instant TV rather than time lag. It is the only way to communicate but ... 'spinning and instant reverberation' are the phenomena of our time.

Independent Candidates - are they significant?

ER Often a one issue cause and can be lonely figures in Parliament - are their constituents well represented? Martin Bell has been more influential through his personal skills, but remained a one term politician - must build alliances to be effective.

DH Politics is about 'collectivity' - frustration expressed through voting for Independent.

Voting against the Party Line?

DH Yes, on some issues - but compromise is usual.

ER Parliamentary Labour Party Meeting has heated debates but then a collective decision. Arguments usually behind closed doors.

Cabinet rivalries?

ER The Cabinet contains strong individuals - media and image-conscious, e.g. PM, but he is not an expert in all areas. Cabinet highly intelligent, therefore arguments inevitable.

First Past The Post?

DH Creates clear cut government and accountable coalitions.

ER Importance of accountability - compromises are fraudulent in that people don't vote for watered down coalition policies. Simplicity of FPTP also important - other systems are more complex.

(In the interests of political balance we have also had visits from Shona Robison SNP/MSP and Alex Johnston Conservative/MSP)

Many thanks to all our guest speakers this year



Interact Club

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

Led this session by Zoe Cram (President), our first tasks were to plan a programme of events and decide which causes were most worthy of support.

As part of our obligation to support an international cause we were given a most informative talk by Mrs Anderson from Lepra, the British Leprosy Relief Association and were delighted to support their efforts by giving a donation which will enable Lepra to treat 23 sufferers of this surprisingly common, yet easily treated condition.

The year got off to a good start as during the Summer break, Rob McMillan and Ruth Dunlop won the 'Best International Project' trophy at an Interact Summer youth camp.

Socially we organised and participated in a variety of events which included a visit to the reputedly haunted Mary King's Close in Edinburgh, a Go-Karting Night in Perth, a Fifties Night and a

Valentine's Disco for the first years. We also attended a number of adult functions organised by the Rotary Clubs of Dundee and Claverhouse, whom we thank for their kind invitations.

We once again helped out at the Kids Out Day in the summer term, where we appreciated that help is not always simply the giving of money. As always, this proved to be a moving and satisfying experience for all those involved.

Just before the close of session we organised a raffle for T in the Park tickets, the lucky winner being David Swan in Form 6.

The principal beneficiaries of our fund-raising activities this year were the Tayside Area Cancer Support group (TACS) based at Kings Cross hospital, the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) and 'Helen's Fund' set up in memory of Dr Helen Young, a prominent figure for many years in the school community as both a parent and director. The Fund aims 'to provide financial assistance to improve the quality of life of patients suffering from life threatening haematological conditions, and their relatives, where NHS funding is not available'.

We now look forward to session 2002/03 and wish all the leavers the best of luck in their future ventures. Many thanks to Mr Cram of the Rotary Club of Dundee for his advice and encouragement, and also to Mr Rennet.

Best wishes go to Sandy Easton and his team for next session!

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

Zoe Cram (President)

Insights et al....

Towards the end of session, Form 5 pupils once again embarked on a week of lectures, visits and activities designed to make them aware of skills they will need in the world of work, skills to complement their academic ones, but skills perhaps hitherto untapped such as decision making, team-building and planning.

Monday 17th: "Insights" (Learning & Development)

We gathered somewhat reluctantly in Trinity for what we thought would be a whole day of relentless lectures. This notion was soon dispensed with, however, when Marcus Wylie, our guest speaker from Insights started off by crawling along the stage imitating a 2-year-old reaching for his tractor, his point being: if you want something badly enough, keep going until you get it. He reminded us of this later while trying to teach us to juggle, much to the amusement of the teachers. We spent the rest of the day in group activities, wearing coloured hats which reflected our personality, making lists, for example, of what Santa needed to do before Christmas to make sure everything ran smoothly. When we received our Insights Personal Reports, we were amazed at their accuracy!

All in all, it was a fun and worthwhile day.

Emma Stewart

Tuesday 18th

Our second day in Trinity continued the themes of Looking forward and Motivation which the Insights Reports began. An inspirational talk from the Rector impressed on us that it is the increase in the individual's freedom to study and the level of personal responsibility he enjoys, that make the Sixth year such a unique part of the school experience, and how it is incumbent upon us to take as much as we can from the opportunities on offer. Information on some of the service opportunities, including work within the Junior School and Learning Support department, made us think about

how we might give something back to the School, while lectures on work experience and UCAS applications forced us to think beyond our school days, to university and the world of work.

The real highlight of the day, was a section on electoral issues presented by the Modern Studies Department. Mr Rennet highlighted the huge problem of voter apathy amongst Britain's youth and outlined exactly how our representatives are selected for the various assemblies which make up our democratic system. We were soon able to put our new-found knowledge to the test in a mock election: the Social Justice for Scotland Party, the New Image Party and the Natural Order Party represented the political left, centre and right respectively, in a closely fought contest. Backed up by a poster and leaflet campaign, each of the candidates outlined his policies to a very vocal Form 5 electorate, and after the count, the SISP held off the NIP by 36 to 34. As well as being enjoyable, this exercise brought home a very serious message on that most valuable of human rights, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive from both staff and pupils involved.

Gavin Illsley

Wednesday 19th: "Clatto" (Team Building/Leadership Day)

Unfortunately due to inclement weather on the Saturday, the annual School Sports were rescheduled for today and Clatto, therefore, did not take place, much to the disappointment of Form 5 pupils. This day is a real high spot of Induction Week and it is hoped that it can be run early in the new session.

Thursday 20th: "Sunnyside Infirmary"

Today the whole of 5th year took part in Voluntary Service with activities ranging from cleaning beaches to planting trees. A group of approximately 20 pupils, including me, travelled to Sunnyside Royal Infirmary in Montrose, where we helped staff to transform and improve part of a garden. Tasks included painting, repair and renewal of fencing and lots of weeding! Soaking up the sun as we worked, we achieved a great deal and provided the framework and foundation for further work in the garden. We realised the difference we could all make if we put our minds to it and I think our efforts were truly appreciated. We had the opportunity to work as a team, to provide help for others, and despite our lack of "green fingers," we thoroughly enjoyed our day.

David Clark

Thursday 20th: "Glen Clova"

Our day at Glen Clova was very entertaining, especially due to the good weather and the friendly site rangers, and the beautiful surroundings definitely helped us to enjoy planting trees and erecting fences. By the end of the day we had all come to the conclusion that we would like to go back to see what further developments had taken place.

Paul Neillie

Thursday 20th: "Stracathro Hospital Gardens"

My group gathered on the Pillars, surrounded by a fairly bizarre collection of gardening equipment, because our task was to tidy the gardens of Stracathro Hospital. "No problem" we thought. At least that was until we got there. Tidying Stracathro Hospital involved unearthing a path so covered in moss and foliage that it would have put the jungles of Belize to shame. However, there was no shirking, crying or running away from our duties – in any case, the potential wrath of Mr Allison and Mrs Hudson is a powerful motivator.

And so we began, digging and hoeing where JCB's would have failed. We continued throughout the whole day, labouring under the belief that we were doing good.

As we hauled our aching limbs back onto the bus at the end of the day, we felt some of the satisfaction we had been guaranteed – and there was more! We had discovered that we could work together, could cooperate comfortably with one another. We were going to get more out of 6th Year than we had bargained for!

Tom Bannister

Friday 21st: "Edinburgh University Open Day Report"

When attempting anything for the first time, we are inclined to believe that everyone else knows exactly what he is doing, and that we are the only ones who don't. The trip to Edinburgh University provided the ideal opportunity to get away from that line of thinking, because it was abundantly clear that nobody knew quite what he was doing! What would have been ordinarily a daunting experience, was made far easier, and even enjoyable, by the fact that everyone was experiencing

the Open Day at the same time. We all gleaned useful information about the courses on offer at the university, but also picked up a wealth of information about Open Days in general, how they are organised and how to get the most out of them. After this gentle introduction, I, like my fellow peers, feel a lot more confident about attending other ones. We can now go forth and appear to others as if we, too, know exactly what we're doing.

James Strachan



ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ARMY CADET SUMMER TRAINING CENTRE



On hearing that I was to spend the whole of the summer in the Canadian Rockies taking part in adventure activities, I was obviously delighted. However, when the time came to meet the eleven other Brits who were going to be joining me on the course, some slight feelings of apprehension set in! Yet all such feelings of doubt quickly vanished upon arrival at the base in Crowborough, because within five minutes of meeting, we were all laughing and enjoying a game of Frisbee.

The first thing we noticed when stepping out of air-conditioned Calgary airport was the intense heat – 35 to 40C and we all wondered how exactly we were going to train in such high temperatures. But our minds were quickly drawn elsewhere when we noticed that our designated transport was in fact a bright yellow, classic school bus! Arriving at the camp which was to be our home for the next seven weeks, we noticed various differences between it and our far flung places of origin! Firstly, we were surrounded by the Rockies and the air was unbelievably thin, and secondly, we were surrounded by French-speaking Canadians!

The very next day, procedures were explained and clearly defined and we settled quickly into a routine: reveille 05.50hrs, physical training 06.00 to 06.45hrs, breakfast 07.00hrs, barracks inspection 07.30hrs and finally out on the parade square by 08.00hrs ready to begin the day's activities.

The 250 cadets were split into 2 companies, 6 platoons – each platoon containing two Brits. The course itself was split up into weeks, and each platoon undertook a different activity each week. My platoon's first activity was the leadership package. This included lots of sitting in classrooms taking notes, but by the second week, things had livened up considerably when we were on the rock-climbing exercise. We went to many different locations in the Rockies and believe me, nothing here in Scotland even vaguely compares to the mountains we climbed there – it was fantastic!

Next on the agenda was watermanship, with half the platoon in kayaks and the other half in canoes. Starting off on a glacial lake in the foothills of the

Rockies, we learned the basics of canoeing and then soon moved on to the Kananaskis river higher up. By the end of the week even the novice canoeists were tackling grade 3 rapids, and we allaced the dreaded "widow maker", one of the most famous rapids in the Rockies.

After an exhausting week of watermanship, we went straight onto the glacier. It took us six solid days of hiking and uphill climbing to master it – carrying all our equipment (tents included)! Although this was one of the most physically demanding exercises on the course, it was a thoroughly enjoyable one. After spending five nights on the ice, we were desperate for a shower! Unfortunately a glacial lake was the closest thing we could find so it had to do! Most definitely the coldest experience ever!

On returning to camp, we had a day off in which to prepare for the mountain-biking exercise. This consisted of a half day bike ride followed by a two day overnight bike ride. This was the exercise we dreaded most since by the time we went on it, a 50% injury rate had already been established – not the most promising start! I had an 'awesome' few days ahead of me though, in which I had to conquer any fear of danger! Happily, the trip was a huge success – and injury free!

Our final exercise was the five-day hike. This, too, was very physically demanding, the first day proving to be the most challenging as we walked in a 38C heat, each with a 50lb rucksack on our backs. As we consumed our rations en route, our bags gradually lightened, however, but due to the presence of grizzlies, we had to avoid leaving any trace of our presence. We would frequently come across huge lakes of bright blue water and make detours up numerous passes and peaks in the Rockies. Because of these, we were slightly late in meeting our transport and had to run the final 6 km – just what we needed!

All that awaited us now was the Graduation Parade at which all the awards were presented and where the cadets discovered whether they had passed or failed. It was also the opportunity to show off the square-bashing we had been rehearsing over the previous six weeks. There was just one hitch – the parade fell on the hottest day of the summer, a 39C day – so needless to say, there was fainting aplenty, even more than at Armistice Parade back home! Many Canadians were astounded to hear the drill command "BATTALION, SIT", but afterwards, we all concluded that it had rendered the whole occasion a memorable one-off.

I experienced the most awesome summer in Canada and forged friendships which will last a lifetime. Not only did the course improve my leadership skills, it boosted my confidence and improved my fitness. If the opportunity to take part in this Challenge Course presents itself to you, then grab it firmly with both hands. It is an opportunity not to be missed!

Susie Fleming

Lord Lieutenant's Cadet 2001-2002 – a personal view

When I was nominated for Lord Lieutenant's Cadet and arrived at Leuchars Air Base for the interview, little did I realise the privilege of the experience.

Firstly my uniform was up-graded from the ordinary cadets' jumper and beret to a smart 'No. 1' suit jacket with cap. Then, on the day of my investiture, the Lord Provost, John Letford and his Deputy, Charles Farquhar invited my family, squadron leaders and me to afternoon tea at the City Chambers. It's quite a novelty to view portraits of our previous Lord Provosts while sipping tea from cups engraved with the City's crest!

As was to be expected, November 3rd 2001 was a busy day. I attended the Armistice parade when the Bands and Service representatives marched from the School down Reform Street to St Mary's Church and I was at John Letford's side, on the podium in front of Costa's, as they saluted him on that dreich November morning. Following that service, I assisted laying wreaths during a very poignant service which takes place at the War Memorial at the top of the Law. My day concluded with a service on the Unicorn to remember those lost at sea during times of conflict.

Since the year 2001 was the 60th anniversary of the ATC, I was honoured to carry the Corps Standard, specially sent from RAF Cranwell, through the packed Caird Hall.

In April I was asked to read a lesson at the memorial service for Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. The service, held in St Paul's Cathedral, was led by Mary, Countess of Strathmore.

Without a doubt, the highlight of my year in office was the day the Queen came to Dundee. I was at the Lord Provost's side to welcome Her Majesty at Taybridge Station. The Lord Provost and I had to speed through the Dundee streets in the City's Car 'TSF', accompanied by police escorts, in order to welcome her to the opening of Space, the new dance centre. Upon returning to City Square for the walkabout, I helped by collecting the Queen's bouquets, lifting children over the barriers to greet her and holding her umbrella! This was a star-studded day since Prince Philip, the Countess of Airlie and Jack McConnell were all introduced to me.

These unique experiences have contributed to making my year a truly memorable one.



Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for the City of Dundee

Sixth Year pupil Christian Penhale was officially appointed the new Lord Lieutenant's Cadet at Dundee City Chambers in September last year. Christian, a cadet flight sergeant with 1232 Squadron (City of Dundee), Air Training Corps, was nominated by the Highland Reserve Forces Association.

Among those attending the ceremony were Dundee Lord Provost and Lord Lieutenant John Letford, his deputy Councillor Charles Farquhar, Wing Commander Colin McRae and Flight Lieutenant Chris Flynn. After a speech outlining Christian's achievements and his suitability for the position, he was officially welcomed to his new post by the Lord Provost.





Two occasions in the School Calendar satisfy the need for posh frocks and hair gel. They are:

The *Christmas Fling* and *Leavers' Day*



Farewell to Form 6

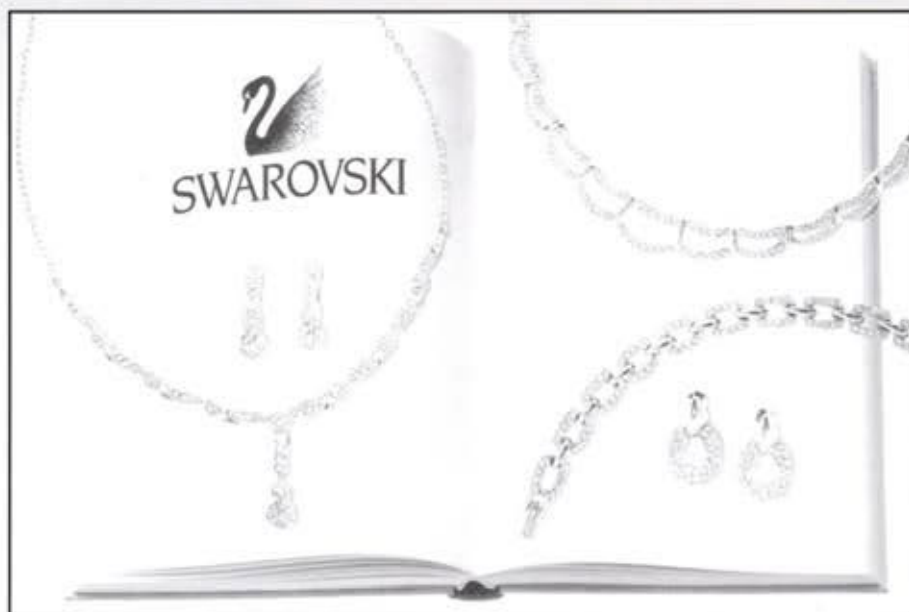


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rugby

With a lot of 1st XV players having left school last year, it looked as though this year's team would be relatively inexperienced. This inexperience was more than compensated, however, by the determination shown by the squad right from the beginning of the season.

It started well with a comfortable victory over Perth Academy and a superb record away win against St Aloysius. We then went on to claim our first trophy of the season, the Madras Tournament, in emphatic style.

After a few lack lustre performances against Dollar, Edinburgh Academy and Limavady, we began our cup campaign against Selkirk and performed brilliantly to win 40-0. This win saw us through to the last 16. We then came up against an impressive Stewarts Melville side and lost 3-27. We were out of the cup.

The rest of the season did see some excellent rugby being played by the 1st XV however, and big victories over George

Heriot's, Strathallan and Kelvinside were highlights of a hard fought season. A 40-0 win over Robert Gordon's, in which Alan Smith claimed man of the match as well as three tries, was yet another of this season's convincing performances. With a large number of this year's players staying on next year and a wealth of young talent coming through, the future of 1st XV rugby looks fairly secure.

At representative level, Neil Dymock and Iain Nimmo were selected for Caledonia Red's U18 team and both went on to play for Scotland's U18 'A' team. Scott Burnett, Jamie Bell, David McLean and John Walton were all selected for Caledonia Independent Schools' U16 team while Scott and Jamie went on to play for Caledonia U16s.

The school's other teams have also performed well, notably the U15 Rugby squad who were undefeated, winning all of their fifteen matches.

Thanks must go to all the PE staff for their help throughout the season, especially to Mr Hutchison who has been an encouraging and dedicated coach to the 1st XV for many years. We wish him well in his retirement. We would also like to thank the parents and pupils who have supported us all year. Finally we wish next year's team good luck – we hope that you have as enjoyable a season as we had this year.

1st XV Rugby Squad



Back (l to r): J Bell, L Nimmo, D McLean, J Gilbertson, R Gray.
Middle (l to r): Mr AH Hutchison (Coach), J Blake, R Macleod, S Brymer, F Kelly, C Swan, S Burnett, S Arbuckle.
Front (l to r): R Strachan, E Goudie, N Dymock (Vice Captain), J Grewar (Captain), D Vernoni, A Smith, S Cunningham.

2nd XV Rugby Squad

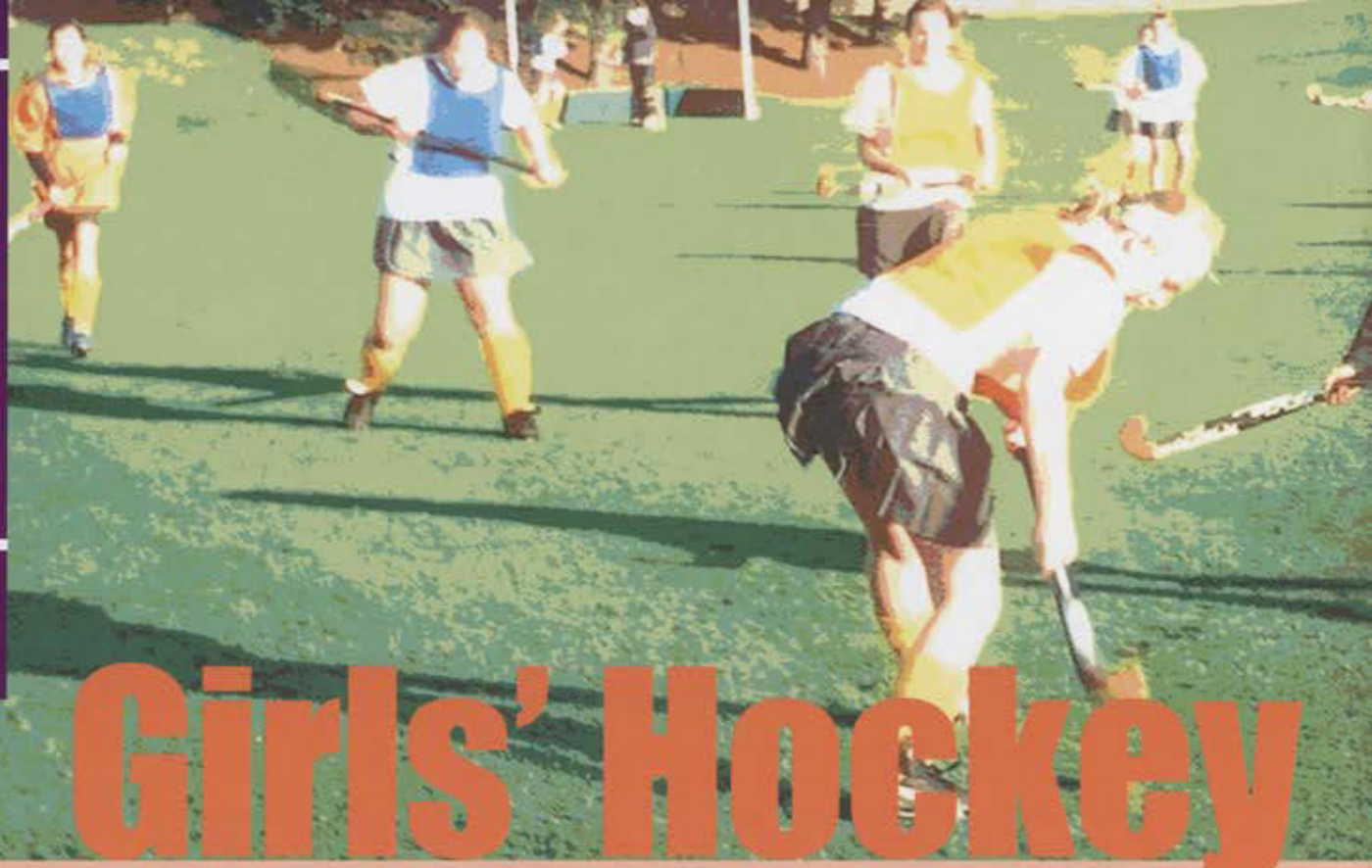


Back (l to r): D Campbell, S Arbuckle, A McNicol, G Crostry.
Middle (l to r): S Goudie, D McLean, J Sinclair, A Brown, J Walton, E Clark, F Brown, R Scullion, F Kelly, Mr GW Spewart (Coach).
Front (l to r): S Farmer, P Steele (Vice Captain), W Douglas, J Ballantyne (Captain), R McMillan, R Imrie, O Ashraf.

Under 15 Rugby Squad



Back (l to r): R Hall (Vice Captain), L Husbands, G Gray, Mr R Toley (Coach), M Robbins, K Ip, R Vernon.
Middle (l to r): D Patterson, G Ferguson, M Walton, D Arbuckle, D Levison, M Lawrie, P Islam.
Front (l to r): W Wares, R Campbell, A Quinn, C Goudie (Captain), G Matthews, A Dymock, D Bruce.



Girls' Hockey

After the success of last year's XI, our newly reformed team had a lot to live up to. With adrenaline and determination leading the field, the year started off on a high when we claimed victory in the Midlands U18 Tournament.

Our next hurdle was against long-term rivals, Mary Erskine. It was a tense match throughout, but after years of repeated defeats by the Edinburgh side, we finally proved that by focusing on teamwork and accurate passing, we could win. The final score was 1-0 to DHS.

With continued good teamwork, we maintained our string of successes by retaining the Madras Tournament Trophy. Better still, we had yet to allow the first goal to be scored against us. Or, did we speak too soon....?

Our next match was further from home than usual, against the prestigious Gordonstoun School. Although our tally of successes was still on the increase after winning this match 4-1, our aim to maintain a clean sheet quickly deteriorated after the unfortunate own goal by one of our team members. Well done Teeny!!!

Following this, we went on to defeat Bell Baxter, St. Margarets, Morrison's, Dunfermline and Madras.

In October, both the 1st XI Hockey and 1st XV Rugby teams survived a choppy ferry crossing (wouldn't you agree Mr. Spowart!?) to Limavady, Northern Ireland. Despite the stomach

churning travel conditions, there's no denying that we all had a superb time.

This season we also played in the Heriot's and George Watson's 7's. We suffered two disadvantages: a lack of astroturf practice and the distraction of Ali's colour co-ordinated "fashion". As a result we had a few disappointing scores. Nevertheless, we notched up a total of 34 goals this season, our top goal scorer being our Captain, Gemma.

The junior teams, although keen and enthusiastic, had mixed results this season, especially against the Edinburgh schools. A number of our players were selected to play in District and Dundee teams, and Catriona Whiteford and Annela Walker, both F5, were selected to play for Midlands in the Outdoor U18 Scottish Inter-District competition.

Well done to all the girls this year and thank you for making it such a fun season. Many thanks must go to Mrs. Spowart, Miss Erskine, Miss Keenan and all staff who willingly gave up their Saturday mornings to accompany us on our coach journeys: Mrs. Pat Robb, Mrs. Dottie Kennedy and the band of faithful parents who supported us throughout the season. A special thank you from all the F6 girls must go to Mrs. Hutchison for making our school hockey careers so successful and memorable.

Best wishes to all the teams of 2002 - 2003 from all the girls who are leaving.

Girls' 1st XI Hockey Squad



Back (l to r): L. Sneddon, R. White, N. Wilson, C. Whiteford
Middle (l to r): M. Smith, L. Niven, S. Carroll, L. Anderson, A. Robertson, N. McRae, K. Farnan, J. Tyler, Mrs. J. Hutchison (Coach)
Front (l to r): A. Walker, L.A. Marwick, A. Mackay (Vice Captain), G. Clayhills-Henderson (Captain), E. Yu, S. Leckie, J. Reid

Girls' 2nd XI Hockey Squad



Back (l to r): Mrs. J. Hutchison (Coach), C. Boyle, K. Hawkes, J. Black, C. Macleod, J. Laing, E. Stewart, M. Smith
Front (l to r): S. Fairlie, J. Levison, M. Zane, K. Nicoll (Captain), K. Hutchison (Vice Captain), J. Reid (Vice Captain), J. Sturrock

Boys' Hockey

This year's 1st XI comprised mainly of Form 5 and a few Form 4 pupils, and the fact that teams from other schools comprised mainly of Form 6 pupils, meant we were likely to face a tough season. Our fears were realised on the first Saturday of the season when we were hammered 6-0 by a very strong Stewarts Melville side. However, we put that poor display behind us and determined to do better.

The following week we played George Watson's who had previously beaten the same Stewarts Melville team. We gained 1-1 draw and were unlucky actually, not to have won. This promising display gave us hope for the rest of the season, and despite a few upsets, it was successful.

In addition to these friendly matches, we took part in the Scottish Cup. We were drawn away to Currie in the first round, a strong side with a very good history in these competitions. Despite losing our best player, Lewis McConnachie, in rather controversial circumstances, we dominated play, creating good chances and hitting the post on more than one occasion. Unfortunately Currie ran out victorious with a soft goal. We must congratulate them however, for taking their chances, continuing their good record in the competition and reaching the final.

This season we had two goalkeepers who were rotated weekly. They were Kamal Chowdhury the Shot Stopper and Sandy Easton the Cat who both made the saves when it mattered. Our defence consisted of the ever present Mark Smith who had a very good season, Rich McLean, the muscle of the back three and Gavin Illsley. Midfield included a few Form 4s who gained important experience through playing with older colleagues, although their appearances were limited. Also in midfield were Captain and Vice-Captain David Philp and Tom Brian, along with Alan Fraser and Derek Wong who provided essential height to the team. Finally, up front, Stuart Bruce and Scott Clark created a great partnership that was the key to the team's success. Last but by no means least, well done to Mathew Ross and Chris McDonald of Form 4 who made major contributions to the success of the team.

under 15 hockey team

After starting the season with a glorious 8-1 win against Stewarts Melville, everything seemed to go downhill. A 1-0 defeat at the hands of George Watson's seemed to snap us back on track at training, and we were all fired up for the match against Robert Gordon's. Sadly our confidence was not evident on the pitch and we crashed to a 7-1 defeat. We now had to work even harder for our next game.

Rain led to many weeks of cancelled fixtures then we finally managed to play Edinburgh Academy. Despite controlling the game, luck was not with us - Chris Philp had a goal disallowed - and three lucky goals by Edinburgh sent us to our third defeat in a row!

With one game left before the Christmas break, we were relying on our top goal scorer, Lee Qumsieh and a huge team effort. We arrived at the Disc Sports centre to take on Grove Academy. We started well and sustained our attacking play, winning the match 5-0. Grove had no shots on goal and our Vice Captain, John Fairlie finally scored - we've still not heard the end of it! After the Christmas break we prepared for the return match at Stewarts Melville. We felt quite hopeful at the start of the game, believing that our past results had not done us justice, but we were soon 2-0 down. Then a



Boys' 1st XI Hockey Squad



Back (l to r): Mr W Nichol (Coach), G Illsley, R McLean, M Smith, C McDonald
Front (l to r): D Wong, A Fraser, T Brian, D Philp (Captain), M Ross, S Easton

goal from Chris Philp followed by two from Lee Qumsieh saw us 3-2 up at half time. After some timely advice from Glen, our goalkeeper, to pull it together at the back, we went out and managed to win 6-2. William Reid, James Reid, and I all on the score sheet in the second half. The next two games were called off and then came our final match against Robert Gordon's. We set off for Aberdeen, hopeful of ending the season on a high note. We won 6-0, a fitting climax to our run of good results.

A huge thank you from all Boys' Hockey goes to Mr. Nichol, Andy Wood and Stewart Gillian who gave up their Saturday mornings to help out both hockey teams by umpiring games and providing advice.

Equestrian Competition

Once again the the School entered the Kilgraston Scottish Schools Equestrian Championships with a team in each of the Junior, Intermediate and Senior age group classes.

The event was held at Gleneagles Equestrian Centre on 28th April and combined dressage with show-jumping. The weather was mixed with some heavy showers but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the competitors and fortunately the show-jumping classes were held indoors.

The Senior team was first to compete and came a very creditable 2nd out of 7 teams. The Intermediate team followed this with another superb performance and missed out on 1st place by the smallest of margins in a fiercely contested class of 10 teams. The Junior team also gave their all and finished 5th from a large field of 12 teams. Notably, all 3 teams reached the jump-off against the clock in the show-jumping stage.

All enjoyed a fine day and thanks are due to all competitors and parents for their hard work, enthusiasm and support, and to Mr Middleton for organising the event.

Later in the year, in June, a team of three - Laura Collins, Lucy Brunton and Will Murray (all Form 3) - entered the Scottish Schools Show-jumping Championships and enjoyed some success, taking a team place of 3rd overall. In the individual championships, Laura was placed 1st and Lucy 4th in the Ponies class and Will was placed 3rd in the Horses class.

Well done to everyone!

intermediate team



Nicki Galloway on *Durangoon Bay*, Will Murray on *Swedish Rhapsody*, Laura Collins on *Treble Trex* and Lucy Brunton on *Alleg Moments*.

senior team



Suzanne Fairlie on *Matilda Mint*, Gillian Hume on *Doddington Drummer*, Lynn Clark on *Kerry* and Lesley Niven on *Corrie Fee*.

junior team



Lindsay Tarnock on *Rosevale Bo-Peep*, Caroline Foubister on *Monty*, Gillian Allan on *Avi* and Rosalind MacDonald on *Rock on Tommy*.

Cricket

The 2002 season has been an encouraging year for cricket at the High School. Form 1 and Form 2 pupils have turned up to primary practices regularly, and in significant numbers, and show great promise.

The 1st XI had a mixed season which was hampered by the weather. A good bowling performance by John Walton in our first game against Heriot's restricted them somewhat, but insufficient runs on the board meant that they managed to beat us in the last over of the game. Our second game against Watson's was also unsuccessful with the home side beating us easily. The final game of the season was against Morrison's and thanks to some good batting by Robert Cannon and David Vernon, we were able to come away with a win. A special mention must go to Jamie Grewar who had the best batting average this year for the first XI.

The lower XI's in the school are showing tremendous potential and therefore the School's future in Cricket looks very healthy.

Thanks go to Mr Gallagher, Mr Spowart and the groundstaff who devote so much time and effort preparing the wicket.

1st XI Cricket Team



Back (l to r): Mr A O'Sullivan (Coach), S Bruce, G Crosby, J Walton, R Cannon, PN Gallagher (Coach)
Front (l to r): W Douglas, R Macleod, D Vernon (Vice Captain), A Smith (Captain), J Grewar, A Scott, D Hunter.

This season Netball was played competitively across all Forms. An encouraging number of girls attended practice with all members representing the school in at least one match. In the Dundee Schools League the seniors finished 4th out of eight teams and also participated in the Independent School Tournament, which was won by Glenalmond. The F2/3 Junior team and the F1 team also finished 4th in the Dundee Schools League. Well done to all team members.

A number of pupils continued to play netball during the spring term by attending squad sessions and selection for the BAA Aberdeen Youth Games. 7 out of 9 pupils who represented Dundee were selected from the High School. They were: Bethany Keogh (Captain), Susan Bennett, Taylor Wylie, Jenna Bradley, Corina Ip, all F2, Charlotte Farmer and Susan Buchan, both F1. Overall they were positioned 3rd equal out of 7 teams. Well done.

Nethall House Matches

The House matches were a popular event as usual with a high standard of netball being played. Thanks to all House Captains and members of staff who supported their respective Houses.

The Primary Netball team who enjoyed tremendous success this season.



Back (l to r): Claire Barclay, Megan Kyles, Rosanne O'Tee
Front (l to r): Ruth Foulis, Rosie Ogden, Becky McKillop, Catriona Wilson



Back (l to r): YL Wong, J Davie, C Wauugh, E Tainsh
Front (l to r): A Orr, N Ryce, C Bell (Captain), J McDonald, H Ogden



Back (l to r): R Sinclair, S Low, M Bergen-Reid
Front (l to r): A Smith, L Pringle, A Ferguson (Captain), M Sampson, K Morrison

senior netball squad

junior netball squad

The results were as follows.

Junior (F1-3)		Senior (F4-6)	
1st	Lindores	1st	Aystree
2nd	Airlie	2nd equal	Airlie
3rd	Aystree		Wallace
4th	Wallace	4th	Lindores

Finally, many thanks to Mrs Hutchison and Mrs Spowart for their umpiring during the House matches and to Mrs Barlow for her coaching during the season.

Athletics

The weather was unkind to us this year but the athletes, in particular the sprinters, proved to be a truly dedicated group who turned out each Saturday, come rain or shine.

The Inter-House competition for Forms 1-3 was successfully held in May, enjoying a good response from both staff and pupils. The winners were Lindores.

At Dundee Schools we notched up some good performances and came away with some fine trophies. Conditions were perfect and so the healthy glow of success of our competitors was matched by the healthy glow of their faces from the sun which shone all day.

Sports Day was next on the agenda but due more bad weather, had to be cancelled and held mid-week. The usual keen assistance from staff and pupils ensured that it ran trouble-free and with customary precision.

The results of the Dundee Schools were as follows:

Boys	Group A (F4-6)	Joint Winners
	Group B (F3)	Winners
	Group C (F2)	Winners
	Group D (F1)	Winners
Girls	Group A (F4-6)	Winners
	Group B (F3)	Winners
	Group C (F2)	Winners
	Group D (F1)	2nd Place

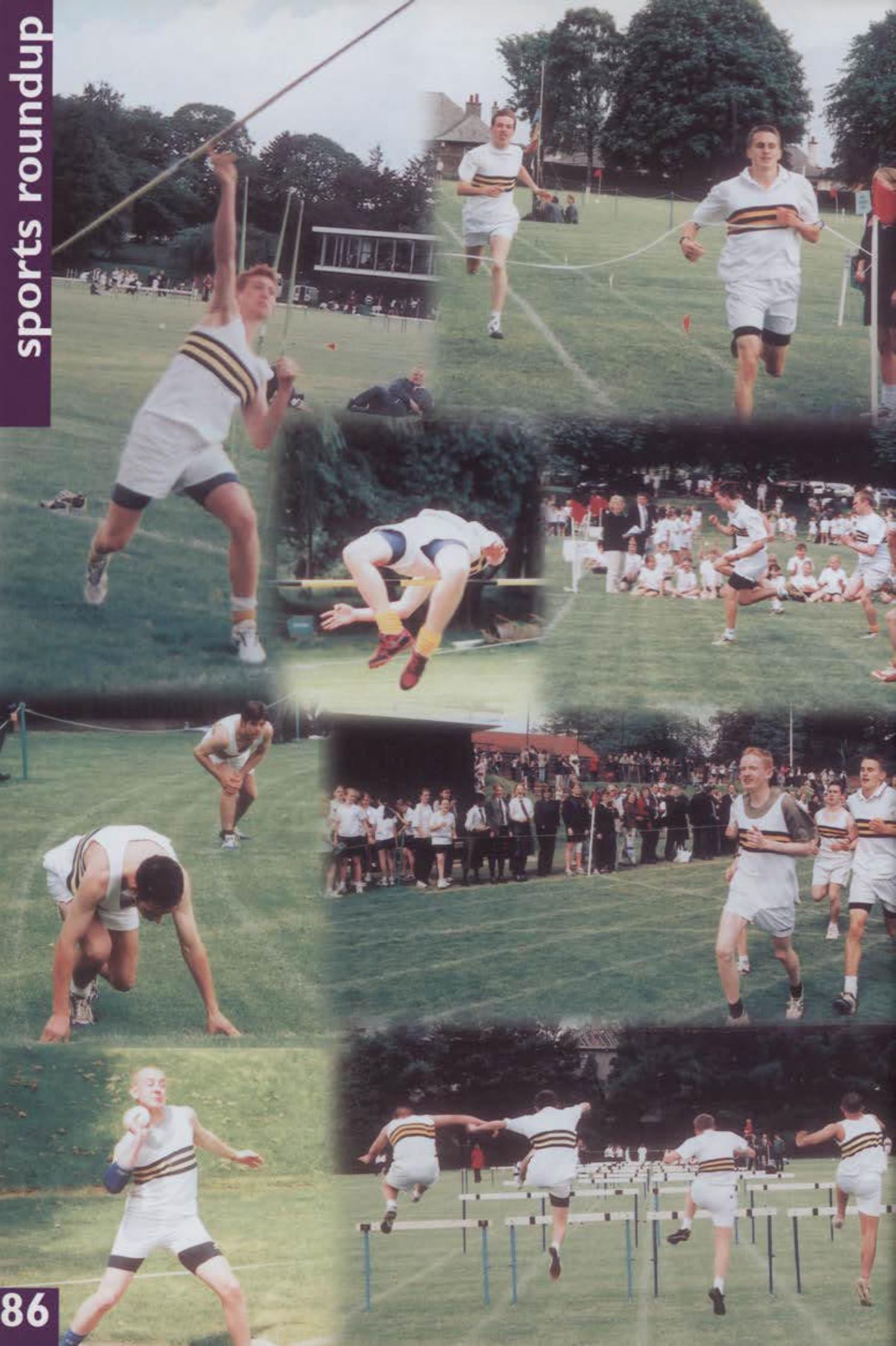
Total Medals

Boys	24 Gold	20 Silver	10 Bronze
Girls	20 Gold	18 Silver	6 Bronze

athletics squad



Row 5 (l to r): C Clayhills-Henderson, E Clark, F Brown, J Bell, O Ashraf, D McCulloch
Row 4 (l to r): K Macleod, T Davies, L Smeddon, B Gillan, J Kilgallon, S Burnett
Row 3 (l to r): L Niven, N Wilson, S Bennett, P Gibson, J Tyler, M Hunter
Row 2 (l to r): Mr AH Hutchison, K Hamilton, E Clark, A Wallace, D Arnot, M Farlie, S Fraser,
S Lawrie, M Cunningham, Mrs J Hutchison
Row 1 (l to r): K Hawkes, R Baxter, A Walker, A Brown, A Mackay, D McLean, G Clayhills-Henderson





Cross Country

Season 2001/02 saw the lifting of foot and mouth restrictions, the resumption of racing and a return to top form for several of our runners. There have been some notable performances, culminating in a very successful Dundee Schools Championship.

Our first event was the Scottish Schools Relay Championships in Grangemouth where we fielded two very inexperienced teams. The Form 1 boys were Steven Boath, Stan Buckman and Sean Reilly who all tried hard, with Steven running particularly well. The boys' Under 15/ Over 15 medley team consisted of Ross Campbell (F3), Jamie Lamb (F5), Kader Chowdhury (F5) and Andrew Wallace (F2). These boys did very well to get into the top ten. The girls' medley team were Megan Hunter (F2), Melissa Pitcaithly (F1), Sarah Jones (F6) and Laura Collins (F2). The girls ran very bravely despite being such a young team, and Megan had a particularly creditable run.

Our second outing to Glenalmond College provided its usual challenging initiation into the world of 'real' cross-country running for our Form 1 debutants. However the conditions did not hamper our Forms 1 and 2 boys who occupied all of the top five places! Only 30 seconds separated Daniel Haddow, Colin Anderson, Scott Campbell, Andrew Wallace and Mark Clayson, with Robbie Brown and Stan Buckman very close behind them. With a number of our seniors competing in the Scottish Schools Indoor Championships it was left to James Magee and Kader Chowdhury to fly the flag for the senior boys. They obliged with very solid performances.

In the Girls' Under 14 race we were led home by Megan Hunter (5th), Katrina Hamilton (6th), Mairi Cunningham (7th), Laura Collins (8th), and Melissa Pitcaithly (9th). Many thanks go to Mr Fyall for supervising the athletes.

In darkest February we ventured to Queen Victoria School in Dunblane for the first time. In monsoon conditions over long and muddy courses, we showed good spirit across the age groups. Pick of the Under 14 boys was Colin Anderson, finishing 4th in a competitive field. He was followed in by Scott Campbell, Mark Clayson, and Robbie Brown, giving us 3rd team overall – well done! Daniel Haddow ran well (7th place) in the Under 15's race. (It is always a pleasure to see an athlete enjoy his running so much!). He was followed home by Andrew Wallace fighting more stitches than the Bayeux Tapestry. In the Girls' Under 14 race there

were solid runs from Fiona Ashford and Melissa Pitcaithly. While Megan Hunter and Laura Collins ran with determination in the Under 15 race.

At the Scottish School Championships at Irvine sur Mer, there was an excellent run from the rapidly improving Jamie Lamb, backed up by Kader Chowdhury. The girls were ably represented by Laura Brown, Megan Hunter, Katrina Hamilton and Susan Lawrie. While all ran strongly, it is only fair to highlight Laura's magnificent 8th place. This gained her Scottish selection 'in theory' but not 'in practice'. It is to her great credit that she has not been disillusioned by this

experience. To take an athlete's measurements for team kit, then not to award her a place seems harsh indeed.

Our final outing was to the Dundee Schools Championship in late March. Here we really performed well across the age categories, showing great determination and team spirit. Our Form 1 boys' team of Colin Anderson, Scott Campbell, Robbie Brown, Stanley Buckman,

Steven Boath, Alex Orr and Andrew Dymock ran exceptionally well, with Colin coming home in first place – the culmination of an excellent season.



Colin Anderson and Fiona Ashford

Our Form 1 girls ran well too, led home by Fiona Ashford in second place and then Melissa Pitcaithly.

The C group boys' team of Andrew Wallace (4th), Daniel Haddow, Euan Borland, James Magee, Tom Ogden and William Skea ran very well to secure team bronzes.

In C group Laura Brown ran impressively to secure first place and repeat her success of 2001. She led home Megan Hunter, Mairi Cunningham, Laura Collins and Katrina Hamilton to team golds. Susan Lawrie, Laura Burnett and Katie Armstrong also acquitted themselves well.

There was more success in the A group boys' team where Jamie Lamb secured the Silver medal and much salutation from the appreciative crowd. Sandy Easton, Kader Chowdhury and Alexei Matveyev should also be mentioned in despatches for solid performances. Special thanks go to Mrs Grieve for helping to supervise our competitors, and to Mr Hutchison for his support and encouragement over the years.

Hopefully you will all return to training and racing again next session and determine to build on the successes of this season. Runners of any standard are always very welcome, particularly newcomers from Form 1.

cross country squad



Back (l to r): Mr AH Hutchison (Coach), S Lawrie, D Haddow, M Hunter, S Easton, A Wallace, L Collins
Front (l to r): W Skea, K Hamilton, E Borland, M Cunningham, T Ogden



Back (l to r): Megan Hunter, Laura Brown, Laura Collins
Front (l to r): Susan Lawrie, Katrina Hamilton

tennis



Mr Paul McGhee with the Girls' 1st VI Tennis Squad

After a successful season last year both the 1st and 2nd VI were hungry for victory this season. However St. Leonard's School proved to be tough opponents for our first fixture and we suffered a close defeat. This did not dampen our spirits however, and both teams went on to secure some convincing victories, in particular over Morrisons and George Heriots. Nicole Wilson (F4) must be singled out for her contribution to the 1st VI. She has now represented the school for three seasons at senior level and although her speed of serve defeats most of us, she is always a helpful practice partner. Nicole has achieved a number of individual successes this year at District level and was chosen to play for the Scottish Liff Inter-district Tournament.

With only one cancellation of a Saturday fixture, we seem to have dodged the rain and it has proved a most enjoyable season. Thanks must go to Mr Paul McGhee, owner of the Schoolwear Shop for kindly donating team polo tops and sweat tops to the senior girls.

Thanks must go to Mrs Spowart for her help organising teams and fixtures as well as giving up her time at after-school practices and Saturday mornings.

A local tennis coach, Mr David Gordon, took one session with each of the F1, F2 and F3 squads. Mr Gordon was impressed with the girls' enthusiasm and hard work and the players enjoyed the practices and benefitted from his knowledge of the game.

The F1 players were lacking in numbers this year, but those players who made the commitment to the team, enjoyed regular fixtures and improved their doubles game. The F2 and F3 squads are to be congratulated on their efforts in practice and on Saturdays. Players of all ability regularly attended the after-school sessions and both teams enjoyed winning some hard fought matches. The F3 team got off to an excellent start, beating St. Leonard's and George Heriot's Schools. Due

to a number of school trips and activities, the F3 team changed weekly but still managed to win more matches than they lost. Mrs Spowart enjoyed working with this enthusiastic squad and their performance augurs well for next session. We are grateful for the assistance of Mrs Vannet and Mrs Hutchison who have supervised on a Saturday. Many thanks go also to Miss Erskine for coaching the F1 and F2 teams this term and for all her work at practices and every Saturday morning.

The House results were as follows:

Boys F1-6	Girls F4-6
1st Airle	1st Airle
2nd Lindores	2nd Aystree
3rd Wallace	3rd Lindores
4th Aystree	4th Wallace

(The Junior F1-3 House matches were unfortunately cancelled due to the wet weather).

School Singles

Championship winners -

Primary girls - Joanna Reid P6

Junior girls - Mairi Cunningham F2

Senior girls - Nicole Wilson F4

Special mention must go to the following girls who were awarded colours -

Nicole Wilson (re-award)

Anna Mackay

Gemma Clayhills-Henderson



Joanna Reid, winner of Primary Girls Singles Championship

girls 1st VI tennis squad



Back (l to r): Mrs P Spowart (Coach), J Laing, R Leslie, R White
Front (l to r): A Robertson, N Wilson (Vice Captain), A Mackay (Captain), G Clayhills-Henderson

girls 2nd VI tennis squad



Back (l to r): Mrs P Spowart (Coach), J Sturrock, L Sneddon, L Anderson
Front (l to r): C Whiteford, S Sneddon, E Yu

Swimming

Midlands Secondary Schools Gala October 2001

Under 16yrs Age Group

Congratulations to Jenni Kilgallon (F4) for retaining the Nancy Riach Trophy by winning the 100m Freestyle event.

Also congratulations to -

Katie Ferguson(F2), Alison Leckie(F2), Judith Kilgallon(F2) & Jenni Kilgallon(F4) for winning silver medals in the relay event.

Tayside Schools Swimming Championships November 2001

The school had an encouraging entry of 20 pupils in this competition.

We achieved the following success -

12yrs & Under Age Group

Scott Clayson, Scot McIntosh, Michael Houstoun and Thomas Spowart (all P7) won bronze medals in the 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay.



Katie Ferguson and Becky Barlow

13/14yrs Age Group

Katie Ferguson (F2), Samantha Black (F1), Becky Barlow (F2) and Judith Kilgallon (F2) won gold medals in the 4 x 50m Freestyle relay.

Judith Kilgallon

won a gold medal in the 100m Freestyle event and a silver medal in the 200m Individual Medley event.

Becky Barlow won a gold medal in the 100m Breaststroke event and a bronze medal in the 200m Individual Medley event.

15/16yrs Age Group

Jenni Kilgallon (F4) won gold medals in the 100m Freestyle and 100m Butterfly events.

Due to these fine performances the following pupils qualified to compete in the **Scottish Schools Competition** held in Glasgow at the end of January 2002.

Judith Kilgallon (F2) qualified for the final of the 13/14 age group 100m Freestyle finishing in 7th place.

Becky Barlow (F2) qualified as the 1st reserve for the final of the 13/14 age group 100m Breaststroke.

Jenni Kilgallon (F4) won the final of the 15/16 age group 100m Freestyle. This excellent performance from Jenni earned her the well deserved placed in the **Scottish Schools Team**. She competed in the 100m Freestyle event and the Freestyle relay in the Home International that was held at the end of March at Inverness. Congratulations are due to Jenni on this personal achievement.

School Swimming Galas

The Junior School Gala was as ever an exciting and hard fought event. The pupils in U1-3 were all rewarded with certificates and there were a number of excellent performances at this young age group. The following pupils achieved individual success in the Championship events:



Alex Ferguson

Primary girls McKellican Trophy -

Alex Ferguson L6

Primary boys McKellican Trophy -

Scott Clayson L7

The Senior School Gala proved an enjoyable event with the exciting competition of the House relays. The Championship events produced a high standard of swimming and were won by the following pupils:



Judith Kilgallon

Junior girls - Judith Kilgallon F2

Junior boys - Mark Clayson F1

Senior girls - Jenni Kilgallon F4

Senior boys - Peter Saunders F4

The PE department would like to thank Mrs Beverley Harrow for her assistance and encouragement given to our swimmers at the Tayside Schools competitions and at our own school galas. Many thanks also to Mrs Kirsteen Kilgallon for her expertise and assistance with the school galas. Your continuing support is much appreciated.



Mark Clayson

Well done to the pupils who have achieved success whilst competing for the school. Congratulations also to the many other swimmers in our school community who compete at club level.

The first competition of the year run by the Golf Foundation and played at Leven GC was unfortunately cancelled this season due to internal reorganisation. That was a pity as it is a great experience for the boys to play on a typical links course.

Four teams entered the British Heart Foundation Junior Competition local heat at Letham Grange. In fine conditions over the Glens course, the teams played well and finished first, second and third, a quite remarkable achievement, and one unlikely ever to be repeated. The first two teams went through to the Scottish Final at Murrayshall. This was played on the 17th June in very windy conditions overhead and very wet conditions underfoot, and all teams struggled on the short but quite tight Lymedoch course. Whilst the teams held 1st and 2nd places in the clubhouse for about an hour, they eventually finished 5th and 6th in the competition. Thank you to all pupils, parents and friends who contributed money to the sponsorship of the Foundation.

In the Dundee and Angus Secondary Schools Championship played at Edzell on the 3rd May, the team of David Arbuckle and Neil Bryden came 4th out of nine in the scratch competition, and that of Martin Lawrie and Sandy Farmer was placed 4th out of thirty-two in the handicap section. Since most of the players were from Form 3, the future of golf at the High School looks very promising.

Unfortunately, the girls continued to avoid golf and so no competitions could be held.

Congratulations to Neil Bryden of Form 3 on winning both the Pirie Handicap Cup match play and the Boase Medal scratch competitions. The latter was played at Panmure after heavy rain and the rough severely damaged the scores.



Neil Bryden

The House Championship 2001-2002

This session's House Championship eventually developed into a two-horse race between Airlie and Aystree, although Lindores and Wallace remained in contention until the final furlong.

Wallace gained the most points in the Music Competitions and won the Junior Girls' Hockey, but Airlie won the Senior Girls' Hockey and the Senior Rugby as well as the Boys' Tennis. The Boys' Hockey, the Senior Netball and the Junior Rugby were won by Aystree (who also managed a number of very worthy second places) while Lindores won the Swimming Gala, the Boys' Tennis, the Intermediate Netball and the Forms 1-3 Athletics competition. There are too many events to mention all the successes but each House had its day in the sun, albeit not literally, given the weather!

In June, Airlie won the School Sports and did spectacularly well in "notching up" academic points which meant that they were a nostril ahead of Aystree who had been winning before. By then the two main contenders had pulled too far ahead to be caught. With only ten points between the two leading Houses, it was all down to the Junior School points and the result of the Girls' Tennis Competition, which took place on the very last weekend of term. Talk about nail-biting stuff!

The Junior Girls' Tennis was cancelled but Airlie won the Senior Girls' Tennis, which nearly clinched the Championship, but Aystree's decisive win in the Junior School Competition meant that the two front runners changed positions once again and Aystree are this year's House Champions. Airlie gave them a good run for their money and neither Wallace nor Lindores need be ashamed of their performance this year. Curiously, the outcome is a total reversal of fortunes with Aystree, who were in fourth place last year, coming first this year.

Final House Points

Aystree	811
Airlie	791
Wallace	711
Lindores	687

Once again, the fickle weather meant that a number of outdoor events did not take place or were curtailed. Last year, the rugby was plagued by an unruly winter; this year, the days of summer were dogged (and

"catted") by frequent and unpredictable precipitation. Rain prevented play from starting at all for the House Cricket and the Forms 1-3 Athletics Competition, which has become a very successful "dry" run (if you'll forgive the inappropriate pun) for the School Sports, was also blighted by drizzling rain. Nonetheless, our stalwart PE Department managed to defy the weather on that occasion and only one or two events had to be cancelled because ground was too wet. The Sports were another victim of the weather and had to be postponed from the customary Saturday, this time taking place on the Wednesday afternoon of the penultimate week.

Well done to all those who took part, especially the House Captains and Vice-Captains, whose efforts are always 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.

Finally, congratulations to Aystree for winning the House Trophy in the face of such strong competition.

Sports Day Results

Boys Championship		Girls Championship	
senior	Stewart Arbuckle	senior	Anneka Walker
intermediate	David McLean	intermediate	Laura Brown
junior	Andrew Wallace	joint junior	Megan Hunter Melissa Pitcaithly
House Championship			
Airlie			

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A way with words



Winner of the Old Girls' Prize
for Creative Writing in the Junior School

Black

Black is the one sworn enemy of white.
Black is the colour that comes out
At night.

Black is the bold, supreme colour
Which sits above the rest, stands out
From all others.

Yet Black is shadowy, it hides in the dark
And when banished by daylight, slips off,
Leaving no mark.

Black is the evil that sneaks around
And spreads out so quickly when
It is found.

Death is a curse that hangs around Black.
Wherever Black's evil is present,
Death always lurks.

But when daylight takes over, where does Black go?
That is the answer that
Nobody knows.

Tom Emslie-Smith L7

At the weekend I playd with Sam. I
bumped my head and had blud all over
me.

Jamie Clarkson L1

At the weekend I went on a picnic. I
fell in the river.

Betty Henderson L1

Friday was our Fun Day. We cood not go
to Mayfield be cos it was raining, so we
played on the compyouter.

Callum Strachan L1



It rained on our Fun Day and we coid
not go to May Feild. We played Lotto in
the classroom and in the arfdnoon we
made sum hats. It was fun.

India Moorjani L1



When I grow up I wan
be a mermaid. I will j
in the sea, play with th
fish and sit on the roc

Olivia Dobson L1



At Buckingham Palas there was a fireworks disbla. It looked great!

Stephanie Baker L1

When I grow up I want to be a hart reshalist. I want to work in a spital to help peapol to get well on.

a Billah L1

When I grow up I want to be a pielot. I want to fly a plane like my daddy. I will fly to a diffrint airport for lunch.

Scott Lothian L1

When I grow up I want to be a fireman. I will poot out big fires.

Henry Sampson L1



We made crowns and Union Jack flags for the Queen's Golden Jubilee. I saw Queen Elizabeth rideing in hir golden carriage.

ngus Haddow L1

The Rain

On rainy days I like to see a rainbow gleaming in the sky. When it rains I hear the pattering on my window. I like to jump in the puddles.

Susan Graham L2

The Carpet Ride

One hot summer morning as I was going to school I saw a magic carpet! I told Ross, Seth and Cameron. We sat on the carpet and as soon as we did, it took off!! During our journey we had a picnic with juice and some biscuits. We landed in Egypt and Africa and London. London was the most interesting – we even flew over the London Eye and saw the river Thames. It was a very exiting carpet ride!

Alex Sharpe L2

What is Winter?

Gather feathery snowflakes,
Take some little snowballs,
Mix with a few white icicles,
Whisk in three cold snowmen,
Stir with twinkling stars,
Decorate with silver snowmen
And you have made Winter!

Lucy Harley L2

Marvellous Minibeasts

Bees collect easily
Slaters scurry quickly
Aphids munch happily
Snails slide slowly
Spiders weave busily
Caterpillars eat greedily
Beetles crawl speedily
Mosquitoes bite horribly!

Susan Graham L2

The Building Site

The Building site is a noisy place.
Listen and you can hear
The old fork lift beeping
The rusty saw squeaking
The cement mixer droning
And the sharp chisel scraping.

Callum Rennet L2



Fame

If I were famous I would be a singer. Every morning I would get up and do voice exercises. I would then write songs. In the evening I would perform at a concert. The thing I would like best about my day would be hearing applause.

Louise Pattullo L2

Colours

Red is the colour of a big red nose,
Red is the colour of a bright rose,
Red is the colour of madness and rage
and a butterfly's wing when it flies away.
Red is the colour of a lamp when it glows
and a car's lights when it stops on the road.
Red is the colour of bricks in a load
sitting by the side of the road.

George Sampson L3

Yellow is the colour of glee
and flowers that grow on a tree
Yellow is a crisp leaf in autumn
when it falls from top to bottom .
I like yellow because it is so bright,
sometimes it gives one a big, big fright!
Yellow is the colour of a bumble-bee,
making honey in a hive by a tree.
Yellow is the colour of the sun
and the scrummy icing on a big fat bun!

Graeme Smith L3

Blue is the colour of my box for lunch,
Blue is the colour of grapes in a bunch,
Blue is the colour of the sky
and blue is the colour of blueberry pie.
Blue is the colour of a sad face,
Blue is the colour of my shoe lace.
Blue is the colour of teacher's chalk
and blue the colour of my mum's clock.
Blue is the colour of butterflies,
Blue is the colour of some people's eyes.

Chloe Anderson L3

Winter

In Winter I can see:
The red-breasted robins hopping in the garden,
A fat, jolly snowman standing to attention,
Delicate snowflakes tumbling like spinning tops.

In Winter I can hear:
The frost crackling under my feet like a cat purring,
Carol singers singing like larks at my door,
The wind blowing like an angry wolf howling at the moon.

In Winter I can feel:
A fragile snowflake melting on my nose,
The fire's flames warming me up like a fire-breathing dragon,
The shimmering lacy patterns etched on my frozen window.

In Winter I can smell:
The holly, the cones and the pine needles in the wood,
The swirling smoke billowing from the chimneys,
The tummy warming thick home-made soup.

In Winter I can taste:
The roast turkey on Christmas Day,
The gently falling snow landing softly on my tongue,
Haggis, neeps and tatties to celebrate Burns' Night.

Mike Harley L4

Memories

I remember really having the giggles when:
I was reading a card from my brother telling me about his cats – they had been climbing up the curtains!

I remember feeling stupid when:
Lost in Tesco's, I went up to a lady with the same hair and jumper and cuddled her – but it wasn't my mum!

I remember being fed up when:
I was in bed with chickenpox and couldn't do anything. I couldn't even read Harry Potter!

I remember feeling very guilty when:
I let the hens out at my Granda's house because I didn't close the door properly. What a day that was!

Anna Mackenzie L4

The Island

Dream Island in the sea
Dolphins and fish swimming free,
The warm sun shining down,
Weather that never brings a frown.
Dream Island in the sea.

Helen Coleman L5



Leo

Leo the lion
Up on high,
Never to live
Never to die.
Never to feel
Never to touch,
Never to say
Thank you very much.
Never to speak
Never to hear,
Never to find
A mate up there.
Never to stalk
Never to catch,
Never to taste prey
In his jungle patch.
Never to roar
Never to scare,
Yet always to be
King up there
That's Leo the lion
Never to maul,
Ever the King
Of the art room wall.

Alistair Slatham L5

Fire

Glowing fire,
Flickering fire,
Glowing, flickering fire.
Crackling fire,
Roaring fire,
Crackling, roaring fire.
Blazing fire,
Raging fire,
Blazing, raging fire.
Spreading fire,
Destructive fire,
Spreading, destructive fire.

Jennifer Lothian L5

Deep within me

Deep within me there is a mouse,
Shy and timorous,
Sneaking into the kitchen when no
one's around
For scraps of food.
Deep within me there is a cat,
Lazy but sly,
Lying by the fire yet alert to danger
With claws uncurled.
Deep within me there is an owl,
Wise but dangerous,
Soaring and swooping for prey
With my sharp eyes.
Deep within me there is a squirrel,
Neat and nimble,
Gathering and storing food
For a rainy day.
Deep within me there is a horse,
Fast and strong,
Roaming free as the wind
But with a nasty kick.
Deep within me there is a tortoise,
Slow and steady,
Taking my time but hiding in my
shell
When danger is near,

Aneeqa Arshid L6

A Winter Walk

A winter walk,
The cold winds blow,
The street lamps glow,
A winter walk.
A winter walk,
Skating on the ice
Really feels nice,
A winter walk.
A winter walk,
Hey, look, it's snowing,
Children's faces glowing,
A winter walk.
A winter walk.

Sean Burgess L5

What is a friend?

A friend is someone who cares for you
when you are hurt. He comforts you when
you are sad. A friend can share your
secrets and never let you down. He listens
to your troubles and tells you jokes to
make you smile. A friend cannot be
bought. A friend is really special.

Angus Young L6

It rises!

The fiery salamander awakes
From a restless sleep.
Slowly but surely it summons the fire
demons
ThenBANG!
Lava cascades down the cold rocks.
The smoke rises
The rocks fly
The lava burns all in its downward path.
And the evil lizard laughs joyfully at the
terror.
Eventually it gets bored.
Wearily it crawls back into its volcanic lair
Quietly waiting for another time to rise
And cause CHAOS!

Rob Madden L6

NURSERY REPORTS

Royal Luncheon wrecked by Mad Blackbirds

Disaster struck yesterday at noon in the royal garden where some 50 guests had assembled for lunch. Twenty-four blackbirds were baked mysteriously in a pie by a person unknown and when the pie was opened, they began to mock the guests and chant " isn't this a dainty dish to set before a king?"

The main suspects all seem to have stout alibis. The King claims to have been in his office counting out his money. When we tried to interview him he told us "Speak to my agent!" The Queen who is on a diet and who was not at the luncheon table therefore, was eating bread and honey in her apartments and the maid (26) was in another part of the garden hanging out clothes when she was attacked by a blackbird which swooped down and pecked off her nose.

Police are following up leads in an attempt to find the mystery criminal and clear up this sorry affair. In the meantime the cook has been sacked and the maid has been told that she will be scarred for life.

Tom Emslie-Smith L7

MOUSE ATTACK

Three mice were savagely attacked last night by a mad housewife on a farm three miles south of Perth. The attack took place at 7.30pm in the farmhouse kitchen, just as the mice were about to leave for their evening stroll. Each mouse sustained horrific injuries to his tail and a search has been launched to find the weapon, a huge carving knife. Thankfully, all three mice have survived this dreadful ordeal.

All residents in the house have been interviewed and the farmer's wife has been arrested. A police spokesman confirmed that this had been "the worst case of mutilation he had ever seen in his career". Police are satisfied however, that no one else is involved.

The woman will appear at the High Court in Edinburgh on charges of cruelty to animals. This seems to have been a first offence but a full background report has been requested by the authorities.

Scott McIntosh L7

Scrambled Egg

Yesterday morning Mr Humpty Dumpty fell off a 10ft high wall at St James House, London. A troop of the King's horses and men rushed immediately to the scene to see what they could do. Unfortunately Mr Dumpty had lost a lot of yolk and lay smashed in many pieces so it proved impossible to put him together again. A local is quoted as saying "I feel sorry for him but he tastes darn good scrambled." His mother, brother and sister are too distraught to comment.

Always a good egg, Humpty will be sorely missed and even in death, his good deeds continue. Because of

his size, his scrambled contents were able to feed everyone in the land and avert pending famine. The Queen declared him "a blessing to us all" and the following song was composed in his honour:

Oh flower of Egglard, when will we taste your like again?

*You gave your life up for children, women and men,
You filled our stomachs, saved us from starvation
You did it all once, but can't again!*

Stuart Thomson L7

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



The Smugglers

Late on a moonless night, a luminous figure walked the high cliff overlooking Lunan Bay. Below, the tide was out. Starlight glittered on the rivulets of water left on the beach, silver ribbons across dark sand, soon obscured as clouds scudded overhead. Behind was the lighthouse.

In the far distance, faint golden lights could be seen. Fernand Bennett dropped to the ground and slithered to the edge of the cliff. The lights, two of them, moved steadily inland. The rest of the gang had to hurry before it was too late. They had to seize the lighthouse in time. Fernand the lookout watched anxiously.

He heard a sharp sound like a crack of distant thunder. He turned round towards the lighthouse and saw the shadowy outline of the old lighthouse keeper, illuminated by the flickering red-gold beams, fall through the air like a shooting star and land with a hollow thud on the large, hard, jagged outcrop of rock below. This was followed by sudden darkness. The lighthouse had lost its vitality. It was camouflaged by the night. Nothing could be seen, only heard.

Fernand met up with the rest of the gang. So far everything had gone exactly according to plan. Now all they could do was wait and hope.

The tide was slowly coming in and a storm was beginning to brew. The air was charged with electricity, causing the hair at the nape of their necks to stand on end. Overhead

the clouds were rolling in, sometimes releasing fat drops of rain. Only now and again could they glimpse a few stars twinkling in the black night, soon to disappear altogether.

The gang watched closely as the dim lights from afar came closer, becoming ever brighter, revealing the ghostly silhouette of a small ship. They had been expecting it. This tiny ship was carrying their dreams for the future, a precious cargo of diamonds from Cape Jewel, South Africa. Yet, although there was not another soul around for miles, the gang was fearful of being discovered.

The storm was growing wilder. The wind began to howl and the rain lashed down in torrents. High waves swept into the bay with the speed of galloping horses, lashing the sharp rocks with great force. The ship sailed unwittingly towards the cliff. It crashed. Its bow crumpled, no match for the jagged, dense, grey mass of granite. The gang put the rest of their plan into practice.....

There were fifteen crewmen. The gang rescued them all and hoisted them to the top of the cliff where they would be safe. The unsuspecting Captain approached:

"Thank you so much for saving us," he said in a grateful tone. "I'm just relieved that the ship has stuck in the sand – none of our cargo will be lost at sea now."

The gang suggested that they go down to check the ship's safety and lower the anchor, and so began their perilous descent. They had to go by feel alone, telling themselves that it was just like scaling a tree, pretending not to notice when pebbles, dislodged by their boots, went clattering down to the inky depths.

They had to hurry. Water was beginning to flood the ship. Half of them went in search of the diamonds whilst the other half went to fetch the two small boats they had concealed earlier in a nearby cave. It was hard work battling against the force of the wind and the waves but they managed to get them out eventually and brought them alongside the beleaguered ship.

Eight precious crates were soon loaded onto the small boats and the smugglers rowed away into the darkness, leaving in the sand a trail of diamonds which twinkled in the moonlight like droplets of dew on early winter mornings. It had been a good night's work!



Kiyo Adya F3

Shoes

These are the shoes that she wore before,
The old trainers she used to run around in
When she played games with us in the garden,
Running around playing football.

These are the shoes that she wore
When she became unwell.
Slippers for just going around the house in,
Her energy slowly deteriorating.

These are the socks she wore
When she didn't need shoes,
When she stayed in bed all day,
Not eating much at all,
Hardly any energy,
Getting weaker, and weaker, weaker

These are the shoes that no longer have an owner.

Donald Young F1

Night

He crept along the ground
in his cloak of darkness
And flowed into every
gully he found

Fingers clawing at the last
shreds of remaining light,
He tore away the sun
and covered up her face.

He veiled the world
in the darkness of ages
Till the only lights left
were the stars in the sky.

He comes every night,
unstoppable as death.
Yet in his eyes is a fear
of the cold light of dawn.

Neil Dewar F1

Enigma

It is a puzzling thing,
A contraption of buttons and
bolts,
A collection of whirrs and clicks,
A set of spins and levels,
Coated in the blackest black,
And edged in the shiniest silver,
It is a puzzling thing.

It is a challenging thing,
Ever sending messages in the dark,
Always knowing, never letting on,
Always watching,
Ever vigilant,
It is a challenging thing.

It is a tough old thing,
Constantly working, never
complaining,
Always ready, always willing,
Never tiring, never stopping,
For its time has no ending,
It is a tough old thing.

It is a puzzling, challenging, tough
old thing.

It is an enigma.

Andrew Black F2

The Silence of New York

The screeching of the traffic,
The hustle and bustle of the
tourists,
The chirping of the birds:
That was the sound of New
York, New York.

Then one day, one dreadful
day,
That sound changed to fear.
Screaming, crying, crashing,
sirens;
The twin towers had fallen
down.

The sadness in the air,
Lost children screaming,
The engines roaring:
Where has the peace gone?

The silence was deafening;
The pretence spoke volumes;
It was all so saddening;
It was all so wrong.

Lucy Brunton F2

Suburban Scape

Ambulances, rushing through crowded, thronging streets
Bells - school bells, church bells, pealing through the air
Children rushing, darting, playing,
Drivers, aggressively pushing and shoving,
Electricity, lighting signs and powering buildings,
Factories, spewing pollution and gas,
Gardens, sporting unwatered sticks,
Hospitals, kept ever busy,
Insurmountable deprivation and despair,
Juggernauts, rolling along the filthy road,
Liquor, hidden, secret,
Machines everywhere, buses, trains and aeroplanes,
Narrow alleys, backways, side streets, places of darkness,
Oceans of concrete, poured, bricked,
Pamphlets, flying, posted and pinned,
Queues of fathomless lengths, for nothing,
Ragged homeless people seeking money and shelter,
Scaffolding, sky-climbing, reaching high,
Tarmac stretching everywhere, stamping out the earth,
Underground railway packed and bustling, flashing under
the city,
Vans, making their slow monotonous way along,
Wardens, patrolling, giving tickets and fines,
X-ray machines working to perceive broken bones from
many dangers,
Yesterday's rubbish, cluttering the streets,
Zebra crossing. Get home safely.

Catherine Hobart F1

For Them

A new dawn breaks across this barren land -
but all it brings is death,
the warm colours met only by the cold, painful cries of children.
Starving, crying, desperate,
they call to the world for help.
The fresh morning air is shattered by the screams of the dying,
resounding through the valleys like the howling of wolves.
And still the great golden orb rises from the East like an emperor,
its almighty power such a contrast to the desolation below.
They lie in huddles upon the sand,
the wind howling around them,
howling and whistling round their fragile bodies -
chilling them, choking them.
They cannot run, they cannot hide,
and as the icy shadow creeps silently across the land,
darkness seeping into every crack,
they retreat into their dreams.
There, their tears will freeze,
There, they will have hope.

Ailsa Murray F2

In my box

In my box I will put
The noise of a crowd in a football stadium,
The smell of a sweet white rose,
The freedom of a dove.

In my box I will put
The smiling faces of my family at Christmas,
The words and thoughts from my diary,
A long winding river of melted chocolate.

In my box I will put
The soapy water from a warm bath,
Images of familiar faces,
A rainbow - coloured sky.

In my box I will put
The teardrops of crying children,
Mountains of bright lipstick,
Pictures of my life.

Carina Ip F2

The Wave

The stone was smooth and shaped like a large marble from years of washing by the water. It fell, accelerating towards the surface of the water until its journey was abruptly halted by a loud plop. Its paleness could still be seen but the stone got smaller and smaller until it disappeared into the wet darkness.

She lay still for a moment, listening to the waves lapping gently against the shore then sat upright. She ran her fingers through her hair and dangled her bare feet over the edge of the wooden pallet until they touched the water. It was cool and refreshing, and clear, too. At the other side of the jetty an occasional minnow could be seen dancing in the small pools set amongst the green algae-covered rocks, darting in and out of underwater caves secretly hidden beneath them. A cool breeze ruffled the still water; the sun's heat was on the wane causing goosebumps to appear on her skin.

The buzzing of an outboard motor grew louder as a boat sped towards the hills behind which the orange sun was dropping. She stared after the gleaming, white shape as it progressed further up the loch until her gaze landed on a cloud of grey smoke which lingered above the pebbled beach. She could smell woodsmoke, could hear the cracking of twigs, miniature explosions and pops from the fire, could feel the heat on her face. Laughter from the

merrymakers at the bonfire interrupted her thoughts, and she peered down at her feet as she held them just clear of the surface of the water. Circles formed and expanded as gleaming droplets fell to the water, and the evening sun quickly took away the glistening shine of wetness from her cold feet.

She glanced along the beach towards the busier, more active area of the loch. Jet skis and boats buzzed around like flies. A fluorescent red spot bobbed up and down then stood up agilely as a boat accelerated fast, towing him away from the swarm of other skiers, crossing deftly the path of a green dinghy whose sails flapped as a light wind picked up.

Her hair fell in front of her face, a few strands floated loosely in the gentle breeze and shone, catching the golden sunlight. Behind her sat a lengthened shadow mimicking her every move. The woods, too, had been cast in shadow. The sunlight no longer streamed through the gaps of the lush branches filling the forest with warmth and light; instead, the trees were dark, menacing, and the leaves rustled.

As the sun said goodbye to the valley for the day, a leaf, green and perfectly formed, floated in the air towards her. It skipped and danced along the brown wooden pallets of the jetty until it reached the end and toppled into the water, creating a slight ripple. Another boat cruised by churning the water relentlessly, creating huge waves in its wake. One of these grabbed the leaf and carried it along the shore, further and further away, where it would be washed up and come to rest, only to be ground against the rocks by the lapping waves.

Lisa Resplinger F4

MURPHY'S LAW

by Andrew Bell F3

He was awestruck by what he saw. When his brother had come running to him the night before, shouting, "I've worked it out! I've got it!", he knew that their work had paid off. Finally, after ten years of hard work theorising, predicting and running possibilities through their computers, they had finished building it. It had been hard at first but the two brothers had always worked well together. Jimmy, the older of the two by three years, was a rational thinker. He was a genius who could work out Schrodinger wave equations in his head. In spite of this, he was not very imaginative and had to be given an idea to get his mind going. His younger brother, George, usually provided that idea.

George was not very logical but could think of ideas quickly and fire them at Jimmy who would expand on them. George was also very good at thinking of ways to set up, get out of, and use paradoxes. They were like time and motion. Without time, motion cannot exist and without motion, time has no meaning. It was George who had worked out the last phase of the device. That was what had surprised Jimmy the most.

"Are we ready to begin the preliminary tests?" asked Jimmy.

"We should give the device a once-over first. Just to make sure," answered George.

"After I've done the final checks, we can try sending over an inanimate object. How about an apple?" said Jimmy, as he typed in diagnostic commands into the ancient DOS interface.

"Thanks. I'm starving," joked George.

"I mean to send over," said Jimmy, as he waited for the computer to check the machine.

The device they had spent ten years of their lives working on was standing majestically in front of them. It consisted of a three-meter high tesla coil with a metal ball standing on a rod in front of it. The rod was connected to a box only half a meter high, by a thick, heavy-looking cable. The box was plain on the outside but the brothers knew that inside there was probably the greatest advance in science the world had ever seen! The box was a quantum matter accelerator. When supplied with enough electricity, it would send an object or living creature back or forwards in time, the scale depending on the amount of electricity and the polarity of the connection to the electricity. The more electricity, the further it would go.

The checks were finished after a few minutes.

"Everything seems okay. Power up the tesla... What will this look like if it works?" asked Jimmy.

"Well, after the flash of lightning from the tesla, the box will look like it's getting smaller, and light around it will collapse into it."

"What if it doesn't work?"

"You will see the flash of the tesla briefly, before the explosion from the box blows the whole lab to bits: but I prefer to be optimistic."

There was a sudden flash as the electrons in the air molecules between the tesla coil and the metal ball were ripped from them in a fraction of a second. The box grew smaller and in its place was an infinite tunnel of light. It was like looking through a lens.

"Here goes," said George, as he threw an apple into the vortex. It stretched for infinity along the tunnel and then disappeared. Jimmy switched the machine off.

"If my calculations are correct -"

"Which they aren't," interrupted George.

"It should have travelled five minutes into the future."

The box had returned to its original size, shape, perspective and timeline. George went over to have a look. Just then, the box transformed into the infinite tunnel again, this time without George having done anything. George knelt on the floor and peered into it.

"Sometimes when you stare into the abyss

The apple came out of the tunnel and hit George between the eyes.

"It responds by saying 'leave me alone'," said Jimmy as George lifted himself off the floor.

After that first test, the two brothers celebrated. It wasn't until evening that George perceived something was wrong. He was watching the news on TV when he noticed that America had changed to New Scotland everywhere, on every channel.

Realisation suddenly dawned on George. The apple experiment hadn't worked. It had gone backwards instead of forwards. George knew that even the slightest change could have major consequences. He hoped that the name change was the only consequence. Whatever it was hadn't affected him because he had been too close to the box. *Murphy's Law*, he thought. Anything that can go wrong will go wrong - and in the worst possible way. He wondered what else had changed as he phoned his brother.

"What is it?" asked Jimmy.

"Have you seen the news?"

"No, but I think New Scotland is having some problems" said Jimmy.

To Every Cloud

The night had been devoid of distractions and her mind opened of its own volition, allowing a deluge of memories to come flooding in. Memories she would sooner forget. The screeching sound of brakes as the car crashed to a halt, reverberated in her head. Sleep would not take pity and free her from the world of consciousness and in her restless state of insomnia she turned over and over again until the bed had creaked so loudly in annoyance that she was forced to lie still and try to concentrate intently on something else. Of course, this was impossible and she had surrendered to her emotions. Now the night had passed but she found herself in the same position. The silver lining was that the day could not possibly be any worse than the night.

She hauled back the covers, dragged her body reluctantly into a sitting position and sat motionless on the edge of the bed. Her limbs felt limp and her head hung down heavily, her chin pressed against her collarbone. This was the definition of an empty moment. How ironic, she thought, that she was the one fated to live.

She rose and stumbled towards the bedroom door. She pulled his blue dressing-gown from its hook and held it against her face. It felt soft and sympathetic against her

cheek and she could smell the lingering scent of his after-shave. For comfort, she wrapped it around her shoulders and slipped her arms through the loose sleeves, tying the sash at her waist. She caught a glimpse of herself in the mirror and stopped to stare. He stood behind her, softly kissing her cheek. She smiled, for the first time in days, and in doing so, felt better. But her smile seemed somewhat hollow, and fell as the image of him filtered away. She was alone.

Downstairs, a brief glance from the living-room window revealed an ideal winter's scene with snow falling gently and children having fun. Inside, her tree twinkled in the corner and the vast number of cards on her mantelpiece, each with a sympathetic note regarding her loss, evidence of many friendships, were of no comfort in her time of need and despair.

From the depths of her favourite chair she watched her neighbours playing with their dog in the snow, her own dreams of a family now in tatters. Perhaps it was because the snow seemed so very cold that she felt caught up in the pleasure of her pain. She knew that there was nothing that could ease this ache so she remained in her seat wishing things might get better on their own. On the table beside her was the phone and beside that a photograph of them together. Here she could find him

whenever she wanted to talk to him endlessly about nothing in particular. Gazing longingly into his soft brown eyes she longed for the happy ending that eluded her. She could no longer hold back the tears and allowed herself to drown in her solitude, heartache and pain.

Her thoughts were disturbed by the strident ringing of her telephone. The screen was flashing her brother's name. This was the sixth or seventh time he had called over the weekend, but she let it ring, as she had done since the accident. The phone stopped ringing and an ear-splitting silence rent the air. She hated the silence. It was the silence of her own bitterness, a bitterness which now silenced her emotion. All but her loneliness. And she wondered how lonely people make a life. Casting her eye out the window again she stared at the undisturbed snow in her garden and knew that she did not want to find out. Her trembling hand fell to the phone, she slowly brought the receiver to her ear and pressed the recall button.

Tara McKay F5

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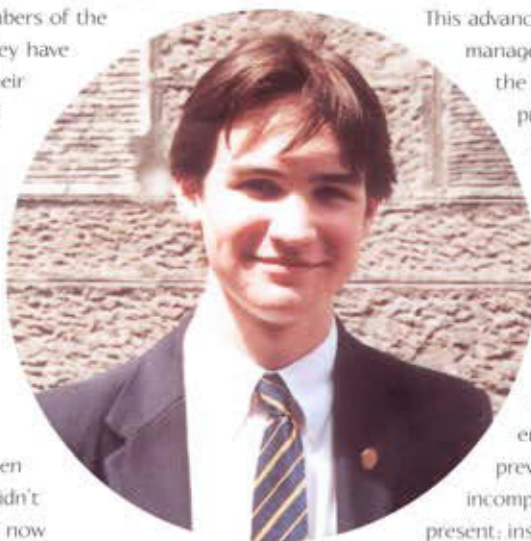
Short of etching on a wax tablet, carving shapes out of stone or drawing with a stick in dry sand, there are few methods of written communication less practical than chalk and a board. The principle of scraping a powdery white stick along a smooth black surface is a bizarre one, as the chalk would rather stick to anything else. But it is perhaps for this very reason that scrawling with chalk across a blackboard has been the teaching method of choice for centuries, in what is clearly a profession which delights in being awkward.

It is a decidedly unnatural skill: one which takes many years of practice and ridicule from senior members of the teaching staff, to perfect – but it's all they have got. Once teachers have imparted all their worldly knowledge to their students (as per the job description), what do they have to distinguish themselves from their class, save a few grey hairs and the ability to use the tool of their trade proficiently? Sadly, not a great deal. This desire for superiority in any field is one of the driving forces of the profession.

From the vantage point of a pupil, it becomes glaringly apparent who has fallen victim to the regime: the teacher who didn't observe the proximity regulations and is now branded with the white powder of incompetence; the equation which started its journey at the top of the panel only to meet with the opposite edge two feet further down; the wash cloth that was more wet than merely damp which leaves the clean black surface with a liquid sheen that refuses to hold chalk until fully dry.

But the teaching profession's complete dependence on conventional ways of writing is slowly crumbling. Education authorities are realising that there are alternatives to the time-honoured white stick/blackboard combo, and potential replacements are being sought and devised all the time. The days of the blackboard are numbered, there is a new contender for the classroom throne. Armed with such health warnings as *chalk inhalation* and *marker-fume inhalation*, there can be only one victor: the whiteboard revolution is nigh.

In a spaghetti-western style confrontation, the tall, clean cut man with the whiteboard and ample stationery supplies enters through the swing doors of the classroom: a posse of assorted language students follow in his wake. The dark figure in the corner looks up slowly, his charcoal complexion speckled with experience. Silence falls quickly over the class as the hard-handed gentlemen propping up the teacher's desk look up from their marking. Within minutes, the doors swing once more as a solvent-swirled haze of pen-flecked traditionalists give up the fight, their black friend out-classed, their leader no more.



This advancement in pigment technology has managed to implant multi-coloured stains on the hands of even the most chalk-proficient advisor. Complemented perfectly by the high-pitched squealing the pens give out when handled roughly, this advancement is sending teachers back to the drawing board, quite literally. The difficulty that the more senior in the profession have getting to grips with the whole new technique is not the only problem here. The embarrassing powder streaks that previously identified the new and incompetent members of staff are no longer present; instead, the trainee teachers have very little difficulty achieving proficiency with these new instruments since they are not influenced by the skills acquired under the previous system. It is for this very reason that the opposition to the whiteboard revolution comprises almost entirely the more mature teachers; those who felt that status could be gained from experience with chalk and that clumsy use of that sacred teaching equipment was something to be ridiculed. The tables have irreversibly turned on those who formed that oppressive regime.

Where now for the chalk of yesteryear? What does the future hold for the ageing blackboards? Only time will tell, but traditionalist teachers everywhere can feel safe in the knowledge that their single vestige of superiority will be safe and well. Most probably in a museum somewhere.

James Strachan F5

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Dalguise

Dalguise was nothing like we expected. There were four chalets and a large house with activity sites just a stone's throw away. We quickly unpacked then met our group leaders and set off on a tour of the house and grounds, our favourite part of which was the trip back to the ruck shop. It was exciting to find out what Dalguise had to offer and we could hardly wait for the thrills to begin!

Our first activity was the **Catwalk** which meant swinging through the trees like Tarzan, only we wore safety harnesses. Next came the **Challenge Course**. This was great fun. Everyone got absolutely

filthy – there wasn't a soul among us who was not covered in mud. There was no escape. Another activity was **Trapeze** which meant climbing on to a very high platform and throwing yourself off it to catch the trapeze about a metre or so away. Not everyone made it.

Kayaking was exciting. We were instructed on what to do, then it was into the water to have a great time splashing about, playing games like Evolution and Tig. One of the best activities was **Raft Building**. Once the raft had been built, we were expected to test it out in a very cold pond. One minute we were happily rowing along and the next we were waist deep in the freezing water!

On **Zip Wire** we sat in a harness attached

to a high wire then ... zoom we were zipped along. At the far end we bounced off a tyre and whizzed back along the wire. We were kitted out with the correct safety equipment to prepare ourselves for fencing. Once we had been shown all of the fancy moves, we had mock duels with our partners. This was yet another activity which we thoroughly enjoyed. The week went by all too quickly and before we knew it, Friday had arrived and we were very sad to leave. We know that everyone had a wonderful time and would love to go back. We just hope that next year's L6s have as much fun as we did!

Sarah Acheson, Sophie Kochanowska





Thoughts

Friday 7th June - Destination Berlin

A ridiculously early start resulted in most people, including myself, failing to properly wake up before we had been checked onto our flight to Amsterdam. As a result, the trip passed with relatively few incidents. That, however, did not remain the case for very long, as we arrived at the airport just in time to see England's goal against Argentina in the World Cup. Despite the somewhat dubious loyalties of most of our party, this provided the majority of entertainment during our time in the airport, along with, of course, some much needed eating.

Eventually we reached our hotel and immediately ate again. The day was completed with a slide show presented by our guide for the tour Lt.Col "Tony" Le Tissier.

Toby Davies

Saturday 8th June - Central Berlin

Day 2 in the Big City. A LOUD UNWANTED knock at the door woke us up and we were told to get up and get changed for breakfast at 8am. We arrived at the dining-room to find a buffet and all you can eat. Fraser felt distinctly at home! At 9am we started our tour of Berlin taking in the Berlin Wall, the former HQ of the SS at Prinz-Albrecht Strasse. We then stopped for a tasty lunch at McDonalds. It was really yummy!

After lunch we visited the Bebelplatz, site of the book burning, and the Brandenburg Gate. Unfortunately renovations were being done to this monument and we could not view it properly. After a short underground trip back to the hotel we were only too happy to have a quiet rest before going out for a meal in an Italian restaurant. Mr Toley obligingly helped those of us who were not feeling so hungry! Following this we went to the IMAX, a 3D cinema, which was a really cool way to end the day.

Michael Brown



from Berlin

Sunday 9th June – Potsdam and Wansee

Another 7am start – saw us taking the coach to Potsdam's palaces, the first to see where the fate of Berlin was decided after World War 2 and the second to see where the German Royal family lived. The latter was truly lovely.

The weather was pleasantly warm and although this made walking quite tiring, it was most enjoyable.

After lunch we drove to the Wansee Villa where the "final solution" was agreed.

The exhibition there was interesting but sad.

After a good dinner of chicken and chips at the hotel, we all trekked to the swimming pool on the other side of town. Not everyone went in, but unusually I did, and I must say that I had a great time despite the bruises I got from the flumes. Then it was back to the hotel and time for bed.

Lauren McHoul

Monday 10th June – Sachsenhausen and the Olympic Stadium.

Today we set off at 9am as usual and headed for the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. This was the one place that I really wanted to visit but I wasn't sure what to expect. I found it exceptionally interesting and well worth the visit. It was much worse than I expected and made me and others feel physically sick. I do think that it is impossible to imagine how horrible places like this really are until you have actually seen them. The pain and torture the prisoners here went through was disgraceful. I just can't describe how I felt about it. It is hard to accept that one human being could treat another human being like that, purely because of race or colour.

After that interesting but most depressing visit, we went to the 1936 Olympic Stadium – was this place huge or what? We then did a tour of central Berlin on the coach and Tony showed us some really cool places. Tonight was our last evening and we went bowling. I have never been particularly good at bowling but I think my state of play was the worst yet! My only consolation was that Euan was not on top of his game either and that made me feel a little better!

Jenny Arnot

Tuesday 11th June – Goodbye Berlin!

We were afforded an extra half hour in bed on this our last day in Berlin and we certainly felt the better for it. After packing everything up we set off for Ka De We Department Store, which was...LARGE to say the least! After a pizza lunch, yet more shopping occupied us before we headed for the airport and took a final farewell of our guide, LeTiss. There were a few tears as we took some final snaps of him and with him, managing to finish off our spoils before boarding and flying home to Britain.

The return flight proved to be much more eventful and exciting than the flight out since the pilot landed, tipped on one wheel, following a rather turbulent approach!

The final flight to Scotland and the coach journey to Dundee were void of complication or great excitement, but we did manage to serenade Fraser's unfortunate trunk ripping at the pool two nights earlier with a large repertoire of songs! A hilarious end to a superb trip!

Rory Baxter

Spain

We said goodbye to grey Dundee and after a long haul to Murcia, were greeted by the humidity of the Spanish night air and our 'adoptive' families. For the next ten days we were to eat, speak and live as Spaniards.

The school, white buildings atop a hill in the middle of nowhere, were most welcoming.

During the day we met up with one another and were relieved to be able to speak English again. We went on many excursions, our favourites being the trips to the beach and the water park. In the evenings, our Spanish hosts arranged outings where we were able to experience the lifestyle of Spanish teenagers and at the weekends we were taken to beach houses or enjoyed pool parties with our families. We even managed to watch three hours of Spanish *Star Wars* and lived to tell the tale! Our fluency improved greatly and even the boys learned a few choice phrases!

By the end of this experience which had threatened at first to be daunting and nerve-racking, we felt sad to be leaving our new *amigos* and we can't wait for September to come when they will arrive in Scotland to enjoy some of our hospitality.

We thank the Spanish department for organising the exchange visit and all the teachers who accompanied us for making it all such fun.

Iona Friedberg, Katie Ferguson, Sarah McConville



Hadrian's Wall

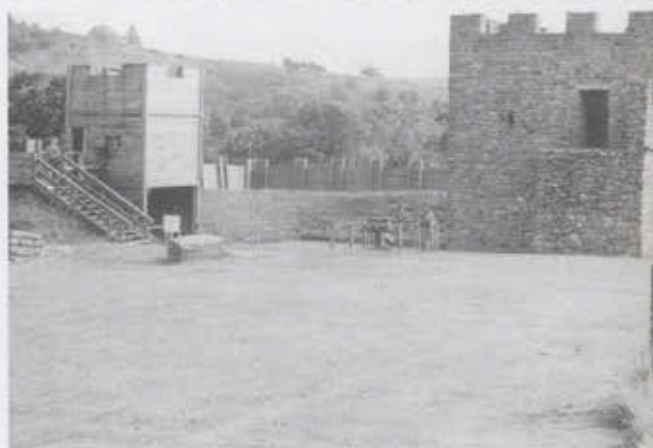
After last year's cancelled visit due to the foot and mouth epidemic, Form I Latin pupils were delighted to be able to head for Hadrian's Wall on the last Friday of the summer term. We set off at 8am and after a brief stop at a service station, reached the Roman Army Museum at Carvoran at noon. The museum is set in beautiful countryside and this is where we normally have our packed lunches. Unfortunately it was raining quite heavily, so only the hardier souls among us ate in the open air, the others choosing to remain in the shelter of the bus.

After lunch we made for the Walltown Craggs section of the Wall which lies about a quarter of a mile to the east of the Museum. This is one of the best preserved stretches of the Wall and features regularly on the front covers of the various books about it. Here, the Wall runs along the top of steep cliffs and reaching it involves a fairly arduous climb, but all members of the group acquitted themselves manfully (or womanfully) despite the continuing rain.

After visiting the Wall we went into the Museum where we watched two interesting films, including one about life in the Roman Army, featuring members of the Ermine Street Guard, a society dedicated to research into the Roman Army and the reconstruction of Roman arms and equipment. The Guard incidentally has an interesting website, which includes a list of Roman Army command in Latin, among them such useful phrases as "One step backwards march" and "Form a wedge".

From the Roman Army Museum we went on to Vindolanda, about seven miles further east. Here are to be found the remains of a Roman fort and the civilian settlement which grew up around it, as well as replicas of Hadrian's Wall as it was in Roman times. At Vindolanda we received an interesting talk from one of the archaeologists working on the site. He showed us a number of objects he had recently dug up, including the skull of an ox which had been used for target practice by Roman archers. The arrow holes were still clearly visible.

After an uneventful homeward journey with the now customary stop in Auchterarder for fish and chips we got back to Dundee just before 9.00 pm. All agreed it had been "a good day".



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Normandy

At the end of September and the beginning of October 2001, about 40 of us second year pupils went to Normandy in France. We were divided into two groups, each having the best part of a week away. The journey was long but we held up well in anticipation of what was ahead.

The hostel where we stayed was miles from anywhere – this was supposed to tear us away from shopping and MacDonald's – and was a converted and rather rambling old farmhouse. The staff were all native speakers and we soon learned that if we wanted anything at table during the meals, we had to ask for it – in French!! The option was starvation!

Many activities were arranged for us, some of which were of a sporting nature, but for all of them, preparation was thorough and instructions were always given in French. Hence we learned to paddle a kayak without a paddle, that handball really is just that and not quite the same as football, and that the brakes are at the opposite ends of the handlebars on a French mountain-bike. Well, most of us picked that up, except Mr Mackenzie who got it wrong and managed to fall off into a mud bath!

Other activities such as a visit to the market in Villedieu, a visit to a Cidrerie or a shopping-trip in Granville were prepared in classes the evening before. It was just like French at school, except that the people teaching us the basics were real French people. Thank goodness for Mrs Seith who was on hand to "rescue" us when we got into difficulties!

One day we set off to explore the region and study a little of its history, particularly its role in World War 2. We visited the Memorial Museum for Peace, the American War Cemetery and also Arromanches, scene of the D-day landings.

Perhaps the highlight of our visit was the crossing of the Baie du Mont Saint-Michel – a seven kilometre walk over the sands of the bay with a professional guide. After about a kilometre we began to wonder, and then when the water came up to our knees, we wondered even more. But our guide explained everything to us – the history of the bay, the fishing, how the tides worked (all in French of course), and put our fears to rest. We felt quite safe, until we got to the quick sands: anxious faces peering initially at the first brave ones to follow the example of our guide. Then suddenly it seemed as if everyone was in there, amazed at the extraordinary feeling of the "moving sands"!

A French trip which combined falling off bikes, with fun and adventure in the quicksand, with visits to a cider farm and interviewing French people in a market – are all French trips like this? Each of us has fond memories of a wide-ranging and challenging experience. It was most certainly a trip with a difference, a truly satisfying one since we did it all in French!!





Visit to the Glasgow Science Centre

On 13th December, the whole of Form 2 travelled to the Glasgow Science Centre, to see an amazing variety of hands-on exhibits, an IMAX film and an illustrated lecture about weather forecasting.

On arrival we split into fourteen groups, each accompanied by a member of staff or prefect. We immediately headed for the 'Science Mall' which is on three floors. The Centre is full of intriguing displays. For example, there was a remotely controlled 'planet exploration buggy' complete with time delay! There was also an exhibit which was a working replica of the inside of John Logie-Baird's electromechanical television transmitter and receiver.

After the 'Science Mall' we went to see an IMAX film called 'The Human Body'. This was an experience not to be forgotten quickly. For example, you could find yourself travelling inside a giant lung. Did you know that your heart will pump about one million barrels of blood during your lifetime – enough blood to fill more than three supertankers? Also every day, the body grows an average of 32 metres of hair!

We finished the day with a very interesting and informative talk given by Heather (The Weather) Reid. She told us about the processes involved in predicting the weather and how she prepares her material for her appearances on television. It surprised many of us to learn that she studied Physics at university. We were also given an exercise in mental arithmetic to see if we were as quick as the Met-Office computer!

The Science Centre was extremely fascinating and I would highly recommend a second visit, for there is too much to see and do in just one day.

Lachlan Young F2



Golling

After weeks of excitement, the day we had been waiting for had finally arrived – we were off to Austria for a week's skiing! Having loaded up the bus with our unnecessarily large bags and secured our seats on the bus, we watched the misty February skies of Dundee fade into the distance as we faced up to the thirty-three hour coach journey that lay ahead. What a journey it turned out to be!

It was surely an experience we had never encountered before! All the fun and frolics on board made the miles fly past in what seemed minutes rather than hours. All too soon we were on the ferry bidding farewell to the white cliffs of Dover (yes, they truly are white!) and were on our way to Calais. Once in France, night was upon us, and the teachers were still surprisingly cheery with the upbeat mood of the coach.

The coach seemed to scrape its way down through the narrow, picturesque streets of our new home of Golling. As we fell out the bus, bags and all, we felt we had disturbed this sleepy, little Austrian town. Thankfully we could retire to our bedrooms for a quick shower and "forty winks", before our first day of strenuous skiing.

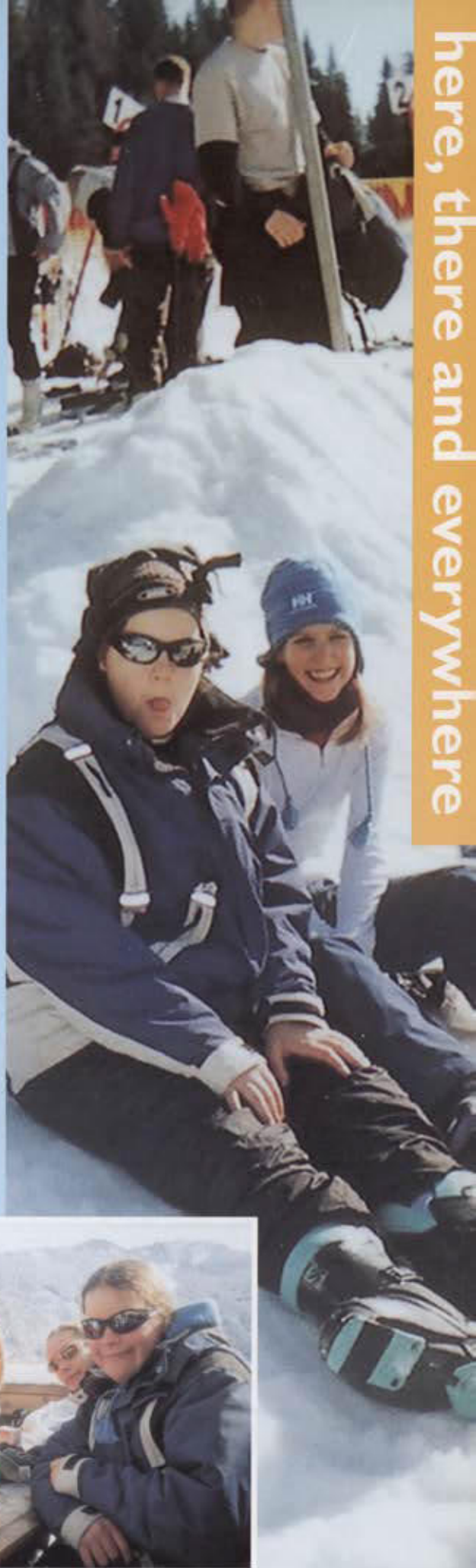
We were introduced to our ski instructors and embarked upon the week's skiing – a new experience for some and an old time favourite for others. Amongst classical falls, laughs and hilarity, wrong turnings, and lift mishaps we had a fantastic time with our groups and ski leaders: Michael Walton, Helen Brian and "Sir" Spowart M.B.E. entertained us with some spectacular falls! As for the beginners, we can guarantee that they were experts by the end of the week! Indeed we all improved our skiing skills immensely thanks to our excellent instructors and there was a bonus too, in the shape of Cupid because Helen developed something of a crush on Anders, one of the instructors.

Despite sore legs and aching bottoms, we enjoyed thoroughly the night entertainment. Our teachers had lined up for us an interesting array of evening activities including brilliant bowling, intense ice-skating, superb swimming, and for our entertainment finale, we exchanged our bulky ski boots for sleek black kitten heels (even the boys!) and paraded into our Austrian style disco! We were able to explore our intriguing village on a few nights too, although this is not to be recommended for the serious shoppers!

Dinner was always served by a rather "dude-ish" waiter! The dishes, whilst interesting, were a bit of a guessing game, but we did manage to entertain ourselves successfully in the restaurant. The meals we enjoyed best were the lunches when we would ski to a little restaurant in the mountains to eat the most delicious 'Krapf', (Austrian by the way!) These were made of light pastry filled with cream and chocolate and everyone agreed that they were heavenly. The restaurant itself was situated on one of the many gorgeous peaks hidden amongst the breathtaking scenery of the Alps. We were truly privileged to be able to experience such beautiful surroundings every day!

By the end of the week we were exhausted, weather beaten yet still fired with enthusiasm. But we had to return to Dundee – and school! Reluctantly we climbed on board the coach and steeled ourselves for the long trek home. Our luggage was full of Milka and our heads full of fond memories and endless stories. We would never forget this fabulous trip made possible by some dazzling teachers. We thank you all for your good humour, your patience and above all, your time and company.

Sarah McConville, Julia Bruce, Freya Smaill



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Christophrusschule Oberurff



Sunday 2nd June

On that drizzly morning, we met at the school and piled into the minibus. Everyone was in a good mood and some of the boys watched The World Cup on Heather's portable television as we travelled along. After a smooth plane change at Birmingham we arrived on time in Frankfurt. The temperature here was much warmer and two train journeys later we pulled into Treysa station where our exchange partners were waiting to greet us.

Monday 3rd June

We found the German school very different from our own one in Dundee – for a start, classes began at 8.10 am and finished at 1.00 pm! Many of the classes were open air and there were designated smoking areas for the pupils. The headmaster kindly and proudly showed us round the school. Everywhere the attitude to education seemed much more relaxed. This was the hottest day of the trip and so we were glad of the free afternoon to enjoy with our partners, and in the evening, the "Welcome Party" enabled us to get to know the other Germans.

Tuesday 4th June

Understanding lessons was a little difficult since they were all in German, of course, but Sarah and Neil shone in the English class!

Wednesday 5th June

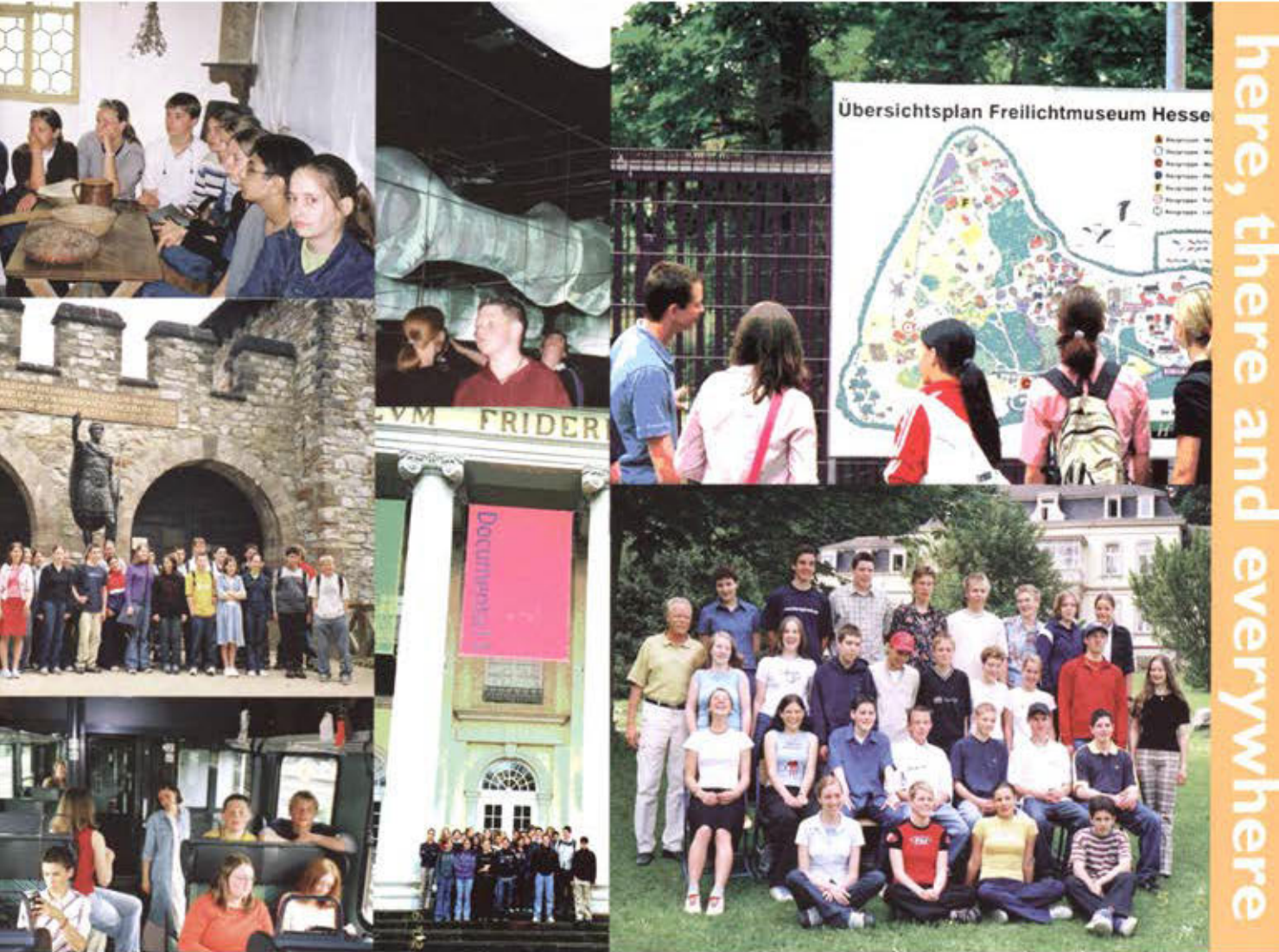
Today our exchange partners joined us on an excursion to a Roman museum. The museum was concerned with the artifacts the soldiers used, as well as reproductions of their living quarters. Thereafter we walked to the Hessenpark where many half-timbered houses from the region of Hessen have been saved and restored. They date mainly from the 16th and 17th centuries and ordinarily we would have found it all very interesting. Unfortunately, the walk through the wood had been rather long and tiring, and the guide went into rather a lot of detail about the park, so many of us lost concentration and became impatient to get back home. It had been a good day overall, however, and we were getting to know our German friends much better.

Thursday 6th June

Today our exchange partners remained in school while we went to Bad Zwesten to meet the Mayor or rather, Bürgermeister. He talked to us about the town and presented us with little stuffed toys which are typical of the area. After some ice-cream, we met up with our partners back at the school and the afternoon again, was all about having fun!

Friday 7th June

A Wandertag had been scheduled for today but the weather was decidedly awful – rain, rain, rain – and so the walk was cancelled. Instead we watched a German video, after which some of us went to the Internet Café. Later we all congregated in the gym and enjoyed some games, the highlight of which was a football match – Scotland versus Germany! The Germans won 1-0 thanks to their very good goalkeeper and sound defence, but I have to say that the majority of play was inside their circle!



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Saturday 8th June/Sunday 9th June

The weekend was spent with the families so there was a great variety of activities on offer. Stuart went up in an aeroplane with his family and both he and Robin visited a theme park! Others visited the Edersee, a huge dam, and Catherine and Sarah went with their exchange partners to see "Shreck" (in German) at a drive-in cinema! We all had a thoroughly enjoyable weekend!

Monday 10th June

We and our exchange partners went to Kassel, a large city close by and visited the "World Art Exhibition".

This contained some strange works, some interesting and others less so, with surprisingly, no paintings. After this little taste of modern German culture, we were allowed to go shopping - Catherine bought herself a ball dress - lovely but expensive!

Tuesday 11th June

This was our last day at the German school and the headmaster presented us with school badges. Then it was back home to pack and relax before the early start the next day!

Wednesday 12th June

We gathered at Treysa station to bid a sad farewell to our exchange partners. On board the train we enjoyed swapping stories of the previous night's events then Mr. Richterich announced that the plane times had been changed and that we would have about five hours to wait at Frankfurt airport! Despite this irritation the time sped past, but there was yet another delay at Manchester because of a mechanical problem with the plane. We eventually touched down in Edinburgh around 8.00 pm. and arrived at the school at 9.15 pm. five and a half hours later than anticipated!

The German exchange was a huge success! Mr. Richterich and Mrs. Mackenzie were always good fun and helped make our stay a very enjoyable one. Many firm friendships were formed and many phone-calls, e-mails and visits will be made in the future. In the meantime we are counting the days until the Germans arrive in Scotland!

Sarah Dorward

LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND



On Friday 28th September 2001 at 0300, we set off from the school gates, all in high spirits and very excited. The fabulous four, Miss Fulton, Mr Illsley, Mrs Melville and Mrs Finnie were to keep over forty hyperactive Drama students in line for the next three days as we toured such sights as, The Globe Theatre, The London Theatre Museum, and watched the West End shows "The Lion King" and "Starlight Express".

We arrived in London twelve hours later and had a short while to change before our meal at "Planet Hollywood" and the spectacular performance of "The Lion King". For many it was the first West End performance they had ever seen and it was quite amazing, absolutely fantastic. As the show began, the auditorium was filled with "ooohs" and "aaahs" as the awestruck audience observed the soloist playing Rafiki and the original and effective scenery. These two things amazed the audience but the best was yet to come. I remember turning to the person next to me to comment on how well the soloist was singing when all of a sudden I was confronted with a huge elephant lumbering down the aisle! No matter how tired we were, everyone's eyes were glued to the stage, even the members of our party who had seen the production before, were full of praise - their memories rekindled and the excitement still evident. The atmosphere on the coach as we returned to our hotel was electric - even though, by that time, we had been up for twenty-one hours!!

The next day was action packed! After an early breakfast, it was back on the coach where we did a brief tour of the sights of London on our way to The Globe Theatre, on the banks of the Thames. The Bard was brought to life by stretching our imaginations with the sights, sounds and smells of Shakespeare's theatre. It was a real experience indeed to spend an intriguing morning at the exhibition of the life and works of the great man.

After lunch and an all too brief taster of London's retail therapy, we were whisked off to The London Theatre Museum in Covent Garden. Amongst others, Sarah McCorville, Christina Clayhills-Henderson and Ramsay Hall tried on costumes of famous dancers and actors, whilst Claire Brown and Elaine Todd took part in a theatrical make-up demonstration.

The next stop was dinner at Bella Pasta - a welcome pause for refueling after the exertions of the day. But we were not finished yet! A speedy Cinderella change and we were ready for our next musical - "Starlight Express".

The Apollo Theatre was buzzing with excitement, a complete contrast in atmosphere to the quiet admiration evident at "The Lion King". Throughout this show the players sped around on roller skates at exhilarating speeds, dancing and singing at the same time. By the end of the show, the audience was standing and singing along. Due to this, the poor teachers had to suffer our singing on the bus journey home as we recreated some of our favourite numbers!

Next morning we headed North for Dundee. It had been a whirlwind weekend but a memorable one. Thanks must go to all the teachers involved for planning the trip, putting up with us and making the experience so enjoyable. If you are contemplating taking Drama in F3 or F4 next year, we recommend that you campaign vigorously for this trip to become an annual event!

Jenni Killgallon, Kirsty Hawkes F4





PARIS

L7 piled into the coach and set off once more to enjoy a short break in France's lovely capital. The trip to Dover, the ferry crossing and the subsequent drive to the heart of the city went smoothly and Paris welcomed them with a smile and some warm sunshine.

The next few days were a whirlwind of activity. They visited Montmartre and the cathedral of Sacré-Coeur, watched the artists at work in the Place du Tertre, enjoyed a sail on the Seine and a drive through the city by night when they could see all the main monuments illuminated and experience the excitement of driving down the Champs-Élysées.

The climb up the Eiffel Tower was exhilarating, the visit to the Palace of Versailles impressive, the trip to Walt Disney Europe exhausting and the return to the hotel and their comfortable beds oh so welcoming!

A big thank you must go to all the teachers who gave up their time to accompany the pupils and make their stay so informative and enjoyable.



Stirling and Bannockburn

On the 22nd of May L5 pupils went set off for Stirling castle and Bannockburn. On arrival they were taken to the vaults where they were told about all the various jobs that needed to be done around a castle, for example, painters, woodcarvers, tailors and jesters. They found John the Jester in a beautiful garden called the Queen Anne Garden, and after everyone had put on a colourful jester's outfit, (including the teachers), he took them on a puzzle trail through some of the rooms of the castle, ending up in the Great Hall where they had a go at juggling and spinning plates. It was all very interesting and great fun!

After lunch the coach took them to Bannockburn. Here they watched a video of the battle itself before moving through the museum where they were allowed to try on helmets and chain mail and see some of the weapons that would have been used at the time. They were also encouraged to act out some of the battle scenes – this proved very popular with the boys! Finally they went to the battlefield itself and admired the statue of Robert the Bruce. It had been a long but interesting day.



.....then there's Bannockburn 2002!

On a warm morning in June, over 130 Form I pupils took to the fields of Mayfield to re-enact a battle that saw the Scots victorious again. There were a number of memorable performances – Douglas Dorward as the narrator, Donald Young as the cowardly Edward II and Mr.Rennet as the inspirational Bruce. The History Department's thanks go out to all participants who put so much effort into their costumes and Mr.Gallagher for his "new wave" film-making.



LONDON

The Business Studies Department has been eight times before. Lethargy tends to set in, what our budding economists call *x inefficiency* is been there, done that, got the t-shirt. Nothing new.

But sometimes ... flash ... A kind of magic. If the pupils' approach is positive, co-operative and constructive, then you can see London through fresh eyes and want it all.

To business ...

- Lord Fraser invited us to the **International Petroleum Exchange** to witness the buying and selling of 27 million barrels of oil using only hand signals and large amounts of dollars. The whole experience was informative, highly educational and extremely exciting!
- The **London Metals Exchange** provided the same insight, except zinc and copper were bought and sold, sometimes three years before they were even mined!
- The **Bank of England** was informative, but sadly, we were able to leave carrying a total of *only* one ingot. Pity, because we wanted it all and we wanted it *now*!
- **Dresdner, Kleinwort and Benson** provided us with a breakthrough by offering on the job training for two of our pupils over the summer holidays at the desk of the Bank's chief stockbroker. DKB put out the red carpet for us, not only in terms of hospitality but also in the quality of the personnel they devoted to our question and answer sessions.
- **GlaxoSmithKline** are the largest pharmaceutical company in the world ... and we were there ... at the new £ 750 million global headquarters. They are the champions.
- The **Secretary General of the Chamber of Commerce** advised us on the skills, attitude and attributes necessary for success in today's world of business. The Chamber is there to provide back up and support on a global scale, and we saw it working first hand.
- **Martell Consultants** were inspiring. Flair, hard work and enthusiasm can bring immense rewards and our host gave the pupils a tremendous insight into the workings of this IT strategy company.
- It is a hard life, with some hotels just for spending the night in ... But following in Michael Jackson's footsteps, we decided to be Princes of the Universe and took up the invitation to visit the **Renaissance Chancery Lane Marriott 5 star**. The international Head of Marketing and Head of Human Resources gave a detailed presentation outlining the many career paths available within the Marriott brand. One of our pupils wanted to break free and will be taking up employment with this group, spending a Gap year in the splendour and unparalleled luxury of this hotel. Talk about being put under pressure!!

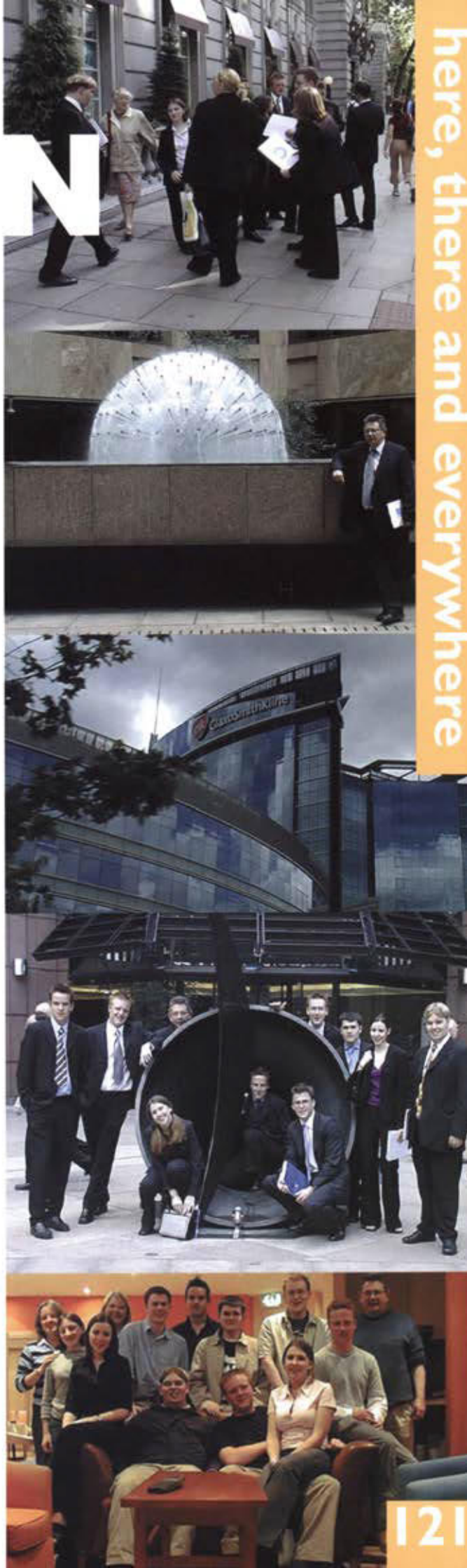
This was not a shopping trip. This was a learning experience. Our pupils met with professionals of the highest calibre from some of the world's largest global corporations. The Department provided the opportunity and all the pupils seized it with both hands and minds. This is how they wanted to spend the days of their lives.

All we have mentioned so far has been business. The more perceptive and musically conscientious among you may have noticed that we were heavily influenced by a certain rock band aptly named in this Jubilee Year. Their show at the Dominion Theatre was outstanding.

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Freddie and a Dreamer BA Business Studies



here, there and everywhere



GREECE

Thursday 28th March – Destination Athens.

Dear Diary...

Arrived at School this morning brimming with excitement. The day of departure had finally arrived and we, (Forms 2 and 4), were raring to go! We loaded our bags into the coach, waved goodbye to our parents and friends and set off for Heathrow. Well, not exactly. We had to wait half an hour for Rebecca to arrive because her passport had come only that morning! The bus journey was great fun because we waved at truck drivers, played the amazing "alphabet game" and ate unnecessary amounts of junk food. We were also treated to a number of films including *Shrek* and appropriately, *The Odyssey*. At the airport, I was the only one to experience a problem – my scissors were confiscated by security. Oops!! On the plane now and I don't think anyone will sleep. We're going to land early tomorrow morning and we can hardly wait!

Julia Black

Friday 29th March – Ancient Athens.

Dear Diary...

After breakfast we went on a bus tour of Athens. This was a good introduction to the city we were about to explore since we got the feel for it and gleaned some useful background information about it. Next we visited the Modern Olympic Stadium. This was pretty impressive, and even more so when we were allowed to have races in it. Our final port of call was the Acropolis, an amazing structure whose stones and columns just oozed history. If only they could talk – they would have some fascinating tales to tell! Back at the hotel we had some lunch after which everyone except Jo and I went for a snooze. Instead we each dressed up as *Superwoman* and walked about the hotel for a while. Once

everyone woke up we went for a walk up the steepest hill in Athens – trust me – to be the only one not wearing trainers, and on our return to the hotel, we enjoyed some really scrumptious Greek food before going off to bed.

Nat Cook

Saturday 30th March – Aegina.

Dear Diary...

After many games of pontoon on the ferry we arrived at Aegina and had lunch in a traditional Greek restaurant situated right on the beach. Thereafter we travelled inland through magnificent hilly scenery to the Temple of Aphaea which enjoys a prominent position atop a huge cliff overlooking the sea. After exploring the ruins for an hour or so we caught a bus to a local beach where, due to an unfortunate misjudgement of depth whilst paddling, I managed to soak my trousers, earning myself the eternal title of "Moisty". In the evening we enjoyed some traditional Greek dancing at a taverna.

James "moisty" Moir

Sunday 31st March – Temple of Poseidon.

Dear Diary...

I got up at 6a.m. in order to shower and pack my bags for Delphi. After breakfast we drove to Cape Sounion and stopped off at the impressive Temple of Poseidon. After lunch we continued on our way and arrived finally at Delphi at 5.30p.m. After eating at a nearby restaurant we did some shopping before returning to our rooms for a good night's sleep. This hotel is really nice.

Jo Williams

Monday 1st April – The Oracle at Delphi.

Dear Diary...

Today we had to get up early to get to Apollo's temple and arrived there at about 10a.m. We started up the steep hill and at the first level saw what used to be a market place. At the second level there was a graveyard, at the third level was the Temple of Apollo and right at the top was a Stadium. After one last wander round we moved on to a new hotel, this time in Olympia.

Alistair Tannock

Tuesday 2nd April – Olympia & Tolon.

Dear Diary...

Today we went to see where the Olympic Games were held – it was very interesting. After we had a good look round we went to the Stadium and had a race. It was great fun and we all had our photos taken. Some Japanese people started to take pictures of us too – we found this rather strange! We then visited another museum which was equally interesting before setting off for our next hotel in Tolon. Here we swam in the sea and played mad games. After tea we performed plays – they were all really funny. Julia, Rachel, Ross, Rhys and I were really happy because our play won!

Rebecca Evans



At the beach



Aegina



At the Olympic Stadium

Dear Diary...

We took our leave of Tolon and headed for the Theatre at Epidaurus. Upon our arrival the tour guide invited us to listen to three groups singing in the theatre so that we might appreciate its acoustics. We then set off, firstly to Tyrins to see the Cyclopean walls and then to Mycenae. Here, I found the Lion Gate very interesting and the beehive tomb spectacular. After taking in the amazing views we returned to the hotel in Athens via the Corinthian Canal. After our evening meal it was straight out and after a short ride on the new underground we went to a nightclub in the centre of Athens. We had a good time at the club and then went back to our hotel for our last night in Greece.

Robert Cannon

Thursday 4th April – The Agora and going home.

Dear Diary...

I got up at 8am and had breakfast at nine after which we walked to the Agora and saw what the ancient market place would have been like. This was followed by a visit to the museum and then lunch at a fantastic kebab restaurant. An hour or so's shopping soon used up what little money we had left before we headed for the airport and our flight which would get us back to Heathrow by 8.30p.m. local time. We arrived back in Dundee at 8.30a.m. the next day. I enjoyed the trip very much and would love to go back. Thank you Mr Toley, Mrs Williams, Miss Erskine and Iggy for making it all so interesting and such good fun!

Emma Robertson



At the Acropolis



Temple of Poseidon

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