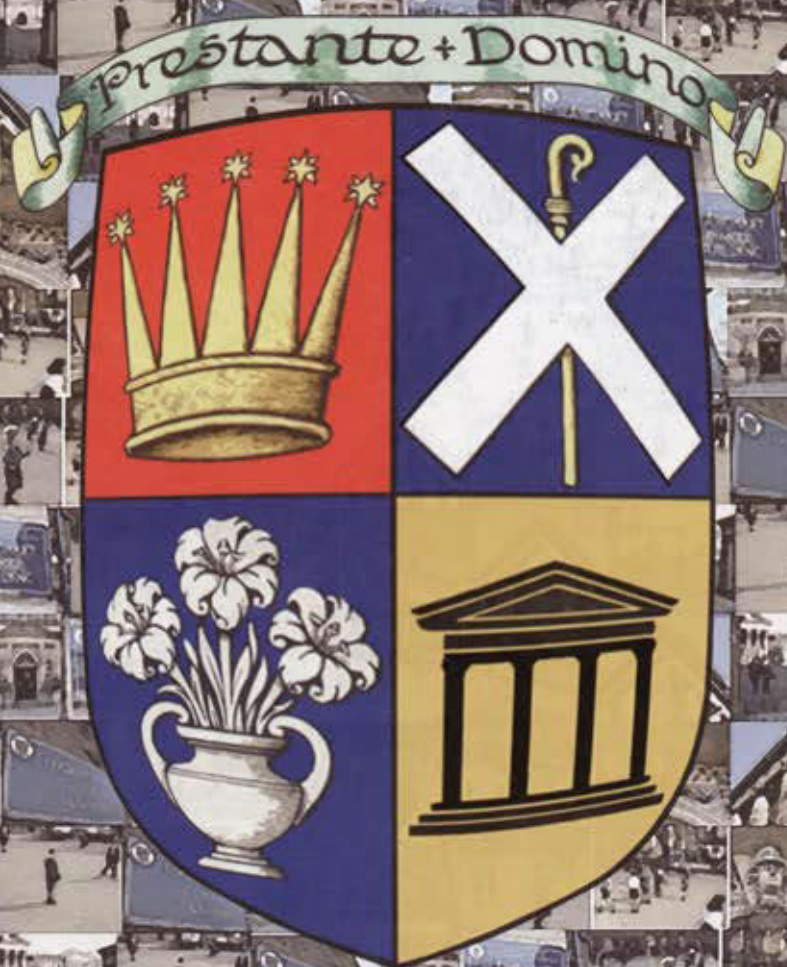




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The Review

Editorial

Any school magazine pays tribute to the great deal of enthusiasm, hard work and determination on the part of that school's community: the staff, pupils and parents of the academic year, and wider associates, too. The "Review" for 2002/3 is no exception.

The sheer range of activities and heights of achievement reached are most gratifying, to put it mildly, to all who have had to do with this session. It is one of the Magazine's purposes to record these successes; it is one of the Editor's pleasures to add her congratulations to the pupils whose efforts, whether named or not, have contributed to make this Magazine.

Mrs E J Tosh Editor



Prefects 2002-2003



Back (l to r): Nicola McRae, Stuart Goudie, Gavin Crosby, James Strachan, James Blake, Mark Wilson, Anneka Walker

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Rector's Report

In our prospectus and on our letterhead, there appear four words: traditional values · modern approach . Seen in isolation they could evoke a number of reactions. But we have made them our own. How, then, have they been brought to life, how can we apply them to this school?

Do we want to ensure every pupil's learning needs are met? - offer flexibility and choice in the curriculum? - reduce the time taken up by assessment and examinations? encourage involvement of parents in pupils' education? - give teachers higher professional standards? The answer is yes - yet these are the very priorities identified by Ministers earlier this year in response to the National Debate in Scotland.

They pose a challenge for us. If these are goals of every school, how do we ensure as an independent school that we remain distinctive, effective and capable of delivering an education that is appropriate to the 21st century? At all costs we must retain our individuality and not allow ourselves to be submerged by the never ending bureaucracy of the current times.

As an independent school we can make our own choices but in doing so we need to look at ourselves and ask questions of ourselves about the value we offer. Our parents are making a major investment and we need to ensure that it is a worthwhile one.

The results of a UK wide survey carried out by the Independent Schools Council Information Service have just been published. One of its purposes was to discover what independent school parents think matter in schools, what they want for their children and how they feel about school related issues. A random sample of High School parents was invited to participate in this, the largest ever, nationwide survey. The results are interesting. Among the top ten features regarded as essential or very important were encouraging pupils to respect each other, close attention to be paid by the school to individual pupil's well being, insisting on good manners, adapting teaching methods to the needs of each child, encouraging independent thinking, making full use of information technology. In short, might that not be summed up as "traditional values · modern approach"?

As we look back on the school year, we see in the activities of the School, the reality of values and aims

which I believe underpin a High School Education.

In the survey to which I have referred, academic performance did not appear in the top ten features. The results showed that while parents recognise the importance of good exam results, they do not believe that the main purpose of education is to achieve good results.

Much has been reported this year on admissions policies of certain universities and the possible threat to the able academic pupil in the pursuit of widening access. We have no evidence whatsoever that our pupils have been disadvantaged in any way and I welcome the publication by universities of fair and transparent entry procedures. We shall, of course, continue to monitor very closely in the future the outcome of applications by our pupils to university to ensure that they continue to be treated fairly. Last session 95% of our leavers proceeded to university with the vast majority opting for Scottish universities, the three most popular being St Andrews, Edinburgh and Dundee.

It is essential for a school like ours to maintain close ties with the Higher Education sector and we are indeed fortunate to have three of Scotland's universities as our neighbours. One of the most significant developments in ongoing school/ university links was forged this year through the Advanced Entry Initiative established between the School and the University of Dundee which has enabled a group of Sixth Formers to combine

study at school with an undergraduate course at university. It has aroused considerable interest throughout Scotland at both school and university level and its successful first year has resulted in its continuing next session. Both the

School and the University gain from such innovative schemes and we are continuing to explore other ways in which co-operative ventures between ourselves and the University may be developed.

One of the greatest challenges for education in the future lies in harnessing and exploiting the ever expanding resources of information technology. We need to remember that the generation coming through

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cannot remember a pre-internet world. This session formal teaching of ICT has been extended in the Junior School and the expansion and development of our intranet and of departmental websites continues thus enabling pupils and parents to access homework, courses, etc. from home. We have now introduced the ECDL - The European Computer Driving Licence and have become an accredited test centre. I would wish to acknowledge the work of **Mr Ryan**, Head of Computing, and his departmental colleagues in establishing this most recent expansion in our ICT provision.

We have been considering for some time the provision of external courses in Forms 3 and 4. The introduction under High Still reforms of Intermediate 2 now provides an alternative to Standard Grade. As from next session a phased programme to replace Standard Grade with Intermediate 2 in many, but not all, subjects will begin. We believe that this will enhance the learning experience for our pupils and smooth the path of progression towards Higher.

Let me turn to the achievements and successes this session of pupils in the field of extra-curricular activities. I often think that the phrase "co-curricular activities" is more apt since they contribute equally with the work of the classroom and laboratory to the all round education which we strive to provide.

The School has enjoyed for many years a high reputation in schools' debating and public speaking. This session has been truly outstanding.

Gavin Illsley and **James Moir** were winners of the Pricewaterhouse Coopers Cup in the Cambridge

Union Society national tournament entered by three hundred schools from all over the United Kingdom. They followed this up by winning the Aberdeen University tournament and ended the season as the first winners of the Champion of Champions tournament at St Andrews University. Gavin's career in school debating has been crowned by his selection for the Scottish team which will compete in the World Championships in Lima, Peru in August.

In public speaking, **Catherine Jung**, **Katherine Matthew** and **Susan Liu**, all of Form 4, were runners-up in the English

Speaking Union Public Speaking competition. And these are only the main achievements this year of our debaters and public speakers. Oxford Union organised a new competition this year for junior debaters. Forty schools from throughout the U.K. participated. The High School was represented by **Catherine Jung** and **Neil Dewar**, F2, and finished as runners-up with Catherine placed

second out of eighty speakers. The future of debating in the School is secure. To **Mrs Irene**

"...The future of debating in the school is secure..."

McGrath must go thanks and congratulations on her skills as a coach and which have been recognised nationally by her selection as a judge in the World Championships.

Two new developments this year in School music were the Christmas Concert held in the Caird Hall for the first time and the Choral presentation in January by Forms 1 to 3 of the vibrant musical African Jigsaw. On top of that there have been concerts, the Junior School musical "Dice", over a dozen public performances in the community not to mention a very successful music trip to Switzerland and Italy. It must be extremely gratifying to **Mrs Melville** and all her colleagues to see and hear the enthusiastic responses from our highly talented pupils.

The traditional nativity play is always a highlight in the School year. "The Teddy that Santa Left Behind" performed by L1 to L3 was no exception. Last week it was the turn of the oldest pupils in the School to perform in this year's school play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and to provide a memorable evening's entertainment.

To think of the High School without sport is rather like Hamlet without the prince. In rugby, hockey, swimming, netball, cross-country and athletics, school pupils have won honours for themselves. **Ian Nimmo**, F6, and **Scott Burnett**, F5, played for Scotland U-18

team and Ian was admitted to Caledonian Rugby Academy and Sports Institute. **Colin Goudie**, **Alan Dymock** and **Richard Vernon**, all F4, and **Sandy Farmer**, F5, played for Caledonia U-16 team, the highest level of representative rugby they could play.

To be selected to swim for your country is a major achievement only exceeded by being invited to captain your county's team. That honour was given to Jenni Kilgallon, F5, who captained the Scottish Schools Swim Team in an international against Ireland. In the

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Scottish Schools Championship, gold medals were won by **Greig Wilkinson**, **Scott Clayson**, both F1, and **Jenni Kilgallon**. The School team of **Cameron Harrison**, **Josh Rowley**, both L7, **Scott Clayson** and **Greig Wilkinson** won the boys 4 x 50m freestyle in a new Scottish record time.

Mention must be made, too, of the L7 netball team who had a particularly successful season, winning the Dundee league and Dundee East summer tournament, having been runners-up in the winter tournament.

Catriona Whiteford, Form 6 and **Kirsty Farnan**, F5, played for Midlands in U-18 hockey while **Laura Brown**, F4, represented Scotland in the British Schools Cross Country international in Dublin. More recently in the Scottish Schools Athletics championships bronze medals were won by **Maria Thomas**, F4, and **Eilish McColgan**, F1. The session has ended on a high note. At Dundee Schools Sports, all four girls age groups were won by the school with the boys winning three and coming second in the fourth. Notable personal successes were achieved by two girls: **Claire Barclay**, F1, who won the Sprints Trophy and **Eilish McColgan** winning the Middle Distance Trophy setting a new record in the 800 metre for her age group and the Jumps Trophy, again in a new High Jump record.

Week in week out, literally hundreds of our pupils participate in games and represent their school. Many more involve themselves in house matches and other competitions. The values of sportsmanship are traditional and ones which we continue to uphold. Without the enthusiasm of the pupils and the commitment of the Physical Education staff ably led by **Mr Bruce Beckett** and of other members of staff, I could not report on these successes year on year. I am pleased to announce today that from next session, the compliment of P.E. staff is being extended in order that we can reinforce even further our commitment to school sport. I am delighted that one of the new appointments, as a Games Coach, is **Mrs Pauline Stott**, a renowned international hockey player, who captained Great Britain in the Sydney Olympics.

The School continues to achieve at the highest level in the Top of the Bench Chemistry quiz; eighty-two pupils won bronze or better in the United Kingdom Mathematical Challenge competitions. The additional challenge of answering a question on mathematics in a foreign language was met by the School teams who

participated in Mathematiques Sans Frontieres a Europe wide competition. A successful young enterprise company; runners-up in the Bank of England interest rate challenge; quarter finalists in a Portfolio challenge show that the world of business and entrepreneurship is one with which our pupils are already familiar.

All the activities that I have mentioned provide opportunities: opportunities to develop talent, to extend oneself as an individual, to be part of a team or to develop skills of leadership. Education must be a broadening experience where each pupil can have the opportunity to challenge him or herself.

It is equally important, however, that the School community always remembers it is part of the wider community and can contribute to that wider community. Involvement is much more than just raising money for charities - it is active participation whether visiting old people, helping handicapped children or improving the environment. The number of letters and words of appreciation which I receive concerning the pupils' contributions is testament to their enthusiasm and commitment.

I posed the question at the start of this report - what is the High School? Above all it is a community embracing a number of different groups. The School is

the richer for the close links which exist between it and the Old Boys' and Old Girls' Clubs and for the support and interest of the Parents' Association.

It is the staff of the School who put into practice the aims and policies of the School. And by staff I mean all staff: teaching, administrative, support staff. Without their dedication and the willingness of so many to go the extra mile, the achievements which I have reported would not have been possible.

All that happens within a school must be for the pupils - for the furtherance of their education. I am happy to pay tribute to the entire pupil body who ultimately personify the High School.

Four words: traditional values - modern approach. The report for the year reveals how they have been given meaning and how this unique institution, the High School of Dundee, can remain true to its roots and confidently look to the future.

Mr A Michael Duncan.

Dundee HSFP Cricket Club

The FP Cricket Club is alive and well in its 103rd season! The end of the 2002 season saw the 1st XI promoted back into the national league to be amongst the top thirty clubs in Scotland. Unlike our brief sojourn in Centenary Year 2001, the very healthy current standing in the top half of the table suggests that our stay this time will be an extended one.

The FP 2nd XI continues to succeed in its role of bringing on the younger players whilst enjoying good standard Strathmore Union league cricket and providing back-up for the 1sts.

The FP's have, for some fifteen years now, provided out-of-school cricket by way of our Under 13 and Under 15 sides playing successfully in their Strathmore Union leagues. This role of our Club is becoming increasingly important and one which we must ever-increasingly input. Sadly, there are signs around and about of the demise of the Game, with once very proud and long-

established clubs beginning to cut their provision of the sport. It can stem from neglecting the players of tomorrow but it must not happen here. Towards this end, we are once again enjoying the presence of two fine young cricketers from St George DCC, Sydney, to bolster our coaching and playing resources.

The magazine provides an opportunity to record our appreciation to the High School of Dundee. To our Honorary President, Mr Michael Duncan, to Mr Bruce Beckett, Mr Graeme Spowart and Mr Niall Gallagher of the PE Department, to Mr Dave Connor and Groundstaff at our beloved Dalnacraig, a humble and heartfelt thank you. Without you all, we wouldn't have a club.

Mr Graham McLaren
President

Dundee HSFP Rugby Club

Captain, Tim Parratt could hardly have dreamed of the success to which he was to lead his team as pre-season began last summer. But almost a year down the line his Dundee HSFP side, so close to relegation last season, has improved steadily throughout the year towards the stunning climax to the season, lifting the BT Shield on finals day at Murrayfield. The arrival of new coaching team, Jason Hewett and Bruce Beckett, was a major part in galvanising this remarkable rugby adventure, with Jason on record as being pleasantly surprised by the quality of players he found during his first few months at Mayfield. With key additions to the squad, the team improved continually throughout the season.

As one test after another was overcome during the league campaign, the players developed the quiet self-belief and determination that, no matter the opposition or circumstances, they would prevail. Key moments must include the outstanding heart showed by fourteen men on the park to overcome Stewart's Melville at Mayfield and key victories away to Edinburgh Accies and the promotion clincher at Haddington when lesser sides might have buckled under the pressure. Weather played a role in nudging the season to a dramatic finale as the last league game paired Dundee and West of Scotland for a winner take all encounter at Dalnacraig just one week before the Murrayfield finals. But the players kept their minds on the game in hand and swept away their closest challengers in a game that underlined their status as the best side in the league. Having beaten Murrayfield Wanderers in pre-season and already secured promotion, the club was eager to see the team pitted against Premier 2 opposition in the SRU Combined Tournament. In four games on consecutive

weekends, Dundee stepped their game up yet another notch to dispatch Selkirk, Ayr, Kirkcaldy and Biggar.

And so to the BT Shield. After a shock exit at Cartha in the Cup, Dundee made heavy weather through some of the rounds of the Shield. But the graft and application this squad can call upon in the face of spirited sides from lower divisions for whom these games were finals themselves saw Dundee through to Murrayfield on 26 April 2003. With Andy Nicol in the commentary box for the game broadcast live on national TV, Dundee did the business against fellow finalists, Preston Lodge, in an exciting game. Murrayfield tries from Dougie Gray, Chris Cumming, Andy Kennedy and the man who had masterminded the club's most successful season for many years, Jason Hewett, made sure the silverware returned to Dundee - and a fabulous party.

In the glare of the 1st XV successes, it might be easy to miss some of the other factors that have contributed to the season. In a unique association with Dundee University, the club had regular 3rd XV games for the first time in five seasons. This helped the 2nd XV to field a more settled team every week and, as a result, they were also promotion contenders until late in their campaign. Behind the scenes, President Tom Dymock and the committee put in an immense effort to organise a wide variety of social functions and to raise the finances required to support the playing ambitions.

In recognition of the Club's achievements, they were awarded the "SRU Premier Club of the Year" trophy at the end of the season - a fitting tribute to everyone who has been a part of the success in season 2002/2003.

Mr Gavin Garden
Secretary

Old Boys' Club Report

At the Annual General Meeting in November 2002, Mr Alasdair Chalmers was elected President of the Club and Mr Graeme Davidson 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 the continuing progress of the School.

The Club is also active with a number of sporting activities during the year. Annual competitions take place in golf, fishing and curling. There is also an annual Golf Match against the Old Girls' Club.

Our now traditional Barbecue for School Leavers was held again in June this year – the first chance pupils get for a flavour 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 the Club endeavours to achieve this in the most enjoyable way with its programme of events each year.

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

Mr Neil Barclay
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Old Girls' Club Report

At the 71st Annual General Meeting held on Monday 4th March 2003 the following office bearers were elected –

President:	Mrs Annette Grewar
Vice – President:	Mrs Linda Cunningham
Junior Vice-President:	Mrs Linda Stirling
Secretary:	Mrs Alison Paterson
Assistant Secretary:	Mrs Carolyn Joss
Treasurer:	Miss Maggie Stewart

The Old Girls had a busy and varied programme last year under the Presidency of Mrs Eileen Black.

For the second year running Sports Day had to be held over to the reserve midweek day owing to bad weather. However, the Old Girls provided refreshments as usual, with coffees, teas and strawberries being enjoyed by all.

The Old Girls joined the Old Boys in providing a barbeque for leavers on the evening of their last day of school in June which was a great success.

The annual golf outing was held at Glenisla in August. A most enjoyable day was had by all who took part. The winner was Mrs Pat Sawyers. The Old Girls were victorious in the annual golf match against the Old Boys at Blairgowrie in October.

The annual reunion was a lunch held in the Invercarse Hotel attended by ninety ladies. The entertainment was provided by Senior School Pupils under the guidance of Mrs Melville of the Music Department.

The Old Girls' Club would be happy to hear from any former pupils who would like to join. Details can be obtained from the secretary: Alison Paterson, Tel: 01334 870223.

We now look forward to another enjoyable year under the presidency of Mrs Annette Grewar.

Mrs Alison J. Paterson
Secretary

Parents' Association Report

This has been another successful and busy year for the Parents' Association under the chairmanship of Ron MacWalter. In December we provided the traditional mulled wine and mince pies in the Dining Hall after the Carol Service. Many thanks to the school catering staff for supplying and serving the refreshments – they were delicious.

In February we held a Ceilidh in the Bonar Hall. Mrs Robertson's band helped to make it a successful and enjoyable night for all who attended – as did the stovies!

In March we tried a new form of fundraising with Bags2School. Parents and children brought in used clothes, shoes, blankets etc to the School. These were picked up by lorry to be sent to Eastern Europe and sold there. The School raised £494, one of the highest totals ever achieved by a school, and many thanks must go to all the parents and staff who supported us.

Fundraising is one of the main functions of the Parents' Association and so we were pleased to be able to give a donation of £4,500 to the School, to be used for IT, sports and music equipment.

June is one of the busiest times of the year for us. We organised the annual book sale in the Margaret Harris Hall, to allow pupils to sell on their old school books. It was extremely busy and, hopefully, has saved many parents a lot of money.

We also served refreshments at the school productions of "Dice" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Gardyne Theatre.

The Parents' Association also meets regularly with the Rector to discuss relevant school matters and issues of general concern to parents. Our other main functions are as a fundraising body for the School, and to provide opportunities for parents to meet. We always welcome assistance and participation from school parents throughout the year.

Dr Helen M S Taylor

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 thirty years to the current level of £1 million. Each year, the trustees meet with the School and discuss with them 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 are paid so that funds can build up to allow in other years for a much more substantial grant for a bigger project. In the current year, the Trustees, following such consultation, will provide grants of £56,000 for library development and £43,000 for the refurbishment of two science laboratories.

Currently, the Trustees appointed by the Old Boys' Club are Fraser Ritchie, Robin Winter, Kenneth Murray and Stuart 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. The Trustees have power to co-opt another trustee and, if anyone is interested in doing this, please contact the Secretary.

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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Lewis and Nicol Foggie

Prize for Brass
Cameron McGrath

Prize for Woodwind
Rachael Sinclair

Prize for Strings
Morven Lean

Old Girls' Prize for Piano
Amy Watson

Marshall Prize for Recorder
Jennifer Allan

Walter Smith Memorial Prize for Drama
Kirsty Morrison

Old Girls' Prize for Creative Writing in L7
Sarah Acheson

Stark Cup for Public Speaking
Jennifer Lothian
Rakhee Vasishtha

Russell Trophy for Chess
Matthew Mordente

Special Prize for Chess
Josh Ivinson

Dr Rita Forrest Prize for Art
Boy - Robert White
Girl - Emma Scahill

Hutton Prize for Environmental Studies in L7
Guthrie Batchelor

SENIOR SCHOOL

Southgate Prize for Musical Ensemble
Rory Baxter
Sarah Dorward
Simon Jones

Leng Silver Medal for Singing
Boy - Scot McIntosh
Girl - Catriona France

Larg Prize for Woodwind - Open
Catherine Jung

Larg Prize for Brass - Open
Louis Ryan

Larg Prize for Piano Duet - Open
Sarah Dorward
Kirsty Lowe

Larg Prize for Piano - Open
Simon Jones

Larg Prize for Electric Guitar - Open
Alan Fraser

Larg Prize for Strings - Open
Jennifer Watson

Larg Prize for Vocal - Open
Laura Geddes

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

Games Merit Scarves and Ties
Scott Burnett
re-award
Jenni Kilgallon
Ian Nimmo

Ties for International Recognition
Laura Brown
Tristan Cameron-Harper
Robert Cannon
Nicki Galloway
Gavin Illsley
re-award
Emma Peebles
Sophie Sneddon
Jonathan Spink
Jennifer Watson

Simon Newton Memorial Trophy for Commitment in Music and Sport
Andrew Brown

Intermediate Chess Club Trophy and Prize
John Grier

Beckingham Trophy and Chess Club Prize
Kader Chowdhury

A S Drummond Prizes for Reading and Public Speaking in Forms 1-3
Jilly Vannet
Ailsa Murray

London-Angus Association Trophy for Reading and Public Speaking
James Potton

G H Philip Prize for Reading and Public Speaking
Gavin Crosby

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

Rorie Trophy for the Inter-House Debating Competition
Lindores

Dennis J Paterson Prize and Trophy for the Best Speaker in the Inter-House Debates
Gavin Illsley

Cambridge Gavel for his Contribution to Debating
Gavin Illsley

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

Block Prize for Creative Writing in Forms 4 to 6
Gillian Grieve

David Anderson Prize for Enterprise Achievement
Winners -

The Brolly Dollies
Elaine Balfour
Faye Borland
Susan Edie
Jane Murdie
Derek Wong

Runners-up - **The Highlights**
Sairah Akbar
Jennifer Allison
Saima Asif
Michelle Cooper
Elizabeth Courtney
Alix Fowler
Stuart Leckie
James Potton
James Strachan

L6
Merit Prizes
Ewain Black
Helen Coleman
Lindsey Docherty
Melanie Matthew
Gordon McNicol
Rachael Spink
Lucy Taylor
Meriel Young

L7
Merit Prizes
Iain Kennedy
Sophie Kochanowska
Sarah Low
Stuart Mires
Lauren Pringle
Maud Sampson

John McLennan Prize for Proxime Accessit
Rachael Sinclair

E.M. Stewart Prize for Dux of the Junior School
Sarah Acheson

FORM I
Merit Prizes
Claire Barclay
Victoria Beat
Rachel Clark
Hannah Ferguson
Ruth Foulis
Kirsty Jones
Corinne McGowan
Tracy Poon
Shona Watson
Catriona Wilson

Robertson Prize for Dux of Form I Boys
Andrew Smart

Florence Whytock Memorial Prize for Dux of Form I Girls
Christine Reid

PRIZE WINNERS

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

FORM 2 Merit Prizes

Andrew Blake
Steven Boath
Caroline Bruce
Nicholas Bryan
Charlotte Farmer
Caroline Foubister
Andrew Gibson
Russell Hall
Ciaran Lamont
Fiona Smith
Christopher Respinger
Laura Treece
Robyn Watt

R S L Macpherson Prize for Dux of Form 2 Boys
equal Neil Dewar
Douglas Dorward

Neil Fraser Cup and Prize for All-Round Ability in Form 2 Boys
Douglas Dorward

R S L Macpherson Prize for Dux of Form 2 Girls
Fiona McCulloch

Rector's Prize for All-Round Ability in Form 2 Girls
Fiona McCulloch

FORM 3 Merit Prizes

Andrew Black
Mairi Cunningham
Anni Dong
Lucy Doogan
Jamie Foulis
Judith Kilgallon
Emily Pringle
Mary Reid
Andrew Wallace

Jane Spiller Prize for Dux of Form 3 Boys
Steven King

Jane Spiller Prize for Dux of Form 3 Girls
Ailsa Murray

FORM 4 Merit Prizes

Tahrima Abedin
Kiyo Adya
David Arbuckle
Glen Christie
Fiona Gibson
Susan Liu
Katherine Matthew
Euan McKee
Freya Smail
John Sneddon

R S L Macpherson Prize for Dux of Form 4 Boy - Colin Goudie

Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Dux of Form 4 Girl - Catherine Jung

FORM 5 Merit Prizes

Julia Black
Sandy Farmer
Laura Geddes
Simon Jones
Gordon MacWalter
David McCulloch
James Moir
Lucy Sneddon
Jamie Yule

Graeme Adamson Prize for Drama
Nicole Wilson

Graeme Matheson-Bruce Prize for Best Pupil in Higher Grade Music
Steven Gilbertson

J.B. Meiklejohn Prize for Mathematics Girl - Amanda Pringle

Isabella Hunter Award for Art
Catherine Peters

James Stevenson Memorial Prize for German
Catherine Peters

Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Classical Studies
Julia Black

Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Spanish
David McCulloch

Rector's Prize for Computing Studies
Simon Jones

Alan Hall Prize for Technological Studies
Simon Jones

E.M. Stewart Prize for English
equal James Moir
Sally Brunton

James Stevenson Memorial Prize for French
James Moir

Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for History
equal Jamie Yule
Sally Brunton

Glenday Award for Biology
Jamie Yule

J.B. Meiklejohn Prize for Mathematics Boy - Toby Davies

Christopher and Philip Daft Prize for Physics
Toby Davies

Sandy Wardlaw Trophy and Book Prize for Chemistry
Toby Davies

Dennis J Paterson Prize for Dux of Form 5 Boy
Toby Davies

Robert Biggar Prize for Geography
Sally Brunton

Rector's Prize for Economics
Sally Brunton

Caroline S. Low Memorial Prize for Dux of Form 5 Girl
Sally Brunton

FORM 6

Jane Rae Prize for Home Economics
Emma Stewart

Richard Beaton Prize for Practical Cookery
Emma Stewart

Rector's Prize for Higher Physical Education
Alison Robertson

Caird Prize for Higher Business Management
Elaine Balfour

W E Crichton Prize for Computer Studies
Tom Clark

William Laird Prizes for Scottish Studies
Gillian Grieve (English)
Neil Herbert (Geography)
Patrick Pitcaithly (History)

Rector's Prize for Russian
Gavin Crosby

Spankie Quaich for Technological Studies
Alexei Matveyev

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

Dallas Allardice Cup and Prize for Dux in Physical Education - Boys
Robert Gray

J. Torrington-Bell Prize for Dux in Art
Martin Baillie

Doff Prize for Dux in Music
Emma Peebles

Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Dux in Latin/Classical Studies
Elizabeth Courtney

Armistead Trust Prize for Dux in German
Douglas Friedberg

Edinburgh-Angus Club Prize for Dux in Modern Studies
James Blake

Sibbald Prize for Dux in Geography
Lynn Valentine

Brian McNeil Prize for Dux in Biology
Michelle Cooper

W E Crichton Prize for Dux in Spanish
Stewart Arbuckle

W E Crichton Prize for Economics
Stewart Arbuckle

Armistead Trust Prize for Dux in English
Jack Ballantyne

Armistead Trust Prize for Dux in French
Jack Ballantyne

PRIZE WINNERS

Frank Young Prize for Dux in Natural Science
Jennifer Allison

Frank Young Prize for Dux in Chemistry
Jennifer Allison

Jacuk Prize for Dux in Physics
Jennifer Allison

Dott Memorial Prize for Dux in Mathematics
David Clark

Sir John Leng Trust Prize for Dux in History
Rector's Prize for Higher Modern Studies
David Clark

Bain Prizes for Service to School – Girls
Laura Black
Michelle Cooper
Julie Scott
Emma Stewart
Lynn Valentine
Anneka Walker

Dr John M Morgan Prizes for Service to School – Boys
David Clark
Gavin Crosby
Sandy Easton
James Strachan

Inter-House Shield for the Champion House
Wallace

Erskine Prize for Head of School – Boys
Patrick Pitcaithly

Lowson Prize for Head of School – Girls
Rebecca White

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

School duxes 2002-2003



Back (l to r): Elizabeth Courtney, Jack Ballantyne, Jennifer Allison, Robert Gray, Patrick Pitcaithly, Rebecca White, Toby Davies.

Mid (l to r): Martin Baillie, Sally Brunton, Steven King, Emma Stewart, David Clark, Michelle Cooper.

Front (l to r): Catherine Jung, Sarah Acheson, Andrew Smart, Rachael Sinclair, Ailsa Murray.

(Unfortunately, some missed the photo call owing to Dundee School Sports)

Pupil Achievements Gallery



Scott Burnett F5
(& Ian Nimmo abs. from photo)
played for Scotland U18 rugby.



Sandy Easton F6 completed the Great Northern
Run, Newcastle, for Helen's Fund.



Jenni Kilgallon F5 captained the Scottish
Schools' Swim Team, recognising her outstanding
successes in swimming.



Greig Ramsay F5 gained an Army Scholarship
Award.



James Moir F5 (l) & Gavin Miley F6 (r)
See Debating Society report



Katherine Matthew, Catherine Jung & Susan
Liu, all F4, were runners-up in the E-SU public
speaking competition.

Pupil Achievements Gallery



Becky Barlas F3 was chosen for the North of Scotland Basketball Team, runners-up in the Inter-area Finals.



Laura Collins F3 won the individual (ponies) and a shield for the School at the Jumps Equestrian Centre School Shas Jumping Championships.



Fiona McCulloch F2 made the last 16 out of 200+ entries for her screenplay in a national writers' competition.



Judith Kilgallon F3 is the Scottish National 13/14 age group champion for 100m freestyle. (Sorry no photograph)



Toby Davies F5 was best in School in the UK Senior Maths Challenge.



David Pitcaithly F3 achieved a merit certificate in the UK Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad and was best in School in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge.

Pupil Achievements Gallery



Varun Manthri F2 was best in School in the UK Junior Maths Challenge.



Stephen King & Sophie Thomson, both F3, were invited to sit the European Kangaroo competition for "high achievers" (maths).



Lauren Pringle, Sarah Acheson & Sophie Kochanastka, all L7, achieved awards in the UK Junior Maths Challenge.



Jennifer Watson F4 (l) & Sophie Sneddon F2 (r) played for the National Youth Children's Orchestra (violin).



Jilly Vannet F1 won the Old Boys' Prize for Reading & Public Speaking (F1-3).

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Farewell to L7 - Good wishes for Secondary School



Back row (left-right): Amy Watson, Emma Bankhead, Laura Sim, Aneeqa Arshid, Emma Scahill, Sophie Kochanowska, Rachael Sinclair, Anita Mann, Christianne Fahey, Mallory Bergen-Reid, Rhona Leese, Lauren Pringle, Maud Sampson, Sarah Low, Kirsty McEwan, Jenni Hagan
4th row (left-right): Charles Adams, Andrew Ferguson, Aamir Azhar, Sarah Acheson, Liam Eyles, Alex Ferguson, Cameron McGrath, Jasmine Haden, Guthrie Batchelor, Gabriella Lavery, John Dawson, Morven Lean, Tom Kellogg, Marni Hossain, Andrew Glover, Harris Cameron, Alasdair Gilmour
3rd row (left-right): Rob Madden, Jamie Stewart, Stuart Mires, Iain Kennedy, Bjaetni Henderson, Josh Ivinson, Sabraj Gill, Angus Young, Josh Rowley, Jamie Williams, Calum Brownlee, Keith Graham, Robert Constable, Christopher Fearon, Scott Walton, Robert White
2nd row (left-right): Fatima Baig, Emily Lucocq, Emily Richardson, Sinead Pounder, Dayna Watson, Kate Foubister, Catherine Smyth, Christina Birks, Alice Henderson, Joanna Reid, Libby Forbes, Katie Main, Rakhee Vasishta, Kirsty Morrison, Vicky Emslie, Annalies Smith, Ciara Mannion
1st row (left-right): Alistair Daw, Matthew Hay, Alistair Brown, Vincent Hon, Scott Ralston, Tom Goodman, Craig Tallet, Paul McNulty

STAFF NEWS...



Mr Alistair T. Chynoweth
Obituary

Alistair Chynoweth retired as Head of English at the High School of Dundee in January 2003, after thirty-three years of devoted service to the School. His retirement came a little earlier than he intended, owing to ill-health, and, sadly, he died not long after that, at the beginning of April.

At Marr College, Troon, before Alistair came to Dundee, and throughout his time at the High School, he was always heavily involved in school shows, in particular the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas which he so enjoyed producing. Colleagues and former pupils remember these operettas and musicals with affection. Alistair's calm and steady hand on the tiller will be missed, although surely former casts can all remember the occasional blistering row for lines or moves not learned!

Alistair was also an enthusiastic rugby referee and coach, and supported the PE Department for many years. His dedication to helping young people achieve their full potential extended beyond the portals and playing fields of the High School to the Scouting movement and he was, until fairly recently, the Dundee Area Commissioner.

Another personal interest that Alistair generously shared with his pupils was fishing. In the days when the Friday 9 activities period still flourished, Alistair hosted a rod-building class and the "end-of-unit assessment" was a trip to Monikie, Butterstone or some other local loch where the rod-builders combined with the Fly-tying Club, to test the pupils' "school-made" fishing tackle. Many Old Boys will also remember his regular attendance at their yearly outing, a competition that Alistair often helped the staff team to win, against all odds.

Ultimately, however, it is as a scholar and a gentleman that we will remember Alistair. Pupils and staff could always seek him out for advice on a range of subjects, from the complexities of English spelling to the nuances of meaning in a baffling text or the pronunciation of a Scots word. His range of knowledge and interests was huge and it was always fun to bandy words with such an erudite man. He was also greatly valued in the academic world beyond the High School, chairing the English panel at SCIS meetings, serving as a committee member for the Association of Scottish Literary Studies, as well as spending many happy years lecturing and exchanging ideas with other English teachers from all over the world, at the British Council summer school, held in Aberdeen University.

Alistair Chynoweth was a valued member of the High School community and he will be sorely missed by staff, pupils and former pupils alike.

FAREWELL...



Mr David Holmes

David Holmes came to the High School in 1970 as Head of Geography. His contribution to virtually every aspect of school life for over thirty years has been immense. He would be the first person to say that any individual can be replaced but it is hard to imagine any one individual stepping into the many rôles which he has performed in the School.

Born and educated in Kingston-upon-Hull, he graduated with an Honours Degree in Geography from the University of Hull and subsequently qualified with distinction as a teacher of Geography and of P.E. It was during his years as a student that he first indulged his love for travel. A backpacker before the term achieved popular usage, he sailed on many foreign tramp ships as a member of the crew and the experiences gained then provided valuable material for a future Geography teacher.

He moved to Scotland in 1964 on his appointment as a Teacher of Geography at Harris Academy where he gained promotion as a Special Assistant prior to his arrival at the High School.

At first sight he would not be regarded as a revolutionary character but within a year of his arrival he had introduced the first overhead projector to the School and some years later he was instrumental in introducing computerised timetabling. David Holmes is a born teacher and has been described by former pupils as "inspiring" - an accolade given to few.

Throughout his entire career he has actively participated in the wider life of the School. Heavily involved in rugby and outdoor activities, he was quickly "persuaded" to join the CCF in 1971 and in 1975 became Contingent Commander relinquishing command in 1990 but remaining an officer until 2000.

Under his leadership both the CCF and the pipes and drums achieved a high profile in Scotland. During the 1980's he was Scottish Representative on the CCFA Council and Executive and was Chairman of the CCF Pipes and Drums organising Beating Retreat on the Castle Esplanade in Edinburgh. It was under his command that girls first joined the CCF and although not himself a shot, he developed target shooting in the CCF to international standard.

Organisational skills and meticulous attention to detail are hallmarks of his approach to every task he undertakes whether it is school timetabling, policy writing, church services or prize-giving ceremonies. One can be certain that if David Holmes is in charge it will run like clockwork.

It was not surprising that further promotion came his way in 1984 when he was appointed Director of Extra-Curricular activities. With the support of the former Rector, Mr Nimmo, and Dundee Rotary he ran Interact,

FAREWELL

the junior branch of Rotary, for ten years with over one hundred Form 5 and Form 6 pupils participating.

In 1990 he became Assistant Rector and has played a pivotal rôle in recent curriculum changes, the introduction of computerised admin systems and masterminding the strategy and execution of the rationalisation and development of school property and resources.

David Holmes is a modest man with a good sense of humour who does not seek the limelight but who goes about his job quietly and efficiently. He expects the highest standards of himself and demands the same of his colleagues and of pupils. He is, however, a kindly man and countless pupils and parents have appreciated the sensitivity and understanding which he has shown to individuals facing difficulties.

Total commitment and loyalty to the High School have governed his professional life. The entire school community owes him an immense debt of gratitude for his thirty-three years of service.

As he contemplates retirement with more time for his wife and his family (both his daughters are former pupils of the School) and for his fishing, he can be proud of what he has achieved. Backpacking expeditions to far flung parts of the world are to be resumed and are already being planned with military precision. We wish him and Diane bon voyage for a long and happy retirement. He deserves it.



Mr Dan Richterich

Just over half a century ago, Dan Richterich arrived as a new boy in Bradford Grammar School. He left with distinctions in the former post A-level State Scholarship exams in French and

German, and, in 1964, he gained MA Honours in German and Spanish at the University of St Andrews, where he was also Secretary and then President of the German Club. It was here, too, that "fatally" as he puts it, he started to play golf.

In 1965, while doing his Dip Ed in Dundee, Dan was a student teacher at the High School for two terms. A first teaching post in Madras College could not keep him away for long and, after only a year, he started teaching Spanish and German at the High School, where he has been ever since. In 1967 he married High School FP and fellow language teacher, Pamela Bell, and after a few years was promoted to Assistant Headmaster and later, in 1987, to Headmaster of German.

In everyone's career there is an annus mirabilis, and so it was in 1972 when two German pupils got places at Oxford and five got Scholarships at Aberdeen University. But perhaps Dan's most lasting success was his starting of the German Exchange in 1986 with the Christophorus

Schule in Oberurff which continues to this day, with over 150 pupils having benefited from the experience to date.

Dan's extra-curricular offerings to the school have been many and varied. Experience of taking part in plays at school left him well prepared to put on French playlets with Form 3 when the Friday 9 activities period was invented, and he also produced a magazine in three languages once a term for a while, as well as teaching bridge classes for some years. He was also assistant Housemaster then Housemaster of Airlie for nearly thirty years.

Serious damage to his left leg at the age of 13 in a car accident meant that he couldn't take part in contact sports at school, but that did not apparently stop him from boxing and doing cross country, and even gaining a place in the university judo team! At High School, he has helped over the years with hockey and rugby and umpired cricket, but more recently he has taken over the organisation and development of golf after the retiral of AS Rouse in 1999.

In 1971 Dan took on the management of the prizes for the Prize giving, which he continued to do for 18 years, initially single-handed, then latterly with the help of John Baxter and Roger Illsley.

After the sad loss of his first wife in 1988 following a long illness, we were pleased to see Dan marry Anne Stewart in 2001. They now live in Letham Grange, where Dan remains a keen golfer, as member of both Barry and Letham Grange clubs. He is also a member of Dundee Curling Club. A keen Rotarian, he joined the Rotary Club of Monifieth & District in 1992 and took on the office of Junior Vice President in 1999 and completed his Presidential year in 2001.

As retirement beckons, Dan will no doubt look forward to more golf, that is, if he gets time from DIY and gardening on his new "estate" at Letham Grange. He'll also enjoy more time driving, the BMW that is, with his usual panache (is that a French word for "high speed"?). As a keen hill-walker he claims not to have had much opportunity in recent years: he'll certainly get his mountain legs back mowing the uphill bits of his new lawn. And he'll be able to fit in a bit of skiing, which he took up in his fifties and thoroughly enjoys, that is of course, if we get any snow. And dancing too, where his expertise has been noted by generations of German exchange participants. Finally, he'll at last have time to enjoy life with his wife Anne and to claim, like many retired friends, "I just can't seem to find the time to do everything!"

Dan, from the High School and generations of pupils and parents, thanks for almost four decades of service, and from all of us, thank you for your friendship and your calming spirit, much needed, much missed.



Mr Colin Foreman

Colin Foreman was a member of the Chemistry staff for just over twenty-three years. However, in the summer of 2002, a condition affecting his hands meant that he could no longer work with chemicals and this brought to a premature end Colin's long and highly successful career as a chemistry teacher. He had to trade in his test tubes and Bunsen burner for long days in the sun and drinking wine in his retirement home in sunny Spain!

Colin relished playing an active part in the work of the department and he frequently supplemented his lessons with interesting facts and stories. The department is a lot quieter now: any of his former pupils would tell you that he is fondly remembered for the many explosions that he enjoyed demonstrating.

During the many years of the "Friday 9" activities period, he had pupils arriving in large numbers to the activities he offered. He started with war games on large boards with battlefields and the most detailed painted soldiers... Why grow up when you can have fun? As the years progressed and technology developed, these soldiers had to make way for Play Stations and N 64.

Colin's out of school activities include playing bridge and indulging a passion for wine. So, it is understandable that he is now living in warmer climes as the grape does not grow so well in Dundee! We thank Colin for his many years of service, and hope that he and his wife have a long and happy retirement.



Mrs Mhairi Thurston

Mrs Thurston took up her post in the Junior Department in 1989, her second post, her first being in Jordanhill College School in Glasgow, where she worked in the Preparatory Department for four years, and was involved in developing the 5-14 curriculum.

A graduate of Edinburgh University (MA hons in Fine Art), Mhairi then embarked on a post-graduate teaching qualification course at Jordanhill College, in which she obtained distinction.

At the High School of Dundee, Mhairi first utilised her musical talents by teaching guitar to groups of L4 children. Latterly, she was musical director for the Junior School productions of "Rats" and "Alice". A keen chess player, Mhairi took the Junior School Chess Club for many years.

Mhairi became involved with the SQA in 1994 and began to work with them to produce National Tests in Reading, at levels B and C. In 1996, she was asked to become involved in vetting and shredding National Tests, and many of her Reading Tests are currently used in schools throughout Scotland.

Mhairi's eyesight began to fail in 2000 and she became registered blind in August 2002, precipitating the necessity to depart from teaching. She is looking forward to her somewhat premature retirement spent with her husband, Allen, and their three daughters: Christine, Kathryn and Caroline. She is eagerly awaiting the arrival of her guide dog which is expected this year.

On the occasion of her retrial, Mhairi said: "I have been very fortunate to have had such an enjoyable and rewarding career at Dundee High School. The staff, pupils and parents alike will always have a special place in my heart!"



Mrs Maureen Marshall

A native of Dundee, married in 1958, Maureen has two grown up children and five grandchildren; she previously managed a fast food shop in the city for twelve years before joining Dundee High School in 1992.

Both she and her husband retired last year and plan to spend more time with their grandchildren and do some travelling.



Mrs Isabel Ratray

It was in late 1992 that Isabel joined the staff in the Business Studies Department from her post as lecturer in Dundee College. Back in those far-off days, Isabel taught typing on the School's collection of near-antique manual typewriters, and took classes for Form 6 pupils in shorthand. As the subject grew, however, she was to witness the creation of a suite for word processing, firstly in the Business Studies Department and, secondly, in what was formerly the technical workshop.

For many years, Isabel was responsible for teaching modules in keyboarding skills and word processing to increasing numbers of Form 6 pupils; meanwhile, she still found time to be involved in the popular Business Studies trips to London and New York, and the highly successful Young Enterprise programme from which so many senior pupils benefited.

In the wider life of the School, Isabel was quietly and efficiently responsible for cataloguing and presenting the silverware for sports' day and prize giving. She was a founding member of, and leading light in, the staff flower arranging group; many of the ladies of the staff will vouch for the fun had on the numerous shopping trips, too, which she helped to organise.

We wish Isabel all the very best in her retirement.

FAREWELL...



Mrs Isobel Finnie

After graduating in textile design and undergoing teacher training in England, Isobel returned to her native city of Edinburgh and taught for a brief period at St Margaret's School.

She joined the High School of Dundee in August 1995 and her lively personality and keen sense of humour quickly established her as a valued colleague who was popular with staff and pupils. As well as making an important contribution to the Art and Design department, Isobel was a committed and caring Guidance teacher, and her willingness to participate fully in school life was also evident in her involvement with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and her assistance with make-up and props for school productions.

Following the birth of daughter Ellen, Isobel is now devoting herself to family life. Our thanks for her contribution to the school and our appreciation of her cheerful nature and positive approach go with her as well as our very best wishes for the future.



Mr Bob Dollman

Bob Dollman joined the Physics department in August 1998, having been Head of Physics at St Saviour's School, Dundee. He was an enthusiastic classroom teacher and

also got involved in many areas of school activity. The running club, the ski club and the Duke of Edinburgh scheme all benefited from Bob's wholehearted commitment.

Bob's children, Peter and Katie, are both former pupils and are now at university.

Unfortunately, Bob is taking early retirement because of ill-health. We send best wishes for the future to him and his wife.



Mrs Jane Christie

The woman behind the mask... Mrs Christie left the Drama and English departments at Christmas, but the sense of enjoyment and infectious enthusiasm with which she imbued her

teaching will long be remembered by all her pupils. This enthusiasm extended far beyond the classroom, and led to her organising a variety of successful extra-curricular events and activities; among these featured a highly-successful trip to the world of London Theatre; a variety of other performance excursions; and the training and organization of a team that reached last year's Grimas national make-up competition final in Birmingham. In

addition, she helped tirelessly with costume and make-up in the School productions. One of Jane's many talents was making hard work into fun, and her cheerful presence was greatly appreciated by all, staff and pupils alike. Every good wish follows her into the future.



Miss Janet Erskine

Janet Erskine joined the PE staff in January 2000, and quickly settled in to the busy and varied routine. She has done excellent work with the F3 girls' hockey team who will surely miss

her greatly. Last season, Janet was chosen to coach the junior Midlands District hockey team. Along with her hockey, she also ran the various netball teams which played in the local leagues.

Janet was an enthusiastic participant in the action at Cadet Camp, too, in 2000 and 2002, when she generously gave up even more of her time to assist the female staff cover required.

Known to her friends as "competitive" Janet, she always likes to take people on at anything! Recently in the pool, she unwisely challenged two male PE staff to a 25m race...she came third... by about 20m!

Most staff, however, will remember Janet for her tremendous organisation skills for Sports Day. With her cheerful efficiency and smiling persuasion, she got the best from everyone -staff and pupils - and helped to make these occasions into enjoyable highlights of the school's sporting calendar. We wish her all the best for the future.



Mr David Cockburn

The English department says goodbye to Mr Cockburn at the end of his contract in June; the two years have sped by, and his colleagues have enjoyed David's incisive wit and

sartorial flair, not to mention his academic prowess. His infectious enthusiasm for the classroom and insistence on intellectual rigour from his pupils will be long remembered. It will be less "colourful" in the Robert Ferguson building without David's presence and the department wishes him every success in his future ventures.



Mrs Gwyneth McLaren
Assistant Head Teacher (Early Years)

It was a return to home territory for Gwyneth McLaren when she came back to work in Dundee after a gap of over twenty years. Born and bred in Dundee, she studied at the University of St Andrews, graduating with an honours degree in French. After a management course south of the border, she returned to Dundee to take up a position in the Business Development Department of a bank – a move prompted by the fact that she had met her future husband, also a Dundonian.

Upon marriage, they set up home in Perth. After a break from work to raise her two children, a son and a daughter, Gwyneth finally succumbed to the call of teaching, taking her PGCE at Northern College. There followed twelve happy years teaching at Luncarty Primary School where she became Senior Teacher and also undertook her Early Years Certificate. She joined the staff of the High School at the start of the session and is greatly enjoying the many challenges and surprises her new role brings.

Gwyneth is an avid theatre and concert-goer, and is learning to play the piano. Travel is a great love and she likes nothing better than taking advantage of school holidays to jet off to foreign climes.



Mr Bruce Beckett
Head of Physical Education

Bruce Beckett is a "well kent" face in Rugby circles but, when he arrived at HSD in August 2002, he was the new "Head Drilly". Bruce is a Dundee lad, receiving his secondary education at Harris Academy, then onto Jordanhill College and The Scottish School of Physical Education. Bruce spent his first eight years in teaching at Kinross High School, moving from teacher to APT, where one of the many pupils he influenced was a Mandy Meiklem, nee Arthur. He then moved to Perth Academy where he was the Principal Teacher of PE for twelve years.

While at Perth, he gained a reputation as one who works extremely hard for the pupils to ensure they gain the best possible results from their endeavours; he has already shown that this will be the case here. This can be seen with some of the recent developments and, indeed, his considerable experience and many ideas will benefit all concerned.

Outside school, he has many interests, several of these sporting. Swimming has been a large part of his life, swimming competitively for many years and eventually managing the Scottish Schools Team in the Home Internationals on numerous occasions. He was also keen on long distance open water swimming about

which there has been many a tale told, not least the one when he was swimming in the Irish Sea during the night and his support boat lost him for several hours! He has a passion for his Water Polo which he plays at any available opportunity and he was, in the mid Eighties, the Great Britain coach. More recently, however, he has contented himself with teaching swimming.

Rugby is another major interest and he has enjoyed his first season with the school's teams and especially his 1st XV. Rugby fans may also be aware that he was the less publicised half of a coaching team that coached the FP 1st XV to arguably their most successful season ever.

Bruce is a very busy man and, when he does have some spare time, he spends much of it at home with his family, and dabbles in some ambitious DIY schemes!

His first year at HSD is nearly complete and, as it is his first appointment in the independent sector, he has found the session a learning experience: as he said recently, he is finding it hard to come to terms with pupils complying with his requests to attend meetings! However, Bruce's fresh and vibrant outlook on education will be a benefit to the department, the school and most importantly the pupils. We wish him a long, enjoyable and successful time at the High School of Dundee.



Mr David Brett
Head of Chemistry

After graduating from St Andrews University with a BSc. honours in Biochemistry, David Brett progressed to Edinburgh to complete his PGCE at Moray House College. He stayed in the capital for a further six years, learning his trade at Stewart's Melville College. During this time he was heavily involved with outdoor education and went on to gain leadership awards in Alpine Skiing and Hill Walking. After holding the positions of Science Coordinator and APT Guidance, David left Edinburgh to succeed Bob Macdonald as Head of Chemistry after Bob's retiral in August 2002.

David and his wife have very much enjoyed their move from a flat in central Edinburgh to a wee house in the countryside in Fife. To help them settle in to country life they added two Labrador puppies to the household who have helped them explore the area and take regular exercise - not to mention doing some of the gardening!

In his spare time he enjoys watching most sports and applying effort, if not much skill, to football, running and racquet sports. A keen outdoor enthusiast, he and his wife enjoy travelling Scotland and further afield, looking to ski, mountaineer and mountain bike in beautiful locations.

David cannot believe how fast his first year at the School has flown past but is greatly looking forward to developing the chemistry department further in his shiny new laboratories in August 2003!

WELCOME



Mrs Dory Burt
Learning Skills

It is with great delight that we welcomed Mrs Dory Burt to the Learning Skills department last August. Dory joined us from St Saviour's High School and had previously taught in Auchmuty High, Glenrothes.

As a pupil herself, Dory achieved the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, completing Community Service rather than the Gold Expedition. She read English and Fine Art at Edinburgh University for her MA. Subsequently she married and has two grown-up children.

Her hobbies include gardening, choral singing, watercolour painting and travel; her favourite city: Rome. She collects cookery books and even attempts the recipes from time to time! Dory has fitted in well to departmental life and she is greatly appreciated amongst pupils and staff. We wish her many happy years at the School.



Miss Wendy Gillanders
Junior School

Wendy Gillanders graduated from Glasgow University with a BSc (hons) in Geography. After completing her PGCE (secondary) also in Geography, she joined the prison service, working for three years at Greenock prison, followed by eighteen months in field marketing in Oxfordshire.

On returning to Scotland, Wendy completed her PGCE (primary) and spent a year teaching in Ayrshire before joining the staff of the High School.

Wendy has settled happily into life in Dundee, and in her spare time enjoys playing hockey and badminton, as well as a little sailing.



Mr Kevin Gilmour
Janitor

Kevin joined the janitorial team in November of 2002 from his work for the House of Fraser. Hailing from the west coast, he trained to be a plasterer which skills should prove to be most useful. We hope he enjoys working at the School where his responsibilities involve him throughout the campus.



Miss Donna Macdonald
Mathematics

From the Isle of Lewis, Donna is an FP of the Nicolson Institute. After four and a half years at Strathclyde University, she graduated BSc (hons) Mathematics with Teaching Qualification.

Since graduating, Donna has taught at Bayble School, Dyce Academy and Perth Academy, joining the

High School maths department in August this session.

Keep-fit, shopping and listening to music are some of Donna's hobbies; her favourite sport is football and she plays in a Ladies League in Stornoway every summer.



Mrs Jane Phillips
Head of English

Mrs Phillips joined the staff in the Robert Fergusson building in the middle of May, from a well-established career both as a classroom teacher and as a head of department within the region. Her approach of pleasant efficiency and of energy moderated by discretion, has allowed her to fit smoothly into the running of the department, most ably led by Mr Tom Durrheim during the interim period.

A native of Stirling, Jane was brought up in Dundee and is a graduate of Glasgow University, where she received an MA in English and History. Jane has always loved teaching English and most enjoys her work when she feels she is encouraging the young people in her charge to pursue their education to the full and achieve their potential, both academically and personally.

A family person herself, Jane has a keen interest in the well-being of young people: she looks forward to participating in the wider life of the school. Already she has been impressed by the creativity and talent among the pupils at the High School, and assisted backstage with props in the recent production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

Jane has a passionate interest in English literature and her knowledge of the subject, which she brings to the post, adds to the expertise of an already impressive department. With her breadth of vision and her desire to fire her pupils with the joys of studying English in all its many forms, Jane is enthusiastically looking forward to a happy and fulfilling time at the High School and we wish her well for the success of the department under her leadership.



Mrs Catherine Powrie
Junior School

Following her graduation from Dundee University with a BSc (hons) in Zoology, Catherine Powrie embarked on a career primarily in the field of child protection, both as a police officer and multi-agency training co-ordinator. After a brief spell working for a children's charity, Catherine graduated from Northern College with a PGCE in 2001, and joined the Junior School staff in 2002.

In her spare time, Catherine teaches swimming and, as a parent of two boys who are club swimmers, enjoys any time away from the swimming pool with her husband! Her hobbies include gardening, reading and this year's new challenge: learning to ice-skate!

WELCOME



Mrs Margaret Scott Brown

Music

Mrs Scott Brown is a familiar figure this session in the Music department, for both junior school pupils and senior, as she began teaching on supply in January of 2002, when she joined the staff from a varied and interesting teaching career. A student of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Margaret completed her PGCE at Moray House, Edinburgh.

This session, Margaret has been teaching classes from L1-3 and F1 and F2, as well as providing individual instruction in piano and recorder; she has been involved in the AH course, teaching accompanying. Outwith the classroom, her responsibilities include the L4/5 choir. Already Margaret's contribution to the music team has been most welcome and we look forward to seeing and hearing more from her in the future!



Mr David G. Smith

Computing

Mr David Smith joined the Computing department at the start of the session. A graduate of Glasgow University and a post graduate student of Aberdeen University, he also has several years experience of working for the government (sshhh!) and running his own business.

David's interests tend to take him beyond the realms of cyberspace, with a love of music and film complementing his joy of experiencing the Scottish countryside both on foot and by cycle. To date, he remains unsure of whether he is more proud of his beautiful daughter or his own ability to juggle flaming torches. He hopes that the coming years will answer this and other vexing questions.



Mrs Susan Sneddon

Music

Mrs Sneddon instructs in the playing of woodwind instruments, including the saxophone, from L5 upwards. Her contribution, however, has extended well beyond this. Her particular responsibility is the Intermediate Wind Band which she rehearses and conducts; but all the wind bands benefit from her expertise, as does the senior Jazz Band.

Since her graduation, majoring in clarinet and piano, from Napier and receiving her PGCE from Jordanhill, Susan has taught throughout lowland Scotland and the central belt. She enjoys sharing her love of music with the young people under her tutelage day by day, and with the appreciative High School audiences at performances. Meanwhile, Susan is pleased at the "keep fit" aspect of climbing the Margaret Harris

building's stairs on a daily basis! We wish her a long and happy association with the school.



Ms Marci Taylor

English

Ms Marci Taylor joined the English Department in January from 'south of the border'. She graduated from Lancaster University and spent her first year of teaching in Moscow and so feels she is well suited for dealing with the northern climate! Previous to arriving in Dundee, she taught at several schools in the Midlands, most recently in Birmingham. She is thoroughly enjoying her time at the High School and quickly got involved in the life of the school by sharing the responsibility of creating a dozen 'goth' fairies for the recent production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

In her spare time she is keen film fan and avid reader. She also enjoys shopping and cooking and is currently fully appreciating working part-time as she sets up her new Dundee home.

Other Acknowledgements...

The office staff has lost the services of **Mrs Susan Sime** who left after a period of prolonged ill-health; the administrative staff was subsequently joined by **Mrs Kay Robertson**, in January 2003, and they welcome her most cordially to the team.

The grounds staff at Mayfield/Dalnacraig were joined, in the middle of term one by **Mr Michael Scott**, assistant groundsman, and he is warmly welcomed to the High School.

The School has been fortunate to have the services of the following members of staff on supply during the session and they are thanked for all their hard work: **Mrs Michelle Angus** in the art department; **Miss Suzanne Gilvray** in Drama/Media Studies; **Mrs Marlene Lloyd-Evans** in Chemistry.

Congratulations...

Ms Margaret Adamson has been teaching in the English department since August. She takes up post in Prague after the summer and we wish her all the best in her new job of Head teacher of English in the British School there.

Mrs Judy Hutchison, of the PE department, was appointed APT Guidance in September of this session, with responsibility in Airlie House.

Miss Sarah Randell, the School's Director of Development, has been invited to join the SCIS Marketing & Promotion Group which works throughout Scotland to promote the Independent Schools' sector.

BROWNIES

2nd Dundee (DHS) Brownies

During the past year, the High School Brownies have actively and enthusiastically participated in numerous activities and undertaken a wide variety of Brownie badges.

Whole pack badges have kept the girls busy and it is exciting to see the girls working together so well. Fun and fitness were definitely apparent while the girls were working for their "Agility" badge. For their "World Travellers" badge, each six displayed a table with a variety of objects relating to their chosen foreign country at our Thinking Day meeting. Additionally, over a period of a few weeks, each Brownie helped compile an information booklet on her country. These were very well researched and beautifully presented.

Brownies also gained their "Hostess" badge. L5 Brownies helped serve guests at a Coffee Morning in aid of the Guiding Netherud Fund. L3 and L4 Brownies then achieved their badge when they served the L5 Brownies at their end of term "juice and cake" meeting. All Brownies also made a table decoration, and an array of arrangements were brought to both events.

Individual badges also keep the girls busy out-with school, with many receiving their "Swimmers" and "Horse-riders" badges, to name but two. At home, too, a Mum is always pleased when her Brownie completes her "House Orderly" badge. We are always cheerfully entertained when a Brownie performs in front of us to attain her "Jesters" badge.

The L5 Brownies showed their prowess in the kitchen to acquire their "Cooks" badge and, at their last meeting with us, they were also presented with their "Venture" badge. For this, we walked to Sensation, and were delighted to be given the opportunity to handle and inspect some of the "insects" that are on exhibition there.

This year, **Anna Mackenzie** was awarded the "Best Brownie" certificate and presented with a miniature "Ollie Owl". This is given for effort, attendance and commitment to Brownies. We have, as always, enjoyed our Brownie year and now look forward to welcoming new recruits who are eagerly waiting to join us next session.

Mrs K Spalding

Brown Owl

Mrs L Smith

Unit Helper

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Young Speakers' Club

The **Young Speakers' Club** meets at 1.10 p.m. on Tuesday in the Robert Fergusson Building in Mr Durrheim's room, RF16. Quizzes, "Just-a-Minute!" Competitions and "Call My Bluff" still prove to be the most popular activities with Club members but we also have several Public Speaking Competitions and Debates during the course of the session.

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. Disappointingly, the Lloyds TSB/ESU Scottish National Junior Debating Competition was cancelled this year. Hopefully, this can be avoided by the organisers in 2003-2004 as both of our teams were spoiling for action and the pupils had rehearsed their topic thoroughly. However, the topic, "This House Would Ban Nuclear Power in Scotland", still provided fodder for several lively debates during the lunchtime meetings.

As always, we entered teams in the Schools Debating Competition sponsored by The Courier and The Royal Bank of Scotland. Our B team, consisting of **Neil Dewar** (S2) and **Kirsty Jones** (S1), had to argue that "This House Believes Footballers Get Paid Too Much" in a debate that we hosted ourselves, in the Baxter Hall, while this year's A Team, **Taylor Wylie** (S3) and **Lachlan Young** (S3), debated the motion that "This House Would Be Vegetarian" in Carnoustie High School. Neither team managed to scale the giddy heights achieved by **Cathy Jung** and **Matthew Atkins** last year, when Cathy and Matthew won the competition and the coveted prize of a trip to Florida, but I'm sure the experience was a worthwhile one for all four of them. Let's see what we can do in 2003-2004!

Mr T Durrheim

ECDL - Drive to Success

The School is now an accredited test centre for the European Computer Driving Licence, and this session the first batch of candidates has achieved their certificates, under instruction from **Mr CP Stuart** and **Mr DG Smith** of the Computing Studies Department.

Initially offered to pupils in F.6, the ECDL course provides opportunities for those specialising in subjects other than computing to acquire a widely recognised qualification testifying to their practical computing skills. Pupils may progress at a rate suited to their individual needs and the time they have available.

The first of the successful F.6 pupils at the time of writing: **Elaine Balfour**, **Faye Borland**, **Lewis McConnachie**, and **Saima Asif**.

Mr M Ryan

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DEBATING SOCIETY

Three major trophies, a clutch of smaller awards and international recognition; DHS debaters have good reason to be proud of themselves this session.

Gavin Illsley F6 and **James Moir** F5 began their triumphant run by winning the PricewaterhouseCoopers Cup in the Cambridge Union Society national tournament, which is entered by around 300 teams from all over Britain and is one of the most prestigious competitions on the circuit. Despite the length of the rather weary train journey back from Cambridge, it was noted that Gavin has never previously been observed to smile quite so broadly nor so consistently for so many hours!

Gratifying in itself as another win, the trophy which the boys brought back from the Aberdeen University tournament the following week was their passport into a new competition, inaugurated by the University of St Andrews with the very worthy aim of establishing a champion of champions amongst those who had won the four main Scottish University competitions. Noting that a High School team had qualified, the Lord Ross, the distinguished DHS FP who had donated the trophy, confined himself to presenting it rather than judging, and was as gratified as we were when it was Gavin and James who were the first winners of the Ross Cup.

Regular readers of this column will recall that in 1999 the School produced its first debating world champion, when **Fiona Dewar** was a member of the team which beat England in the final in London. This year the tournament moves to much more exotic climes: Peru in August. (Actually they tell us it's going to be chilly and damp....) **Mrs McGrath** has been invited to go as a Scottish judge, and at the end of March, when both Gavin and James were invited to the national trial, Gavin achieved a place in the Scottish team which will compete in Lima. We wish him and his four colleagues all the very best.

These were the highest spots in what has been an extremely hard-working year for all concerned; from the middle of February, there was at least one major competition every week and on top of that, not one single weekend free until the end of term. Gavin and James reached the Final of the Durham Union Society weekend tournament, which comprised 92 teams, went out in the semi-finals of the Mace to the eventual winners, were highly placed at Oxford Union and Edinburgh University one-day tournaments, finalists in Dundee and St Andrews, topped the speaker tabs at Dundee (Gavin) and won Best Speaker in the final at Dundee (James) and St Andrews (Gavin).

It was not only the senior debaters, however, who flew the DHS flag on the national stage. At the end of June **Cathy Jung** F4 and **Neil Dewar** F2 took part in a new Oxford Union tournament for younger teams and finished as runners-up, with Cathy placed 2nd out of 80 on the

speaker tab. They had got in some practice for this earlier in the session when they reached the second round of the Cambridge Union competition, knocking out some rather surprised F6 pupils in the process. **Cathy Jung** and **Katherine Matthew** competed with distinction in the Law Society, represented the school at both Durham and Edinburgh, and, joined by **Susan Liu** (all of them F4), won prizes as national runners-up in the E-SU Public Speaking competition.

James Potton and **Kader Chowdhury** F6 continued to be supportive, competing in the Dundee and St Andrews one-day events and providing a very sporting challenge in the second round Mace when they stood in for a team which had withdrawn at short notice. James was rewarded in the two House competitions, when he and Cathy won the Debate and were joined by Lachlan Young F3 to win the Public Speaking for Lindores.

An enormous amount of commitment has been demonstrated this year by the debaters; participation in thirteen national tournaments has involved 175 speeches adding up to a total of 918 minutes of competitive speaking. Added to this is the research required for prepared motions, keeping abreast of current affairs to cope with unseens, and days and weekends away from home in which at least the outward journeys involve ongoing preparation.

What do you get in return? A close relationship with Mrs McGrath's trusty Volvo, an acquaintance with dusty lecture rooms and schools you never knew existed.... the initial buzz of having the audience listen to you, the achievement of getting through to the next round... the huge adrenaline rush of realising that you are speaking in the Oxford Union where have stood prime ministers and presidents (not forgetting Kermit the Frog) ... and this year, the sheer joy of bringing home the silverware and for Gavin, a ten-day trip to South America. The first step to all of this is the one which will take you into Mrs McGrath's room on Monday or Thursday lunchtimes.

We look forward to you joining us next session.

Mrs I McGrath



▲ Cathy and Neil at the Oxford Union despatch box.



► James at the Cambridge Union despatch box.

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. There is also a Friday Club at 3.30 pm but that has proved less popular this year, now that Friday 9 has all but disappeared. We may offer a different evening next session. The room is also used, informally, during other lunchtimes, for people to get together and finish off matches.

Some of those who come to the Club 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. The **Beckingham Trophy** (open to F1-6) was won by Kader Chowdhury (S6) and the **Intermediate Trophy** (F1-3) was won by John Grier (S2).

Chess has also spilled over into the Form 6 Common Room this year and a number of informal competitions were played out as well as the ones arranged by the school. Hopefully, this will turn into a tradition.

Mr T Durrheim



National Gigafinals Qualifiers
L to R: Matthew Mordente L5, Josh Ivanson L7, Liam Eyles L7

Junior School Chess Club

This year, thirty members competed in the British Land UK Chess Challenge. In excess of 57,000 children from across Britain competed, with a range of awards gained at various stages of the competition. Six HSD players acquired sufficient points to qualify for the North East of Scotland Megafinals in Stonehaven on the 31st of May: **Matthew Mordente** (L5), **Sam Watt** (L6) and **Liam Eyles**, **Roonie Harrison**, **Josh Ivanson** and **Iain Kennedy**, all L7. The six players performed extremely well, all winning at least three of the six matches they were required to play. From this team, Matthew, Liam and Josh all qualified for the National Gigafinals at Keele University in July.

The Junior School Chess Tournament (L4-L7) for the Russel Trophy in 2003 was exciting. Each year group played to get to the next stage. After weeks of hard fought battles, the results came through. One person from each year group went through to the final: **Duncan Strachan** (L4), **Matthew Mordente** (L5), **James Matossian** (L6) and **Josh Ivanson** L7 (after a play-off with Liam Eyles which Josh won on points).

The final match was played between last year's finalists, Matthew and Josh. This proved to be a close-fought competition, with Matthew winning with a convincing checkmate!

Josh Ivanson L7 Iain Kennedy L7

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INTERACT REPORT

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

The Interact Club began the new school year in a very promising fashion. We began the session with an illustrated talk by **Bill MacFarlane-Smith** on his journey to Everest base camp and Tibet. The slides were almost as spectacular as the buffet laid on by the girls. We then wasted no time in organising the hugely successful and enjoyable "Scorpion Knockout" tournament – seventy-six teams entered: a total of 228 competitors. This kept us fully occupied every lunchtime for weeks and is, we hope, something we can repeat in future years.

"Scorpion Knockout" was certainly our highest profile event of the year but, since then, the Interact club has kept itself busy. We re-introduced the Christmas car parking in the playground, in tandem with the "Brolly Dollies"; special thanks to all the teachers who helped supervise this venture. The Valentine's Day delivery service was another venture to raise some funds. As always, Interact members were delighted to participate at the Kingspark School annual "Kids' Day Out", where we have the opportunity to help those less fortunate than ourselves – always a salutary experience. The day involved a bowling trip and a variety of activities within the school, including a performance by **Mr Boom**, which was popular with both children and Interact members alike!

Our final official meeting took the form of a talk on the Mafia by **Howard Price** from Dundee rotary. This was both fascinating and scary at the same time!

Interact is not only about raising money for charities; another objective is to have fun! We have been go-karting; dined at the "Jahangir" restaurant; listened to guest speakers; had an "espionage evening" (taking in the "Zapp Zone" and the recently released James Bond film).

Thank you to **Mr Rennet** for putting up with our hair-brained schemes, and for making all this possible, and also to **Bill MacFarlane-Smith** for his support. We would also like to thank all the Club members who worked so hard and who gave up so much of their time this year. Well done!

Sandy Easton

President

James Strachan

Secretary

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Junior School Clubs

L3 Computing Club is responsible for the Friday lunchtime buzz to be heard from the Computer Suite. This is no guarded murmur of pupils putting pencil to paper but L3s sharing ideas for tackling computer activities.

The Computer Club operates over the three school terms through a variety of pupil groupings. This enables every child to receive time for developing skills, as well as opportunities to enjoy a wide variety of activities in mixed year groups. During this time, the children become skilled users of the software "Microsoft Paint" where they reveal their artistic talents.

The Club allows the pupils to experience both the value and the enjoyment of good ICT skills at an early age, and practise these in cross-year groups. Such activities provide a sound base for further independent and resourceful development in this subject.

Mrs S Tonner

L5 Cookery Club proved popular once again, with over forty pupils opting to take part. The pupils learned how to work safely and hygienically in a kitchen, and developed a range of cooking skills and techniques.

The Club, however, is all about having fun with food, and the boys and girls particularly enjoyed making their own pizzas and jam tarts. Some of the goodies even made the journey back home, to be shared with family and friends!

Thanks go to Mrs Madden and Miss Smith, Home Economics, for the use of their kitchens.

Mrs A Davie

L6 & L7 Creative Dance pupils have met each week throughout the year in the Drama Studio of Trinity to enjoy and develop this medium. Learning to move freely and easily in a creative and responsive way is both a valuable and exciting experience. It builds confidence and independence through the development of movement, ideas and skills. Dances are created using a variety of stimuli such as sound, texture, poetry and all kinds of music. This can open up a whole new area of Arts experiences for many pupils, and often complements Drama and literature from other lessons. Learning to dance alone, with a partner or as part of a larger group can be both rewarding and enjoyable, enriching personal awareness, individual creativity and social interaction. We look forward to many more dancers joining the group next year!

Mrs I M Goddard

First Aid Club members, for the first two terms of this year, on Wednesdays from 4-5 pm, learned to cope with several illnesses and injuries, ranging from sprains and strains to heart attacks and strokes.

Everyone had a great time this year but one of the favourite events was the Egg Car Competition, where you design a car made from an egg box, then you put two raw eggs in it and roll it down a slope; the winner is the one whose eggs suffered least damage and whose car had the most ingenious design. Another favourite event was the Christmas Party where, in teams, you play games like you have a few minutes to wrap someone up in toilet paper – and after all the games, the people in the winning team get some sweets or chocolate for a prize. The only thing that people don't look forward to is the exam at the end of the first aid session, although most people find it quite easy.

The session has taken us to a world of bandages and complicated checks and positions. We have learnt how to do CPR and how, basically, to save someone's life. We know how to treat broken bones with the RICE method (don't ask!) and to treat burns with Clingfilm, water and cover bandages. I only hope that I will remember it all if I ever need to!

Sophie Kochanowska L7

SU

This year saw the introduction of a Junior SU group for L4-7 pupils, meeting on Friday lunchtimes before the Senior SU. In the junior group we looked at the life of Jesus contained specifically in the Gospel of Luke and pupils were each given a copy of this. Challenges and games were also held each week and pupils enjoyed making up their own quizzes and activities, often with great hilarity.

The F1-6 group has grown significantly and has had the opportunity to examine and discuss key truths relating to the Christian faith as well as enjoying plenty of food and games. The Christmas party was a lively occasion and many of the group are looking forward to going on SU camp this summer where a vast array of activities awaits.

Mrs S Magill Mrs L Woodley

This fine tribute to Scotland's national bard took place on the 22nd of January. The traditional ingredients of these occasions were all there, with singing, recitation and music from a violin sextet and the Wind Band. Here are some reports and photos of the fun.

Rabbie Burns, himself, would have been delighted to have been there!

ROBERT BURNS SUPPER

Mrs Houd's room was beautifully decorated with Scottish food and Scottish table covers. It was like a real Scottish feast.
Leanne Forbes

First Ossman Ashraf piped in the haggis. Ossman played Scotland the Brave on the bag pipes. Harry came in the room with the haggis and put it on the table. The haggis looked like a balloon and it smelled nice.

Jasmine Brain

Mrs Vannet was the best at doing the Address to the Haggis. She did what she had to do in a scary way then she picked up the knife and got the towel and she did it so fast I thought she cut her hand off!!! Luckily she didn't and was able to carry on, so well done to Mrs Vannet!

Robyn Stewart



After that Mr Stuart said the poem "Tam o' Shanter". He was really good at it and he made it quite funny. He came up to me and Lindsay Bradley and called us witches! It must be very hard to learn "Tam o' Shanter" off by heart because it is so long.

Amy Clark

Now it was time for the Scottish food. There was haggis, Scottish cheese, shortbread, pancakes and cheesy biscuits. There was juice and irn-bru. I had six pieces of shortbread, 6 cheesy biscuits and 3 cups of irn-bru.

Alistair Lynch

Next all the people who play the violin in L5 got to play "The Bluebells of Scotland". The people who played the violins were Heather (me), Rosie, Leanne, Jasmine, Kathryn and Kirsty. Miss Bradley and Mrs Robertson helped us out on the strings. Then Lauren, Siobhan C, Siobhan S, Christopher and James (who was unfortunately ill) played "Flower of Scotland" with woodwind instruments.

Heather Pringle

Mr Stuart made the poem really funny with all the actions and when it came to Kirk Alloway (Robert Burns was born in Alloway) he made it really scary but funny at the same time. I also liked the warning at the end, "Remember Tam o' Shanter's mare."

Anna Mackenzie



It was time to sing "Auld Lang Syne". We sang the last verse again faster. I had a really great time at the Burns' Supper.

David Burnett

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Library

Pupils have been very busy in the Library this year having fun!

In between the academically focussed class visits and private study times, the Library has become a lively, active and challenging place to be.



Lord of the Rings Trivia Quiz

We kicked off the year in October with our Children's Book Week celebrations. We invited a bejewelled camel to watch over our Reading Oasis as Junior School classes enjoyed special story times presented by Form 5 & Form 6 drama pupils, including one brave Library Prefect dressed up as Madame Doubtfire! Meanwhile, the seniors were gathered giggling around the "Match the Teacher's Favourite Book with their Baby Photo" competition. Was it really the Home Economics teacher with a biscuit in her hand?

Believe it or not, eating became a popular pastime in the Library, but only at specially sanctioned Library events. We had many of these during the year, especially with our lunchtime Book Club. Sometime along the way, this changed from a Form 1 all-girls' group to a Form 3 and up boys' group, but we're hoping to redress the balance next year. With the enthusiasm of **Mrs Keogh** and **Mrs Tosh**, we became Chattaboox Ink, with our own poetry now proudly displayed on our own website and many more ideas brewing for 2003-4.

Chattaboox Ink. hosted the first of our literary quiz competitions one Friday lunchtime in March. The Lord



Margaret Ryan Author Visit with L4

of the Rings trivia quiz attracted around 30 competitors including some hopeful staff members. It was a close call, but the three winners took home LOTR posters, movie books and key rings. A LOTR trivia quiz Part 2 (a much harder genius version) will be held in Autumn Term 2003.

Next on the celebration calendar was World Book Day. Once again, the Library was decorated with Junior School competition entries while seniors were invited to design a story-maker website to be used by L4 to L7. The winning entry from **James Strachan** in Form 6 is so popular that the Junior School still plead to use it during Library lessons. We let them loose with pleasure!

This year we had some wonderful Form 6 Library Prefects with a solid core who reported faithfully for duty and worked conscientiously at their tasks. Prefects helped us issue and return items for Junior School classes, they labelled and covered new stock, they undertook computer work and they helped us mount displays. As thanks for all their hard work, **Mrs Brown** & I hosted both an LP Christmas Party and an exclusive LP lunch in May where we handed out the inaugural Unofficial Library Prefect Awards. Will we have cause to issue the "Blunder Wonder" award next year? Only time will tell.



World Book Day Prize Winners

Of course, it was not all noise and parties. We continued to encourage reading with the purchase of some new stock for reluctant readers, especially boys. "Captain Underpants" is now a firm favourite with many a Junior School boy who might otherwise have preferred his PlayStation and girls are fans of the Princess Diaries books as well as the film. Children continued to be testers of quality fiction for the Red House Children's Book Award and we hope that our Book Club will choose to form their own opinion of the Carnegie shortlist in the new year. We truly hope to wean pupils away from a lunchtime of surfing to enjoy a lunchtime of reading instead.

One of our major goals is to make pupils feel comfortable in the Library and to ensure they are confident information users. Junior School continue to benefit from their library lessons which have this year included a Research Relay, Dewey Bingo and more computer research work. Pupils also enjoyed visits from two well-known children's authors **Alan Temperley** and **Margaret Ryan** and more are planned for the new year.

Of course, at the tail end of this session all our efforts have been focussed on the exciting refurbishment of the

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Library Prefect Party

Library which will take place this summer. Can we turn boring beige into the cool of the school? Watch this space!

Mrs F Dakers

Top of the Bench

The Chemistry Quiz

- What element was named after a village in Argyll?
- What is the symbol for antimony?
- Which scientist devised the periodic table?

If you cannot answer any of these questions, you certainly could not be in the chemistry quiz team!

And 2003 has certainly been another successful year for the group, comprising **Fiona McCulloch** F2, **Stephen King** F3, **Catherine Jung** F4, and captain, **James Strachan** F6.

The team once again reached the final of the Tayside regional final of the competition, having knocked out three other local schools in the earlier rounds. In the final, held at Dundee University, we competed against three other finalists for the "Top of the Bench" Trophy and a place in the national finals in London next year. Despite stiff competition, Dundee High School triumphed for the third year running, winning with a spectacular score of ninety-two points.

The competition certainly did not stop there. Having won the regional final last year, the team travelled to London to take part in the national final of the quiz, held annually in the Science Museum. There, the team, comprising Fiona, Stephen, Catherine and **Andrew Black** F3, joined around thirty other teams from the

United Kingdom, Ireland and Belgium. The group faced three challenges, designed to test skill in all aspects of chemistry: a written test, a fact-finding mission around the museum exhibits, and a practical problem to solve in the nearby Imperial College laboratories.

The team's valiant efforts were certainly well-rewarded; we succeeded in finishing in third place overall, with the added bonus of winning a special award for excelling in problem solving.

A report on the chemistry quiz team would not, however, be complete without a special mention of our coach, question master and minibus driver, Mr Forrest, without whom the finer points of the Oswald process would ever remain a mystery!

Catherine Jung F4

Quiz Answers:

- a) Strontium b) Sb c) Dmitri Mendeleev



(l to r) Andrew Black, Fiona McCulloch, James Strachan, Catherine Jung, Stephen King

MATHS

Session 2002-2003



It has been a busy year in the mathematics department as usual, with pupils from all years entering a number of different competitions.

Our pupils have been given the chance to compete against able young mathematicians from other schools throughout the United Kingdom again 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	0	2	8
UKIMC	5	9	12

Best in School for UKSMC - **Toby Davies**
Best in School for UKIMC - **David Pitcaithly**
Best in School for UKJMC - **Varun Manthri**

The results for the Junior Maths Challenge have been the 'best' results we have had since we started entering pupils for the competitions

It has also been the 'best' year yet for pupils who took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. In the follow-up competitions for 'high achievers':-

David Pitcaithly went on to do the UKIMO paper and was awarded a Merit Certificate in this paper.

Steven King and **Sophie Thomson** were invited to sit the European Kangaroo competition for 'High Achievers' and Steven was awarded a Merit Certificate for finishing in the top 25% of those who sat this paper. Sophie was

awarded a Certificate of Participation in this competition.

The Maths Challenge (Scottish) Competition produced the following results this year.

Junior Division

Gold: **Shadahat Hasan , Christine Reid**
Silver: **Neil Dewar , Lewis White**

Middle Division

Bronze: **Steven King**

On 3rd October 2002 at Dollar Academy we sent a team to participate in the Enterprising Mathematics Competition. Our team consisted of **Steven King, David Pitcaithly, Catherine Jung, Baldur Karlsson**. Mr. Middleton of the Maths Department accompanied the team and was very pleased with their performance. There were 24 teams in the competition (all from independent schools). Our team finished a creditable fourth.

Unfortunately only the top three teams qualified for the National Final.

At the beginning of February this year, the school entered two fourth year teams in the competition ' Mathematiques Sans Frontiers'. This is an annual event open to schools throughout Europe. Teams of students are entered from individual schools, competing by age groups in national sections of the contest. It is the fifth time the school has entered this particular competition. It proved to be an interesting and enjoyable experience for the pupils involved. One of the questions has to be answered in a language other than English, giving the language enthusiasts a chance to show their skills. This year, one of the Dundee High School teams finished third in the contest, the highest we have been placed so far in this competition!

Code :

- UKSMC – United Kingdom Senior Maths Challenge
- UKIMC – United Kingdom Intermediate Maths Challenge.
- UKJMC – United Kingdom Junior Maths Challenge.
- UKIMO – United Kingdom Intermediate Maths Olympiad.

RAINBOWS

The Rainbow year began with time directed towards thinking about the Rainbow Promise and activities connected with this. There were opportunities for the girls to consider the values of kindness and helpfulness. Ideas emerged for sharing and for looking after each other and our world. After a few weeks engaged in Promise activities, the girls welcomed Mrs Dent (District Commissioner) to hear them say their Rainbow Guide Promise. Badges and certificates were then presented to the girls.

To mark the occasion of the Queen's Golden Jubilee, it was decided to hold a special day of activities for the Rainbow Guides on a royal theme. Held in Logie and St John's Church halls, this afternoon in early autumn was a great success. As well as engaging in many interesting activities, the girls also had the opportunity to meet with girls from other Rainbow Units in Dundee. As this was an event with a royal theme, craft fun involved decorating a regal cloak and icing a small fancy cake fit for a queen! There was royal storytelling in one room and a drama activity on the theme of Cinderella and the royal ball in another. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and an interesting way for the girls to take part in the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Rainbows very often spend time following a theme and one of the most popular this year was the topic of creatures. Within this, the girls had opportunities to play team games, engage in drama, listen to stories and to be artistic. These activities encouraged thinking about the land, sea and air creatures and were also vehicles for the girls to practise skills such as co-operation, teamwork and sharing. A creature of another kind who proved rather popular was the Easter Bunny. He left a trail of clues around the school for the Rainbow Guides to follow. Easter Bunny had thoughtfully left a basket of chocolate eggs for the girls in the school office! These were much enjoyed.

In the late spring the Rainbows were invited to take part in a fundraising event on behalf of the Girl Guide Association in Scotland. This took the form of a Coffee Morning held in the West End of Dundee. Prior to the event, High School Rainbows were busy making craft items – fancy pen tops and pot pourri bags – to contribute to the stalls. The actual morning was very exciting with doughnuts to eat, and book, cake and candy, plant and craft stalls to choose from.

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There were also opportunities to buy balloon models and for face painting. This event was well attended by all the Rainbow Units and Brownie Packs taking part. The total raised was divided between national and local Guiding organisations.

To round off our year in Rainbows, we headed off to the Pancake Place in Reform Street for some edible fun! Pancakes with ice cream and chocolate sauce or toffee sauce looked delicious. The ice cream choices were also much enjoyed and the sticky lips would seem to prove this. Pleasingly, a lady member of the public also made a complimentary remark about the girls' exemplary behaviour. So ended another busy and active year for the High School of Dundee Rainbows. I should like to thank **Mrs Mooney** and **Mrs Cargill** for their good ideas and valued participation with High School Rainbows.

Miss M. Cardno





This session has been a busy and productive one for the Cadet Force, in which many of last year's successes were repeated (the adventure training during study leave) and extended (the overnight exercises at local training area, Barry Budden).

The first big occasion in which the whole contingent participated, was, once again, the Armistice Parade. On one of the mildest years, this was to be the final such occasion when the wreath-laying ceremony was conducted under the training of Captain Holmes. This opportunity is taken to thank Captain Holmes for his great contribution to the CCF, especially as contingent OC over many years.

The highlights for many of this year's training programme were the "overnighters"; at the end of September, all recruits and senior NCOs took part in exercise First Blood, involving survival in the field, patrolling and stalking. The weather was excellent on this occasion; not so for the F3, 4 and 5 cadets who braved some of the heaviest rain that had been seen at Barry – even by Mr Wood! – and allowed another occasion for the OC to use: "If it ain't raining, it ain't training".

Nevertheless, these exercises proved excellent runs-up to the Biennial Inspection in May, when the whole contingent returned to Barry Budden for an overnight exercise, followed by an intensive day touring various stands including initiative tests, section attack, assault course and range shooting; all of which was seen by Lieutenant-Colonel Brand of HQ Scotland. Here, too, the weather was less than kind but the Inspecting Officer, and the other visitors, commented most favourably on the high morale and excellent results achieved by the cadets.

Summer Camp this year saw the HSD cadets return to Warcop in Cumbria, after a break of five years. This is a challenging area and gave rise to the wisdom: "Pain is just weakness leaving your body." (If only the midges on the training area would also leave your body!) Accompanied by Major McAdam, Major Steele, Captain Toley, Captain Tosh, Lieutenant Rodger, Mr Wood, Mr Nichol, Mr Gallagher, of the PE department, and FP Jen Stevenson of Aberdeen Universities' OTC, the cadets, once again, excelled themselves in all areas of training. The week culminated in exercise Zulu Dawn, a fitting climax to a week of action and excitement, teamwork and co-operation – only some of the many objectives of the CCF!



Armistice

2002

DHS CCF WARCOP CAMP, CUMBRIA, 2003

Day 1...

A 0630 wake up call from Lt. Roger gets everyone rather bleary-eyed out of the bunk beds in billets 34, 45 and 46 of Warcop camp. A quick trip to the Ablutions building not more than ten metres from our own door suffices, before a march up to 'A' Kitchen for our full cooked breakfast at 0645.

We return to our billets and dress in our civilian clothes for the adventure training exercises which we had chosen for that day: mountain biking, outdoor rock climbing or kayaking. The sun was beating down on us by 0800 when we boarded the transports to take us to our respective locations – every one could tell that this was going to be a good day.

At 1630 when the three groups returned to the camp, the stories of the days activities started to circulate. Impressive bruises from those who had chosen to get off the mountain bike whilst it was still moving were being shown, whilst tales of people tipping each others' kayaks into the nippy English water and of the less brave climbers over coming their fears to summit the crags began to be voiced.

That evening at 1900 our first military duties came upon us as the contingent donned full combats and headed up to the 500m Obstacle Course for a walk through talk through prior to the march and shoot competition the next day.

Day 2...

Again, an early rise at 0630 and straight to breakfast. On returning to the billet the contingent kitted up in combats for a day's hard graft with orienteering, command tasks and the march and shoot competition. 'A' Company was on the leadership trail for the morning whilst 'B' Company gave the march and shoot their best shot – what a pity it wasn't up to that of the mighty 'A' Company!

The command tasks to which our sections had to orientate, included scenarios such as move this 'nuclear waste' to this containment area without touching it yourself and without it touching the ground using just four bits of rope, two traffic cones and a bit of rubber... and people complain that youngsters don't use their imagination enough these days.

In the afternoon 'A' Company set off to defeat 'B' Company in the march and shoot competition: a brisk 2 mile march in the quickest time so far (28 mins) followed immediately by the uphill obstacle course; then a brief rest before the company takes to the 25m full bore range to shoot their way to victory. All in all a very demanding yet highly rewarding day.

Day 3...

Usual morning routine followed by again kitting up in full combats... this time it was for combat, though, not just orienteering. The morning held some in-depth and interesting training and enactments of a platoon attack. This is a tactic which is not usually practised by cadets in term time and so the entire contingent was being exposed to something new, whether it was in the higher ranks as members of the platoon HQ group or whether it was in the case of the recruits who were experiencing taking part in a realistic simulation of an attack three times bigger than anything they have tried before.

At the end of the three different platoon attacks, the enemy (our adults and officers) was well and truly destroyed – mission accomplished.

Day 4...

Range day today. Having never had a range day before, the majority of the contingent thought that it would just be firing on the 25m range all day. Not the most exciting pastime for 6 hours. To our pleasant surprise, however, the 25m range was only a very small part of the day. A digital range in which you fired the British Army SA80 semi-automatic rifle at a various scenarios projected on a large cinema screen, provided great entertainment whilst improving shooting skills. Furthermore, although the rifle fires lasers rather than rounds, it still has the same kick as if you were firing full bore which leads to a much more realistic sensation of real combat situations. The other ranges consisted of retreating under fire into trenches and an IBSR range where you have the opportunity to shoot at pop up targets from a variety of cover such as windows, gates and roofs. Mr Gallagher, one of the non-cadet staff, even had a go at this. He came off the range beaming after every target he shot at fell instantly. What he hadn't been told was that he was firing blanks and, in fact, the target controller dropping the targets.

Day 5...

After breakfast the contingent split into two groups – one headed off to gunnery and the other to combat first aid. The gunnery stand, a new experience for all cadets, explained the intricacies of artillery firing and allowed cadets to practise newly learnt drills on the massive artillery guns. The combat first aid stand provided cadets with some basic CFA skills such as how to administer morphine and apply a field dressing before the two sections went through a full battle simulation of being ambushed and then coming across injured soldiers (these consisted of our own walking wounded and first aid qualified F5s). Advanced casualty simulation make up was used and the acting of those that were injured was Oscar worthy!

In the afternoon was the inter-section drill competition which, after some superb leadership by Sgt Stuart Arbuckle, was won by Section 1. Gold medals and the trophy were then presented to the winners and the runners up (4 section) received their silver medals.

1900 that evening was the start of the final and biggest exercise of the camp – a 12 hour overnight competition: A Company vs. B Company.

Neither company knew where the other was, and the F6 cadets were acting as rogue terrorists causing havoc throughout the evening and night. The basic mission of each company was to set up camp and then send out patrols to gather information about the enemy position whilst not giving away their own and not coming in contact with the terrorists. At the end of the patrols, the information gathered would be given to Major McAdam and the more successful company would be given the enemy coordinates in order to carry out a dawn raid on the camp. With B Company getting ambushed (much to Mr Wood's heart jumping shock) and failing to get sufficient information about A Coy position it was A Coy who were up at 0500 the next day and briefed about the dawn raid.

A spectacular blaze of fire woke B Coy the next morning before a charge by the entire A Coy ripped through the camp. At that point, yet another Oscar should have been awarded. This time it was for Mr Toley's dramatic representation entitled "Captain Dying".

Reunited as a contingent, we packed up and returned to camp for some breakfast before the final cleaning of the billets prior to our cheerful but sleepy bus journey home.

STONE MONKEYS CHAT BOARD

Date posted: 7/07/03

Guest: Mr Nicoll

Message: Okay, you lot, anybody interested in being vertically challenged, meet playground 10 am Monday prompt!

Date posted: 7/07/03

Guest: J Magee

Message: Where will be going Mr Nicoll?

Date posted: 7/07/03

Guest: Mr Nicoll

Message: Well Magee, that all depends on the weather, if it is dry then we will be going to Benny Begg at Crieff, if not then we will go to Alien Rock, Edinburgh.

Date posted: 8/07/03

Guest: D White

Message: Alien Rock was so cool

Date posted: 9/07/03

Guest: E Firth

Message: Kingussie was an amazing experience and great fun, but hard on the arms!

Date posted: 10/07/03

Guest: A Murray

Message: He is your regular stone monkey, Mhairi

Date posted: 10/07/03

Guest: C Reid

Message: Melissa has had a route named after her in Crieff – Kermit's Krawl!

Date posted: 10/07/03

Guest: A Murray

Message: She certainly was making short work of that rock – well done Melissa.

Date posted: 10/07/03

Guest: Mr Nicoll

Message: Indoor climbing at Vertical World, Dundee today due to weather.

Date

posted: 9/07/03

Guest: C Reid

Message: Minibus journeys are a bit long but Mr Nicoll's music is great.

Date posted: 10/07/03

Guest: S Nimmo

Message: Climbing was great fun and presented a good challenge for us all.

Date posted: 10/07/03

Guest: S Wright

Message: It was great fun but challenging especially if you are afraid of heights

Date posted: 10/07/03

Guest: J Magee

Message: Really enjoyed that Mr Nicoll, I will come back to this venue, quite challenging.

Date posted: 8/07/03

Guest: J Magee

Message: This is the greatest sport in the world, it pushes you all the way.

Date posted: 9/07/03

Guest: D White

Message: Yes, it tests your mental and physical toughness in both indoor and outdoor climbing.

Date posted: 9/07/03

Guest: E Firth

Message: What good music Mr Nicoll plays to make the bus journey.

Date posted: 9/07/03

Guest: M Pitcaithly

Message: I have had such good climbing experiences, indoor in Edinburgh and at Crieff. Thank you Mr Nicoll, except for the sit ups!

Date posted: 10/07/03

Guest: M Cunningham

Message: Have you seen the speed Mr Nicoll goes up that vertical face!



Art Day

'Art Day' at the end of the first term is an annual chance for senior art pupils to take part in a variety of activities and events. This year, the day began with a talk from artist Jack Morrocco, who brought one of his many colourful paintings. He talked about the various fields in which he had worked and gave us an interesting insight into life as an artist.

After this, we went to the McManus Galleries, where we visited an exhibition of a wide variety of works, in different media, on the theme of shoes. Worksheets gave us a deeper feel for the emotions which the works expressed and the exhibition was, on the whole, very unusual and interesting.

After a thorough exploration of the galleries, we returned to school for a visit from two former pupils, Candice Harper and Mary Steele, who now study at Art College. After an informative talk on the courses available to them, we had the chance to view and admire their work. We were also able to ask them about any queries we had on the careers available to art students, which fired imaginations and reassured us that we could make a living doing something which we enjoy.

After a break for lunch, we went to the DCA to take part in a printmaking workshop. This was highly enjoyable and introduced us to a form of art which we had not previously explored. We were also given a tour of the printmaking studios which helped us to understand how our smudged attempts could become the works of art which our tour guides had produced.

Art Day was fun and stimulating, as well as very interesting and educational.

Catherine Peters and Hanaa Asif, F5



Illustrated talk from Jack Morrocco



Visit to 'Shoe' at the McManus Galleries



Folio exhibition



Printmaking workshop at the DCA

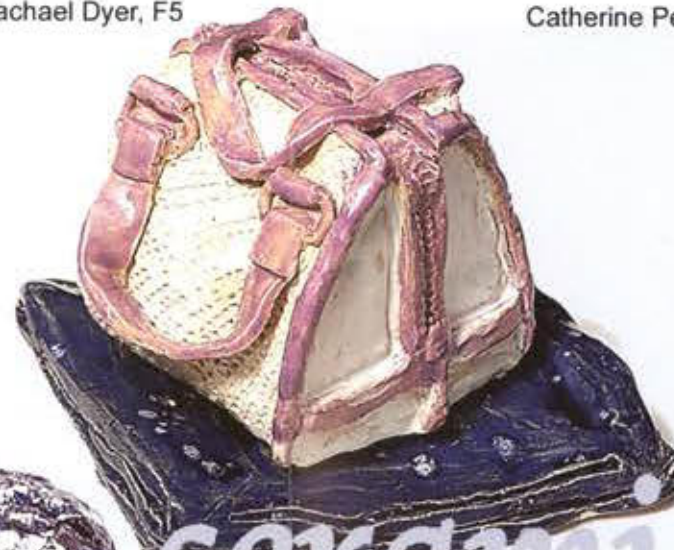
Duncan Soutar, F1



Peter Sharp, F2



Rachael Dyer, F5



Catherine Peters, F5



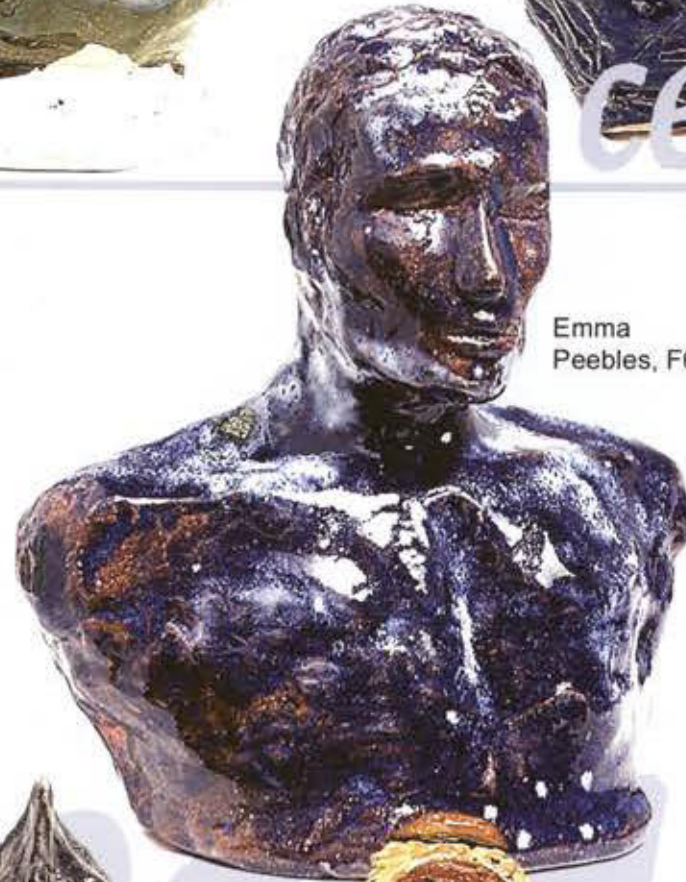
Rachel Robb, F2



ceramics



Claire Redford, F6



Emma
Peebles, F6



Louise Cuthbertson, F1



Peter Cameron, F2



F1: Collette Rayner



Thomas Spowart



Rosie Armstrong



Adam Robertson



Andrew Philp



Kirsten Fairlie



Shakira Roberts



Maria Thomas, F4



Eleanor Geddes, F3



Megan Hunter, F3



Julia Black, F5



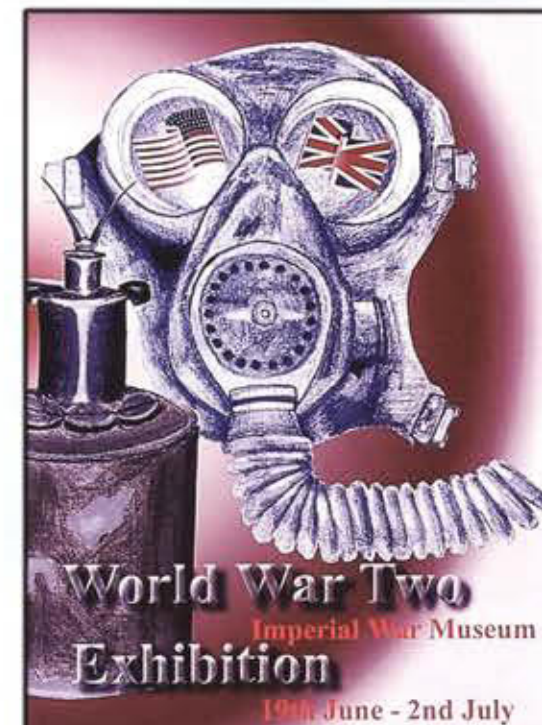
Susan Bennett, F3



Jenny Laing, F5



Collette Rayner, F1



Emma Pyne, F4



Evette Golden, F2



Guy Ballantyne, F2



Katie Henderson, F4

Lynsey Nicoll, F2



Claire Summers, F1



Joanna Van der Ham, F1



Andrew Gray, F1



Christine Reid, F1



Rachel Clark, F1



Robyn Jollands, F1



Kate Robson, F1



Jennifer Tyler, F5

Gallery



Jennifer Tyler, F5



Martin Baillie, F6



Julia Black, F5



Rachael Dyer, F5

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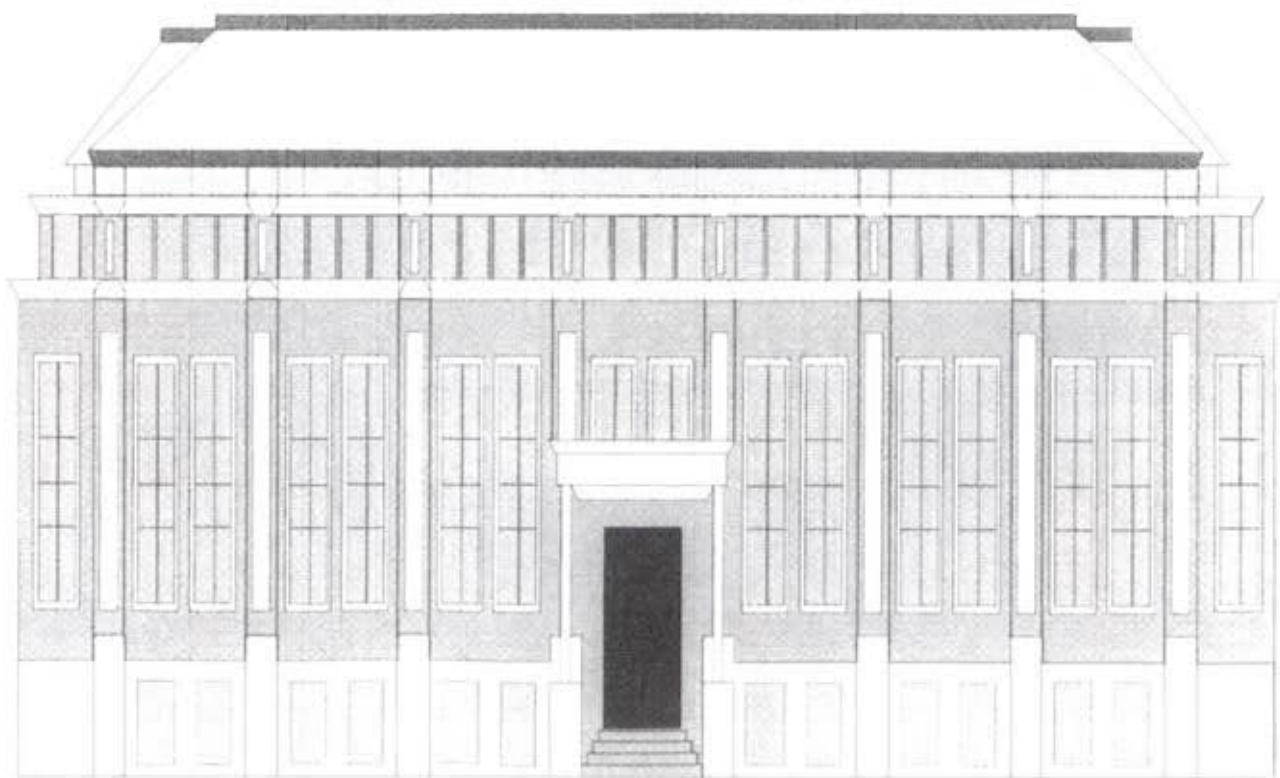
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In Spring...

Snow and icy hearts gently thaw
As the winter chill retreats grudgingly
Into its seasonal solitary confinement
Flowers cautiously surface
Blooming into delicate beauty
Juxtaposed with winter's ruin
Like poppies on a battlefield
A beginning from an end
Creation from destruction
We find comfort in the irony
I find comfort in your arm, your smile
But there is no sweet sanctuary
For the dying icicles
As spring's momentum grows
The new beginnings tease and taunt me
Blank canvases waiting to be tainted
By my itching hands
But we endure as always
As sure as the fragile flowers
Return from the underworld each spring.



In Autumn...

Trees shift slowly, through autumn's colours
Until they release their rustic leaves
Into the grey clutches of the tarmac
Still, they scurry past feet
And dance around ankles
Like a lively funeral procession
Riding on the October winds
With rosy cheeks and frosted breath
We pace hand in hand
Under the amber lamp post light
Once inside, rain pounds against the window panes
Beckoning us to draw our curtains
And welcome the cold nights
Surfacing from my cocoon
Surrounded by warmth and the hushed words
Gently falling from the tip of your tongue
Drowned in nature's syllables
Dredged from the fathoms of her being
While the world whirls round and round in turmoil
Beauty remains constant within.

In Summer...

Evenings in the field
Our very own ocean
Awash with rippling waves
The eternal struggle of
The ladybirds desperately trying to stay afloat
Imitated by the ice cubes in my drink
And the long reeds bending to the summer breeze
Swept along willingly mimicking the fragility
Of our oh so breakable skeletons
Eyelids now as heavy as the drowsy setting sun
Refracted in the prism of your blue eyes
That burning sphere leading the way
To so many new horizons
Where I am no longer lost and afraid
Honey suckle sweet embraces
And the curious fumbling of lips and fingertips
Veins pulsing and hearts pounding
Burying your secrets beneath my skin
Reverberating with a sense of beautiful vulnerability
That will forever echo in me.

In Winter...

Snowflakes drift downward slowly
Tainting the roofs and tree tops
With Jack Frost's icy caress
The world lies peacefully set amongst the stars
They are suffocating in a snow globe
Hundreds of little sugar plum fairies
All dancing to the same trinket box tune
Across the universe
A mass of little clasping fingers
And salty teardrops
Snowdrops bowing woefully before the boundless winter
In awe of their merciless mother
While towns lie solemnly
In their icing sugar graves
Lights twinkle and flames leap
We are warm and you are beautiful
As always I admire
The glowing fairy lights in your eyes
I am content in my snow globe
Untouched and unharmed by the rest of the world

Gillian Grieve F.6

What I Love

The delicate arrangement of petals in a rose
 Knowing something no-one else knows
 The Tay when it's as smooth as a mirror
 Coming first – being a winner
 Writing with a new black pen
 Visiting a familiar place again
 A sunny day with a clear blue sky
 Red hair – I don't know why
 The aroma of a fire of wood
 Tasting success – doing something

I thought I could

Lying down in fresh green grass
 Sitting watching the world pass
 Sleep, fur and fluff
 Chocolate – I can't get enough!
 Walking on snow with a crunch
 Ice cream, and sweets I can munch
 Writing on a page that's bare
 Cotton-wool clouds in the air
 Lightning, lightening up the world
 Waterfalls that can be heard
 For miles
 Raindrops hitting off roof tiles
 A flower's fragrant petal
 Shiny, silver look of metal
 Being high, up above
 All these things I love

Cardine Taylor F.2

Haiku...

Japanese Garden

Fountain splashes water
 Sounds calm throughout the silence
 Wind chimes tinkle slightly

Colette Rayner F.1



Butterfly

A beautiful butterfly
 Flies by
 As bewildered birds stare.

Kate Robson F.1



NIPPO

CALM GREEN WATER
 NIPPO SPLASHES IN
 RAGING WATER EVERYWHERE

Findlay Baxter F.1



KOALA

CUTE, CUDDLY KOALA
 SITTING IN A EUCALYPTUS TREE
 MUNCHING MUNCHING THE LEAVES

Ailsa Tweedie F.1



Tomorrow

The Moon shines brightly on the midnight sky
 All is still on the earth below
 People resting their heads, not knowing
 what awaits them

Waiting for tomorrow

When darkness falls and the city goes silent
 Lights flicker on and off
 Curtain twitchers shut their drapes
 Waiting for tomorrow

When the city is still, no one can see
 The doors into their lives are closed
 For night time is a time to rest
 Waiting for tomorrow

But still people wander the streets
 In search of some place to go
 But the city is closed, its doors are locked
 Waiting for tomorrow

We don't see the darkness of the city
 For we are too tired to care
 We fall into our beds at night
 Waiting for tomorrow

As the cardboard box shuffles
 With the boy begging for change
 We sleep soundly in our beds
 Waiting for tomorrow

But suddenly the heavens awake
 and light flashes across the sky
 The city is no longer silent
 It is full of life
 When tomorrow is today.

Taylor Wylie F.3

He

Upon the void lay a shuddering ocean
 Bound there as a lost child must wait
 Its deepwater distilled by the sewn silence
 That stitched its fall through eternity's wake
 In this prison an oath was conceived
 A thought-mass from a fallen star born
 Which as it fell into this reality
 Surveyed its misfortune with an eye of the storm
 It raged mapping emotions grim
 While upsetting the current of the restless tide
 It flexed its wings and felt the chains
 Around it flee to divorce their fright

Its grim smile unsettled the peace there
 And its callous fingers worked the plot of something unseen...

Something Terrifying

A lonely God upon the nothing
 A curse upon the deep

And so from this arrow shot into the breast
 Of time's smouldering remains, there came
 A sound resignation from train track of fate
 Its work done and its future run (like a dagger down time's drain)
 And as this last turret fell, he filled the fearful emptiness
 With blinding wings inscribed with lies and future pain
 Laughing as his creation poured forth from his loins

Like a mockingbird freed to the flame

Alastair White F.4

A Friendship

We were often a pair of socks,
 Bright, colourful,
 But full of holes.

We were often a car
 Driving along
 But with no petrol.

We were often a party,
 Lots of balloons, lots of decorations,
 But nobody came.

We were often a good book,
 Exciting, funny,
 But with the last page missing.

We were often an apple,
 Sweet, juicy
 But inside there was a worm.

We were often a fish,
 Swimming in a box,
 But there was no water.

Esther McMillan F.3

I wandered lonely as a cloud

I wandered lonely as a cloud,
Drifting through the summer days,
A sandy beach,
A sighing sea:
Warmth in so many ways;
A sapphire sky,
A blinding sun,
Circles of soaring birds,
Fresh, calm, fragrant, so alive:
This is summer in a word.

I wandered lonely as a cloud,
Breezing through the autumn days,
Bare, lean trees,
Gathering leaves,
Dull, deserted ways;
A howling wind,
A drizzling rain,
Little hours of light,
A host of colours – amber, brown,
A scarlet sunset moves to night.

I wandered lonely as a cloud,
Trudging through the winter days,
Swirling smoke,
A piercing frost,
Despair I was unable to erase;
A blanket of snow,
A curtain of mist,
A blazing fire awaiting,
Cold, miserable and dismal,
Another year is ending.

I wandered lonely as a cloud,
Meandering through the mild spring days,
A clear blue sky,
A refreshing breeze
Sifting through a scented haze;
A humming bee,
A budding flower,
An explosion of tantalising colour;
Brazen, bold and bravely bright,
The world returns to summer.

Lucy Doogan F.3

A Car and Its Owner

I saw that we went together.
Often we were cheese on toast, melted
In adoration.

Often you made my heart race.
As if I was in a formula 1 car,
I waited to reach top speed, striving to cross
the finish.

Often when I turned corners,
We were a martini,
Shaken but not stirred.

Often we were two rugby players,
With bumps and bruises
As we finished playing the game;

When we finished the game,
You were a pile of dung,
Dirty and smelly!

When I cleaned you up,
Your sleek body
Was a strawberry, fiery red waiting to burst
under the sun.



Paul Gibson F.3

Beauty

Often I am seen but never heard;
often I am a bride on her wedding day,
when it's raining.

Often I am a still and peaceful lake,
before someone comes along and drops a pebble,
shattering the stillness.

Often I am a pearl,
found only in special oysters,
but they are rarely ever found.

Often I am hidden,
waiting to be found,
like a rose between many thorns.

Often I am faked,
but truly lie underneath,
natural and radiant.

Often I blend into the crowd,
but I am sometimes discovered by people
who can see from within.

Becky Barlas F.3

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

The Prisoner

A foetid stench assailed me as I entered the cell of the condemned. The last rays of summer sunlight picked out the prison courtyard in gold, in stark contrast to the miserable darkness within. No more illumination was lent to the cell other than that of a single, wretched, flickering candle. The long arm of the law did not make a habit of providing expensive lighting arrangements for the poor, damned souls in here. As I stepped inside and pulled the heavy oaken door shut behind me, the darkness was so still and absolute that it compelled me to silence, with naught but the beating of my own heart to penetrate the deep, sombre cloak of despair and disease that hung in the air like an almost tangible mist. I swallowed, for my throat was already dry. Then a noise came suddenly – no, not suddenly, for it was merely my noticing of a noise that had always been present but so similar to one that I was used to that I had not, until now, observed it. It was a shallow, rasping breathing that had been in exact synchrony with my own.

The source of the breathing soon became apparent. It was emanating from the figure lying listlessly on the floor, his head lolling from the fever. His beard was thick and horribly matted. Everything about him spoke of a fallen grandeur, from the fashionable cut of his stained clothes, to the well-made signet ring adorning one filthy hand. But that, of course, was more or less the crux of the matter, for the victim had been the murderer's own father, slain for a share of the inheritance.

The wretched figure stirred suddenly, drawing itself up against the wall of the chamber. His eyes, encrusted all around with lack of sleep, opened wearily and looked into mine. And in those eyes I saw reflected the terrible despair of a man who has seen Hell; not a place of agony and freezing fire, but instead the cold, pitiless eyes of those who had decided that he deserved death.

"It was not me." These first words from the mouth of the condemned soul were spoken in a voice that was no more than a whispering croak, and they chilled me. For what manner of infernal fate awaited him who, even now, failed to come forward and confess all? Returning from my vow of solitude, I had felt at peace with the world, but already this was draining away.

"It was not me," he repeated, stronger this time, but still with the same harsh voice. "Those who decided my fate – they were mistaken! It was not I who was seen by those 'witnesses', those mistaken fools who have known me for years and yet still did not hesitate to send me to the gallows!" His voice, wild and raving, became even once more. In the deathly silence that followed, he gave one heaving, piteous sob. He turned a face streaked with tears of delirium towards me, and whispered, "And yet...and yet...nobody believes me. I can see that you certainly don't, Father. For who would believe me, the poor, mad, feverish fool? I don't know what I'm saying, and besides, my motive is clear for all to see."

"But do you honestly believe that I am the only one with such a motive? That I am the only benefactor of my father's death? No, of course I am not. And I know which soul, which twisted, hateful soul did this to my father – and to me! For that is all a part of his plan! How brilliant, to secure his own life and at the same time destroy mine! It is what his dream has been for years, for all the time he has nurtured his hatred. And who is this man, who would do such a thing? I will tell you. He is my own brother. More than that – my twin brother! He did this, and had no scruples about making sure that it was me who was seen. And he himself will be careful to stay clean, as he has done all his life, up to the point of becoming a priest. Yes, that is right, Father. A priest of your own order! And of course, who would suspect a thing, having seen him fleeing the scene, looking for all the world like me!"

"But my son," I protested, nervously twisting the signet ring on my finger, "if, as you say, he is one of our order, then he would not be able to look like you. For it is one of the particulars of our order that at all times we must remain clean-shaven. Not unless he could have kept out of the sight of the senior priests long enough to grow a beard such as yours could he possibly have attempted to impersonate you."

"Oh, I dare say. But that would not deter him," he growled. "He has waited to destroy me for so long that he would have thought of some way around that. For years he has wanted nothing more dearly than to see me collapse, to watch me not only die but to die in shame, with my reputation ripped apart and my friends thinking me mad, or evil, or, or..." his voice choked away, and wretchedly, with no more hope for the future, he sank once again into languid despair.

I stood up and exited into the warm Edinburgh night, leaving the poor, broken man who was so delirious that he had been incapable of recognising even his own twin brother.

Neil Dewar F.2

The Search

A candle flickered on the table in the study. The paintings stared down from the walls. The pool table sat in the middle of the room, dominating most of the space. The 8 ball was missing. Jeffrey, the butler, stood in the corner of the room, beside the door, like a soldier, straight and stiff. He was a man in his seventies, with a side parting and monocle. Another man entered, stout and bossy, slightly stupid. He was the owner of the mansion, a multi-millionaire who owned a company selling washing machines. Roger ordered Jeffrey to make tea for him and his friend. Roger's dog, Charles, plodded into the room, wet after swimming in the pool. Jeffrey muttered and left the room.

The dog looked up at Roger in a pleading manner; eye contact was made and Roger lifted Charles onto his lap and sat in a leather armchair. Roger wasn't a hotshot with the ladies nor had he many friends and so Charles was as close as he had to a real pal. He thought of all the good times they had had together, and laughed with the dog. Meanwhile, Jeffrey was preparing some carrots in the kitchen and muttering how much he hated Charles. Every time they went to the park, for instance, he always had to pick up the "doggie business" and clean Charles' paws, while Roger pranced about like a fool.

Jeffrey called them to dinner in the dining-room. Charles jumped off Roger's lap and ran to the kitchen. Jeffrey shut the door behind the dog. After the starter, and fish, "Fatty" was wondering where Charles had got to. He was puzzled and asked Jeffrey if he knew where the dog had gone. Jeffrey was hesitant and replied that Charles was in the garden. Relief swept over Roger's face. He questioned his servant about what was for the main course. Jeffrey sniggered and said that it was a surprise. Jeffrey brought the dish through from the kitchen and Roger tucked in like a hyena with a fresh carcass.

After Roger had finished his meal, he opened the back door and called for Charles. The butler was listening and stifled a laugh. Roger called again...still no answer. By this time, he was slightly worried and just a bit frightened. Roger had waited long enough and so he put on his Barbour and went looking for Charles. While he was outside, screaming blue murder for his pet, Jeffrey washed the 8 ball and replaced it on the pool table and went back to work as usual, calm, dignified.

When Roger came back in, he went straight on to his computer and started to print off "Missing Dog" posters to stick up around the village. He gave them to Jeffrey and ordered him to fix one to every lamp post; however, Jeffrey did not. He ripped up the posters and put them into a cupboard.

Meanwhile, Roger, full after his very satisfying dinner, went to sleep in his armchair and dreamt of the day he would be reunited with his beloved Charles.

Stephen Fraser F.3



Angelo Ravieli

It was a bitter October night. The wind howled through the narrow streets of Victorian London. The rain lashed down on the filthy cobbled backstreets. The moon emerged from behind a dark cloud, like a ghost haunting the inky black sky. It cast a pale, watery light across the street to reveal a man struggling onwards, wading through the ankle-deep sewage.

He was a pale man. Sickly and skinny. He walked with his head bent against the battering rain. A clap of thunder rolled across the heavens and the man peered through the gloom in front of him. At the end of the street, he thought he saw a dark shape emerge from the shadows. A bolt of lightning ripped across the sky and, for a split second, the figure was bathed in blinding light. But in that split second, he saw a man standing before him. A man so terrifying that one glance pierced his heart with cold, engulfing fear.

Without stopping to think, he turned and ran. His heart was in his throat; his breathing fast and ragged. He could hear quick footsteps approaching from behind. They were getting closer. *Don't panic.*

He was brought down by a ferocious tackle from behind. He fell forward with a cry of terror. He felt strong hands grip the back of his neck, squeezing painfully. His face was being forced into the sewage. He was choking. He couldn't breathe. Couldn't breathe...

He had become the next victim of Angelo Ravieli.

Douglas Dorward F.2

Wanted Man

This is the opening to a fantasy fiction story sequence in that fine and popular tradition! Constraints of space do not allow for more here; to read on, visit [Chattaboox Ink](#), linked to the Library website.

He sat in the corner of the room, nursing a tankard of ale; hunched over as he was, he appeared to be trying to make himself as small as possible. Despite the warmth of the room, he wore his cloak tightly around himself, his face hidden in shadow except for the occasional glint of reflected firelight from his eyes. For several hours he had sat there, barely moving and never speaking after he had asked for a drink.

The barmaid glanced over every now and again to see if he wanted any more to drink, but he never did. The first drink he had ordered was the same one he still had, scarcely touched. The bar was full enough to keep her occupied, however, without worrying about the drinking habits of a solitary brooder.

Outside the inn, the weather decided to take a turn for the worse; the light drizzle that had been falling for what seemed like days had ceased but for a moment, before returning with much greater force. The ensuing downpour soon caused a river of mud to flow down the track outside the inn. Several patrons who were about to leave decided that it would be unwise to do so and promptly ordered more drinks; after all, they had to do something to keep themselves occupied whilst waiting out the inclement weather. To keep out the elements, the door was closed and the fire built up.

The volume of noise in the bar rose as the drinkers tried to compete with the noise of the rain drumming on the roof of the inn. It was not long before the rafters echoed with the sounds of merriment and revelry but, through all, the cloaked man sat alone in the corner, unmoving...

Richard Wood F.4

The Devil of War

It is coming again.
The thunder is drawing nearer.

A rhythm that sickens the stomach, that quickens the breath,
A sound that numbs the mind and blackens the heart.
The thunder is drawing nearer, nearer.
Faces flicker in the candlelight as mothers cradle their children
their blue eyes glazed in fear.
An old man sits hunched in the filth mumbling his prayers
and clicking his rosary beads to the rhythm of the thunder as it draws nearer, nearer, nearer.

It stops.
Silence.

Outside a bird, bathed in the gold of the evening sun begins to sing its praises to the sky...

Boom!
Darkness.

Screams rip through the air as metal cuts through walls, through homes, through flesh and bone.
Sirens wail in the distance and feet pound the ground in retreat.
In that one split second lives were changed forever;
Nothing will be the same again.
And when darkness fades from this desolate land the dawn will be stained with the devil of war.

Ailsa A. Murray E.3

I WISH I WERE...



I wish I were a rhino. I would be able to charge at trees and I would run fast in the wild. I would be grey and fat and heavy.

Matthew Culross L1



I wish I were a mouse. I would eat all the cheese and I would go through all the cracks and I would run fast.

Sandy Richardson L1



I wish I were a dog. I would bark for my bone and go for a walk. I would chase a cat up a tree.

Heather Goodfellow L1



I wish I were a horse. I would be able to jump over fences and people could ride on my back.

Nicholas Evans L1

The Snowman

I made a snowman. I called my snowman Tom. I gave him a carrot for a nose then I put a hat on the top. At night Tom came to life and he walked into the house and he ate all my cornflakes.

The next morning I woke up to get my breakfast and I found a puddle beside my box of cornflakes.



Drawing by Angus Gray L1

Linsey Paterson L1

Creative Writing...

Slowly, softly swirling to the ground,
Never ending, round and round,
Over the hills and everywhere,
Winter has come now here and there.
Floating like feathers to the ground
Like a lovely soft cloud,
As I watch from my window,
Keeeping warm,
Every drop of white
Shimmers like frost.

Elizabeth Ellis

Senses of Winter

In winter I can see
The snow-capped hills with the sun peeping out
between them shining on the twinkling snow
The icicles dripping off my bedroom window like candle wax melting.
The snowman I made in the garden
like a guard outside Buckingham palace.

In winter I can hear
The gritter coming along my street and the grit hitting off my dustbin.
The carollers that sing in my village and their singing is beautiful.
The geese going south for winter.

In winter I can feel
The soft powdery snow as I throw snowballs at my sister.
The snow biting my toes as I go for a walk in my green Wellingtons.
The warmth from my fireplace.

In winter I can smell
The Christmas turkey in the oven with its homemade sauce.
The cold fresh air when I walk to school.
The scents of the three candles that are in my bedroom.

In winter I can taste
Our creamy coffee with milk.
The delicious Christmas pudding that my mum made.
The Christmas chocolate that I got from my gran.

Jenny Allan L4

STORMY WEATHER

See the floods on the fields and hear the howling
wind. When I go outside I can feel leaves
falling. The puddles splash up on the cars. On the
way to school today, we saw slates
falling...

Kirsty Gray L3

Today I can see leaves stuck to the window and
the puddles rising in the rain. I can hear the cars
splashing and I can feel the rain against my coat.
I can see people with umbrellas...

Cameron Pringle L3

RECIPES FOR SPRING

Ingredients

17 white snowdrops like a pretty
white carpet
9 bouncy rabbits on bouncy springs
20 daffodils with noisy trumpets

Instructions

Mix the flowers
Heat in the sun
Sprinkle with rain

Sarah Emalie-Smith L2

Ingredients

20 tulips standing and swaying from
side to side
3 daffodils speaking, playing a tune
to the wind
30 little snowdrops looking like bells

Instructions

Mix the tulips with the daffodils
Heat the snowdrops with the wind
Sprinkle the tune into the bells.

Guy Doogan L2

Freezing fingers coming from the sky,
Reaching down
Over every house.
Slippy ground
Torturing frost. Winter is here

Paul Adamson L3

Senses of Winter

In winter I can see
A snow-capped mountain in the distance.
Icicles hanging from the roof and gutters.
White, powdery snow falling to the ground.

In winter I can hear
Cars skidding on the icy road like a big shattered mirror.
Children having fun sledging down the hill.
People crunching in the deep, crispy snow.

In winter I can feel
Unique snowflakes tingling my nose.
The cold, icy wind nipping at my ankles.
The warm blazing fire in the fire place.

In winter I can smell
Lovely roast turkey surrounded by gravy.
The shining roast potatoes mixed with eggs.
The juicy sausages frying in the pan.

In winter I can taste
The hot chocolate, with cream, marsh-mallows
and chocolates sprinkles, made by my mum.
The delicious salmon mouse on mini toast.
The lovely juicy bacon sizzling in the oven.

Duncan Strachan L4



Mars

Mars red
Mars red volcanic
Mars red volcanic rocky
Mars red volcanic rocky fiery

Ben Milne L5

Pam the Pirate Captain was the most bloodthirsty, mean, smelly and vicious captain ever to sail in the Caribbean.

In 1772 Pam saw an island. It was the exact same picture on the map. "Treasure is on that island!" said she excitedly.

Roaring with pleasure the captain said, "Lift up the anchor and head towards the island." When they reached the island they clambered aboard.

After they had explored a bit they found the treasure. The chest was laden with gold, silver, sapphires, rubies, emeralds and pearls.

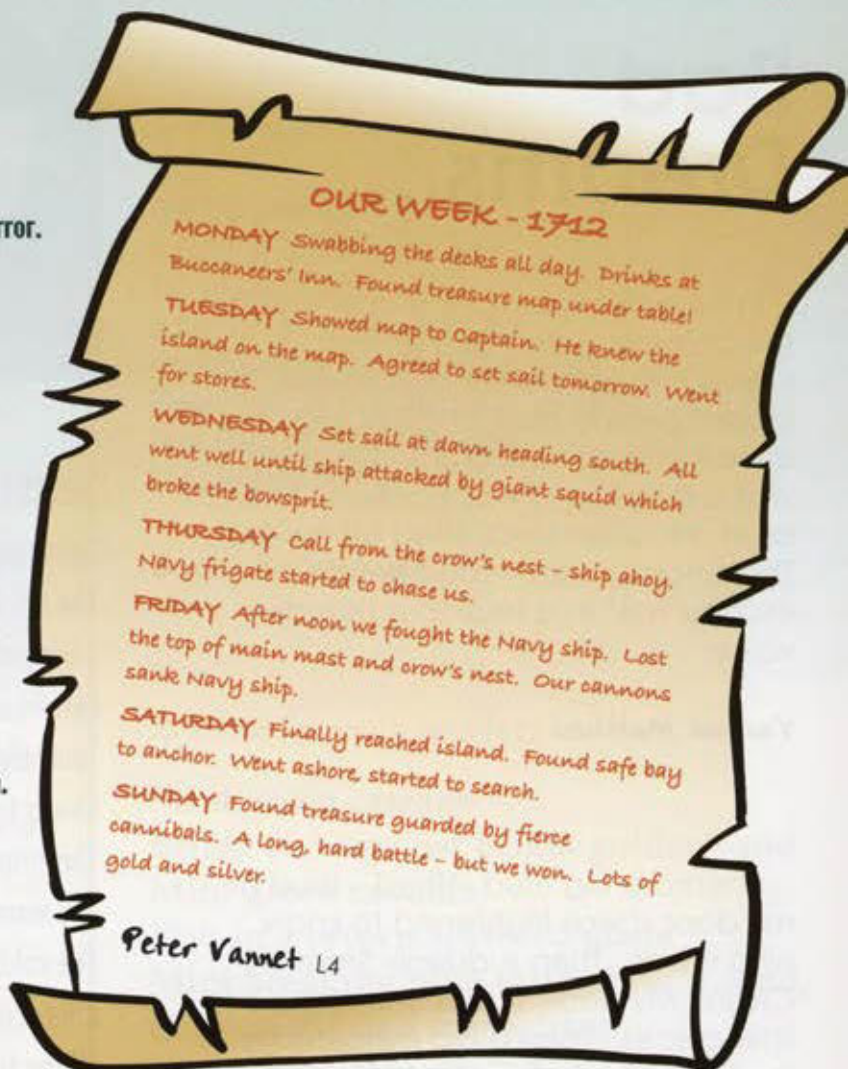
They took the treasure chest back to the boat. The captain decided to share the gold.

Everyone got one ruby each. The crew decided this was not such a good idea.

So they chunked the captain overboard. They then shared it equally and had a great life!

Joanna Tait L4

Creative Writing



OUR WEEK - 1712

MONDAY Swabbing the decks all day. Drinks at Buccaneers' Inn. Found treasure map under table!

TUESDAY Showed map to Captain. He knew the island on the map. Agreed to set sail tomorrow. Went for stores.

WEDNESDAY Set sail at dawn heading south. All went well until ship attacked by giant squid which broke the bowsprit.

THURSDAY Call from the crow's nest - ship ahoy. Navy frigate started to chase us.

FRIDAY After noon we fought the Navy ship. Lost the top of main mast and crow's nest. Our cannons sank Navy ship.

SATURDAY Finally reached island. Found safe bay to anchor. Went ashore, started to search.

SUNDAY Found treasure guarded by fierce cannibals. A long, hard battle - but we won. Lots of gold and silver.

Peter Vannet L4

Stars

Stars Shine
Stars shine brightly
Beautiful stars shine brightly
Beautiful stars shine brightly twinkling

Lindsay Bradley L5

Bad Dreams...

...I saw a strange giant shape walking towards me. I decided to start running. It got nearer and nearer. I looked behind me but still couldn't quite make out the giant. I realised it was a dinosaur. I was horrified. Then all of a sudden I was lifted off my feet. The dinosaur said, "You cannot escape me" in a ferocious thundery voice...

Vanessa Matthew L3

...I heard a big thud – thud – thud at my door. I was frightened to know who it was. Then suddenly Smash! Crash! My door. It was crunching into little pieces. Then a big rhino came in. It smashed all my toys. Help!...

Kirsty Stout L3

During a cold winter's night I heard a strange growling noise. Slowly the door started to creak open. The lights were getting dimmer and dimmer and the growling was getting louder and louder. I went to see what it was. Then a cold breeze went round the room as if a window was open but all the windows were shut...

Cameron Pringle L3



Lauren Short L1s

Senses of School

Bells ringing like alarm clocks,
The noise of children running about and shouting like
a herd of elephants!
Pencils scribbling across the page like mice scratching,
Touching the cool hard tables like sheets of ice.
Clocks ticking while everyone is working, quiet as mice.
The strange scent of fresh paint on the walls,
The warm smell of school dinners drifting to you nose,
The cold, hard railings as black as coal,
A flash of bright red colour when a bus passes,
All the time, the huge stone pillars standing like
soldiers in line.

Katie Main L7

...I Have a Dream

I have a dream
That terrorists will make a point
peacefully,
Talk to other countries,
Shout but not shoot,
Consider others' point of view.

I have a dream
That countries will help each other,
Feed and water one another,
Gives homes to the homeless,
Stop destroying each other.

Tom Kellogg L7

I have a dream
That terrorists will learn war is no
answer,
Agree that peace is the solution,
Make the world a safer place,
Compromise with each other.

I have a dream
That children can go wherever they
want,
Play in parks on their own,
Walk around without an adult,
Be safe.

Laura Sim L7

SPECIAL PLACES

A special place to me is one of my fields. This is at my farm. It is so quiet and calm. The grass is so green and long it's like no one in my family wants to go out there. Sometimes I share it with cows because in summer they go in there too! I can just imagine being there now with blue skies and the sun. Just me and the cows or sheep. I also have a tree house in the highest tree. The tree is quite old but it is very strong and safe. You get the best view of my farm from the trees. It's beautiful.

When I am there I like to swing in the tree which I call old oak. I also like to train hard for competition which you have to run for 1000 metres, swim for 3 minutes and shoot 2 hands 7 metres back. It's a very hard thing to train for. I remember I had a field day there. It was a big event for young farmers in Carse of Gowrie. There was a big pool and you had to find marshmallows in it. The water was dirty and it had bran flakes and carrots in it. I'm glad I didn't have to go in there but my sister Claire did.

The field is special to me because I have a lot of memories there. I don't think I would ever want to leave home like my sisters. I would be frightened that I would forget all the great things that I've done there.

Rosie Morgan L5

A place that is special to me is my Mum's office in a little corner at the far side behind the banister. It is in my house, upstairs at the very back. It is beside an old bookshelf with good books in it. I sometimes sneak some of my own books in there too. She never notices.

I do lots of things in my little corner. I listen to the radio on my headphones. I read books, I daydream and last of all I design things like my mum's old gift shop stock. A lot of her stock is quite plain so I sew lots of different fabrics on as long as it is not on wood.

My mum's office is special to me because I normally get peace and quiet. My parents don't mind and my cat loves company. Sometimes I get really worried because Harriet my cat pokes her head through the banister. One time it got stuck but it was on the other banister so I did not get the blame.

Hanna Henderson L5

...Creative Writing

...Rondelets

A Flash of Colour

The rainbow fish
A flash of colour in the dark
The rainbow fish
Away too far to be on my dish
How it hurries from the silver shark
How it hurries from the silver shark
That flash of lilac in the dark
The rainbow fish

Sophie Kochanowska L7

A Mint Green Cascade

Mint green cascade
Bright fish against bright golden sand
Mint green cascade
Fish in a brown seaweed glade
Mint breaking blue water, bright sand,
Only to die in a man's hand,
Mint green cascade.

Sarah Acheson L7

The Salmon

The salmon swam,
Through the clear bubbling river
The salmon swam,
Shining brightly, swiftly and calm.
I watched his pink belly quiver,
His silvery tail shiver as
The salmon swam.

Rob Madden L7



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Our Year as Heads of School

Being called up to the Rector's office is never usually an event to look forward to...on one occasion, however, we were pleasantly surprised. A mere ten minutes after a scolding from Mrs McDonald for playing truant, the shock was exaggerated. We were shocked and excited when Mr Duncan offered us the positions of Head Girl and Head Boy. Of course we had to spend the obligatory time "thinking about it", but we had already made our decision: we would be honoured to accept.

The braid seemed to suit us quite well, but didn't seem to overawe potential assembly readers, who foiled our devious plan to make them of some use, with a variety of colourful excuses. Nonetheless, we extend our thanks to the House Captains, Deputies and Prefects who were always ready to leap to our assistance.

Hours of slow marching practice paid off as we managed to ascend the pillar steps without mishap at the Armistice Parade. Our warm thanks go to Mr Holmes, who was extremely patient with our lack of experience in marching. Eventually, he completed the difficult task of teaching us to walk slowly in a straight line, in time, up steps, holding a wreath, without tripping up. After the service, we were fortunate to be introduced to a number of celebrities, including the Lord Provost and David Sneddon.



Sadly, we could not attend the Christmas Ball, owing to Oxford interviews, but we made up for lost dancing at Junior School functions. We are still not entirely sure of what a "Kirk of the Guildry" is, but we were honoured and privileged to be invited to attend, and are grateful to the members. We also thoroughly enjoyed lunch with the Right Reverend Dr Finlay Macdonald, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Just as we were getting used to reading at various services, regular photo-calls, and perfecting the art of persuasion, we have to leave. We especially thank Catriona and Stewart who helped make the year so enjoyable and special. In addition, we are grateful to Mr Duncan, the Rector, who listened to us so patiently and encouraged us throughout the year, as did Mr Allison, Mrs McDonald, Mr Leckie and all other members of staff. Congratulations to the appointments for next session. It may be hard work, but being "heads" is ultimately a most rewarding experience.

Rebecca White Head Girl

Patrick Pitcaithly Head Boy

A Unique Graduation

In the debut of a unique initiative between the High School and the University of Dundee to improve the transition between Form 6 and Higher Education, seven senior pupils completed first level degree modules at the University alongside their Advanced Highers taken in school. University Principal Sir Alan Langlands personally presented them with their 'graduation' certificates at the High School's annual Prize Giving ceremony in the Caird Hall on 26th May.

The programme, titled the Associate Student Advanced Entry Initiative, saw the pupils receiving lectures, tutorials, and practicals with University First Year students in Philosophy, Politics, Psychology, and Engineering. All pupils who successfully completed the programme are offered the opportunity to go straight into the Second Year of a University of Dundee course in either the Arts and Social Sciences, or Engineering and Physical Sciences faculties.

Jack Ballantyne, who studied Philosophy, said, "I greatly enjoyed the module in Philosophy which undoubtedly helped to broaden my academic experience. Delivering an individual presentation to a wide range of students in seminars was a most valuable experience." Derek Wong, who studied Engineering, said, "I had a fantastic time working with other students on the practical project of building a buggy which was both good fun and academically rewarding."

Mr David Holmes, Assistant Rector, commented that the pupils were unanimous in their praise for the high standard of teaching and lectures at the University and were able to make use of the excellent Library facilities after the completion of their degree modules. "This has been a most rewarding experience for all," he said, "and we look forward to continuing and extending our links with the University of Dundee."

...Form 6 & House News

The Brolly Dollies!

Managing Director - Elaine Balfour

Operations Director - Faye Borland

Sales Director - Jane Murdie



Company Strategy:-

Choose Umbrella size

Design Umbrella and Find Supplier

Design & Distribute adverting posters

Dispatch others to other local outlets including the Tourist Information Board

Advertise in local press

Company Aims:-

To sell "The Dundee Umbrella"
and donate all the profits to
Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre
at Ninewells

Company's Most Memorable Experiences:-

Dundee Rotary Club Lunch • Meeting Lord Provost John Letford • Ninewells Stand

• School Events - Christmas Car Parking • Wellgate Trade Fair

• 2nd prize Royal Bank of Scotland Awards

Liquidating YES Company:-

End of 9 month "YES Business Year" = Liquidation

Experienced business and learnt essential skills

Confident to participate in events at university

Have greater business knowledge *but* have lots to learn

Thoroughly recommend future 6th year to take part!

Concluding -

200 Sales = Maggie's Centre Donation = £1000

• A Young Enterprise Scotland Company •

The House Championship

This session's House Championship looked as though Lindores were going to run away with it; however, late on, as results came in, the Championship was wide open. Finally, it was won by a late charge from Wallace in the debating.

Wallace took first place in Boys' hockey, Junior rugby, and Senior netball. Wallace were also clear winners in the Junior School in which they beat second place Lindores by twenty-two points. Throughout the session, Wallace pupils have been very strong in individual events which gave them an overall first place in this house event.

Lindores were narrowly beaten by Wallace after leading the Championship for most of the session. Lindores girls performed exceptionally, taking the honours in the Senior hockey, Junior hockey, and Intermediate netball. The boys had some joy in sport, taking the top spot in the house cricket matches. Lindores also took first place in the swimming gala.

Aystree were often the bridesmaids this year, coming in second in many events; however, they did have success in the Senior and Junior rugby, and in the music competitions.

Airlie girls can be congratulated as they took 1st place in both the Senior and Junior tennis competitions. As the session came to a close, Airlie gave themselves some final hope by winning the Annual Sports in a dramatic fashion. With only four points separating Airlie and Lindores before the two final events, Senior boys and girls four by one hundred metres relay, it was all to play for. Airlie went on to take both honours which gave them something to cheer about at the end of the year, but put a stop to Lindores winning the overall House Championship.

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 due to those members of staff who give up their time to organise and run House events.

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



Final results for the session were:

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| 1. Wallace: | 684 |
| 2. Lindores: | 642 |
| 3. Aystree: | 620 |
| 4. Airlie: | 614 |

Mr C M S Rodger

Airlie House Report

After a narrow defeat by Aystree last year, Airlie was determined to put up a strong fight for the Inter-House Championship in 2002/3!

The first half of the year proved to be not as successful as we had hoped... Despite the efforts and enthusiasm of our teams, we were pipped to the post, more often than not by Lindores – however, in the girls senior and junior hockey, it was only by goal difference. Unfortunately, our senior boys' rugby team came last, but the intermediate and junior teams compensated for this when they achieved second places.

Although our hopes remained high with the coming of the next term, we failed to pick up as many points as we would have liked in recent events, including the junior and senior galas. Once again, Airlie gave outstanding performances in the Public Speaking Competition, with James Moir and Katherine Matthew gaining second place.

The summer term saw the win we needed in the senior girls house tennis and the junior girls did well, too, to earn second place. We rounded off the year with a successful Sports Day, repeating last year's win! Well done to everyone who took part!

Looking back on the session, our achievements came too late, but everyone enjoyed himself and we are sure the same level of enthusiasm will be there next year. A special "thank you" must go to Mr Spowart and Mrs Hutchison, as well as Mrs Finnie, for all their support. Sincere thanks must go to everyone who took part in the events, and we wish Julia, Greig, Nicole and James the best of luck for next year.



Anneka Walker
Captain
Claire Boyle
Vice-Captain

“Oxbridge” Offers

The following pupils from F6 have been offered places at Oxford or Cambridge:

Jack Ballantyne — Mertoun College, Oxford, studying English

Gavin Illsley — University College, Oxford, studying Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Patrick Pitcaithly — Worcester College, Oxford, studying Modern History

James Strachan — Trinity College, Cambridge, studying Engineering

Rebecca White — University College, Oxford, studying Classical Archaeology and Ancient History

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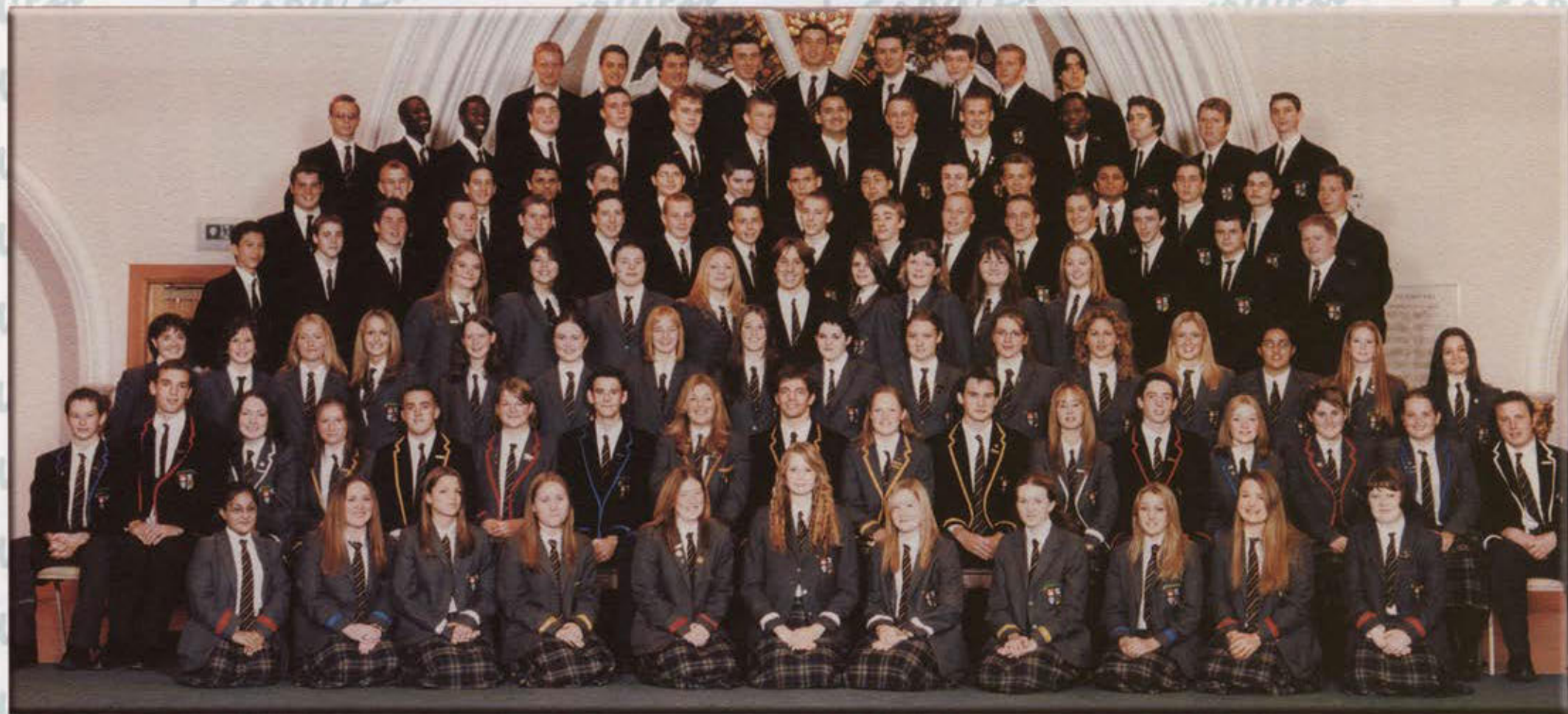
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Farewell to Form 6...



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CEI Business Studies Department

Ten aspiring young entrepreneurs from the department learned the tricks of the trade from some of Scotland's biggest business chiefs at a gala evening to mark the 25th anniversary of Young Enterprise Scotland at Stirling castle.



The S6 pupils were among 150 young business achievers from across Scotland invited to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Young Enterprise Scotland. Included in the delegation were Jane Murdie, Ian Nimmo, Robert Gray, Laura MacLean, Tom Brian, Asta Crombie, Emma Stewart, Douglas Campbell, Elizabeth Tainsh, and Cameron Tyler.

Pupils enjoyed a wonderful dinner held in the banqueting hall, and after dinner speakers included Sir Tom Farmer. Young Enterprise succeeded in their aim: our pupils were inspired by real life highly successful Scottish Entrepreneurs, and were educated by representatives of the major British banks in the art of securing finance for potential business ventures. This was the classroom brought to life by inspiring practitioners and professionals.



It is a vital part of Business education to visit as many organisations as is possible throughout the busy session. This we do to enhance the learning process, to experience the world of business as it happens and to network ideas and personalities which may prove useful in the future.

A group of sixth year Business pupils were invited to Pizza Express, to discover how a business creates a profitable niche within an already crowded market place. In other words: how does Pizza Express make their dough?



We visited Pizza Hut to discover how the structure and workings of this organisation, created such a popular business but the pizzas they were invited to make were probably the best part of the lesson that day. The three big cheeses you can see enjoying a slice of the action are Douglas Friedberg, Philip Colaco, and Alix Fowler.

Mr McCulloch accompanied a team of advanced higher Economists to Edinburgh as part of the Target 2.5 challenge organised by the Bank of England. The team consisted of Gavin Illsley, Jamie Potton and Asti Crombie, Kader Chowdhury. This was the first time the School has entered this national competition which involves a complex and thorough knowledge of the running of the economy. The team were Scottish runners up in this highly prestigious competition. Well done and we are going to win next year!!

This is the second year of the School's participation in the Student Investor Programme run by Proshare. The

StockCubes were quarter finalists of the 2003 national Portfolio Challenge. The team managed a portfolio of £100,000 and managed to make money!!! See Douglas Friedberg, Iain Scott and Stuart Leckie for any Share dealings (a commission will be charged). Our three bears were highly successful in the bull market.

The Accountancy firm of Reeves and Neylan have nominated the High School for their Scottish Schools Business Project, and we will be delighted to use these resources for Form 4 Economics and Form 5 Intermediate 2 Business Management in late June.

An ongoing project taking place in class on Friday mornings was the 'coffee club'. Intermediate 2 Business Management pupils were invited to form separate 'companies' to organise and sell coffee and cake within class. This was a very popular event with rivalries quickly growing between 'Morning Glory', 'Star Mugs', 'Thugs with Mugs' and 'Pacos'. Techniques of marketing, financial record keeping, control and management of stock and working as a team were key factors to this enterprise. A total of £109 was donated to Tayside Children with Cancer and Leukemia for their children's garden project, a charity that the class was determined to support.

Our visit to Ikea to learn about their unique management and marketing concepts was fulfilling in two quite separate areas. Firstly, the pupils were



encouraged to see the world through Swedish eyes. This is of direct relevance to our pupils who will be engaging in business in Scotland as the Swedish business model shows how a small, northern, peripheral country can engage in global activity.

Secondly, the pupils and staff were allowed as much time as they wanted in the subsidised restaurant where the Swedish meatballs and cinnamon pastries come with the highest possible recommendation of the staff of the Business Studies Department.

*Mr S McCulloch
Miss A Laing*



□ □ □ Ground Force □ □ □

Airlie fifth years made their way to Sunnyside Hospital to help in the rehabilitation garden. It was a very fulfilling experience, and boys and girls alike helped, both with the heavy work and the lighter jobs. Tasks varied from re-potting Lady's Mantle to shovelling dirt. The pupils also did a fantastic job painting shelves and greenhouse boxes, as well as doing a copious amount of weeding! Lunch was enjoyed on the extensive lawns in front of Sunnyside House and then it was back to work under the heat of the sun. Everyone did a great job of restoring and clearing the flower beds, and it was good to chat to some of the patients while they worked, too. As we left that afternoon, we all felt a great sense of achievement as we saw what a difference we had made and thought of the people we had, perhaps, helped.

Julia Black F5

"Insights" - an eye-opener

To my amazement, the main aim of "Insights" was not to alter your study technique, although the programme did provide some pointers for revising more effectively, depending on your personality. Instead, "Insights" attempted to identify and categorise the four different types of personality possessed by people. For me, this was the most interesting part of the day.

The four different types of personality identified by Swiss psychologist, Carl Jung, are each given a different colour under the "Insights" scheme. Fiery "reds" are fiercely competitive and continually strive to be the best, while the sunshine "yellows" are far more concerned with socialising and are at their best working as part of a team. The earth "greens" believe strongly in the importance of friendship and are extremely sensitive to the emotions of others. Finally, the cool "blues" are typically distant, objective, fastidious and like to know all the facts before eventually reaching a decision.

The "Insights" computer programme, working from a twenty-five frame questionnaire, provided a remarkable resemblance, although it is not a hundred per cent accurate as there were a few key discrepancies in my profile.

On the whole, it certainly makes interesting reading to learn how other people perceive you. The sections on "communication" and "management" are important for parents, as they provide advice for coping with awkward teenagers and the document gives guidance for personal development, essential to overcome weaknesses. The "Insights" course provided a fascinating and fun insight into the nature of human behaviour.

Janie Yue F5

"Insights" Discovery

On Monday 23rd June, the first day of our Induction Week, all the soon-to-be sixth years took part in an "Insights" Discovery day. None of us knew what to expect but, having experienced it, I can now say that I found the day not only very interesting and informative but also great fun. The presenters were funny and had plenty of great ideas, and they held our interest with a variety of games and activities which all fed into the theme of identifying each person's dominant colour and the additional ones in your personality make-up. Each colour (red, blue, yellow and green) represents a group of people with shared characteristics. I, for example, am a "cool blue" which means that I set high standards, like things done properly and have a tendency to process information mentally.

At the end of the day, we were all presented with a personal profile which identified each person's dominant colour, and it was very accurate for the majority. I at least found it strange and slightly unnerving to be reading a file composed from only a few multiple choice questions that resembled me so closely! This one day course gives people the opportunity of insight into not only themselves but also others, and helps them to interact with others. I recommend it to future years.

Laura Geddes F5

□ Glen Clova

On arrival at our destination, we were unaware of what to expect; any hopes, however, of a day of relaxation in the sunshine were dashed when we were handed shovels and saws and immediately set to work. Some team effort ensured that we finished our tree-felling and path drainage building in time for lunch which we enjoyed in the sunshine at the bottom of the Glen, surrounded by beautiful scenery. All sandwiches devoured, it was time to go back to work – this time we were helping to clear some felled trees from one area of the forest, and everyone pitched in to carry as many as possible out of the way, while others helped the ranger to put up some new fences in the same area. At the end of the day, despite a plentiful supply of midge bites, it was great to discover that we could all work together so well, and the scenery of the Angus glens certainly helped to increase the day's enjoyment.

Lauren McHoul F5

□ Stracathro

We set off bright and early, eager to fill the wellies of Alan Titchmarsh and Charlie Dimmock! We arrived at Stracathro Hospital at about 9.30 to meet the resident cats, Biscuitpants and Misty. We were given a tour of the garden and then allocated jobs such as painting and weeding. Meanwhile, Mr Toley violently ripped down the inside of a greenhouse and Mr Rennet sat improving his tan!

By lunchtime, everyone was high on paint fumes, covered in nettle stings and aching all over. We sat down to a packed lunch while Rory and Robert rolled around in manure. Then came the battle of the sexes in a ferocious game of rounders on the lawn, the girls emerging as winners, of course!

Then, back to work. The afternoon activities consisted of painting a shed and each other. After a big clean-up, we got back on the bus heading home. Everyone enjoyed the experience and felt fulfilled after the day of voluntary service.

Louise Anderson F5
Jenny Arnot F5

Wallace and Lindores at Burn House

A new experience for the F6 Induction Week programme was the overnight trip to Burn House, Edzell, for teambuilding activities. We were warmly received on our arrival and, after a brief introduction to the staff, we were shown to our comfortable rooms. Following this, everyone was divided into four teams, each with the mission to save the beautiful Princess Gertie, imprisoned in the land of Tuckytuckypowwow! To succeed in this quest, the teams were required to complete a series of tasks, set by various characters that had escaped from their classrooms, including the dreaded Viking Helga, and Swampy McSporran. (Better known to their pupils as Mrs Williams and Mr McAdam.) For each task we received points for teamwork and leadership, enabling us to gain an advantage in the final stand to save Gertie. The four tasks included: crossing burns with only the aid of a lilo, rope, and wooden post; jumping electrified fences using a barrel and plank; tree hugging; and four man skis. Despite the torrential rain earlier in the day, everybody had a great time and was anxious to continue the quest.

After a hearty meal, the teams were given a puzzle to solve and then given the chance to enjoy the range of leisure activities provided by Burn House, such as croquet, football, tennis, putting, and a games room with table-tennis and snooker.

We awoke on the second day to a cooked breakfast and another round of activities, this time including: sheep herding (where blindfolded team members were guided around an enclosure by the selected leader); an obstacle course; travelling along a path using three barrels and two planks (not as easy as it sounds!) and of course getting completely soaked! Whilst Mr. Duncan and Mr. Allison both visited us on the Wednesday morning, we were disappointed they chose not to take part in the activities! The objective was still to free the Princess Gertie from her captors. The four teams went head to head in a battle for the best. Having come out in prime position over the two days of tasks, team four (Nick Morgan, Colin Muir, Jennifer Guy, Iona McFarlane, Calum McNicol, Kirsty Farnan) gained a head start and finally won the prestigious prizes on offer, which were presented later by the Rector.

This signalled the end of what had been a greatly enjoyable stay at Burn House and one which should definitely be repeated for future years! It was a fantastic experience allowing us to strengthen friendships prior to starting our all important sixth year.

Lynsey Kennedy F5
Calum McNicol F5

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• CURLING •

Alan Dargie Curling Trophy

Five pupils from the High School of Dundee competed in a curling match at Forfar Ice Rink against five other teams on Saturday, 29th March 2003. Lewis McNicol (skip), Grant Robertson, both of F3, and Lewis Foggie, Nicol Foggie and Gordon Russell of L6 played against former pupils' team Andrew Ferguson, Andrew Connolly, Ewan Pate, John Brown and two teams from each of Auchterarder and Lundie & Auchterhouse Curling Clubs. Despite most of the pupils only having taken up curling last year, the youngsters competed with skill and determination to come fourth against the other teams consisting entirely of experienced adult curlers.

Curling was reintroduced to pupils of the High School this season, with some sixteen F3 pupils attending coaching on Monday afternoons at the Dundee Ice Arena. Although the curling season is now drawing to a close, it is hoped that this year's success will be built upon for next year.



*Back: Lewis McNicol (skip) Grant Robertson
Mid: Nicol Foggie
Front: Gordon Russell Lewis Foggie*



*Back: Andrew Ferguson, Ewan Pate, Andrew Connolly, John Brown
Mid: Lewis McNicol, Grant Robertson
Front: Gordon Russell, Nicol Foggie, Lewis Foggie*

The Alan Dargie Curling Trophy is a new competition for a trophy, donated by Alan Dargie's family in memory of Alan who died last year at the untimely age of twenty-eight. Alan, a former pupil of the School, was a very keen curler and enjoyed the sport with Auchterarder, Lundie & Auchterhouse and Aberdeen University Curling Clubs. He first started curling while still at the High School and it is fitting that other youngsters from the School were able to compete so well against some of Alan's former curling companions. The pupils look forward to doing even better next year with some more practice to their credit.

We entered four teams in the British Heart Foundation Junior Competition local heat at Kinross on the 29th April. In blustery conditions on the Blue course, the 1st team played well and finished 2nd. Unfortunately, under new rules only the first team goes through to the Regional final. Thank you to all pupils, parents and friends who contributed money to the sponsorship for the Foundation.

In the Dundee and Angus Secondary Schools Championship played at Brechin on the 1st May, the team of Graeme Black and Neil Bryden, both F4, won the handicap section and Graeme had the best individual score. In the scratch competition David Arbuckle came 2nd as an individual.

The girls continue to avoid golf and no competitions were held.



The British Heart Foundation Competition Boys Teams



Dundee & Angus Schools Handicap Section
Graeme Black F4 (l) & Neil Bryden F4 (r)

Congratulations to Sandy Farmer F5 on winning the Pirie Handicap Cup match play competition. The Boase Medal scratch competition was played on the 12th June a day with heavy downpours in the morning and strong winds in the afternoon at Panmure with consequent high scoring. Martin Lawrie F4 just beat Neil Dryden with the better inward score to win the medal. Congratulations also to Martin on being appointed Junior Convener at Letham Grange.

Mr D Richterich

• CRICKET •

This year, the 1st XI was disappointed to learn of some cut fixtures, leaving only five matches. The weather also played its part and in the end only two fixtures against other schools were played. Robert Gordon's College and Kelvinside Academy were the opponents.

Robert Gordon's was our first match and, having had no practice, it is no surprise that the Team failed to overcome the Aberdonian side. We did, however, play some remarkably good cricket during some parts of the match, and mention must be made of Stuart Bruce who gave a fine batting performance. The match against Kelvinside was of the same ilk. Having bowled exceptionally well, Graeme Black nearly securing a hat trick, we failed to perform in our batting. These two losses were a disappointment. The Team, however, bounced back. We managed to obtain a draw against the Forties Club, a result which is the best in years against this side.

Although not our best season, it was very much enjoyed. In other cricket, the House matches went extremely well, and the single wicket competition was a success. School cricket looks secure as new faces enter the scene. Graeme Black, Richard Vernon and Donald Paterson all proved themselves as fine cricketers in their first year of senior cricket; although veterans such as Stuart Bruce and Gavin Crosby will be greatly missed. Many thanks must go to Mr Spowart for his help and support and to Mr Gallagher for his expert coaching. The Team looks forward to a successful season next year.

Gavin Crosby Captain



Boys Cross Country Team

Back Row: Robert Mitchell, Mark Clayson
Front Row: Alex Orr, Scott Campbell,
Colin Anderson.

The past season saw the athletes raise the profile of cross country to new heights. Beginning with the Scottish Schools Relay Championships in November and ending with the Dundee schools championships in March, we achieved both individual and team success in all events entered.

Highlights of the year began with a magnificent third place at the above relay championships by the first year girls team of Eilish McColgan, Zoe Galloway and Rosie Ogden. Rosie set the tone for the season's attitude by bravely holding on to 3rd place

under the severest of pressure from athletes behind her – fear of failure is a marvellous incentive!

Individual successes abounded at the St Aloysius cross country event, with first places for Eilish, Colin Anderson (S2) and Laura Brown (S4), and second places for Scott Clayson (S1) and Zoe Galloway.

Perhaps the most interesting

of races we compete in are the St Aloysius relays which are for teams of six, with one runner from each school year. Our best place to date was a 4th, many moons ago; however, this year we went one better and the girls team achieved a 3rd place in a top quality field. It was made all the sweeter after Eilish had come in first in leg 1 and a teacher from another school made the rather injudicious comment to me that she was our only good runner and we would quickly disappear down the field. I said nothing and let Zoe, Rosie, Megan Hunter (S3), Marie Cunningham (S3) and Laura Brown (S4) answer on my behalf. Their determination to hold onto a medal was an inspiration to behold. Considering we had no 5th or 6th years in the team we can look forward to next year's event with some confidence.

An added bonus was fastest stage times for Eilish and Colin Anderson in the boys race.

Capitalising on our strength in Form 1, we entered the Fettes cross country relays and added Catriona Wilson and Shona Watson to the team of five first year girls which duly won first place, though next year it would probably be best not to trample through the Rector's garden!

Inspired by the girls' successes we saw the emergence



F1 Boys enjoying training camp at The Burn, Edzell

of a contingent of first year boys; spearheaded by the ever present Michael Houstoun, they have coped manfully with being regularly trounced by the girls – next year, boys!

The highlights of the National Championships in Irvine were a 4th place for Eilish McColgan and a 6th place for Laura Brown. Laura's 6th place earned her a call up to run for Scotland in an international event in Dublin – well done, indeed.

Our final event was the Dundee School's Championships in which we performed with some distinction with no fewer than three first places (Eilish, Laura and Colin). Indeed, in the first year girls race we occupied five of the first six places! There were also excellent runs from Fiona Ashford (S2), Scott Clayson (S1), and Alex Orr (S2).

As a reward and culmination to the season, we went to the Burn House near Edzell for two days of training and activities in the Summer term...a splendid time was had by all. Special thanks to Mrs Brown for helping me with this (and for her help at the many other events she has attended) and to Mrs Vannet and Mrs McDonald, too.

It has been a real pleasure to watch you all competing this year; the success is nice but the best part is watching everyone giving so much at their own levels and surprising themselves as to what they can achieve; well done!

(Photo shows Laura Brown and Fiona Ashford relaxing after training at the Burn)



Fiona Ashford F2 (l) & Laura Brown F4 (r)

Mr G Rennet

Scottish Schools Swimming Championships 2003

SPORTS

Dundee Schools Athletics Competition



The record-breaking relay team – and coach!

L to R: Josh Rowley L7, Greig Wilkinson F1, Mr Beckett, Scott Clayson F1, Cameron Harrison L7

In June this year, teams from the High School of Dundee won four out of the four girls age groups, and three out of four of the boys, coming second in the one we didn't win – an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to all the teams!

Claire Barclay F1 won the Sprints Trophy, winning the 100m and 200m in her age group. Elish McColgan F1 won the Middle Distance Trophy (800m), setting a new record in her age group. Elish also won the Jumps Trophy and set a new record in the high jump.

Mrs J Hutchison

After qualifying at the regional Championships in Dundee in November 2002, a total of twelve swimmers from the High School of Dundee travelled through to Tollcross in Glasgow at the end of January 2003 to compete in the Speedo Scottish Schools Championships. Admirable performances were made by the U13s Girls Relay team of Jennifer Lothian, Kathryn McIntosh, Rona Leese and Claire Stirling, and Mark Clayson and Judith Kilgallon competed strongly in their chosen individual events.

Josh Rowley claimed the silver medal in the U13s 50m Boys Breast Stroke, and Gold medal victory came to Greig Wilkinson in the U13s 50m Boys Butterfly, and to Scott Clayson in the U13s 50m freestyle.

The U13s Boys Relay Team swam exceptionally well and won, setting a new meet record time in the process – the team consisted of Scott Clayson, Josh Rowley, Greig Wilkinson and Cameron Harrison; reserve was Ross Adamson.

I was delighted, personally, to win the 100m 17 – 19 yrs Girls 100m Freestyle and to qualify for the Scottish Schools Team, which went on to compete in the Speedo Schools International in Ireland in March. This was a great experience, which I thoroughly enjoyed and being elected Girls Captain of the team made it even more memorable. Scotland came second to England but with a points margin greatly reduced from the previous year.

It is to be hoped that we will continue our successes next year.

Thanks are due to Mr Beckett for his help and support and to the school for supplying the caps and t-shirts to give us a team identity.

Jenni Kilgallon F5





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1st XI

This year's hockey season was one not to be forgotten! In my opinion this was the strongest and most experienced 1st hockey team fielded by the school in recent memory. Our team comprised mainly of 5th and 6th years players with the addition of a few very promising 4th year players. With the exception of the 4th years, every player had been present in last season's team, and the experience gained last year proved invaluable in this year's very successful season.

Our opposition this year was of a greater standard than seen by us in the recent past. Most of the opposing teams were comprised of 6th year players who proved formidable opponents on the field. They had in their favour a vast level of experience and skilled players, some aspiring international players! Despite their vast experience and greater physical prowess, we were able to match our opponents' skills and had several wins against strong teams such as Edinburgh Academy. We fought hard for every game, and were successful in picking up several draws against strong teams.

This year's Scottish Cup was disappointingly cut short in the very early stages. After gaining entry to the second round, we faced a very strong Strathallan squad. We were able to match their skills on the field taking the lead twice in the game, only to draw level at full time. The game finished in the cruellest of ways: we were knocked out in penalty flicks; and they claimed the victory. With our strong squad who knows how far we might have gone! Congratulations to Strathallan on a game well

played; it was only too bad that they were knocked out before reaching the final of the competition.

The players this year were outstanding in their skills and the manner in which they conducted themselves on the pitch, and were a credit to the School.

Our 6th years, David Philp, Tom Brian, Derek Wong and Gavin Illsely (Vice-Captain) made up our midfield. With all of them being 1st team players last year, they established themselves as a strong and reliable midfield, proving to be a difficult barrier to any opposition. They all had an amazing season - one to be remembered. Chris McDonald, John Fairlie and Mathew Ross made up the remainder of the midfield. All are very promising players with massive potential. They will almost certainly play a key role next year as the senior players in the 1st hockey team.

Our attack was made up of two 4th year players, Chris Philp and Thomas Thompson. Both staked their claim in the 1st team, owing to their great hockey skill and their ability to work as a team.

The defence consisted of Alan Fraser, Brian Gillan, Daniel Hunter and myself, Marc Smith. I was very pleased with the defence this year; not only did they work together, but provided a solid foundation for the team to build on. Although Brian and Daniel had only just joined the 1st this year, they proved themselves nearly infallible in defence and I think it safe to say they have a place in next year's squad. Alan also proved a menace to the opposition, and had a great season. Last but not least the goalies. Sandy Easton and Kamal Chowdhury provided us with two class goalies. Both very skilled goalkeepers saved us many a time from good teams, with their lightning-quick reactions. This team was certainly a privilege to captain!

I must thank Mr Nichol, our coach, who has spent countless hours over the last four years, equipping us with the necessary skills to speed ourselves to victory. Thanks from all of us - it is very much appreciated! And lastly, many thanks to Andy Wood who gave up his Saturday mornings to umpire and coach us.

Marc Smith Captain 1st XI

1st XI Hockey Squad



Back Row: Mr W Nichol (Staff), Daniel Hunter, Brian Gillan, Alan Fraser, Sandi Easton, Chris McDonald, Tom Brian, Kamal Chowdhury.
Front Row: Derek Wong, Chris Philp, David Philp, Marc Smith, John Fairlie, Mathew Ross, Thomas Thomson.

BOY'S HOCKEY

2nd XI

Overall, season 2002/03 was a reasonably successful one for the 2nd XI, with some impressive and encouraging results gained throughout the season. As the team was only reformed this season, the players could have been forgiven for taking a few games to get to know each other's game and form a winning side. This, however, was not the case, and the team started the season very strongly; this was even more impressive considering that the team contained players from fourth, fifth and sixth years that had never previously played together.

The team began the season with a winning run of six games, including impressive victories away to Stewart's Melville and George Watson's. The team played attractive hockey, with much of the creativity coming from wingers, Graeme Black and Matthew Ross, and roaming striker, Marco Caira. This was complemented by strong defence and a solid midfield, led by Richard Wood, and the signs were very encouraging for the rest of the season. The weather also appeared to be on our side and very few of our games fell victim to cancellation, although a special mention must go to our game at Robert Gordon's in which we had to play through torrential rain on a waterlogged pitch, eventually gaining a 1-0 victory, thanks to Phil Kemp's injury-time winner.

Unfortunately, we failed to live up to our early promise throughout the rest of the season, although our slump in performance did coincide with a run of injuries and the "selling out" of the mainstays of our defence, Brian Gillan and Daniel Hunter, to the "big bucks" of the 1st XI! We were also unlucky to find ourselves in games against Grove's 1st XI side, and after this it was a credit to the team that we managed to string together a couple of wins toward the end of the season. Thanks must go to Mr Nichol, Andy Wood and Stewart Gillan, all of whom gave up their time to give us valuable coaching and umpiring throughout the season. This season was a very encouraging one, and we hope to carry on this good work next season.

Toby Davies Captain 2nd XI

Under 15s

We kicked off the U15's season in style with an excellent early confidence boost: beating Grove 8-0. Super Striker, Kulwinder Chima, hit six goals and we couldn't wait for our next match. However, we soon slipped up, losing at home to George Watson's, where even Stephen Fraser's spirited efforts couldn't guide us to a second win. Our next two games extended our goal drought and our ever-determined captain, Iain Pullar, left the park bleeding on both occasions. Soon after, we regained our confidence and, with Michael Smailes and Evan "Biggie" Borland hitting form at the same time, we saw off Aberdeen Grammar at Riverside. 2002 ended on a happy note with Vice Captain and rock at the back, Alistair Bowie, scoring a classic defender's goal to seal the win at Grove.

2003 had a quieter start with poor weather cancelling the first few matches, but the hard work of both Callum Bannister and Tom Ogden gave us a win (nevertheless with a smaller margin) against the team which kept coming back for more, Grove Academy. A month later we received our rather pathetic best result against an Edinburgh side with a 0-0 draw against George Watson's; however, we regained winning ways soon after in a "friendly" with Morgan with our Mean Machine from second year, Fraser Gray, helping Ally to keep the defence watertight as ever.

After three more wins, outstanding defensive performances from Andrei Paul and Lavan Srisakandakumar (who both had excellent spells in the centre) and Duncan Jones continually pulling out fantastic performance after performance, our last game of the season was upon us against Beaconsfield at Riverside. After taking an early lead, we faced the second half 2-1 down with keeper Glen Christie's eight game clean sheet being pushed aside by some excellent attacking from their number 8. However, three goals in the last ten minutes gave us a well deserved victory and finished a nine-game unbeaten run.

Congratulations and many thanks to every player who took part in a highly enjoyable season and, once again, a hearty thank you to Mr. Nichol and Stuart Gillan for their persistent support and excellent coaching.

In the words of Tom himself, "GO TEAM!"

Iain Pullar Captain U15s

1st XI Hockey

After the success of last year's 1st XI, our new team had a lot to live up to! Unfortunately we didn't manage to retain the Midlands U-18 trophy but our confidence was only slightly dented.

The next week, we played Mary Erskine, which is always a very tense match, especially for the defence. Having started the match as the underdogs, we finished victorious. It was hoped that our new team had gelled and we could, perhaps, continue on a winning streak but nothing ever goes to plan!

We narrowly missed out on a place in the final of the Madras Tournament and this took us by surprise; nevertheless, we had the rest of the season to achieve our goals.

Next, it was our turn to host pupils from Gordonstoun. Unfortunately for us, when the final whistle blew for full time, we had only managed a 2-2 draw.

In October, both the girls hockey 1st XI and the boys rugby 1st XV ventured across the choppy Irish Sea to Limavady. For the second time running, however, we were unable to leave as the winners. Unfortunately, we couldn't blame the result on the crossing but, despite this, I am positive a good time was had by all!

Towards the end of the season, we played in the George Heriot's and George Watson's 7s tournaments. We prepared for these on the Astroturf at Mayfield but this failed to give us the advantage we needed, although we did play outstandingly well in both.

To our astonishment, over the complete season, we were able to score only nine goals, with Alison Robertson being the top goal scorer.

Our junior teams remained keen and confident throughout the season, resulting in plenty of winning results, especially against the Edinburgh schools.

This year, congratulations go to our captain, Catriona Whiteford, who was selected to represent Midlands in the Outdoor Under-18 Scottish Inter-District Competition and Kirsty Farnan who was selected for the indoor tournament at the same level.

Well done to all the girls this year who made our early morning rises on a Saturday so worthwhile. Thanks go also to Mrs Spowart, Miss Erskine, Mrs Arthur and all the teachers and parents who took the time to accompany and support us through the season. We are all very grateful. In addition to this, a very special "thank you" must go from F6 to Mrs Hutchison for making our school hockey careers so enjoyable and successful.

Finally, good luck to the teams in 2003-04 from all the girls who are leaving.

Anneka Walker

Treasurer/Secretary 1st XI



1st XI Hockey Squad

Back Row: Rhona Smith, May Smith, Sarah Carroll

Middle Row: Mrs J Hutchison, Sophie Henderson, Julia Bruce, Lesley Niven, Louise Anderson, Kirsty Farnan, Laura Brown

Front Row: Lucy Sneddon, Nicole Wilson, Catriona Whiteford (Captain), Anneka Walker, Alison Robertson (Vice Captain), Rebecca White, Ann Knox.

• JUNIOR HOCKEY •

Junior School Hockey

After starting the season with a glorious 5-0 win against Beaconsburst, the Junior School hockey team had to face some tough competition from Morrisons Academy. Although we were 2-0 up at half-time, Morrisons fought back to even the score by full-time. Despite this lapse in concentration, the girls learned a valuable lesson and did not start to celebrate too early in subsequent games! Our team went on to beat Powrie 2-1 in a game which was full of strong defending.

The team comprised girls from L6 and L7, some of whom were new to the game. Miss Gillanders being their new coach, together they built a team which developed well over the year. There was regular training but a lack of competitive games and this was reflected in the two tournaments at the end of the season.

The first tournament was held at Beaconsburst and included ten different primary schools. Our A team came 4th in their league and our B team was 3rd in their league. The second tournament, hosted by George Watson's, included eighteen primary schools. We had our strongest team in this tournament, and just missed out to St George's School by one point, for the quarter final.

The girls enjoyed last season and have learned much about hockey, as well as fitness, commitment and teamwork: essentials in any team sport. More fixtures have already been organised for next year and, although we will lose some of our team members as they move up to senior school, we look forward to finding new players from the new L6 and L7 classes.

Training will be tough but fun, and we hope to perform even better in next year's tournaments!

Miss W Gillanders

2nd XI Hockey Squad



Back Row: Mrs J Hutchison, Joanna Sturrock (Vice Captain), Claire Joiner, Tahrira Abedin
 Middle Row: Siobhan Mannion, Maria Thomas, Pamela Reid, Rachael Dyer, Nicki Galloway, Iona Tough, Claire Brown, Heather Campbell
 Front Row: Margaret Niven, Christine Maclean, Jenny Laing, Suzanne Fairlie, Claire Boyle (Captain), Fiona Sommerville, Catriona Macleod.



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After a record of only one defeat last year, the 1st VI had a lot to prove. We got off to a cracking start, defeating notably Morrisons and George Heriot's quite comfortably. The weather was kind to us once again and only one match was cancelled. The frequent rain during practices did not deter us and we kept playing with a smile! A weakened team was only narrowly defeated by Kilgraston and at the end of the season again by St Leonard's who proved tough competition. The season as a whole was a great success with many successive victories and, most important of all, we had a fun and friendly team! Congratulations to the 2nd VI who consistently played to their best. Three sixth year couples were invited to play at the Glenalmond doubles competition during the year and played well enough to come third. Thanks must go to James Strachan, Stewart Arbuckle, and Dougie Campbell who proved excellent partners.

The F3 players enjoyed a successful season, winning four of their five fixtures. Congratulations to the players and their coach, Miss Erskine. Many thanks must go to Mrs Arthur for coaching the F2 squad and Mrs Hutchison, the F1 squad. Both groups had an encouraging number of players attending practice with girls keen to represent the school on the Saturday fixtures. The PE department would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Vannet for her regular assistance with the F1 practice sessions.

The school entered the Kilgraston

2nd VI Tennis Squad



Back Row: Laura Brown, Christine Jardine, Maria Thomas, Iona Tough
Front Row: Sophie Henderson, Joanna Sturrock (Vice Captain),
Anneka Walker (Captain), Ann Knox

Senior Tennis Squad



Back Row: Julia Bruce, Lucy Sneddon, Alison Robertson
Front Row: Rosan Leslie, Nicole Wilson (Captain), Rebecca White, Jenny Laing

Tournament again this year with ten girls representing the school. Success was achieved by Joanna Reid P7 and Laura Sim P7 who reached the quarter final of the U12s age group and Laura Treece F2 and Corinne McGowan F1 who reached the semi final of the U14s age group. Both couples were beaten by the eventual winners. It was a long, if rather hot, day with all the players who represented the school enjoying the experience of playing in a tournament.

Thanks must also go to Mr Paul McGhee, of the School Wear Shop, for generously donating team polo tops and sweat tops to the senior girls; we appreciate his continuing support of the tennis teams. The senior squad also extend our thanks to Mrs Spowart for her help in coaching and selecting teams, as well as for giving up her time for games and after-school practices.

Colours awarded to: Nicole Wilson F5 (re-award), Rebecca White F6, Lucy Sneddon F5, Rosan Leslie F5, and Jenny Laing F5.

Senior House Results: 1st Airlie
2nd Aystree
3rd Wallace
4th Lindores

Junior House Result: 1st Aystree
2nd Airlie
3rd Lindores
4th Wallace

Nicole Wilson Captain
Rebecca White Vice-Captain

Once again the School entered the Kilgraston Scottish Schools Equestrian Championships at the Gleneagles Equestrian Centre with a team in each of the Junior, Intermediate and Senior age group classes. The event combined dressage with show-jumping and both team and individual prizes were on offer in a fiercely contested competition.



Senior team: Suzanne Fairlie on Masterpiece IV, Gillian Hume on Doddington Drummer, Sally Brunton on Spot the Difference and Lesley Niven on Corrie Fee

The Senior team of Lesley Niven, Suzanne Fairlie, Sally Brunton and Gillian Hume were first to compete and came a very creditable 3rd out of 9 teams in both the combined training and the dressage.

The Intermediate team of Laura Collins, Lucy Brunton, Katrina Hamilton and Zoë Galloway followed this with another superb performance coming 2nd out of 13 teams in the combined training and winning the show jumping. Laura Collins also won the individual show-jumping prize and Katrina Hamilton won the individual dressage prize.

Finally, it was the turn of the Junior team of Andrew Glover, Chloe Brown, Caroline Foubister and Katy Bain. They came a very creditable 4th in the combined training out of 7 teams.

The teams accredited themselves superbly and a good day was had by all. Thanks are due to all the competitors and parents for their hard work, enthusiasm and support, and to Mr Middleton for acting as chef d'equipe.

Mr R Middleton



Intermediate team: Laura Collins on Wasp, Lucy Brunton on Smokey Sue, Katrina Hamilton on Ckaka Blue and Zoë Galloway on Midnight Blaze.



Junior team: Caroline Foubister on Miss Monty, Katy Bain on Mystique, Andrew Glover on Topper and Chloe Brown on Ghostly Vision.

1st XV Rugby

A combination of determination, great team spirit, and an abundance of talented players led to this season's 1st XV starting the year with high expectations. New Head of PE, Mr Beckett, and former All Black, Jason Hewitt, introduced new ideas and styles of play to the team from the word go. The huge influence of these new ideas was made clear during the demolition of Dunfermline in the final of the Madras Tournament, and this was a clear sign of things to come. Comfortable victories against Robert Gordon's and St Aloysius' were followed by a crunch match against our old enemy: Dollar Academy. They got the better of us, however, in the second half and ran in a few tries too many... A trip to Ireland followed and, although a disappointing draw was all we could muster, the trip still proved highly enjoyable.

Then came the cup. A first round trouncing of Dundee rivals, Harris Academy, with tries from almost every player, got the team back on track; Marr College were our opponents for the next round. After travelling for fourteen hours (according to

Andrew Brown) from the west coast of Scotland, Marr arrived to face us in dreadful soaking conditions. A grinding and spirited performance by our team, spurred by inspirational captain, Robert Gray, sent them back on that fourteen-hour journey – and sent us sailing through to the last eight of the cup.

In the quarter-final stage, it was Stewart's Melville we had to play, one of the strong favourites for the cup, and eventual finalists. But first, we travelled to face our quarter-final opponents in a pre-Christmas friendly, and a superb solo effort by Richard Vernon followed by a Dougie Campbell try put us 10-0 up at half-time. Fatigue hit us in the second half. Stewart's Melville proved the stronger, and emerged with a narrow victory.

All focus was on the rematch in the quarter finals. After spending most of our Christmas holidays running up and down Lochee Hill, thanks to Coach Beckett, we were fit and ready as ever. The big match arrived and a gruelling first half saw the teams locked at 0-0. However, a fantastic crowd and an exceptionally brave effort by every team member could not prevent a lucky bobble off a second half lineout handing Stewart's Melville a 5-0 victory.

Thanks must go to Captain, Robert Gray, and Vice-captain, Ian Nimmo, for their commitment to the team from start to finish, and to all the PE staff. Special thanks go to Mr Beckett who gave up much of his own time to help our team, even though time is money and apparently he has neither!

Congratulations are due to: Robert Gray, Ian Nimmo, Stewart Arbuckle, Scott Burnett, Stuart Goudie, Peter Saunders and Richard Imrie who were all selected for Caledonia Under-18 Independent Schools, and to Colin Goudie, Mark Robins, Richard Vernon, David Arbuckle, Sandy Farmer, Ramsay Hall, Andrew Quin, Polok Islam, Alan Dymock and Daniel Levison who were selected for the Under-16 side. Together, those players make up the largest ever selection for Caledonia rugby from the High School, reflecting the array of talent this season. Also, congratulations to Ian Nimmo and Scott Burnett who were selected to play for Scotland Under-18s.

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

Stewart Arbuckle Secretary 1st XV



Caledonia Rugby U16s

Winners of the Inter-district Championship

l to r: Colin Goudie F4 Sandy Farmer F5 Richard Vernon F4 Alan Dymock F4

1st XV Rugby Squad



Back Row: Andrew Brown, Mark Robbins, David McLean, Patrick Picaiithly, Scott Burnett

Middle Row: Peter Steele, John Walton, Jamie Bell, Sewart Arbuckle, Douglas Campbell, Colin Swan, Alan Dymock

Front Row: Stuart Goudie, Richard Vernon, Ian Nimmo (Vice Captain), Robert Gray (Captain), James Blake, Peter Saunders, Sandy Farmer.

2nd XV Rugby Squad



Back Row: Mr G Spowart (Coach), Gordon Gray, Robert Cannon, Martin Lawrie

Middle Row: Gordon Ferguson, David McCulloch, Mark Robbins, Sandy Farmer, Harrison Horne, Polok Islam, Alan Dymock, Mobeen Azhar

Front Row: Michael Brown, Ruari Scullion, Eoin Smaill (Vice Captain), Gavin Crosby (Captain), Ian Ryan, Fraser Brown, Euan Clark.

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Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

This time last year I was just gearing up for a busy new session when I had the opportunity to take over the administration of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. We had record numbers of pupils wanting to join the scheme at the same time as we had lost some of our expedition instructing staff and so, right from the outset, we were faced with recruiting and training up new staff. I am pleased to say that volunteers (Mrs Martin, Mrs Quigley and Mr Smith from the Senior School and Mrs Powrie and Miss Gillanders from the Junior School) were readily forthcoming and have proved excellent value over the year.

Despite the fact we are always being told how much there is going on at the High School, when you come to trying to find slots for pupils to attend sessions in a group, you are made acutely aware of the realities of the situation. Fitting yet another session into the week for pupils already involved in bands, orchestras, plays, rugby and hockey was something of a nightmare. When we managed to procure a Friday afternoon slot (in addition to our Tuesday groups) to accommodate them, I did wonder if they'd have any energy left by the end of the week.

It was not long after agreeing to take over that I heard that we were going to receive a full inspection within a month. Luckily, in taking over the administration from Sheila Cannon, I could be absolutely confident that all the correct procedures were in place – however, trying to sound remotely knowledgeable about a fraction of all the required procedures was a more daunting prospect. Once again, Miss Cannon came to the rescue and was able to explain (perhaps after more than one attempt) how everything worked.

I am quite sure that most people's image of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is of dishevelled groups of youngsters hobbling across trackless wastes with improbably large rucksacks. Indeed, it does seem difficult to go for a quiet walk in the hills in June without bumping into Duke of Edinburgh groups from all over the country. However, though it is fair to say that the expedition does take up a disproportionately large effort in terms of training within the School, it is just one of the four sections, and Service, Skills and Physical Recreation need to be completed at every level (with Gold requiring a residential project as well). Many of these elements can be satisfied within the School's existing extracurricular programme but we are building up links with external agencies to give an even wider choice and very many pupils are already involved with activities outside school which fulfil all the requirements.

There is no doubt that participation in the scheme is a worthwhile activity in its own right and that possession of the Gold Award does say a great deal about the holder. However, it is important to remember that the reason that it is still so valuable is that it has to be earned – there are no shortcuts. One of the key principles of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is that it is voluntary – we don't force people into it and we won't spoon-feed them on the way – and in many respects it is this critical underlying principle which predicates the many benefits (for example self sufficiency, self reliance and independence of thought and action) which pupils derive from participating in the scheme.

The Award has always been fairly labour-intensive (with a maximum group size of seven) and recent concerns and legislation have meant that the training and supervision have had to become even tighter. I am deeply grateful for all the work done by our existing expedition trainers Miss Cannon, Mr Mackenzie, Mrs Cram and Mr Middleton who trained their own groups at the same time as helping the new staff; Mrs Gill for doing all of the First Aid sessions for every group in the School; and Mrs Seith for organising the Service elements.

Mr M Parlar



*D of E Gold final expedition group
(l to r) Laura Maclean, Jennifer Allison, Emma Stewart,
David Clark, all F6*

Trips & Visits...

SOME L1 PUPILS GIVE AN IMPRESSION OF THE DAY SPENT ON SAFARI:

..We got to see the Rhinoceros. I liked the Rhinoceros. The Rhinoceros had a horn on his nose.

Nicholas Evans L1

..I saw an elephant. He curved his trunk to eat some grass.

Linsey Paterson L1

..I liked the tiger best. We were shouting for the tiger to stand up. I liked the sea lion show as well.

Iona Mac Ritchie L1

I liked the elephants best. We went to see the sea lion show. It was good fun. One was sunbathing. Then we had lunch.

Heather Goodfellows L1

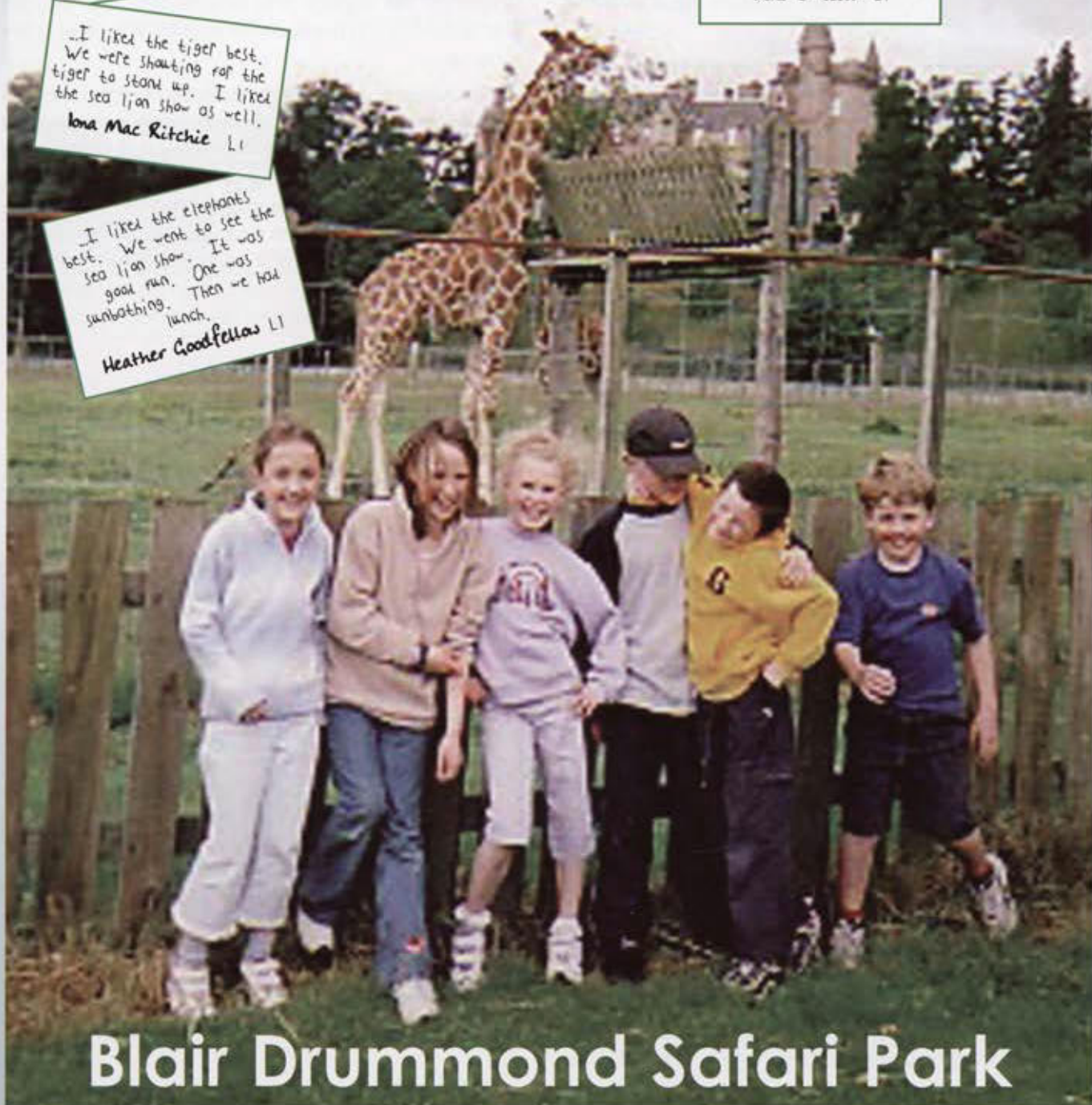


..We went on a boat to see monkeys. One monkey went in its house. It got a carrot and climbed up bars. He went on the roof and then he jumped off. I saw zebras.

Daniel Baker L1

..One sea lion did a handstand. They jumped from the ramp. One did a summersault.

Dino O'Neill L1



Blair Drummond Safari Park

Dalguise!

When we arrived at Dalguise, Perthshire, on the 12th May, we were put into our rooms. Our first impressions were very reassuring. The chalets in Davie were small and everyone in the corridor had to share two toilets, but in Schiellion, the room had its own toilet, shower and sink.

The activities were intimidating and we were all frenzied, maybe a bit too much! The leaders were all considerably kind. The best activity was the Giant Swing. We all lost our stomachs in the air – it definitely ruffled our feathers!

On the last day, we were very sad. All of us were going to miss the brilliant activities. We had been having so much fun and we didn't want to leave. We hope that L6 next year will enjoy this fun-packed adventure as much as we did.

Becky Chapple L6

Lindsey Docherty L6

Rachael Spink L6

The Royal Botanical Gardens

On Friday 28th March, L6 went on a trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh. When we arrived, we walked through the wonderful garden to the Visitors' Hall where we were introduced to Suzie and Morag, our guides. We reassembled our groups and set off for the greenhouses.

In each greenhouse, there was a different rainforest and in the first one there was a 30m high tree, and some other plants. The 30m high tropical tree could actually grow to over seventy metres!

Next, we walked into the Borneo rainforest. There we learnt about plants having water bottles for storage, the Old Man's Beard which can grow in the air, epiphytes (plants that grow on other plants), lianas and blowpipes which the natives use to hunt animals. We played "count the water bottles"! One really weird thing was the air potatoes which contain steroids; it's all right to eat two or three but if you eat too many, strange things happen... One plant which had a high content of poison is used by the Borneo tribes' people to kill animals. This poison can kill a human in about sixty seconds!

Next was the Amazon rainforest in which there was a lot of foods and materials including vanilla pods, rubber, cocoa beans, coffee beans, rice and sugar cane. We had a chance to try the sugar before it was manufactured.

The last rainforest we visited was the Asian rainforest where we were told about brilliantly coloured but camouflaged tree frogs. They were so well-camouflaged we could only hear them but not see them!

Our final visit was to a plant nursery. There we saw the only jade-blue species of flower, a Venus fly-trap and the foulest smelling flower. This flower smelt obnoxious so that flies would come and pollinate it.

We had a great day!



Epiphytes



The Dutchmans Pipe

Melanie Matthew L6

Peter Robertson L6

Yorkshire Dales, 7th – 9th March

On the 7th March, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Vannet and twenty-three Higher Geography pupils left from the school for the 5-hour coach journey to the Yorkshire Dales. Our destination was the village of Malham, well-known to all Higher geographers as a classic 'honey pot' site. After depositing our luggage in Hill Top Farm Bunk Barn (a converted field barn with youth hostel style accommodation), we hurried through the rain to the Buck Inn in the village which provided us with excellent meals for the duration of the trip. The remainder of the evening was spent settling into our rooms and relaxing in the communal area, as well as taking part in an enjoyable team exercise organized by Mr. Holmes. Our only form of work that day was our evening briefing, in which we were informed of the following day's arrangements.

The real work began the following morning, as we awoke first to snow, then to rain. 'Rain by seven, dry by eleven' ... well, it was, but not till 11pm! However, the rain did not dampen our spirits and, after donning full waterproofs and boots and with an ample breakfast inside us, we began our day's work. Our first stop was Malham Cove, one of the spectacular local features of scenery which we had already studied in school. The limestone pavement at the top gave us our first view of those 'clints and grykes' which hitherto we'd only seen in textbooks. Crossing it proved somewhat challenging, as the rain had made the area extremely slippery! Luckily, we all reached the other side in safety and proceeded up Watlowes Dry Valley and across to the Water Sinks near Malham Tarn, where a stream literally disappears into the ground before your eyes. After having a quick look at Malham Tarn itself, we ran back across the moor to the minibus. We were soaking, tired and glad to be under cover once again, but decided to complete the remainder of the outdoor fieldwork (originally scheduled for the afternoon) in order to avoid a second drenching. Thus we paid a fleeting visit to Gordale Scar (reputedly Tolkein's inspiration for Helm's Deep) and then returned to the Buck Inn for lunch – a very welcome reward! We dried and warmed ourselves back at the bunk barn, filled in our field notebooks and later in the afternoon visited the Yorkshire Dales Visitor Centre in Malham. After dinner, Mrs. Vannet hosted a Geography trivia quiz and we were given the opportunity to interview two local farmers about the problems of farming in the Dales.

After breakfast the following morning, we conducted a village survey in Malham to establish the extent of its tourist function and then headed by coach for Austwick to visit the erratics at Norber. These amazing rocks which feature in almost every physical geography textbook were carried miles by ice sheets and left perched on a hillside on little plinths of limestone. While all the limestone around has literally dissolved, the erratics have sheltered the rock beneath from the effects of the weather since the last Ice Age. From here we went on to visit the limestone quarry at nearby Horton-in-Ribblesdale. During our visit we met with the quarry manager, who explained how the quarry works and also the restrictions that are imposed by the National Park Authority. We then drove down Chapel-le-Dale and went on an hour-long tour of White Scar Cave, which contains the largest stalactite in Britain, known as the Sword of Damocles. It was amazing to walk through the huge caverns and witness the stalactites and stalagmites glowing with ultra-violet light when artificial lighting was extinguished. This provided an exciting conclusion to a great weekend. As well as learning a lot on this fieldtrip, we enjoyed ourselves immensely andon the morning of the 2nd June when we opened our Higher exam papers, the first question was on the Yorkshire Dales!

Sarah Donard F5



Geography is.... ...Trips & Visits

The Geography department have been out and about again this year with pupils from all years: F1 – F6. In September 2002, F4 pupils enjoyed a day of spectacular weather and scenery in Glen Clova, studying features of glaciation and rivers. While some of the group headed for the hills and walked to the corrie lochan of Loch Brandy, others remained to 'paddle' in the River South Esk and take stream flow measurements. Before the October break, F3 also spent a day in the Highlands, studying land uses in and around Pitlochry. A little bit of advice – don't visit Pitlochry on the same day as F3! It is impossible to avoid visitor questionnaires.



F4 Loch Brandy



Summer term weather is generally kinder for fieldwork and this year it did not let us down. Form 1 spent a busy day in Perth in May followed by F3 in Dundee in early June. A new fieldwork trip to the Swiss Alps for F3 and F4 Standard Grade Geography students is planned for October 2003 – too late for this year's 'Review' but watch this space next year!

F3 in Dundee



In October the F6 Advanced Higher pupils spent a long weekend at the Kindrogan outdoor centre near Blairgowrie, perfecting fieldwork techniques to use in their personal field studies later in the session. Although the unpredictability of the weather puts fieldtrips on hold over the winter months, it didn't prevent F2 from visiting the Dynamic Earth exhibition in Edinburgh in February. The F2 Geography syllabus contains much which relates to the topics which are covered in this excellent visitor centre. In March, the Higher Geography class headed for the Yorkshire Dales and spent a most enjoyable few days in and around Malham, studying features of limestone scenery and land use conflicts in a National Park. A pupil account of the weekend can be read elsewhere in the magazine.

Form 3 - Queen's View



F1 in Perth



...Going Places!

GREECE



Friday 4th April

After our delayed departure it was all systems go and a very early arrival at Heathrow in the morning. After a hearty repast, the troops were excited and ready for the off; so, after an extra breakfast, I led the pupils to the aircraft. The meal on the plane was sufficient but luckily I managed to acquire seconds and thirds. Feeling a tad replete we arrived just in time for supper. This was followed up by an evening stroll to see the Ebzon Guards (Gavin Redford will never stand that close to them again) and then back to the Hotel where I managed to secure a couple of light snacks before lights out.

Mr. Toley

Saturday 5th April

We were all woken up at 7:00a.m today by Mr.Toley and then it was straight down for breakfast although I just wanted to go back to sleep again. I had peaches and orange juice which were quite good. We then ventured out of the Hotel and were given a talk on the history of Athens in the tour bus by our guide, Lilianna, (many of us fell asleep but we were tired!) At midday we got a ferry across to the island of Aegina and had lunch in the harbour. In the afternoon we visited a Greek Orthodox Church and the classical Temple of Aphaea where I got some good photos. We then went to the beach but it poured with rain so most of us got a bit wet. Before we caught the ferry back, we went round the harbour market and had ice cream – it was brilliant!

Jane Kelly

Sunday 6th April

Went up the Acropolis first thing today and got some great pictures and magnificent views – it's a lot bigger than I imagined: breathtaking. It was then off on our tour around Greece, our destination being Delphi. Delphi is my imagination of what Greece would be like. It was a small town with rows of little shops. The Hotel is really nice; I could stay here...

Eleanor Matthews

Monday 7th April

Today we went directly from our Hotel to the extensive site of ancient Delphi which was built on five levels. Our guide, Lilianna, then walked us along the Sacred Way to the Temple of Apollo which was where people from all over Greece came to hear the Delphic Oracle. There was then a lot more walking up the side of the mountain! Finally we got to the Stadium at the top where the Roman Emperor Nero played his lyre and read poetry on his infamous Greek Tour. After our descent we headed for the Peloponnesse and our next Hotel which was in Olympia.

Greg Matthews

Tuesday 8th April

After breakfast we headed off to the archaeological site of Olympia where we saw the original Olympic Stadium and had a race which Miss Erskine thinks she won. Then it was Tolon and the beach - here we come! After quickly getting changed into our play costumes, we went down to the beach and performed, followed by Beach Olympics which everyone enjoyed apart from Nina who cut her foot. After our evening meal we got the results of the plays: 4th Toley's Terrors (ha ha!) 3rd Erskine's Eggeaters (bad luck) 2nd Iggy's Immortals (aww) and 1st Meehan's Moshers (bool). We then got our Beach Olympics prizes and were given Greek Dancing lessons.

Rebecca Wilkinson

Trips & Visits

Thursday 10th April

After viewing the Agora (the ancient market place of Athens) and some last minute (Olympic merchandise) shopping it was time for the long journey home to Scotland after an excellent trip.

Miss Erskine



Wednesday 9th April

Today we visited Tiryns a city that flourished in about 1200 B.C. It had everything: shops, streets and even a public toilet! Afterwards we visited the Theatre at Epidaurus where the winning group from the plays (Meehan's Moshers) got to perform. Although we didn't win (Toley's Terrors), it was probably okay as there were lots of people watching. Mr.Toley then sang Baa Baa Black sheep followed by everyone singing Flower of Scotland. Following this we headed off for Corinth and saw the ancient citadel and the Canal which was a bit spooky and a bit of a drop. We arrived in Athens in time for supper and it was then off to the disco. Mr.Toley did a lot dancing - the best part of the night!

Pamela Pirie

The staff would like to thank all the pupils for making the trip so enjoyable.

Hadrian's Wall Visit



the momentarily baffling Celtic chariot. After an impressive charge, the Celtic warriors would park them behind their advance, thus, foolishly, putting an obstacle in the way of their own retreat - of which impeded the Romans took full advantage, of course...

After lunch, the party moved on to Vindolanda, a fort and civilian settlement the first buildings of which pre-date the Wall, still enjoying the fresh sunshine that was such an improvement on last year's weather and helped to make

On Friday, 20th of June, twenty-four pupils, mostly from F1 but with some F4 classics specialists, took the popular annual journey to part of Hadrian's Wall, Northumberland. Accompanied by Mr Meehan, Head of department, Mr McKellar, Classics teacher, and Mrs Tosh of the English department (as *mater familias*, presumably!), the pupils started their short tour at Magna where there is a particularly well-preserved stretch of wall and an observation turret on the Walltown Crag: an impressive scenic area, though it must have been a bleak posting in winter if you were an *auxiliary* from, say, Tuscany!

Back at the Roman Army Museum, *Julius Secundus* talked about the soldiers, armour and weaponry that made up arguably the world's most effective army, and took eager questions from the pupils - including those who were dressed for action! He dispelled the Hollywood myth that they all wore the same garments and carried the same arms, by introducing some of the impressive array from the museum's collection, including

the worksheet exercise so much easier, physically, that is! After a brief but detailed talk from Justin Blake, a professional archaeologist at the site, Mrs Tosh went to the museum looking for the incredibly sophisticated Roman lady's hairpiece (but the souvenir shop didn't have it in her colour). The rest of the party, meanwhile, worked hard to cover this detailed and rewarding location. Not to be missed was the replica temple



stone building. The journey home ran smoothly to the chip shop at a village not far from Perth, where staff thought pupils had embarked on an eating competition! But, no, it was merely a demonstration of



where a prayer in Latin, then in translation, could be heard to the local deity. The nearby copy of a seventeenth century croft only served to highlight how sophisticated life was as a *civis Romanus* fourteen hundred years earlier! Some of the museum's exhibits were exquisite, and a mere fraction of the finds from the site so far. Plenty more for next year's trip to see!

Thus, time ran away, and the party returned to the bus, paying attention to the full scale reconstructions of the Wall, which show both the turf original and the later



the fact that a busy day in the fresh air works up the appetite. Everyone joined in thanking the staff, especially Mr Meehan for his time and trouble in once again organising this most interesting of excursions.

Bannock Burn

On Thursday 23rd of May, L5 went on a trip to Stirling Castle and Bannock Burn. We left the School at about nine in the morning. On the bus, I was sitting beside Freya Drummond. The journey didn't seem that long because Freya and I were chatting most of the way.

Finally we got there and went walking through the entrance and suddenly a jester jumped out at us. He said "Good morning", and gave us jester ruffs to put on to make us look like mini jesters. Whenever anyone went in front of him, he said, "Ah, ah, ahhh! Jester goes first." He had made a puzzle and in the end we came to an Education Room where he showed us how to do tricks. I got a chance to try the spinning plate. After that the jester left us and we went to the kitchens. There were lots of wax foods and the dead animals hung from the ceiling. It gave me a fright at first but then I realised that the animals were stuffed. After that we went to the Great Hall. It was very big. It had curtains right down the side to the floor, all the way round the room.

We had lunch on a wall at Stirling Castle. It was a lovely day and I enjoyed my lunch very much.

Then we made our way to Bannock Burn. When we got there, there was a woman called Claire waiting for us. She took us to a room where we watched a film about the Battle of Bannock Burn. It was very interesting. Then we went to see the museum. We got to try on a metal helmet. It was great fun. After that we went to see the battle grounds where there was a statue of Robert the Bruce. I had a great day and would like to go there again.

Emma Pattullo L5



It probably wasn't until we actually reached Edinburgh airport that proper excitement set in and we realised we were on our way to Spain! Our flight to London Gatwick was fairly uneventful (thankfully, no-one managed to lose his ticket but there were a few mild panics) and after some frantic shopping in the "duty free", we stepped aboard the plane to Alicante.

On arrival at Alicante, we immediately felt the heat. 30 degrees Celsius is not something we experience often here in May, let alone any other time of the year. There, we met one of the Spanish teachers and travelled on another bus to Murcia. It's surprising that Mrs Cram and Mr Parlour coped with all the loud shouting, singing and chattering. By that time, excitement levels among the pupils were sky-high!

Arriving at El Corte Ingles, however, our excitement turned to nerves and we were introduced to our exchange partners. After many "Hola's" and "mucho gusto's", we said farewell to our Scottish friends and went with our partners back to their homes...

Despite the initial shock of waking up and thinking, "I actually have to speak Spanish!!", Sunday was very relaxed for most; we were introduced to the families and shown round Murcia. Others wasted no time and headed straight for the beach but the Spanish people were great and let us meet up with one another; it was a relief to hear some Scottish voices!

On Monday morning, we were given a very warm welcome within the school. We then went on to have an amazing trip to the beach at La Manga. With blue skies and plenty of sunshine, we all got comfortable on the sand and, by the end of day one, we all looked considerably more tanned.

We had a tour round the city of Murcia on Tuesday which included stops at the Cathedral – a magnificent building – a performing arts school and the town hall. In the afternoon, it was shopping time, a big favourite with the girls. We all agreed the shops in Murcia put Dundee to shame and our wallets were all much lighter by the end of the day.

On Wednesday, we travelled by bus to Caravaca, a town recently declared holy by the Pope, and there we visited the famous castle and also a museum of archaeology. Thursday was enjoyable, with a trip to a pottery town where not only did we get to see pots being made; we also had a chance to make some ourselves.

But I think Friday was the day most people were



looking forward to as we went to a spa at Archena with supposed healing waters. Not put off by the large number of the over-60s, most used it as another excuse to sunbathe, and we all had a very relaxing day in and around the pool. That weekend, we had time to spend with our Spanish partner and, although we didn't meet up as a school group officially, many people went on trips together and went out with others in the evenings. We made the most of our last full day in Spain by going to another beach on the Monday! Although we were dreading leaving the next day, it did not dampen our spirits and we had great fun.

With many a tearful goodbye, the next morning we were sad to leave; for one thing, we were not looking forward to the Scottish weather waiting for us back home... However, now we have the excitement of our exchange partners' return in September.

Many thanks go to Mrs Cram and Mr Parlour for putting up with us and making the ten days so enjoyable. We couldn't have done it without them and their moral support. The Spanish Exchange was a huge success, of educational value but, as important, a chance to make new friends, practise Spanish and have loads of fun!

Mairi Cunningham F3

Music Trip

Trips & Visits



It may have been April Fools' Day 2003, but for the pupils who assembled in the playground after the completion of afternoon classes (each dressed in comfortable clothes, with one suitcase, clearly labelled, which could be carried unaided, one small item of hand luggage, a musical instrument and a brain firmly focussed on the importance of meeting the highest standards of behaviour), the fun was just beginning.

This was the start of the 2003 Music Performance Tour. For some, this was their first chance to participate in public performances in foreign locations; for those with previous experience, the tour offered a chance to perform at new and exciting venues in Switzerland and North Italy. So off we set, 71 performers and 8 staff who comprised of a choir, an orchestra, a windband and a Highland Bagpiper, with our extensive and varied repertoire which we had been rehearsing for the previous seven months.

After an enjoyable and relatively uncomplicated coach journey (during which the pupils rehearsed songs and were granted an interesting insight into the importance of oil filters), we arrived at the Auberge de Jeunesse in Montreux. This proved to be an excellent choice in terms of food and accommodation; so, after a "tourist" day during which we visited Chillon Castle and the salt mines at Bex, cruised on Lake Geneva and allowed the staff to display their prowess in a ten-pin bowling competition, it was a well-fed and rested choir and instrumentalists who arrived at All Saints Church, Vevey, on the following day, for the first concert. This was very well received, the audience including a representative from the Embassy, and we were proud to follow in the footsteps of Freddie Mercury whose statue dominated the shoreline of Montreux....

The next day we moved on, through the fantastic scenery of the snowy Alpine passes, to the sunshine of the Lake Garda region. After a fascinating tour of Verona, complete with photos of Romeo's house, Juliet's balcony, and a statue of Juliet with a most interesting legend attached, together with a visit to the vast amphitheatre

that is the home of the famous Verona Opera, it was time for a performance in Marostica. The venue proved to be an incredibly picturesque mediaeval castle courtyard, lit by the setting sun; as the sun set, the cold was also incredible, and the performers did wonders to maintain a high standard of musicianship throughout a programme that drew deserved applause from an appreciative audience.

Following visits to various villages around Lake Garda, complete with a ride up a remarkable rotating cable car, preparations were made for the last concert, this time at Quinto Vicentino. The venue proved to be a vast sports hall, with an enthusiastic audience of around 300; the evening was simply superb.

A trip to Venice provided a memorable final day; for anyone with an interest in European culture, it was an unforgettable experience.

The return journey was characterized by the good-humoured co-operation and comradeship that typified the tour; there was, however, one unanswered question asked by many pupils:

"Where's the next trip going? ..."



Trips & Visits...

Our experience with the company Normandie à la Carte has persuaded us that they have something to offer which is very special. They believe in offering a genuine service which is tailor-made to individual requirements. The package which they offer not only allows participants to make progress with the language, with the help of various staff who are all equally enthusiastic and charming, but gives pupils the chance to try outdoor activities which can be challenging as well as fun.

In class sessions, for example, vocabulary was re-hearsed in order to prepare for more technical visits such as the cider producing farm. On the visit itself, when we were shown around by the present owner who comes from a long line of cider producers, we were able to see how machinery and techniques had improved over three centuries and, most significantly, a lot of the commentary was understandable to the group thanks to the preparation which had gone before. As apple brandy was being produced that day, pupils had the chance of refreshing their understanding of the chemical process involved. Unfortunately, (or perhaps fortunately?), although the heady aroma was all-pervasive, they were restricted to buying presents of honey, apple blossom scented soap or sweets as presents for mum and dad.

One of the most interesting visits is to the Mont Saint Michel. The stories surrounding the wallowing in quicksands, as told by participants from previous years, must be a main selling point for each new year group. The long walk across the bay is quite physically demanding and also provides a geography lesson, thanks to the frequent gems of information regarding tides, plant life etc imparted by a weather beaten guide whose whole existence revolves around this area and without whom it would be life threatening to embark on such a venture.

Other visits relate more to history and particularly that of the Normandy Landings. We saw what remains of the landing harbour at Arromanches and visited the war graves at Bayeux and the War Museum, Le Mémorial, at Caen.

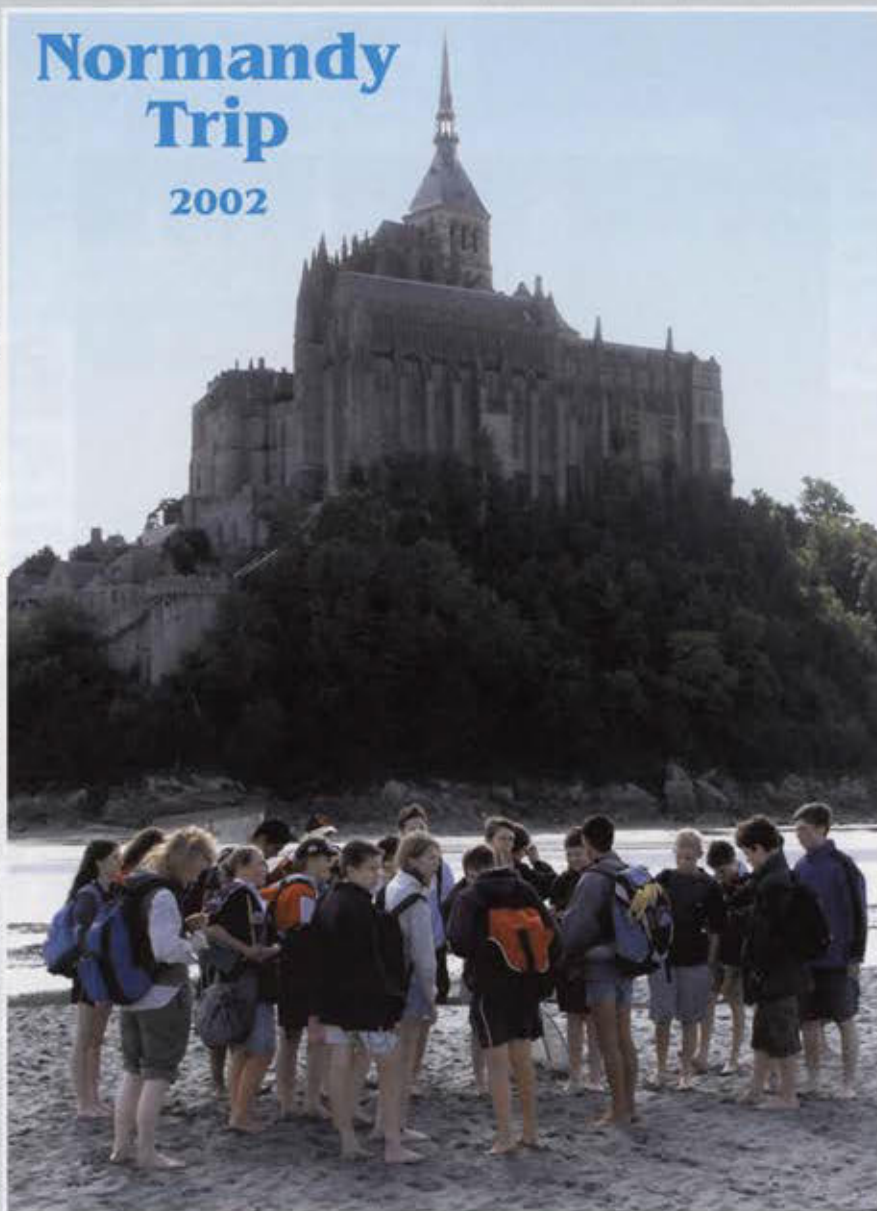
Again, this is a language experience also, as there is an extensive work sheet to go through, involving reading the information notices for various exhibits, for example those relating to conditions for the French citizenry under the Occupation. The opposing stances of resistance and collaboration are both represented here which give rise to a degree of intelligent debate amongst the group.

Such a brief account gives a flavour of a trip like this but what makes it really memorable is the input of the staff of Normandie à la Carte who do their utmost to create a caring, homely, relaxed environment where 13/14 year olds can be looked after safely but also where they can have some freedom to enjoy themselves. One of the most

important aspects of the trip lies in the interaction amongst the students when organising games outside, learning to get on together in the dormitories where the storage space and washing facilities place restrictions on behaviour, and when eating together, paying due care and attention to your neighbours. Typically, nowadays, we have smaller family groups and children often have a lot of individual space within their homes, so this kind of experience of communal living is even more valuable.

After another successful trip in Normandy, it is sad to have to say that we are unlikely to go back there with the same company. It is a small concern where price per head is closely calculated and where alterations to group numbers, such as we have experienced over the last three years, cause large financial difficulties both to ourselves and them. The present climate of law enforcement surrounding school

trips abroad also makes it necessary for larger groups of younger pupils to travel with a company which has the strongest possible legal foundations. Sadly, the personal touch has to give way under such pressure. Ideally we would like to continue to send smaller groups of older students to Normandie à la Carte. Smaller numbers and added maturity would make this the ideal formula for youngsters who can participate fully in the outdoor exercises and also do more advanced language work. In the meantime, we are hoping to set up a trip in the same area for younger pupils with a larger company. We would hope to replicate at least some of the good features of our previous trips which many pupils have found both enjoyable and challenging.

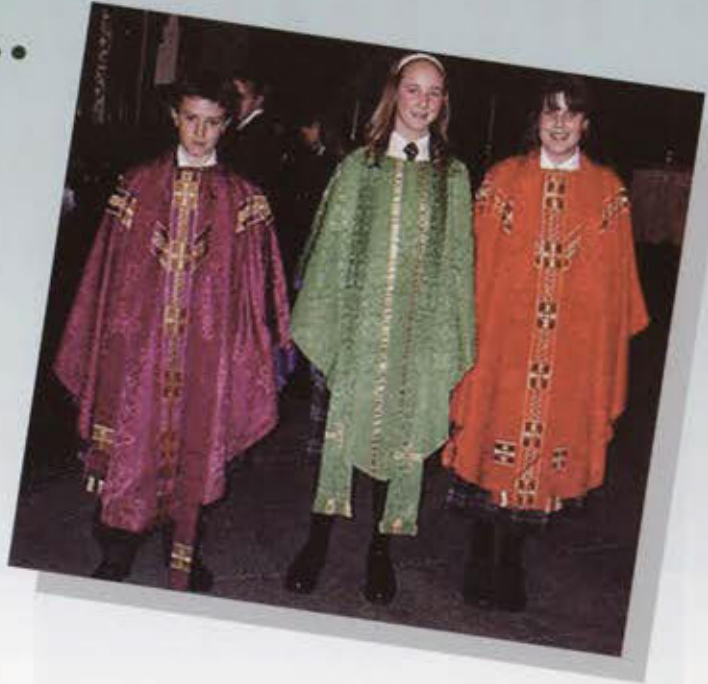


Sacred Places...

Jaimia Mosque

"Why do you have a garden on the roof?"
"Why are there lines on the carpet?"
"Seven clocks! Why?"

On a wet Monday afternoon, all F1 pupils visited Dundee Jaimia Mosque – a purpose-built mosque for the Muslim community of Dundee, Angus and North Fife. Mr Chowdhury, a High School parent, and his friends showed us around the newly-built mosque, and answered our questions. He showed us the washroom, and how Muslims prepare for worship. He demonstrated the Rak'ahs (prayer positions) and Tisbih (prayer beads). We went to the Islamic school (Madrasah) on the top floor and saw the low desks for learning Arabic and Qur'an.



...Sacred Places

St Mary Magdalene's Church

"Where's the bullet hole?"
"How do you lift the lid on the font?"
"What does a priest wear on Sundays?"



The following week, we visited St Mary Magdalene's Church and were shown round by Rev David Shepherd and his assistant, Andrew. We had been to St Mary Mags (as it is known) for school concerts, and this was our chance to investigate and see what it felt like to stand in the pulpit (scary!). We sat in the Bishop's chair, tried our hand as crucifer, and explored everywhere in this old building. There was a lot of stained glass and colourful decoration – totally different from the Mosque.

THE BERLIN DIARIES

Friday 6th June – Destination Berlin

Today I had to be up quite early, as we had to be at the school for the bus at 7.30 a.m. We made our way to Glasgow airport, from where we flew to Amsterdam and then to Berlin. The journey was just over an hour and when we got there, it was hot and sunny, which raised our spirits even more.

The airport at Amsterdam was quite big and the first things we saw when we got out of the arrival lounge were these two incredible black snowmen sitting down, though they looked more like sumo wrestlers. As we had a couple of hours' gap between flights, we had time to participate in our favourite activity in Amsterdam – airport shopping! With such enticing items on sale such as clogs, china windmills and beer-tankards, it took all our willpower to stop us spending all our euros. There were even Celtic tops for sale, but Mr Fyall was shocked at the lack of Rangers strips! We were not very sure where to go for lunch so we decided to go to trusty old McDonald's. I know what you are saying, how boring but, trust me, some of the other types of food did not look all that appetising.

When we arrived in Berlin, the weather was definitely much better than we had had in Dundee for years; it was good to have such hot sunny weather for a change. The hotel was bright, so it was easy to spot. The rooms were nice and comfortable, even though we had bunk beds. I had not been in a bunk bed for a long time. Later on, we tasted a traditional German dinner. All I am saying is that I won't be trying sauerkraut again in a long time!

Saturday 7th June

Today we spent some time walking round Sachsenhausen concentration camp. We knew some things about concentration camps from the work we had done in class, as well as from reading 'The Diary of Ann Frank'. The experience was very disturbing and it was definitely one of the worst things I will see in all my life. I could not believe that the guards could treat people as they did with such cruelty.

Later on we went to the Olympic Stadium, the biggest building left from the Nazi period. The views from the Belltower were amazing. Katherine says that she'll be back to watch Scotland win the World Cup in 2006. We think that she has been too long in the sun without a hat.

We saw some of the remains of the Berlin Wall. It reminds us that it was what it symbolised, rather than its physical presence that still leaves a lasting shadow over Berlin. The heat was extreme as we moved on to Checkpoint Charlie.

After a traditional German meal of chicken and chips we went to the Imax theatre. The special effects were great. The dialogue, however, was not. As we were unable to speak a word of German, the plot of the film will remain forever a mystery. How sad.

Sunday 8th June

Today the weather was extremely hot – the hottest yet, at 35c. We started off the day with a trip to the Neues Palais, a sort of mini-Versailles built by Frederick the Great. The palace kitchens were bigger than most stately homes. While we were in the palace, we had the delight of wearing giant grandpa slippers. They told us that they had to be worn to avoid damaging the floor; however, we thought that we were just saving them money by polishing their marble for them. Our ice-skating improved, however!

After this, we walked through the park in the sweltering heat. Our guide told us not to walk on the grass because it was 'historic'.

After lunch in Potsdam we went to the Cecilienhof. It was beautiful, but it was strange to think that Stalin, one of the most evil men in history, sat in these rooms. After an ice-cream, we went from here to the Wansee Villa, where the implementation of Hitler's 'Final Solution' was discussed. The Villa was strangely disturbing – that in the middle of comfortable suburbia the murder of 11 million human beings was meticulously planned.

In the evening, we went ten-pin bowling. It was fun and enjoyable, with everyone having a good time, whether they were any good or not! A massive thunderstorm that night gave us a free spectacular display as we went to bed.



Monday 9th June

We managed to sleep a little longer this morning (laughably called a 'lie in!'). After a delayed start (because James was having some 'cupboard lovin!'), we then went over to the east side of Berlin. We visited many places, including the Reichstag and the Brandenburg Gate. Here we encountered an old right-wing nutter who wanted the boundaries of Germany restored to 1939!

As today was a bank holiday, we ended up having lunch at a train station. The best part was using the loos – the sliding doors and automatic flush put Britain to shame!

The remains of the Communist east were scary – no fun for the 'Osteners'. We went to the Jewish section of Berlin and were amazed to find that a synagogue had survived the war. The architecture of old east Berlin was ghastly and made the east end of Glasgow look like Paris.

That evening there was an evening extravaganza organised by the teachers, with Mr Toley and Iggy coming up with several bizarre games like 'smell the pupil' and 'pin the moustache on Mr Wilson.' Mr Fyall, Britain's only teenage teacher, made a glamorous hostess and certainly deserved his 'Super Dickmans' at the end. It was all great fun and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves: a brilliant way to end a brilliant trip!



Brandenburg Gate

Tuesday 10th June

Today we left Berlin, said goodbye to our guide, 'Dangerous Dave', who was competing in the world talking championships, and headed back to Scotland. The journey was fun, as we got to sit beside our friends. We did not have long at either of the airports, though the shops in Berlin airport were really good.

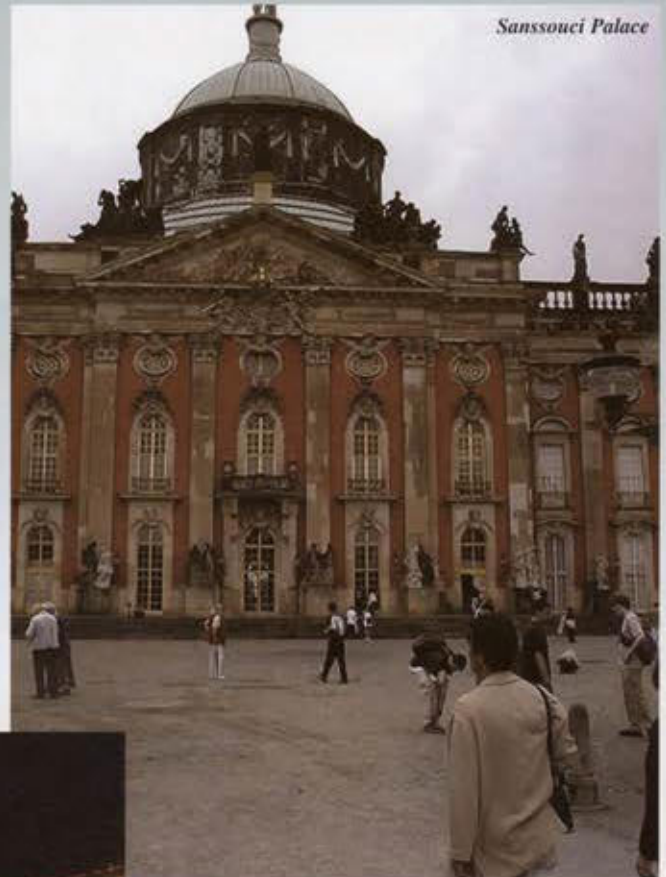
We were disappointed to find that the temperature was not quite as hot in Scotland as it had been in Berlin and it was an even bigger disappointment to find that the pedestrian traffic lights no longer showed images of little men in communist hats.

We have all had a



The happy group.

Trips & Visits



Sanssouci Palace

fantastic time in Berlin and are really sorry to be leaving. Thanks to Mr Wilson for being so patient and good-humoured (as ever!), Mr Toley for being so zany (as usual!), Iggy and Mrs Maxwell for being so kind and Scotland's youngest teacher, Mr Fyall, for introducing us to his imaginary girlfriend. She was nice – but he should get a real one soon! Above all, thanks to

all the teachers for organising such a brilliant trip - can we go back next week please?

Louise Brymer F4
Katherine Matthew F4
Catherine Jung F4

Some L1 participants in the Nativity Play tell what they liked best...



Susan Ai-Haddad:

I liked the fairy and the little
Teddy in the Nativity Play.
I was a Dutch Girl.

Sandy Richardson:
I liked the elves and I liked
Teddy. I was a drummer.



Nicholas Evans:

In the Nativity I liked the elves
and the Teddy.

THE TEDDY THAT SANTA LEFT BEHIND



Alex Black:

I was a drummer boy. I wore a red costume and I had a big drum.



Lauren Short:
I was a Dutch girl.
I had a fancy hat.



Matthew Culross:

I liked banging on my drum.



Heather Goodfellas:

I liked the teddy. It was lovely.



Linsey Paterson:

I liked the Spanish people. They danced and the boys played a guitar.

The dust from extensive summer work had not even begun to settle before the Music Department was flying high once more into yet another busy session. The Department continues to flourish and with around 430 pupils having received instrumental instruction every week this session from our dedicated team of full time and part time instructors it is not surprising that the choirs, orchestras and bands continued to flourish and expand in numbers and breadth of repertoire.

In September members of the Senior Choir were invited to take part in a choral workshop organised by Dundee Choral Union in the Steeple Church. Rehearsals took place under the direction of their conductor, Neil Mantle, and a public performance followed which included some of the finest choral works ever written including extracts from Handel's *Messiah*, Orff's *Carmina Burana* and, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, to name but a few.

October saw some of our instrumental groups performing in public. The String Quartet presented a varied programme at the Lord Dean of Guild's dinner in the City Chambers and for the School's Open Day the Senior String Ensemble and various wind and brass ensembles delighted prospective parents and pupils. November saw the turn of some of our vocal pupils who entertained the ladies at their annual Old Girls' lunch in the Invercarse Hotel.

participants and audience. The Caird Hall proved to be a most successful venue for what has now become a High School Music Department tradition and the audience were most appreciative of the renditions given by the six school choirs, the Concert Band, Junior Windband and Strings, Senior Strings and Brass with the Symphony Orchestra providing the accompaniments to the community carol singing.

Christmas is always a particularly busy time for a music department and this year was no exception. As well as the Caird Hall concert the choirs also performed at the Annual Carol Service in St Mary's Parish Church and in the Overgate shopping centre. All of these events raised a



Choir

considerable amount of money for charity and we were pleased to send donations to Maggie's Centre, Dundee, and Barnados. The Senior Girls' Choir also sang at the Carol Service at Abertay University which raised money for the Mary Slessor Foundation. The Senior String Ensemble performed at Tayside Health Board's Malcolm Sargent Concert in the Caird Hall and a smaller group played carols for the residents of Roxburgh House. It seems so fitting that our music making at Christmas time can contribute to the work of these charities which we are delighted to support. Other Christmas activities included

a brass and a string ensemble played in the Marryat Hall before the RSNO Christmas Concert, the L7 choir entertaining St Mary's Parish Church Guild and a musical input to the L1-3 Nativity Play. This year's outing for senior musicians and staff was to a performance of "Miss Saigon" at the Edinburgh Playhouse. It was so good for us to form part of the audience for a change!



Senior Concert

Following the success of our two Christmas Concerts that had taken place in the preceding years in St Mary Magdalene's Church it was necessary to find a larger venue to accommodate the growing band of



After a well deserved Christmas break it was back to school to embark on another busy term. Dundee Chamber Music Club kindly sponsored a visiting string and wind ensemble, *Floriageum*, to

present a workshop for our most advanced players. Especially interesting was their renaissance and baroque instruments as well as their helpful advice on performance matters.

After many months of rehearsing the F1-3 choir staged outstanding performances of *African Jigsaw* in the main lecture theatre of the University of Abertay. Full credit must go to all members of the choir for the success of this venture which we hope will be the first of many such presentations.

This year we were able to hold three Leng Medal Competitions and were grateful to Mr Charlie Maynes for adjudicating the senior competitions, Mrs Melville having judged the junior section. Congratulations to Catriona France (F3), Scot McIntosh (F1) and Craig Tallet (L7) for their excellent renditions of an unaccompanied Scots song which secured their respective awards.

compete for gold in the Music Centre. Then it was time to return to St Mary Magdalene's for the second of our Spring concerts which this time featured the senior groups – the Concert band, Symphony Orchestra, senior choirs, F1-3 choir, guitars, string and brass ensembles, the flute, clarinet and double reed ensembles and the jazz group. Excellent performances were given by all who took part in a programme which included works by Bach, Mozart, Saint Saens, Faure, Mussorgsky through to contemporary composers such as Webber and Rutter. Soloists for Saint Saen's *Carnival of Animals* were Toby Davies and Kirsty Lowe (piano), Jamie Yule (violin), Rory Baxter (cello) and Mairi Cunningham (double bass) and for Faure's *Requiem* were Emma Peebles (soprano) and Andrew Brown (tenor).



Singers

Also in May the Form 6 pupils who were studying for an SQA award presented part of their recital programmes to an audience of parents and friends in the Music Studio. It was delightful to hear a varied programme of works for violin, viola, piano, guitar and voice as well as to hear examples of some of the Sound Engineering and Production recordings that had been produced by candidates this session.

The Junior School Music Competition also took place in the Music Studio this year and we were

delighted to welcome a record number of parents and friends who came along to support the competitors. Mrs Melville adjudicated the competition and awarded the main prizes to Katie Maxwell (percussion), Rob Madden (guitar), Lewis and Nicol Foggie (piano duet), Cameron McGrath (brass), Rachael Sinclair (woodwind), Morven Lean (strings) the Old Girls' Prize for piano to Amy Watson and the Marshall Prize for recorder to Jennifer Allan.

The first of our Spring concerts took place in St Mary Magdalene's Church on the 19th March. The junior and intermediate wind bands, guitars and strings, intermediate brass and recorders, L4/5 and L6/7 choirs and this year's Leng Medal winners gave a delightful evening's performance. The varied programme included works by Charpentier, Chilcott, Mancini and Desmond.

One of the most popular highlights for many of our musicians is the highly successful performance tour of Europe. The trip this year was no exception. On the 1st April 71 pupils accompanied by eight members of staff set off to Switzerland and Italy for ten days of performing and sightseeing. Musical presentations were given by a specially formed orchestra, wind band, string ensemble and massed choir, to large appreciative audiences in All Saints Church, Vevey, the courtyard of the town hall in medieval Marostica and in a sports stadium in Quinto di Vicenza. Visits to Verona, Venice and the area surrounding Montreaux were enjoyed by all.

The Gardyne Theatre was the setting for the Junior School's production of *Dice*. Pupils from L4 to L7 had been enthusiastically rehearsing the songs for the show during their visits to the department and their efforts were well rewarded with very successful performances by both casts.

The audience who attended the RSNO Proms in the Caird Hall this year were in for a treat on arrival as our Senior String Quartet performed a variety of music in the main foyer before the concert for all to hear.

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Emma Peebles (High School of Dundee Premier Quaich), Rory Baxter, Sarah Dorward and Simon Jones (Southgate Prize for Musical Ensemble) and the Larg Prize winners – Catherine Jung (woodwind), Louis Ryan (brass), Sarah Dorward and Kirsty Lowe (piano duet), Simon Jones (piano), Alan Fraser (electric guitar), Jennifer Watson (strings), and Laura Geddes (voice).

The Senior String Ensemble was busy right up to the end of the session; as well as providing a musical interlude at Prize Giving in the Caird Hall they held their own String Soiree in Trinity Hall during the last week of term. This was a very pleasing end to another very busy musical year and the audience was treated to a delightful programme of string music by composers ranging from Handel and Pachelbel to Elgar and Shostakovich.

Many pupils have been successful in various musical activities this session and congratulations are extended to the following: Emma Peebles and Jennifer Watson (National Youth Orchestra of Scotland), Sophie Sneddon (National Youth Children's Orchestra of Scotland), Catriona France (National Youth Training Choir of Scotland), Jilly Vannet, Eilidh Firth, Lucy Neville and Stephanie Wright (National Youth Training string Orchestra of Scotland), Jennifer Watson (winner of the 15-18 vocal class at Aberfeldy Mod and winner of the classical vocal section at the Oban Music and Dance Festival), Sophie Cargill (winner of the 15 and under vocal class and vocal duet class at the Arbroath Festival), Eilidh Clark, Chris Barclay, Stuart Thomson, Tom Emslie Smith and Stuart Myers for winning their respective brass classes

at the Perthshire Festival), Kirsty Lowe (awarded an organ bursary by Dundee Presbytery), Jennifer Watson, Sophie Sneddon, Sarah Dorward, Kirsty Lowe, Douglas Dorward and Malcolm Watson (winners of the Scottish Orchestral Championship for traditional music at Kirriemuir) and Jennifer Watson and Sophie Sneddon (members of the group which won the Scottish Ensemble Championships for traditional music at Musselburgh. Congratulations are also due to two members of the music staff – Mrs Alison Dowall on the birth of her son, Gregor, and Mr Douglas Love on the birth of his son, Alfie.

Good wishes and thanks are extended to Miss Harriet Bradley (violin), Mr Iain Sandilands (percussion) and Mr Rob McKillop (guitar) who leave us, all having made a great contribution to the work of the department. In their places we extend a warm welcome to Ms Donna Vincent, Mr Magnus Mehta and Mr High Campbell. Many thanks are due to Mr Chris Mitchel and Miss Audrey Bird who are covering for Mrs Dowall while she is on maternity leave.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, pupils and parents for all their hard work, support, enthusiasm and encouragement throughout the session as we look forward to another exciting year of music which will culminate in a production of *Kiss Me Kate* in the Gardyne Theatre in June. In the meantime we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Concert in the Caird Hall on Wednesday 10th December and to our Spring concerts, also planned for the Caird Hall on Wednesday 24th March.

Mrs J F Melville



Strings

A Midsummer Night's Dream



*If we shadows have offended,
Think but this, and all is mended,
That you have but slumber'd here
While these visions did appear.*

Many of you will recognise Puck's words, spoken at the end of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, but I'm sure that no-one who saw the High School's production could complain about slumbering! Quite apart from the fact that the dancers who began the show were "dynamite", Oberon's imperious cry of "Tarry!" to his rebellious queen, played by a sultry, but suitably sulky **Julia Black**, was accompanied by a pyrotechnical flash that would have jump-started even the most sluggish pace-maker.

This production, produced and directed by **Mr R W Illsley**, head of Media Studies and Drama, gave us a Jazz Age version of *The Dream* and the show opened with a high-stepping dance routine, while **Christina Clayhills-Henderson** and **Amanda Pringle**, as slinky showgirls, tempted **Toby Davies'** Theseus to the chagrin of **Nina Morrocco's** jealous Hippolyta. **Garry Horribine's** performance as Egeus, the bad dad of the play, was appropriately grumpy while the Athenian lovers – Lysander, Demetrius, Hermia and Helena, played by **Sandy Easton**, **Rory Baxter**, **Jenni Kilgallon** and **Rebekah Morden** – played out the confusing love plot with just the right balance of romantic ardour and comic indignation.

Gavin Crosby as Oberon and **Freya Smaill** as a female Puck offered the chance for a different take on that well-known double-act. Gavin's Machiavellian and sometimes maniacal Oberon was complemented by an impish but fetchingly graceful Puck, thanks to Freya's skill as a gymnast and dancer. Poor Titania had no chance with those two plotting against her.

The "mechanicals" were recast as servants (which had the bonus of allowing the ladies to play female characters) so **Suzanne Smith**, as Quince, became a bustling Housekeeper while **James Strachan** played Bottom as a self-important chauffeur – just the kind of chap to make an ass of himself over Titania! But it is in their rôles as the Thisbe, Moonshine, Wall and Lion that we will remember the others best. **Iain Scott's** Thisbe was a hilariously galumphing "heroine" and **Emma Peebles** was a cute, coquettish Wall, who flirted outrageously with Pyramus. **Lucy Sneddon** played a flustered, tearful Moonshine, bullied by the audience of Athenian nobles, while **Amy Ovenstone's** lion was endearingly and comically panic stricken at the thought that anyone might mistake her gentle roaring for the genuine thing!

Finally, a word of praise for the people who worked behind the scenes to make everything run so smoothly, from the hostess prefects, who provided deserving staff helpers with refreshments during the interval, to the stage crew who rushed on during the blackouts to ensure an almost seamless series of scene changes. Everyone involved in the show, both staff and pupils, had a great time and it was a fine end to an eventful year!

Cast and Crew

Theseus
Egeus
Lysander
Demetrius
Philstrate
Quince
Snug
Bottom
Flute
Snout
Starveling
Hippolyta
Hermia
Helena
Oberon
Titania
Puck
Peaseblossom
Cobweb
Moth
Mustardseed
Fairies/Youths

Toby Davies
Gary Horribine
Sandy Easton
Rory Baxter
Sarah Murdie
Suzanne Smith
Amy Ovenstone
James Strachan
Iain Scott
Emma Peebles
Lucy Sneddon
Nina Morrocco
Jenni Kilgallon
Rebekah Morden
Gavin Crosby
Julia Black
Freya Smaill
Catriona Whiteford
Sarah McConville
Rebecca Page
Fiona Sommerville
Judy Boyle
Christina Clayhills-Henderson
Amanda Pringle





CHARITIES

There is a saying "Charity begins at home" and in our case this is absolutely true. Unless money comes in "at home", it can't go out! So, how has the Charities Committee persuaded our home community to open their collective purses, pockets, wallets... and sporrans?

We got off to a fine start selling hot chocolate and doughnuts after the Armistice parade, proving yet again that eating six hundred plus doughnuts in fifteen minutes is always a good (i.e. charitable) thing to do.

At Christmas, there was the Primary School Nativity play; "The Teddy that Santa Left Behind"; the magnificent carol singing by the choirs; a cleverly designed Christmas card for staff to buy - all very successful, raising a lot of money. PS If you bought a Spree booklet of vouchers, don't forget to spend them!

Junior School pupils are always great fund raisers, their latest effort being a Copper Collection for Comic Relief. Before that, the emphasis was definitely on the "effort" as they pedalled their way to hundreds of "matching miles".

The Charities that have benefited this year have been as varied as the fund raisers. We have supported local children's charities including Barnardos and TCCL; medical charities such as the Cystic Fibrosis Trust; and Scottish charities working abroad, like the Mary Slessor Foundation and Scottish International Relief. We have even bought a herd of thirty goats for Burundi in central Africa!

The "recycle a goat" scheme, introduced by Christian Aid, donates the animals to poor families, and all the goats' produce can help to support those families in that war-torn nation. The photograph shows Marjory Clark receiving the cheque on behalf of Christian Aid.



Front of proposed clinic
Mary Slessor Foundation

Finally, we said goodbye to our two adopted children, Monica and Joel, as they are both now over eighteen. Instead, we are sponsoring Lea, aged seven, from the Philippines, and Peter, aged eight, from Kenya. Junior School pupils will follow the progress of these two children as they go through school.

Very many thanks to all who have contributed in any way. It has been a great team to work with, and a great response from everyone. Well done us!

Mrs F Martin (Charities Committee)



Mrs Martin presenting a cheque to Christian Aid representative with help from pupils of the junior school.



School pupils devouring the doughnuts after the Armistice Parade ...



... and Hot Chocolate sells well, too, in Bonar House.





Open Morning

Saturday, 2nd November, 2002 and the gates before the pillars were again opened for another successful and well-attended Open Morning.

The advertising campaign and fine weather encouraged excellent attendance and the senior pupil tour guides – always informative in a relaxed manner – were kept busy covering the campus.

A wide range of activities was on display and prospective parents and pupils were given a representative glimpse into the varied and busy life of the School.

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