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Editorial

In this, my first year as editor of the 'Review' I have been given a great insight into the life of the school as a whole. I have been most impressed by the sheer range and diversity of activities taking place within our school's community and the enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated by so many of our pupils in their approach to whatever they undertake. The recording of the undoubted talents of our pupils and their levels of achievement have made editing this magazine a great pleasure.

Mrs J. Phillips, Editor

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Rector's Report

2004

In the Autumn in both Westminster and Holyrood, bills will be debated which redefine and regulate more effectively charities in this country.

In future each charity must show that its purpose falls within one of thirteen stated purposes; for example "the advancement of education", and secondly that it will provide public benefit.

No doubt those opposed to independent education will argue vigorously that charitable status ought to be removed on the grounds that fee paying schools cannot be considered to provide public benefit. As the High School of Dundee is concerned I am confident that we can put forward a powerful case which demonstrates that we do provide public benefit and that in financial terms we give more than is received in benefits through current charitable relief.

It is good for any institution from time to time to stand back, take stock and ask some searching questions of itself. The School is self evidently a community - over 1200 individuals, staff and pupils, existing together each day for forty weeks in the year. But it is much more than that: our community extends to the City, to the region from which we draw our pupils and to the wider world. The very nature of education and our core purpose is to prepare young people to go forth from school and to take their place in

other communities, to become in essence citizens of the world. This report illustrates the reality of how the community which is the High School seeks to put into practice these aims.

The strength that individuals can draw from being part of a community is never more vital than in times of adversity or tragedy. Everyone connected with the School was profoundly shocked and saddened by the tragic death of one of our pupils, Marianne Shanks, early in this session. I believe that we all drew comfort at that time from our sense of belonging to a community with its shared beliefs and values.

Central to our activities is learning and teaching. One measure of that is pupil performance in external examinations. In the 2003 SQA examinations there was an increase in Grade 1 passes at Standard Grade and A passes at both Higher and Advanced Higher.

Part of our continuing review of the curriculum has led to Economics, Music and Information Systems switching from Standard Grade to Intermediate 2. Next session in English, Classical Studies and Latin Form 3 will embark upon Intermediate 2 with presentation at that level in May 2006.

This session a new course - Managing Environmental Resources - was introduced at Higher level as a "crash" subject in Form 6. We are one of very few schools in Scotland offering this subject.

One of the benefits of education in the High School stems from having both primary and secondary education in the same school. Considerable steps have been taken this session in reviewing our curriculum in the 10 - 14 age range and further development of that area will continue next year.

The contribution of ICT to education is no longer an add on but is integral to teaching and learning. Interactive whiteboards were introduced to the Mathematics Department this session and further expansion will take place next session.

I am pleased to announce that an expansion in staffing in the Junior School next year will allow ICT to become an integral part of the curriculum from L1 upwards with a designated member of staff teaching ICT throughout the Junior School.



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A new initiative in the Junior School this session was the formation of a Pupil Council and all participants are to be congratulated on their contributions and suggestions - not least inviting the Chairman of the Board to one of the meetings.

Last summer, the School Library underwent what might be called a "makeover", the first refurbishment since it opened fourteen years ago. The impact has been remarkable: the number of books borrowed has increased by over 50% and usage by class groups from both the Senior and Junior School is up by over 40%.

While this increase, in part at least, is due to the Library becoming a more attractive and enjoyable place to visit, much of the credit must go to our Librarian, Mrs Fiona Dakers and her assistant, Mrs Kathleen Brown, for their enthusiasm and initiatives in making the Library "the place to be".

The Advanced Entry Initiative with the University of Dundee has now moved from a pilot scheme to a permanent feature of our Form 6 provision. We are fortunate in having three universities on our doorstep - Dundee, Abertay and St Andrews and we benefit from each in different ways.

I recently signed a partnership agreement with the University of Dundee which will provide access to our staff for professional development but will also enable staff and students in the Faculty of Education to gain from the expertise which is present in the School. Already a research study is being carried out in the area of 10 -14 education which I have already mentioned and next session for the first time students undergoing training for the teaching profession will have placements in the Junior School. As well as assisting in the training of teachers which we have done in the Senior School for many years, the School also participates in the mentoring of probationer teachers in their first year of teaching which leads to the Standard for Full Registration of the General Teaching Council for Scotland. I think that can certainly be judged as a benefit to the community at large.

A few years ago, the School did not organise transport for pupils from their home areas to school. Next year we will have five routes with the introduction of a service from Arbroath and Carnoustie. The administrative and organisational burden is considerable, particularly when things do not go quite to plan, and I should like to thank Mr Gordon Rennet for his efforts over many years in running and expanding this provision.

After school care is another service appreciated by parents and enjoyed by many of our Junior School pupils. Next year we are extending this provision until 6.00pm and are introducing before school care from 8.00am until 8.30am.

For all of us, when we look back on our schooldays, it is often the memories of participating in activities beyond the classroom which remain. Extra curricular provision is an enriching experience and provides opportunities for pupils to work together, to challenge themselves, to display their talents. Often too, these activities are a forum which takes them into the wider world for example, in competition at local, national or international level and to display their talents to give pleasure and entertainment to audiences. It is impossible to enumerate all the activities or successes which pupils have had individually or collectively this session. I can but highlight some of their achievements and in doing so apologise for the many which cannot be mentioned.

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The summer term is the season for Duke of Edinburgh Awards expeditions and within recent months there have been a total of eighty-three group expedition days at all three levels - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Organisation, training and supervising of the Award Scheme is a major undertaking and could not be done without the help of many members of staff with twelve directly involved in training and supervising and some twenty involved in Service, Skills and Physical Activity Sections. I should like to thank them all and in particular Mr Mark Parlour who is in charge of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and Miss Sheila Cannon who recently left the school and who can rightly be proud of the major contribution which she has made to the Award Scheme throughout her time in the High School. Parents have also given assistance illustrating in another way the spirit of community and common purpose within the School.

Extra curricular music in the School enables pupils to display their musical talents either individually or as

members of a choir, ensemble or orchestra. But it is also an activity which gives immense pleasure to the listeners. This session has been as busy and successful as ever. The numbers taking instrumental music instruction is reaching 500 and the range and number of different groups is such that our annual Spring Concerts as well as the Christmas Concert have to be housed in the Caird Hall to accommodate the number of performers. A beneficial consequence has been that we now can open these events to the public beyond the School and it is gratifying that we can now share with the wider community our musical life.

Indeed such is the growing reputation of High School musicians that an increasing number of organisations, particularly charities, are anxious to invite our musicians to perform at fundraising events.

Of course, all performance results from talent plus hard work and dedication by the pupils whether in their early years in the annual L1-L3 nativity play or older pupils as seen in the latest school musical, 'Kiss me Kate' performed so successfully at the end of last session. Hard work and dedication can also be applied to our Music staff and Drama staff upon whom falls the responsibility for

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Mathematics competitions at Senior, Intermediate and Junior level, a Maths Olympiad, a Chemistry competition, a Geography Quiz, German Speaking competition, Latin competition - these are some of the many and varied competitive events in which pupils have participated and gained success for themselves, the School and by extension the City. For the first time an L7 team were outright winners of a Techno Challenge Competition for independent schools.

Variety, it is said, is the spice of life and is certainly reflected in our pupils' interests and achievements from published poets - Catherine Smyth, Kirsty McEwan F1, Rachel Fraser F2 and Lucy Boyd F5 to Mary Reid and Steven King of F4 who have been selected to participate in the Scottish Space School Programme. They have already met astronauts and will undertake distance learning modules from NASA before a final selection process for space camp at Houston.

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Many of our pupils achieve success in music beyond the School. Jennifer Watson F5 was accepted to play in the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland and Sarah Dorward F6 in the training orchestra.

Jennifer also won the prize for best overall singer at the Oban, Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival and the under 18 Gaelic singing class at the Aberfeldy Mod.

In the 2003 Schools World Debating Championships held in Peru last August, Scotland was placed third. This year's World Championship was in Stuttgart with 29 nations participating. Scotland reached the quarter finals but were beaten by Australia, the eventual winners; two very creditable performances upon the world stage which confirm Scotland's long held place as one of the foremost school debating countries. We can take pleasure in the fact that for two years in succession a High School pupil has been a member of the Scottish team - Gavin Illsley of last year's F6 in 2003 and this year James Moir, Form 6.

I referred earlier to the School as a community. From time to time there are occasions which illustrate better than any words what the High School as a community really means. One such occasion was a dark, very wet night in February at Murrayfield when the 1st XV played Dollar Academy in the final of the Scottish Cup. The hundreds of pupils who attended, the parents, former pupils, friends were a part of that occasion and were amply rewarded by the determined and gritty performance of our players. It was an occasion which all who were present will long remember.

It is not surprising that three of our players on that occasion, Scott Burnett, Alan Dymock and Richard Vernon were all selected to play for the Scotland U-18 team, the first time, I believe, that three pupils have played in the Scottish team in one season. Peter Saunders was selected for the Scotland A U-18 team.

I am pleased to announce the inauguration of a Rugby Development Programme between the School and the Institute of Sport and Exercise in the University of Dundee. This programme



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will deliver to a group of our top rugby players a supervised coaching and instruction programme customised for them and also appropriate training facilities. The Programme illustrates another strand of our links with the University.

The rugby success this year would of itself be a worthy illustration of our pupils sporting talent. To it, however, can be added a successful season for our Junior School rugby, hockey and cricket teams and particularly netball with the L7 team winning the Dundee Primary Schools' winter league, summer league and the Kennedy Cup with the L6 team winning the Miss Ward Trophy.

In tennis Nicole Wilson was one of a team of six who won through to the final of the Scottish Cup, Euan Borland played for Midlands U-16 Boys hockey, Robert Cannon played for Scotland in cricket participating in the Youth Cricket World Cup, and in athletics in the Scottish Schools Championship first place was gained by Collin Goudie in the High Jump and by Eilish McColgan in the 800 and 1500 metres. For Eilish this is the latest addition to her successes this term. Maria Thomas won the 300 metres in the National Indoor Athletics Championship. Both Maria and Eilish will be competing in the British Schools Athletics Competition.

It takes a special kind of dedication to train as a top swimmer and to combine it successfully with a school career. This is exactly what Jenni and Judith Kilgallon do. Jenni's continued success is reflected in her membership of the Scottish Institute of Sport and in her captaining the Scottish team for the second time in the Home Nations

young people. I can report that sport in the High School is in good heart and I salute all our pupils who participate whatever their age and whatever their level of expertise.

A mark of the values held by any society, including a school, is its recognition of those who need a helping hand and the fundraising activities initiated by our Charities Committee and by individual pupils are an important part of our community life. It is simple merely to make a monetary donation and leave it at that; it takes far greater commitment actively to do something for a good cause. Let me site but three examples all of which are directly the result of pupils' efforts.

During Children's Book Week, our Readathon 2003 involved countless pupils from L2 to F3 reading thousands of books and in doing so raising over £4000 for charities. The School's Interact Club of F5/F6 pupils linked to Rotary International focuses upon fundraising for charities and Christmas parking in the School playground at the start of the seasonal holiday and controlled in all weather by the pupils also raised a substantial sum.

To plan, execute, produce, market a show, hire a theatre with all the associated financial risk is not an action many of us would take on board. But it is exactly what Helen Chalmers, Jennifer Tyler and Amanda Pringle did last session with the sole purpose of raising money for the Maggie Centre. Their commitment and hard work was amply justified by their production "We want to boogie" in the Gardyne Theatre which was greeted over two nights with great acclaim by their audiences and raised thousands for their chosen charity.

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International where she broke the British Senior Girls' 100 metre freestyle record.

For Judith a highlight of the year must have been her selection as one of five school swimmers and athletes to represent Great Britain in the International School Sports Federation competition in March in Greece. Twenty-seven European countries participated with Great Britain the winners. We hear of new initiatives by the Scottish Executive to encourage sport and exercise among our

Such activities undoubtedly played a part in the School winning a place in the final of this year's Tayside Business Awards in the section "Business in the Community".

The powerhouse of a school has to be the staff for without their professionalism and dedication, in many instances far beyond the call of duty, it would not be the institution that it is. I want to emphasise that when I talk of the staff I mean all of them teaching and non-teaching. The contribution made by janitorial staff, office staff,

medical auxiliaries, technicians, Junior School auxiliaries, dining hall staff, after-school care helpers is absolutely vital. Besides their main functions many assist with extra-curricular activities such as Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, CCF, First Aid courses, school trips. To all my colleagues my thanks for your efforts throughout the session.

The theme of this report has been community. I have spoken of the pupils and of the staff. Let me say something of the parent body. In consciously selecting the High School for the education of your children - in many instances for 13 years - you are placing an infinite trust in the School in enabling us to participate in the education in the widest sense, of your sons and daughters. You are therefore an integral and vital element of the School community. Without the active support of our parents we could not function as a school. From attending games on Saturdays, and coaching and refereeing, coming to school concerts, acting as chauffeurs (unpaid) to your sons and daughters, to active assistance with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme you play a vital part in the life of the School for which I offer my thanks. The Parents' Association involvement with fundraising - not least their very successful May Ball - organising the annual Book Sale - and importantly through the regular meetings of their Office Bearers with me is an invaluable channel of communication and I thank them for their support particularly the immediate past Chairman, Mr John Rymer. To his successor, Mrs Heather Graham, I wish an enjoyable year in office.

The Presidents of the Old Boys' and Old Girls' Clubs are unstinting in their support for the School not least in the assistance with fundraising which will remain a crucial aspect of the School's activities for the foreseeable future.

The time which the Chairman and his fellow Directors give to the affairs of the School is considerable and the regular visits which Board members are invited to pay during routine working days enables them to see and speak to staff and pupils and to get "a feel" for the life of the High School.

The High School of Dundee can trace its origins back 765 years and in that time the community which it serves has undergone countless transformations as has the institution itself. The challenges in the past have been many and there will be new ones in years to come. A strong community, knowing what it stands for and what it is striving to achieve, will meet those challenges.



Old Boys' Club Report

At the Annual General Meeting in November 2003, Mr Graeme Davidson was elected President of the Club and Mr Jim Wallace 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 learn of the continuing progress of the School.

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

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F.P. CRICKET CLUB REPORT

If the success of a sports club is measured by the performance of it's 1st team, then 2004 was indeed a disappointing year for DHSFPCC. What a contrast then from 2003 when everything appeared to fall into place as our 1sts enjoyed one of their finest ever seasons. August 28, 2004 was the Saturday when we failed to win our last National League Division 1 North game and so ended up in 10th and final position and lost our coveted National League Status.

Why the big turnaround in fortunes? I remember at this same time last year analysing the success of our season and it occurred to me that the success hadn't been merited by a well-oiled machine, more by a mish-mash of ill-fitting components, a bit of a cobbled team perhaps. I wish now we had taken more heed. We finished 4th in the League and won the Scottish Cup Plate hands down, but we only got by in the bowling, the fielding wasn't all it could have been and the batting depended heavily on our two Australian imports. Therein lies the first post-mortem analysis of season 2004 – we took up just half of our overseas quota. The excellent Brendan Ford, our 14th Sydney grade cricketer since taking that route in 1989, travelled alone. This was more circumstantial than anything else, but, in a way, we were preparing for season 2005 when the limit will be one. With a professional and an overseas amateur in your XI, you have half a team. With one you have 10 names to find. This is indeed a sad indictment of local talent and, in many ways, is the crux of the problem. Sadly for Scottish cricket, it's not a problem peculiar to club only, and I'll come to that shortly.

Whilst the state of the 1st XI may be parameter for success, five other XI's run by DHSFPCC give reason for more positivism. The 2nd XI piled their trade in Strathmore and Perthshire Union Division 1 to good effect, winning more games than we lost without ever seriously challenging for the title. Then we doubled the provision of junior cricket this year, the FP Under 11 and Under 17 sides joining the well-established Under 13s and Under 15s. All four teams were successful as they went about their hefty midweek evening and Saturday morning league programmes. But we can not do enough to promote youth cricket and we must do

still more. It is becoming harder and harder to groom cricketers who will continue to play when they reach 18. "There's so much else to do now", is the common call, with 'playing cricket' way down the list of priorities. Players in their late teens/early 20s, the age-group who should be monopolising the game, are like hen's teeth. We have to listen to what they want out of cricket – more inclusion? – shorter games in the lower leagues perhaps? A typical XI in our leagues can consist of seniors over 40 and juniors who haven't given up yet – we'll inevitably get too old to play amongst ourselves and the game will decline and the clubs will die. There have already been fatalities among clubs, some of whom have been going for over 100 years, and now there are visible signs that even some seemingly immune and very notable clubs are struggling to sustain the game.

This annual report provides the opportunity to pay the Club's respects to those within the School who help us sustain our game. Mr Michael Duncan, our Honorary President, is never other than totally supportive of our efforts as is Mr Bruce Beckett and his staff in the P.E. Department. Mr. David Connor and his staff at our beloved Dalnacraig put in an enormous number of hours to provide us with our practice and match facilities. To all of them, and to the High School of Dundee itself, our sponsor for 104 years now, a very large and humble thank you – without you we wouldn't have a club. And we soldier on.

Graham McLaren
President
DHSFPCC



Above: Form 6 and below: the Prefects





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Old Girls' Club Report

At the 72nd Annual General Meeting held on Monday 1st March 2004, the following office bearers were elected:

President	Mrs Linda Cunningham
Vice President	Mrs Linda Stirling
Junior Vice President	Mrs Alison Paterson
Secretary	Mrs Carolyn Joss
Assistant Secretary	Mrs Caroline Sim
Treasurer	Miss Maggie Stewart
New Committee members	Mrs Anne Brown Dr Anne Watson

The Old Girls have had a busy and varied programme of events during the year 2003-2004 under the Presidency of Mrs Annette Grewar.

Sports Day in June 2003 fell on one of the many hot and sunny days of last summer and the Old Girls were kept busy serving strawberries and cream, and tea and biscuits to parents, families and friends.

Also in June, on the last evening of term, the Old Girls joined with the Old Boys to entertain school leavers at the annual barbecue at Mayfield. An enjoyable evening was had by all, the event providing the occasion for a final social gathering before leavers go their separate ways.

Our 5th Old Girls' golf outing in August at Glenisla brought 10 Old Girls together for a Stableford competition.

Eileen Fraser was the winner of the Old Boys' Trophy. The 15th annual golf match between the Old Boys and the Old Girls for the Petrie Quaich was played over the Rosemount Course at Blairgowrie on Sunday 5th October. Despite blustery conditions, some fine golf was played and the Old Boys finally triumphed, thanks to their winning putt on the final green.

This year's Annual Reunion Dinner followed a somewhat different, less formal format. It took place in the Ustinov Room in Bonar Hall and 116 Old Girls enjoyed a buffet supper followed by informative and entertaining speeches by Gail Whiteford and Dorothy Christie. Following its success, with many new Old Girls attending for the first time, we look forward to reconvening at the same venue on 13th November 2004. A warm welcome is extended to all Old Girls who would like to attend.

The Old Girls continue to organize and run the Thrift Shop, now located in Bonar Hall. The aim of the shop is to provide parents with a facility for sale and purchase of items of second hand school uniform and sports equipment. Dates and opening times are intimated in newsletters to parents.

Future events in 2004-2005 include the Old Girls' Car Boot Sale on 18th September 2004 from 11am to 3pm in the school playground – all proceeds going to the Mayfield Sports Centre Development – and the biannual London Lunch on 5th March 2005. The next Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 7th March 2005 in the Eastern Club Staffroom. Currently we are enjoying a successful year under the Presidency of Mrs Linda Cunningham.

Carolyn M. Joss (Honorary Secretary)

Report Of The Patrons' Association

The Patrons' Association continues to be active in support of the School. Membership growth is at a steady pace, but younger members in particular would be welcomed. Perhaps 6th Form leavers might consider joining the Association, to preserve their links with the School through its oldest constituent body. Perhaps parents of leavers might feel that the gift of life membership would be a suitable leaving present. Life membership cost £100 and payment may be made to the Bursar or to the Association Secretary, Mr Jen Petrie, 6 Guthrie Terrace, Barnhill, Dundee, DD5 2QX.

In March 2004 The Association was pleased to present a cheque for £3500 to the Rector, for the Mayfield Sports Centre Appeal, bringing the Appeal Funds to over £100,000 just three weeks after the official launch of the

Campaign. Chairman Jim Coull said "This is a very important development and we are delighted to lend our support to such a prestigious project, continuing our long tradition of support for the school." Accepting the cheque, the Rector said, "The support we have already received for this appeal demonstrates the value of the Mayfield Sports Centre to the wider community. I am delighted to accept this latest donation, which moves us another step closer to achieving our goal."

Further fund raising activities in support of the Mayfield appeal are under active consideration of the Patrons' Committee.

James W Coull
Chairman

Trust Appeal Fund

The Trust Appeal Fund was established in 1971 for the purpose of supporting the School. As with all Trust Funds, the value of the Fund has fallen back a little in the last year or so and is standing currently at slightly less than £1,000,000, but fortunately the revenue which we are able to make available to the School has not. After consultation with the School, the Trustees are pleased to report that they are in the year ahead to provide funding of about £100,000 to assist the School in the reconstruction and refurbishment of Phase 2 of the Baxter Hall, in the provision of IT equipment comprising replacement of computers, provision of new projectors, new Smart interactive boards and replacement of one main server, and for the Music Department, the provision of a grand piano. All of these are important for the development of the School.

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 Meams and Jane Cumming; and those co-opted having an interest in the School are Fred Sieber, George Linton and Bill McFarlane-Smith. Fraser Ritchie is retiring this year as Secretary and Trustee and has been thanked by the Trustees for his contribution to the Trust work over the years. The Trustees have power to co-opt one other Trustee and accordingly there are currently two new Trustees required, and if anyone is interested in doing this please contact the Secretary as undernoted.

If you would like to make contact with the Trustees or would like to make a contribution to the Fund, please contact any of the following:

Chairman: Margaret Stewart (Tel 01382 738436)

Secretary: Jane Cumming (Tel 01382 229222)

Treasurer: Robin Winter (Tel 0 1334 656666)

Jane Cumming
Secretary

Parents' Association Report

The Parents' Association has had another successful year under the chairmanship of John Rymer.

In May we held a ball at the Apex City Quay Hotel as part of the campaign to raise money for the Mayfield development. It was a sell-out event and all who attended enjoyed the dinner and dancing to the Wayne Robertson band. We raised a sum in excess of £6700 from the evening. Many thanks go to everyone who helped make the evening such a success, especially to Ann Davies and Joanne Whiteford for helping to organise it.

After our AGM, Charles Sharp, the Bursar, and Harvie Findlay, Chairman of the Finance Committee, gave a talk about the funding of the school. It provided an opportunity for parents to discover how the fees are spent and was a very interesting and informative event.

In June we held our annual Book Sale to give pupils an opportunity to sell on their old school books and hopefully to save parents some money! We also served refreshments at the school production of "Kiss Me Kate" at the Gardyne Theatre.

The Parents' Association meet regularly with the Rector to discuss issues of concern raised by parents and general school matters. We would like to thank parents, staff and pupils for their support throughout the year.

Helen M. S. Taylor



- NEW STAFF



1. Jim Gladstone

Mr Jim Gladstone joined The High School of Dundee in August 2003 as a Deputy Head. A graduate of Heriot-Watt and Dundee Universities, Mr Gladstone previously taught mathematics in a number of Tayside schools and was latterly Head of Mathematics at Grove Academy.

When not surrounded by timetables and Phoenix print-outs he can occasionally be found walking in the hills or out on a bike, pretending to be fit while actually just trying to become fitter... and (by his own admission) failing in the attempt!

Mr Gladstone is, by now, a familiar face to staff and pupils and, as well as his many duties as a Deputy Head, he also does some teaching in our thriving Maths Department.

2. Mandy Arthur

After a short break to have family and teach in the State sector, Mrs Arthur has returned to impart her infinite knowledge to the pupils of The High School. She enjoys Dance, Netball and Hockey and has done much to promote these in extra-curricular sessions this past year. The PE Department has also benefited from her lessons on flexibility and her mathematical genius (two teams of six girls!)

3. Lindsay Drummond

Lindsay joined the school in August 2003 and is an enthusiastic new member of Roger Illsley's burgeoning Drama and Media Studies Department. She has been a Drama specialist for thirteen years having graduated from Queen Margaret University College with a merit in Acting. Since then, she has worked as a puppeteer with Purves Puppets and has had acting roles in the Royal Lyceum in Edinburgh and the King's Theatre, Glasgow where she was voted as having the longest legs in panto that year! "Oh yes she was"

She made the transition from the stage to the classroom, after obtaining her PGCE from the Northern College in Aberdeen, and she has taught in both the primary and the secondary sector. Before she finally saw sense and came to work for us, she worked at Dyce Academy, Inverurie Academy, Montrose Academy and Madras College, St Andrews. She has been an SQA marker and visiting examiner for the last three years.

Lindsay's first year has been busy but thoroughly enjoyable, what with the Drama Trip to London, the Form 1 trip to "The Minotaur", directing the Form 3 "target audience" performances and her role as Assistant Producer in the school's production of "Kiss Me Kate".

Lindsay has two girls, one dog, two guinea pigs and one rabbit, so what with her busy career, she has no time for other hobbies!

4. Andrea Douglas

Before going to Art College, Andrea worked for seven years in various office environments. She obtained an HNC in Textile Art and Design at Dundee College and then a BDes Hons Jewellery and Metalwork from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design, graduating in June 2001. Whilst at College, she worked as an Arts Worker for Angus Council. Between Art College and Moray House, she worked for one year in Edinburgh as a Jewellery Designer in a Gallery.

As well as teaching Andrea continues to design and produce her own contemporary jewellery and regularly takes part in exhibitions such as Dazzle. Her work is sold in galleries and museums, including the National Museum of Scotland and Dundee Contemporary Arts. All this has been achieved working from her workshop at home.

This year Andrea has been a popular Group teacher of 3WA2 and was involved in the School show, "Kiss Me Kate" assisting with wardrobe and makeup.



5. Maggie Muntz

Maggie Muntz joined HSD in August 2003 from St Aloysius in Glasgow having previously taught for 2 years in Melbourne, Australia. Before going to Australia, she taught at Dingwall Academy and was also tutor for Modern Languages in the Highland Region Primary School Training Programme. She has taught English in schools in Spain and also attended secondary school in France for a year.

Maggie is a keen musician, playing both violin and piano. She plays for the Scottish Fiddle Orchestra and since coming to Dundee has joined the Tayside Symphony Orchestra. Maggie is keen on the outdoor life, and enjoys walking and cycling. As a baptism of fire this year she accompanied the exchange to Murcia, ably looking after and bringing back safely fourteen 3rd year pupils and Mr Spowart!

6. Michael Stewart

We are very happy to welcome Michael Stewart back to The High School fold after his two year "sabbatical" teaching in the Sudan. Michael was born and brought up in Northern Ireland but came over to Scotland to do a Philosophy degree at Aberdeen University and an MPhil in Philosophy at Dundee.

After considering the career options open to a philosopher, he "wisely" decided to train as a teacher and came to The High School five years ago. Prompted by a desire for travel and adventure, he, his wife Karen and their two daughters Iona and Misha set off for Khartoum where they spent two happy years. They holidayed in Ethiopia and Eritrea and came back loaded with memories, fascinating photographs and an eclectic collection of Arabic curios!

Michael loves music and despite his claims that he is "unsporting" he cheerfully participates in staff 5-a-side teams and golf challenges and has become a stalwart member of the Duke of Edinburgh team who take the pupils into the hills come rain or shine!

On their return, Michael and Karen immediately added to their rapidly growing family with the birth of their son Reuben, so many congratulations; we're delighted you're all back safe and sound.

7. Pauline Stott

Mrs Stott is a local lass, hailing originally from Invergowrie and educated at Harris Academy – but we won't hold that against her! She has come to The High School in a coaching capacity and her prowess in Games and Athletics will be of great benefit to present and future pupils. In 2000 she captained the GB Hockey team in the Sydney Olympics and this experience, plus her exceptional skills base and enthusiasm should greatly promote Hockey within the school.



STAFF - LEAVING STAFF



1. Jim Cunningham

Jim was born in Ayrshire in 1946. His family moved to Arbroath in 1957 where he attended Arbroath High School and he studied Art at Duncan of Jordanstone College from 1965 – 1969. He worked for an advertising agency in Glasgow but decided that life as a commercial artist wasn't for him and made up his mind to go in for the noble profession of teaching. After obtaining his Teaching Diploma in Dundee, he taught in Arbroath Academy until 1973, then moved to the Isle of Lewis and taught at the Nicolson Institute in Stornoway from 1973 – 1975. He moved again, to Castle Douglas and taught in Castle Douglas High School from 1975 – 1984, finally returning to Angus, where he began teaching at The High School of Dundee, remaining with us for 19 years.

At The High School he spent many years as graphics and layout production man for The Review as well as School advertising. Jim took the rapid advances in computer graphics and new technology in his stride, adding these new skills to his repertoire, thus becoming our "resident expert" in computer graphics. This led to his being involved in the production of School and FP publications, for example our sister publication Beyond the Pillars.

Doing a bit of "extra-curricular work" of his own behalf, Jim has put his talents to good use outside the school and on a grand scale. He produced the large banners for EuroCentral at Mossdale, the largest industrial estate in Scotland, as well as those on display on Riverside Drive, Dundee.

Jim decided to take advantage of the McCrone settlement and took early retirement in October 2003 but he is still working for The High School as a freelance expert, producing graphics for School publications. He hopes his "retirement" will allow him to develop a small business working with digital photography, so if you want your Christmas Ball photographs enhanced, you know where to go.

2. Fay Ballantine

Fay was born in Edinburgh a day after the allied invasion of Europe but for her parents 'D' meant daughter!

She was educated at George Watsons and then went on to Moray House, where she graduated in 1965. Her career has revolved full circle, from Edinburgh to Liverpool to London and then back to Alyth as she followed her husband Bruce's career. During this busy period, Bruce and Fay found time to raise two sons, Grant and Andrew. She originally came to the Junior School for a brief supply period but thankfully stayed for two and a half years.

Fay and Bruce love to travel and during their retirement plan to travel the world and enjoy their garden. Fay will no longer be spotted every weekend tending the flower borders as she will now have more free time to persuade Bruce to do it! As for their travel plans, there are not many places in the world that they have not already seen, but I am advised that darkest Peru could expect a flying visit at some time in the not too distant future. We await postcards!

A team is only as good as its players and Fay has proved to be a most valued member of our Junior School team. We wish both Fay and Bruce every happiness in their retirement.

3. Scott Blyth

Scott Blyth arrived as a new pupil at The High School of Dundee in 1944. His family then moved to India and he attended the Mount Hermon School in Darjeeling where he developed a lifelong passion for curry. On his return to Dundee he completed his education at Logie Secondary School.

Employment at the Caledon Shipbuilders followed where he qualified in Naval Architecture. He left the world of ships for Dundee College of Education where he qualified as a teacher in 1964 and was then employed at Linlathen High School until 1971. He was appointed to a post in the Technical Department at The High School of Dundee but reluctantly moved on in 1973 when his talents were recognised by Dundee College of Education.



As a lecturer and, subsequently, as Head of Department in Technological Education, he was able to pass on his enthusiasm for education to future generations of teachers. He made a significant contribution to the changes which took place in teaching methods at that time.

Early retirement from the College in 1995 allowed him the opportunity of returning to The High School and to the task of teaching Craft and Design at school level. The closure of the workshop area and the end of teaching of Craft and Design occurred in 2001. There followed the refurbishment of the area with the start of Graphic Communication and the moving of Technological Studies to form a Technology Department. Scott helped to take on the complex reorganisation with enthusiasm and thoroughness which resulted in Graphic Communication being firmly established within the school curriculum. The areas of Computer Aided Design involved in the new courses were treated as problems to be solved and forward progress was made on most, if not all, days.

We are losing a real teacher, who has been an inspiration to many. Staff and pupils have always found him very approachable and more than willing to spend time passing on his extensive knowledge.

4. Sheila Cannon

Sheila has enjoyed 16 years of service to the Maths Department and school. As well as teaching both maths and in the early days computing, Sheila has been heavily involved with pupils in extra curricular activities.

Sheila's excellent organisational skills were put to good use when she took over the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. Her enthusiasm and dedication encouraged more and more pupils to participate in the scheme, and the numbers quickly rose.

For many years she coached and umpired hockey at school level, and until relatively recently played for the Dundee High School FP team. Sheila is also very keen on racket sports and in her free time she keeps herself fit by playing both tennis and squash for teams in the Dundee area.

Sheila will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils, but we wish her every success and happiness in her new post at Dollar Academy.

5. Isabel Duncan

After gaining a degree in French and German from Glasgow University, Mrs Duncan took up her teaching career in Airdrie Academy. This was followed by a period teaching in Nova Scotia before following her husband, Jim, back to Dundee where he was appointed research scientist at the SCRI. Since then she has spent time in Morgan, Lawside and Monifieth before coming to The High School.

She has witnessed the evolution of many changes to the Modern Language curriculum and exam system during her career, not least because of her close involvement with the SEB and now the SQA where she has been an examiner for Higher French over a period of 15 years.

Her commitment to the editorship of the School Magazine for many sessions demonstrated her ability to stick to the main task whilst never losing sight of the details which entirely reflects her valuable work with the SQA, and indeed her work at all levels in the teaching of languages.

In retirement she would like to do lots of things, from travelling with her husband to making tapes for the blind. Moreover, with two lovely grandsons to spoil, it is hard to imagine that she will find time for "getting some value out of her golf subscription."

Apart from our blessings and thanks for long and valuable service to The High School, she will be taking one thing away with her: her memories of having a register class. Next year, we suppose, there will be only one person in her register class, a certain Jim Duncan; no doubt he will have to attend every day - and get his daily notices!



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6. Fiona Ferguson

Former pupil, Fiona Ferguson returned to The High School in December 2000 to work part time in the Development Office looking after the former pupil database, organising class reunions and providing administrative support for fundraising activities.

Fiona's familiarity with the school and community has been valuable when tracing former pupils and organising reunions and her friendly manner has made all those returning to the school feel welcome. In addition, her able management of the former pupil database has turned it into a valuable tool for keeping in touch with the School's extended community.

Now that both her sons, William and Alastair will be at school, Fiona has decided on a career change and is leaving to study for the one year post-graduate teacher training certificate to qualify her to teach Technological Education in secondary schools. We wish Fiona all the best for the coming year and her new career.

7. Patricia Gibson

As a former pupil of The High School of Dundee and graduate of St Andrews University, one might imagine that becoming a teacher at The High School was an obvious and time honoured progression for Patricia Gibson but before she became a teacher, Patricia worked first as a Biochemist in a hospital in Newcastle.

It was after she was married in Dundee that her career path changed. When her children were young, Patricia ran a Nursery School, then, when they were old enough to follow their mother's footsteps through the pillars into the High, she taught at various primary and secondary schools throughout Dundee, before joining the staff as a teacher of Biology and Chemistry in 1980. She continued to teach both subjects until the start of Standard Grade.

She was House Mistress of Wallace for a few years before the amalgamation of the House system with Guidance and she regularly helped out at school discos, enduring many a long evening in the hall at the top of Bonar until the school discontinued the practice of organising discos because they had become a thing of the past! She also offered a variety of "Friday 9" activities including swimming, badminton, handcrafts and scrabble.

Her future plans include a trip to Africa (Malawi) in November and she also looks forward to having more time for her own interests such as walking, yoga, music, handcrafts and looking after her four grandchildren.

8. Wendy Gillanders

Wendy is going to be greatly missed by all of us in The High School of Dundee.

Having completed two years in charge of the L6 Geography Department, it is encouraging to note that she has at long last realised that Troon is not next door to Dundee and that all the time spent travelling across the hills of Scotland could be better spent in more serious pursuits – such as retail therapy.

Dundee's loss is Ayrshire's gain as Wendy has been enormous fun to teach with and has given great service to the school, in the form of assistance with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in the Senior School and training a very successful Junior School hockey team.

The L6 visit to Dalguise has also benefited from Wendy's early experience with the Police Force, taking her role as Dormitory Warden very seriously and exacting serious penalties from those who omitted her from midnight feasts!

Her enthusiasm and sense of fun will always be remembered by staff and pupils alike and we all wish Wendy a very happy and successful future in Ayrshire – provided, that is, that she can work out the compass bearings to get there!



9. Senga Gouick

After graduating in Textile Design at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art Dundee, Senga taught for a year in Stirling. She moved to Dundee in 1968 and began her first spell in The High School.

Following a 3-year break from teaching, she returned in 1974 and embarked on a career that would last for 30 years. Senga's long association with The High School has been characterised by her energetic and enthusiastic approach. She made a very valued contribution to the department, not only in the classroom but also with her involvement with gallery visits and stage sets for school productions.

Senga has always exhibited a deep interest in her subject and her positive outlook and commitment will be a loss to the department. Senga will, no doubt, approach her well earned retirement with the same relish that she brought to her teaching and we wish her every happiness for the future.

10. Ewan Jack

Having just joined us at the beginning of the session, Ewan is leaving us to see the world. We might have thought that going on the Junior School trip to Paris would have put him off travelling for ever. He has survived the annual staff jaunt to Arran then there was the ski trip to Golling in Austria... does this man need to travel anymore!

His knowledge of rounders, dance and most of all cricket will be sadly missed within the school. He also generously gave up a Friday evening late in Term 3 to help backstage at the production of "Kiss Me Kate" but we suspect this may be because Mr Blackburn and Mr Gallagher alerted him to the prospect of sweets (chocolate truffles) for the backstage crew and cast!

We are all sad that he has been "taken" away. Our very best wishes go with him.

11. Frances Martin

Frances has moved around the UK from Scotland to England (if Yorkshire counts!) to Northern Ireland, then back to Scotland – so not surprisingly she is interested in "place" Geography.

Educated at Dumfries Academy, then Cleveland Grammar School, Frances went on to obtain a degree in Geography at Edinburgh University. She started her teaching career in Belfast, teaching Geography at Grosvenor High School (where George Best went until he discovered that they played rugby, not football!) Since 1987 she has been on the staff at The High School of Dundee, teaching first in the Geography Department and then as Head of Religious Studies. She says that she has "enjoyed every minute of it" and that she will "miss the "buzz" of both the classroom and the staff room.

Frances and her husband Will have three children, all born in Northern Ireland but now all living in Scotland, and they have two grandchildren. They moved to Kirriemuir in 1982 and she is very happy to retire there to enjoy golf, gardening and her grandchildren.

Her hobbies and extra curricular interests include the Scripture Union, the Charities Committee, the Duke of Edinburgh (even the Gold expedition) and she belongs to a reading group. She also enjoys flower arranging, golf, gardening and travel.



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12. Gordon Melville

In August 2003, following a period of poor health, Gordon Melville retired after 11 years of committed service to The High School in which he contributed to the life of the school in many different ways.

Gordon covered a wide range of duties in his capacity as Senior School Auxiliary and latterly he was responsible for all the School's stationery and running the busy reprographics department.

Having spent a great many years in the motor trade he was also a natural candidate for taking responsibility of the School mini-buses which included acting as driver on many occasions. Our Spanish and German exchange students will long remember him for his tours and excursions round Perthshire and Angus. Our best wishes go with Gordon for improved health and a happy retirement.

13. Emma Priestly

Emma Priestly took over from Lesley Simpson and her prowess in rounders will be sorely missed. She has fitted into the PE dept with ease bringing a whole new vocabulary with her!! BLESS.

Emma is leaving to take up a job developing sport in primary schools. We wish her well in her new employment.

Lesley Simpson

Lesley Simpson covered Mrs Hutchison's classes from Sept to Xmas. This was her first teaching post; she settled in well being most popular with the pupils. She started a gymnastic group and fully involved herself with the full life of the school. She left us to take up a post at Madras College.

Other News

Peter Mackenzie, who was Head of the French Department at The High School for 19 years, also retired at the end of session. We wish him well and suspect he will be glad to slip the bonds of pedagogical drudgery and spread his wings.

In addition, we extend a warm welcome to Scott Phimister, who joined the Chemistry Department in 2003. He is already ensconced as a member of the extended family that is The High School of Dundee as well as ably fulfilling his role as a classroom and group teacher.

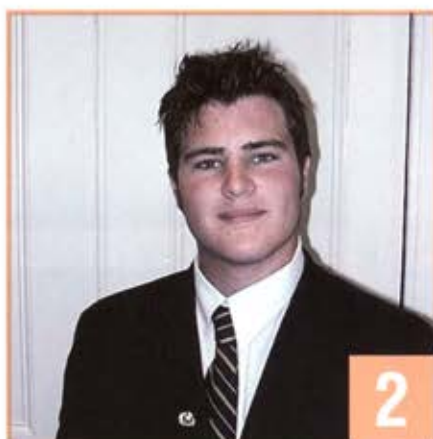
There have been changes in the Office staff too. Pam Wilson left the High School in September 2003 to join her husband, Tony, who worked in Dubai and Caroline Blair joined us on 22nd September 2003. She came to the High School from the school office at Forfar Academy. Caroline has two sons, aged 17 and 19.

Finally, it is our pleasant duty to spread some glad tidings. We congratulate Colin Stuart on his engagement to Val Macfarlane last summer; Michael and Karen Stewart are also to be congratulated on the birth of their son, Reuben, on 10 September 2003, as is Shirley McGill who, after taking maternity leave in Term 3, gave birth to a son, Aaron Samuel in June 2004.

Pupil Achievements 2003-04

As ever the pupils of the High School, have been keen to get involved in numerous extra-curricular activities, demonstrating their various talents into the bargain!

Here are just some of these pupils. . .



1. 3 poets Catherine Smyth, Kirsty McEwan, Rachel Fraser

2. Alan Dymock, Rugby Internationalist

3. Catriona Wilson, Scottish Ballet Associate

4. Eilish McColgan, Running

5. James Moir and Catherine Jung, Debating

6. Jenni Kilgallen, Swimming



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7. Jilly Vannet, Public Speaking
8. Kirsty Jones, Leng Silver Medal
9. Kirsty Watson, Piano prizewinner
10. Lucy Boyd, Selected for publication in Young Voices poetry anthology 2004
11. Mary Reid, Sophie Thomson, Neil Dewar, David Pitcaithly, Steven King, Andrew Black, Maths Challenge
12. Richard Vernon, Rugby Internationalist
13. Rosan Leslie, Best Junior Helper, Gordonstoun Summer School
14. Rugby Internationalists, Alan Dymock, Scott Burnett, Peter Saunders, Richard Vernon
15. Sarah Dorward, Block Prizewinner, Creative Writing
16. Scott Clayson, Athletics

SENIOR SCHOOL - ACHIEVEMENTS



17. Senior tennis team, Rosan Leslie, Nicole Wilson, Mhairi Cunningham, Megan Hunter, Julia Bruce, Lucy Sneddon

18. Sophie Sneddon, Strings prize winner

19. Stanley Buckman, Sailing

20. Stuart Mires, Brass player

21. Tom Phillips, Old Boys' Prize for Creative Writing

22. The Equestrian Team



Pupil Achievements in 2004/05

In brief

- Catriona Wilson (Form 2) has just been made a Senior Associate of Scottish Ballet. She attended auditions at the beginning of June open to anyone from S2 upwards and was surprised and delighted to be offered one of the places (there are only 12 places for the whole of Scotland). She will now go to Glasgow every Saturday to train at Scottish Ballet headquarters.
- Kirsty Watson (Form 3) won the Nora C. Leggat Prize of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music for Pianoforte (Grade 6).
- Christina Clayhills-Henderson (Form 6) is off to the Liverpool Institute of Performance Arts where she will study for an Honours Degree in Performance Arts.
- Jennifer Watson (Form 5) was accepted to play in the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland. Sarah Dorward (Form 6) has been accepted to play in the Training Orchestra of above.



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- Jennifer Watson won violin classes and picked up the prize for best overall singer at the Oban, Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival. She also won the Under 18 Gaelic singing class at the Aberfeldy Mod.
- Sam Croll (Form 5) won voice prizes at the Oban, Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival.
- Kirsty Lowe, Jennifer Watson (Form 5) and Sophie Sneddon (Form 3) as part of their String Ensemble won the Scottish Ensemble Championship for the 5th time in succession.
- Steven Gilbertson (Form 6) picked up The High School Quaich for the best performance in F5-6. This is the first time this has been awarded to a percussion player.
- Earlier this year Robert Cannon (Form 6) was selected to play cricket for Scotland U19 in Bangladesh.
- Conor Ogg (Form 1) was short listed for the final of the Scottish Poetry Library's competition "Poet in the House"
- Stanley Buckman (Form 3) won the Endeavour Trophy in the Royal Tay Yacht Club Regatta in June. This is a new trophy and Stanley is the first person to win it.
- The Scottish Schools Sailing Championship was held at the beginning of July on Loch Earn and a number of High School pupils (Forms 3 -6) took part, Alasdair Tannock (Form 4) taking second place.
- Laura Brown, Katrina Patrick and Ricki Solaiman, all Form 5, were selected to take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp.
- Fifth Formers Colin Goudie, Christine McLean, Julia Bruce, Rhona Smith and Ross Campbell were selected for the Gordonstoun Summer School.
- Jilly Vannet and Eilidh Firth, both Form 2 were recently awarded trophies for Most Improved Fiddlers by Tayside Young Fiddlers.



Oxford Beckons

Four sixth year students are set to follow in the footsteps of Oscar Wilde, Lawrence of Arabia, Professor Stephen Hawking and Hugh Grant, not to mention a host of former and current Prime Ministers!

Sally Brunton, Toby Davies, James Moir and Jamie Yule have each been offered a place at Oxford University. Sally will study History at Worcester College, where she will be joined by Toby who is studying Mathematics. James is to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) at Balliol College, while Jamie will study Law at University College.

Colin Allison, Deputy Head said: 'All four of these students have played a very active role in School life, and, in addition to their academic abilities, have shown commitment to the school and the wider community through a variety of extra-curricular activities.'

Toby has been a key member of the charity fundraising Interact club and plays football for the school team, which reached the semi finals of the Scottish Independent Schools cup. James has represented Scotland in the World School Debating Championships in Stuttgart. Sally is a keen horserider, and has represented the School in the Scottish Schools Equestrian Championships, and accomplished violinist Jamie has appeared in numerous High School concerts and musical shows.

We wish them every success in their future study at Oxford, and look forward to following their future careers with interest.

Language matters!

The Buchanan Building of the University of St Andrews was the venue for the German **Prose, Poetry and Role-play** Competition on Tuesday 15 June 2004.

In this, its first foray into national competition, the High School fielded a team of five, all of whom acquitted themselves very well in the face of some daunting opposition, particularly from Glasgow and Edinburgh schools.

In the Junior section, Form 4 pupils, Stuart McGrath (prose) and Laurie Knox and Emma Robertson (poetry) received certificates for their valiant efforts.

In the Intermediate section, Iona Friedberg of Form 5 was awarded 3rd prize for her very spirited reading of a prose passage. She was delighted to take home a cheque for £45.

Our crowning glory came in the Senior section with Catherine Peters of Form 6 who entered both poetry and prose categories. She laid claim to a well-deserved 1st prize and carried home a cheque for £100 and two magnificent reference books.

Our beaming smiles on the way home reflected the wonderful sunshine we had enjoyed all day. Well done to you all – you did us proud!



Iona, a worthy winner



Catherine, following her well-deserved success



Well done, Emma, Stuart and Lauren (left to right)

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SENIOR SCHOOL - SPORT

The Mayfield Sports Centre

One of the biggest projects the school has undertaken in recent years is the proposed plan to build a £3 million sports centre at Mayfield. Part of the money will be raised by an appeal for donations made through various affiliated school organisations and published in *Beyond The Pillars*. The appeal incorporates the Dallas Allardice Memorial Fund and many who knew Dallas as a teacher, a colleague and friend have already contributed generously. If you haven't contributed yet and wish to do so, contact Sarah Randell through the school office for details.

The Mayfield Sports Centre will not only add to the value and variety that High School pupils and former pupils already get from our PE Department and sports facilities but will also contribute significantly to the community at large. It is proposed that the centre will be open to community sports clubs which are open to public membership, as well as members of the High School community.



Cricket Report

Season 2004 saw The High School of Dundee field a young but promising side. The services of batting wunderkind, Robert Cannon, were lost to his club side and various pupils in their final year had not shown the dedication they once had at training. The season started with a bang as we demolished Morrison's Academy at Dalnacraig with the visitors being bowled out for a fifth of our declared total. John McNicol scored an unbeaten fifty and Richard Vernon notched up a rapid 86 which included the greatest six most of the players had ever witnessed.

Our next match was at home to Kelvinside. This was a much harder task but our bowlers managed to grind out a result from an uncompromising position.

For our next match we travelled to Heriot's. For years this has been a notoriously difficult fixture and we were keen to buck the trend. We were put in to bat and reached a respectable total. They came out to bat and got to nine runs off our total with one over remaining. Graeme Beat was the unlucky man selected to bowl this vital over. He bowled well and gave us a great chance to win with the home team needing six runs off the final ball to tie the scores. Amazingly the Heriot's captain belted the ball over the heads of our boundary fielders to tie the score.

Once the team recovered from this frustrating draw and we went on to crush 40's club aided by some aggressive bowling on a very dodgy wicket. All in all this was a tremendous season for such a young team and cricket in the school will no doubt stay strong for the next few years at least. Special mention must go to Richard Vernon whose runs have been so valuable and he finishes the season with an average of over fifty. Thanks must go to Clarence Parfit our coach and the PE staff of the school for guiding us through such a successful season.

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Equestrian Competition

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 with more schools than ever taking part.

The Senior team of Suzanne Fairlie F6, Will Murray F5 and Nicki Galloway F5 were first to compete and considering that they did not have a fourth team member on the day (Lesley Niven F6 had to unfortunately pull out at the last minute), did outstandingly well and came a very creditable 2nd in the combined training, out of the nineteen schools which took part. In addition to this Will Murray won the best individual in the combined training.

The Intermediate team of Rozy Macdonald F3, Zoë Galloway F2 and Andrew Glover F1 followed this with another excellent performance and finished a creditable 11th out of the 21 participating schools in the combined training.

Finally it was the turn of the Junior team of Kate Foubister F1, Grace Batchelor L7, Jennifer Robertson L7 and Rosy Morgan L6. They came a very creditable 5th in the combined training out of the 14 participating schools. They also secured second spot in the show jumping with Rosy securing the second fastest time against the clock.

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.



Senior team: Nicki Galloway on Dungannon Bay, Will Murray on Keltic Ghost and Suzanne Fairlie on Masterpiece IV.



Intermediate team: Rozy Macdonald on Anya Rhapsody, Zoë Galloway on Midnight Blaze and Andrew Glover on Topper.



Junior team: Kate Foubister on Miss Monty, Grace Batchelor on Monty, Jennifer Robertson on Silver and Rosy Morgan on Odin.



First Eleven Hockey – Boys

With seven players who gained experience from last year's first XI returning this season, we were potentially a strong side. Though we won fewer games than we might have expected, it was still a very enjoyable season.

Undoubtedly our best performance was in the seven a side tournament against George Watsons in our opening game. Every member of the team performed to their true potential giving 100% effort and commitment and contributed greatly to a victory over the winners of the Scottish Cup on AstroTurf. Sadly this spell of greatness did not last! Because the rest of our games were on grass - and having been spoiled throughout the season with all our games being played on AstroTurf - our performance was dramatically affected.

The team played a 3-5-2 formation throughout the season with many "fringe" players who rotated into various positions. The defence consisted of Daniel Hunter, Fraser Gray, Vice-Captain Toby Davies and Captain Brian Gillan, all of whom played solidly at the back, Brian and Toby giving 100% effort and commitment throughout the season both on and off the field of play. In addition, Toby's sense of humour was second to none and morale was very rarely an issue.

The midfield consisted of the immensely skilled trio of Matthew Ross, Chris Philp and John Fairlie. Each of these players had an outstanding season and caused havoc to the opposition in the centre of the pitch on many occasions. Euan "Biggie" Borland and Thomas Thomson latterly acted as wingers with their unrivalled skills at moving the ball with pace and both Richard Wood and Stephen Fraser gained valuable experience in these positions at times for next season. The attack was composed of Chris McDonald, and Michael Smailes of fourth year whose impressive ball control was highly valued upfront. Last but no means least, our goalkeeper Glen Christie had a fantastic season. His cat-like reflexes were always at hand to save us on many occasions!

It was a pleasure captaining this first XI and I would like to wish next year's team much luck in what I'm sure will be an interesting and action packed season.

The Second Eleven, however, had a very successful season, losing only one game throughout the season, winning most of them - and some of them very convincingly. The very first game of the season against Glasgow Academy the teamwork just seemed to click and we won the game 8-0. There were, on many occasions as a result of our successes, players from the second eleven promoted to the first eleven. However the core players remained the same allowing us some consistency throughout the season. All players who represented the second eleven this season deserve congratulations for their exemplary discipline, determination and positive attitude throughout the season.

The under 15s also had a very successful season 2003/04. The season started with a bang with two 11-0 wins over Stewarts Melville and Aberdeen Grammar. Super strikers Scott Anderson and Philip Gentleman notched up a total of thirty between them during the season.

Spirits at an all time high, and our confidence growing, we made our way through the season, with the skills and stamina of Emlyn Ponder and Daniel McKillop, both showing great leadership in midfield. Ben Scott and Nick Bryan stepped up the pace of their game showing performances that were extraordinary. Lavan Sriskandakumar, Eliot Mason and Varun Manthri our wall in defence saved the team many times throughout the season and goal keeper Neil Dewar saved many a shot.

Captaining the under 15's side through out the season has been a very enjoyable and a memorable experience and I wish the teams of the future every success.

Many thanks to Mr. Nichol and Stuart Gillan who helped us throughout the season with their tactics and their umpiring skills and all the memorable Monday night practices. Thanks must also go to Mrs Stott who provided the sevens team with extra training before the tournament; without doubt the training sessions were of much advantage to the entire team. Lastly, thank you to Andy Wood who gave up countless hours on Saturday mornings to umpire our matches.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT - 2003/4

The past season saw the athletes maintain the high standards set the previous year. From the Scottish Schools Relay championships in November to the Dundee schools championships in March, we achieved both individual and team success in all events entered. Highlights of the year began with an excellent third place at the road relay championships by the medley girls team of Laura Brown, Elish McColgan, Megan Hunter and Fiona Ashford, (pictured below).



As a result of successes achieved last season, a number of our runners were selected to run in the Scottish Power Local Authorities Centenary Challenge in Edinburgh, a curtain raiser for the European Cross Country Championship. Dundee schools were represented by Elish McColgan, Rosie Ogden, Scott Clayson, Zoe Galloway and Catriona Wilson all Form 2. (Pictured below) Individual successes at the St Aloysius cross country event, were achieved by Elish (1st), and Scott Clayson (1st), while at the Fettes cross country relays there was a particularly good run from Colin Anderson.



We also competed in our two regular fixtures at Glenalmond and Strathallan, with Elish comfortably winning the Glenalmond race. Others to be mentioned in dispatches include Charles Adams, Adam Robertson, Craig Wallace, Michelle McAngus, Alex Orr, Scott Campbell, Conor Ogg, Ryan Ross, Rhona Crichton, Laura Collins

and William Lamb. All these athletes acquitted themselves well and made progress through the year.

The highlight of the National Championships in Irvine was an excellent 2nd place for Elish McColgan which earned her a call to represent Scotland in an international event in Ayr – well done Elish! Outwith school athletics, Elish also won the Reebok Challenge for runners throughout the UK, was second in the Scottish National Championships and along with Laura Brown ran for the Scottish team at a supporting event for the London marathon.

Our final event was the Dundee Schools Championships in which we performed with some distinction with no fewer than four first places (Scott, Elish, Colin and Laura). There were also excellent runs from Amy Watson (S2), and Alex Orr (S2). We also won age group trophies for first year girls, (Jennifer Grewar, Amy Watson, Amy Bryan, Alex Ferguson and Libby Forbes), second year boys, (Scott Clayson, Adam Robertson, Michael Houstoun, Scot McIntosh, Tom Emslie-Smith, Stuart Barlow, Craig Wallace), second year girls (Elish McColgan, Zoe Galloway Catriona Wilson, Rosie Ogden and Shona Watson) and senior girls (Laura, Megan, Susan Lawrie and Katrina Hamilton). The consistent first year boys (Angus Young, Josh Rowley, Chris Fearon and Allan Drysdale) finished in a creditable 3rd place.



As a reward and as the culmination of the season we went to Aberdeen University for two days of competition, training and activities in the Summer term... a splendid time was had by all. An added bonus was that both Colin and Elish won their respective races against Hazlehead Academy, with Colin now holding the Scottish pizza mile record – 12 slices– one pit stop – 1st place – now that's real talent! (The start of the race is shown above) Many thanks to Mrs Vannet, Mrs Hutchison and Miss Campbell for helping me keep you all in order. Special thanks also to Mrs Brown for helping me at so many events throughout the season.

GJR



"The combination of beauty, brains and brawn"

Rugby Report

The votes were cast pre-summer in order for our four officials to get the tracksuits organised in good time for the new season. We meant to start off the year as a team to be reckoned with! After much reflection on the part of those involved - an entire summer - the positions of Secretary and Treasurer were filled by Sandy Farmer and Dave McLean respectively. Their contemporaries within the school community had an all-embracing faith that the combination of beauty, brains and brawn afforded to the team by these two vastly contrasting yet eternally intertwined souls would bode well for the team. The keenly anticipated position of captain was to be bestowed on the celebrated Scott Burnett, who has been hailed as the next Sean Fitzpatrick and he has not failed to electrify! Peter Saunders was awarded the honour of serving as Scott's subordinate; with his piercing angles and devastating runs these would be two to watch out for.

Our year began on a positive note with a convincing victory at the Madras tournament, instilling confidence in the team, yet - It has to be said - lulling us into a false sense of security. Our confidence was swiftly quashed in our first calendar fixture of the year, we endured an offensively humiliating and unforeseen defeat at the hands of Robert Gordon's. We lacked focus, determination and commitment

amongst many other things. Realising the error of our ways we rectified this embarrassing inauguration with a convincing away win against St. Aloysius. However, there was still a lot of work to be done and in the following matches we suffered defeat to Edinburgh Academy, Dollar Academy and Strathallan. In the weeks to come we enjoyed a brief respite and an opportunity to turn our season around. We played host to two touring squads from Limavady and Culford. Despite the essential attendance of key players at a charity ceilidh we managed to scrape victories in each of these matches and for the first time in the season began to look like a team.

With our first cup match looming an air of anxiety was rife and we knew that our haphazard form had to be eliminated. We approached the game with apprehension yet we produced a more than creditable performance in our demolition of St. Columba's. The next round took us to the Borders to face previous cup holders - Galashiels Academy. Still struggling to find consistency in our performance, it was a hard fought match but determination on our part saw us hold out to secure a place in the next round. Drawn against four times champions Merchiston, we were squarely regarded as the underdogs and could approach the game with nothing to lose. At last, on the day of the quarter final our tracksuits arrived and although we maybe wouldn't play like one, we looked a team.

In spite of Merchiston taking an early lead we produced our best performance of the year to date and although an unfortunate last minute score flattered the opposition, the win was secured. This landed us in a semi-final clash of epic proportions with Edinburgh Academy. For the first time

in the season we controlled the game from start to finish playing with a confidence and belief that was previously lacking.

Our reward was a place in the Scottish School's Cup Final opposite defending champions Dollar Academy to be played on Murrayfield and the accolade of being only the second High School team in history to reach this stage of the competition - since the school was founded in 1239. I make that two teams in 765 years - not bad! Along with this, however, came more training and the sessions on Dundee Law became an ever more regular occurrence. We were also lucky enough to have the invaluable wisdom of a stalwart High School F.P. imparted to us in our numerous training sessions with Andy Nicol.

The cup final day wasn't quite the glorious day we had hoped for but despite the weather our hugely vocal and devoted following turned out in force - thank you! Unfortunately the enormity of the occasion and our nerves got the better of us in the first half - as did Dollar. Despite a brave second half performance which saw us win the second half convincingly it was not enough to nullify the first half deficit and the game was lost 27-14.

On behalf of the team I'd like to thank the P.E. staff past and present for all their commitment and perseverance throughout the years, it is much appreciated! I'd also like to thank this season's Captain and Vice Captain - Scott Burnett and Peter Saunders - for leading their team to one of the most successful seasons in recent memory.

Congratulations are due to: Scott Burnett, Richard Vernon, Alan Dymock, Peter Saunders, Colin Goudie, David McLean, Sandy Farmer and Andrew Quin who were all selected for Caledonia Under-18 Independent schools; and also Michael Walton, David Arnot, Steven Lahoar, Noredine Haddanou and Andrew Dymock who were all selected to play Caledonia Under-16 Independent Schools. Furthermore Peter Saunders and Richard Vernon were selected for Scotland Under-18 A and Scott Burnett and Alan Dymock were selected for Scotland Under-18s.

Finally, on behalf of all the leavers, I'd like to wish the best of luck to next season's team. Hopefully they will have a season as enjoyable as we have had and maybe they can go all the way.

Sandy Farmer
Form 6

CURLING

The High School of Dundee curling activities have gone from strength to strength in this past winter season. Pupils from Primary 7 each had a three week "taster/introduction" session of curling on Monday afternoon at Dundee Ice Arena. It was quite a joy to behold that within these relatively short sessions the pupils were able to learn the delivery, sweeping and skipping skills to a stage where they could all fully participate in a proper game of curling. Such was the enthusiasm shown that many of these pupils returned after school on Monday to learn more and take part in the after-school curling, when we frequently had up to 40 pupils on the ice at any one time.

Sixteen pupils, usually with Mr. Rogers in attendance, also attended curling coaches on Monday afternoon from Christmas until Easter. Their skill levels improved dramatically over this period and it has to be said that they, as with most youngsters who are enjoying themselves, became extremely able - and competitive! In spite of this, it was pleasing to observe how their team spirit developed and the willingness they showed to help and assist their fellow pupils (and teacher!) with some of the skills. It is this aspect of curling that is extremely important for all ages but then curling seems to bring out these qualities of friendliness and co-operation. The important point is that all youngsters were learning many new skills and obviously greatly enjoying themselves.

Our more advanced pupils also participated in extremely competitive games after school and many of them have now joined curling clubs that also use the Dundee Ice Arena and operate child protection schemes. The level of skill has improved over the year and we now have a pool of players of sufficient calibre that we were able to field over two teams in what has now become an annual competition, The Alan Dargie Curling Competition. This competition was established in memory of a former High School pupil and involves the pupils playing competitive games against adults from Lundie and Auchterhouse Curling Club, Auchterarder Curling Club and teams of Former Pupils. Although not winning the competition the pupils played very well indeed and were a credit to their parents and their school. It is perhaps very fitting that a competition that was created to honour a young curler has been a significant motivating factor in what has been a very major revival of the sport of curling within the school and of all the good qualities of sportsmanship that curling so easily helps to develop.



Senior Boy's Football 2003/2004

"Football.....in the High School!?? Surely not!" declared the Dundee Evening Telegraph back in September. But in fact, this year marked the inception of a full season of competitive senior boy's football at Dundee High School and what a first season it has been! The football team has caught the imagination of staff and pupils alike as the boys, captained by Ruari Scullion, reached the semi finals of the Independent Schools' Cup Competition.

The campaign began back in September with our debut entry into the Scottish Schools' Cup and although it was to be an extremely short campaign, the experience would prove invaluable to the boys in the long term. The challenging tie away to Monifieth High School was made all the more difficult as the home side romped to a 3-0 half time lead, yet the High School spirit and determination shone through in an enthralling second half, as goals from Marco Caira and Ruari Scullion brought the score to 4-4 at full time. The lottery of penalty kicks followed, but lady luck was not on our side as Ricky Volpi's double penalty miss meant that we crashed out at the first hurdle. Nevertheless, this was a creditable first competitive performance.

Our key football commitment this term has been in the Scottish Independent Schools' Cup Competition. The competition organises the competing schools into three regional sections, each region's teams compete in a league format, with the top two teams in each league qualifying for the national knock-out stages. Our fixtures in the Northern Section began at home to Dollar Academy, as strike sensations Marco Caira and Scott Toshney sent the High School into a shock 3-1 lead. However,

a combination of inexperience and the strength of the Dollar team were to prove crucial as our lead was edged out in the second half; another 4-4 final score. Having secured our first point in the competition, St. Leonard's were demolished 7-0 at Riverside, which was then followed by a disappointing 7-4 defeat away to Queen Victoria's School.

Fixtures resumed in darkest February; however the wintry storms of early 2004 created a fixture backlog. This forced a fitness testing two games in two days, which much of the squad found a little demanding! A lacklustre and flat 1-1 draw away to Glenalmond College at McDiarmid Park, Perth threatened to put an end to our campaign as Dollar charged to the top of our league table.

A trip to Gordonstoun would be a crucial turning point in our campaign, with the former 'Seagulls' star Mr Toley accompanying the squad to Northern Scotland. Despite the coaching, encouragement and inspiration of the former Soccer Great, the defensive frailties which seemed to have haunted the team throughout the season were to resurface once again! But a determination and desire to succeed in the competition became apparent in this performance as the squad returned to Dundee with an outstanding 5-4 victory which took the team to the verge of qualification to the latter stages of the competition. The school's place in the latter stages of the competition was secured with a comfortable 4-0 victory over Strathallan at Riverside. Dollar secured first place in the group, with the High School in second. The tension and excitement spread throughout the squad over the weekend as we awaited the results of the quarter final draw.

A tricky tie away to Kelvinside Academy, impressive group winners of the West of Scotland section, was the reward for our qualification. The boys were feeling inspired on the day of the quarter final tie, particularly as the PE department provided luxury travel to Glasgow. A comfortable, yet unlikely 2-0 away



victory brought the boys out in full voice during the journey home; the school choir would have been green with envy! Ruari Scullion's impressive first half strike, followed by a looping cross/shot from Robert Cannon provided the lead, but full credit must lie with the defence which commanded from start to finish!

The trophy holders and favourites, George Watson's College, travelled to Dundee for the Semi-Final tie in April. A large, vocal Dundee High crowd cheered on the team at Riverside and despite an early Watson's goal and injury to our goalkeeper, Chris McDonald, the support were not disheartened. In fact many were inspired by Stephen 'Gubby' Gilbertson's strip tease enthusiasm to take over in goal for the remainder of the game! However, his heroics in goal were not to be enough as Watson's took a 2-0 lead just before half time. A full-on assault of the Watson's goal ensued in the second half, but chance after chance passed by as the well organised Watson's defence appeared impenetrable. The final score of 2-0 ended our challenge.

It's been an exciting debut season for football in the High School. The enthusiasm for next year is already gaining momentum and hopefully we can build on the successes of this year's team.

Many thanks to Alistair Grieve for all his help on the coaching front this year and to the Caira family for their kind donation of football strips which have ensured that the team is always well turned out on the field!

Form 6
Chris McDonald
David McLean
Greg Hinrichs
Nick Morgan
Scott Burnett
Ruari Scullion
Marco Caira
Daniel Mitchell
Toby Davies
Riccardo Volpi

Form 5
Andrew Quin
Scott Toshney
Mark Robbins
Ross Campbell
Gordon Gray



1st XI Hockey Report

Our team started this year full of enthusiasm and raw talent despite losing a few key players at the end of last year. However the 4th years were exceptionally keen to fill their hockey boots.

We narrowly missed a place in the final of the Midlands U-18 tournament but managed to score a number of goals against several strong teams. The next week against Mary Erskine saw the loss of our confidence and our coach, Mrs Hutchison, who was injured during the match. However with the help of our new coach, our team spirits were lifted and resulted in a glorious victory over Albyn. This was the start of a winning streak. We managed to win 6, draw 4 and lose only 3 games this year.

The October holidays were brought to life with the arrival of our Irish rivals. The match against Limavady was extremely tense and close match considering we took the lead very early on in the game however our dream of victory was soon to be shattered resulting in a 2-1 defeat.

Nevertheless we managed to score a total of 40 goals this season with Laura Brown being the top goal scorer. One of these goals was scored by our captain, Nicole, during the Morrisons Centenary match allowing us to win 1-0 and regain the shield.

We prepared for the 7's tournaments on the astroturf at D.I.S.C. but the lack of experience on this surface provided our opponents with an unfair advantage over us in both tournaments. However the team played well throughout.

Our junior teams played exceptionally well this year with a number of convincing wins especially against the more experienced schools in Edinburgh. The Form 1 B's only lost one match and the A's lost two which bodes well for the future.

Finally on behalf of the rest of the team we would like to thank the coaches Mrs Spowart, Mrs Arthur, Miss Simpson and Miss Priestley; the umpires Mrs Watson, Mrs Robb, Mrs Graham, Louise and Bev and all other parents or teachers who gave up their Saturday mornings to support us, it was much appreciated. We would also like to say a special thank you to Mrs Hutchison and Mrs Stott for making our last ever school hockey season so memorable and enjoyable.

Best of luck to next year's team, "From the heart, High!"

Louise Anderson, Form 6

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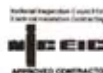
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GOLF REPORT



The first competition of the year was run by the British Heart Foundation and was played over the Burnside course at Carnoustie in April. In breezy conditions all our teams played well, the best placed being that of Callum McGowan, Michael Gray and Gavin Redford (all Form 3). They finished joint second, only missing qualification for the national final on count-back, a highly encouraging performance. Thanks are due to all those who participated for their enthusiasm and the substantial amounts that they raised for charity. However the citizens of Carnoustie will no doubt be hoping that Andrew Gibson, Form 3, straightens up his game somewhat. They scattered for their cellars as he hacked his way like a 'twister' through houses, car-parks and railway lines. Andrew's coach is his grandfather, the legendary former Head of Science, James 'Killer' Smart. So come on Grandpa 'Killer', surely a traditional 'six of the best' with your Callaway 'Big Bertha' can straighten up the young scamp before next year's competition!



In the Dundee and Angus Secondary Schools Championships held at Montrose on a cold morning in May, our players performed well, without hitting the heights of last year. Our scratch team of David Arbuckle and Martin Lawrie (both Form 5) finished 4th while Neil Bryden (also Form 5) finished 3rd in the individual handicap competition with a fine net 71.

In the Boase Medal, the school's traditional scratch championship, played for over Barry links at the Panmure Club, David Arbuckle, with a handicap of 5, scored well-crafted scratch rounds of 78 and 75 to win comfortably by 8 shots from Neil Bryden. In the Pirie Cup, the school's main handicap competition, Neil Bryden was victorious, with his opponent in the final, Martin Lawrie, unable to cope with flurry of birdies that an inspired Bryden unleashed on the day.



In general this has been an encouraging year, with considerable enthusiasm in the school, particularly from Forms 2, 3, 4 and 5. Once again, however, there has been little interest amongst the girls: hopefully this is something that will change in years to come.

Girls' Tennis Report 2004

The session 2003/2004 has proven to be particularly successful considering the tennis sector within the school. The First VI have managed to maintain a clean sheet being unbeaten in all their games. With a strong squad of talented individuals and confident team players, the team was able to obtain these results. In addition, this session's weather allowed many glorious Saturday mornings to be enjoyed by both players and staff members and consequently resulted in some sunburnt faces! Despite the session being short, the second VI also enjoyed comfortable match wins and played well through out the session both in training and in match play. The Form 2 players enjoyed a successful season winning all their fixtures, the Form 3 and Form 1 teams only lost once. These results augur well for the future and I would encourage the junior players to continue enthusiastically attending practice.

The annual Mixed Doubles Tournament held at Glenalmond was yet again another joyous day. Although the team of six were missing two key players such as James MacKay and Chris McDonald who unfortunately had a broken leg, the talents of

replacements Sandi Farmer and Colin Goudie aided the team in a third place victory. Thanks must also go to Rosan Leslie, Lucy Sneddon, and of course my partner of the day Gordon McWalter.

Tennis Championship results –

Senior Champion – Nicole Wilson F6

Junior Champion – Joanna Reid F1

Primary Champion – Rachel Clark P7

Colours awarded to: Nicole Wilson F6 (re-award), Rosan Leslie F6 (re-award), Lucy Sneddon F6 (re-award) and Julia Bruce F5.

Thanks must go to Mr Paul McGhee of the Schoolwear Shop, for again generously sponsoring the senior teams. We really appreciate the donation of polo tops and sweat tops and his ongoing support of school tennis.

It must be said that without the efforts and time given to the teams by the P.E staff the tennis session could not be possible. With this I, on behalf of all team members, would like to thank Mrs Arthur, Miss Priestley, and of course Mrs Spowart for all that they have done over this last year, and wish the team every success next year – one last time "From the heart High!"

Nicole Wilson (Captain), Lucy Sneddon (Vice-captain)

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Ski Trip

On Friday the 13th February forty third year pupils left for the ski trip. Our destination - Golling in Austria.

When the bus arrived at the school gates at half past eight in the morning everybody was very excited. The bags were all loaded on to the bus and we all got inside. Ten minutes later the bus began to move and we all waved goodbye to our parents standing by the school gates. We were going to Dover first to get the ferry to Calais. We stopped every four hours and we arrived in Dover at ten o'clock. We then joined the queue to board the ferry, but when we got to the end of the queue we were told that the number of coaches on the ferry had been overbooked and we would not be getting a ferry until two o'clock in the morning! To pass the time we all went into the nearby shop and had something to eat. We finally got on the ferry at two o'clock and were only delayed slightly on the rest of the journey, but still arrived in Golling five hours late, tired but excited that we had reached our destination.

The first thing we did was go to the restaurant and have our evening meal which was very "traditional". We then went to the hotel and were sorted into our rooms which we had organised on the bus. We went to bed at eleven o'clock having unpacked and were woken up at six in the morning to go skiing. It took us half an hour to get to the slopes and then two hours until everybody got their skis from the hire shop. We then went up on the Gondola to the mountains where we were split up into groups according to ability and we met our instructors.

We skied every day for the rest of the trip and enjoyed evening activities like skating and "traditional" Austrian

bowling though we then had a disco on the last night, much to Mr Gallagher's pleasure and enjoyment!

When we arrived back at the hotel everybody showered, picked up their bags and we left the hotel for the last time. We then went for our evening meal and began the long bus journey home. One of the highlights of the journey home was the award ceremony. This included prestigious awards such as "biggest Ned" (Colin Anderson) and stupidest comment (Ailsa Gray - "are we getting the ferry all the way to Austria?"). We returned to Dundee the following day at quarter past nine, on time.

Everybody had great fun on the ski trip. Thanks to the great instructors, the beginners were able to ski confidently down the slopes by the end of the week. The average skiers improved and had far more ability on the slopes than they had at the start of the week. Finally, under the expert guidance of Arnold Schwarzenegger look alike "Andre", the advanced skiers were able to hone their skills. Overall the ski trip was a great success and we would advise anyone - of whatever skiing ability - to go. Thanks to all of the staff for making this such an enjoyable trip for everyone.



Drama Trip to London, 3-5 October 2004

It was a cold, dark October Friday morning when we all arrived at school. We were bleary-eyed, but excited. We were off to London! It was a long journey, though everyone woke up a bit when we entered London and a guide started showing us the sights. For some of us, it was a return to a city we love; for others, their first time - but everyone was excited. It took quite a while to get the rooms sorted out when we got to the hotel, but eventually everyone was settled and we started getting ready for the evening ahead of us.

We started at a pizza restaurant, before making our way to Her Majesty's Theatre for a breathtaking performance of the Phantom of the Opera. From the opening auction scene, which ended with the enormous pieces of scenery being flown off stage, we were awe-struck. The impressive set design only stood to further complement the highly talented cast; everything, from smaller touches such as the music box, to huge pieces like the falling chandelier, was used effectively and resulted in a fantastic performance.

On the Saturday we had a busy day. We went to the Globe Theatre in the morning, which was a far more magnificent building than we had anticipated. We visited the museum first of all, before having a guided tour of the building itself. The tour guide was certainly keen, and it made for an enjoyable morning! We ate lunch while sampling some of London's shops in the famous Covent Garden, and we even had the

opportunity to see some very impressive street performers, which were certainly unlike anything we have in Dundee! In the afternoon, we had a tour of the set of Les Miserables and there was the chance to try on some costumes from the show... we even managed to get Mr Illsley into one!

That evening we went to Planet Hollywood for dinner, before going to the Fortune Theatre for the evening performance of the Woman in Black. By the end of the first half we seriously doubted Mr Illsley's claims that the show would scare us, but as soon as the second half started, we quickly changed our tune. Scared easily? Not us, or so we thought. Everyone, 3rd-6th years, girls and guys, screamed our heads off. And let me tell you, rocking chairs still give me the shivers.

On our last morning we passed David Blaine in his box, and there was never such a flurry of cameras as when we saw that blanketed figure hanging from a crane. It was madness! We then finished off the weekend with a visit to the Tate Modern, before saying our goodbyes to London.

The weekend was over, and all too soon we were greeting parents back at school. It was fantastic and thanks must go to all staff involved, in particular Mr Illsley and Mrs Drummond who organised the visit.

Fiona McCulloch
Form 3

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Leysin 2003

On the 3rd October, a group of thirty-six Form 3 and 4 geography pupils left the school gates to travel to Switzerland. We were accompanied by Mrs Vannet, Mrs Williams, Mr Nichol and Mr Parlour. The 28-hour journey was made by coach and we were headed for the small town of Leysin – one of the highest villages in the French speaking canton of Vaud, south-west Switzerland.

We arrived in Switzerland a few hours before schedule after a good ferry crossing (Dover to Calais), and a fairly decent night's sleep all round. After stopping off at a service station for breakfast, we drove around Lake Geneva to the hotel. As we approached the town, the roads became more winding and this made a few of us feel ill! When we reached Hôtel du Soleil, our bags were unloaded into the foyer and we all headed off into town to find out what attractions were offered by Leysin.

The next day brought worsening weather. However, after breakfast we departed for Les Diablerets, another town about 8 miles by bus (with more sickening, windy roads) from Leysin. Once in Les Diablerets we carried out a settlement study. It was nice to get a chance to look around a Swiss town and see what type of shops were open. It was surprising that even in a small town in Switzerland you can still find a Chinese restaurant and a handy carpet shop! In the afternoon, after almost resorting to 'Plan Z' due to the weather, we were taken on a tour with sights of geographical significance thanks to Mrs Vannet's knowledge of the area. We saw a waterfall named La Pisse-Vache (translate that literally!), a gorge - La Route des Vins – where all the vineyards are in the Rhone

Valley, and some odd features called the Pyramides d'Euseigne. By far the highlight of the day was the trip to the nearby town of Ovronnaz where we stumbled into another hotel, owned by Mrs Vannet's friend who served us some of the best hot chocolate I've ever tasted.

Monday. One of the best days - if not the best day - on the whole trip. Monday brought us an earlier breakfast as we were travelling over the border to France. The coach took us to Chamonix, about 53 miles from Leysin, where we could take the cog railway to Le Montenvers station at the Mer de Glace (the second largest glacier in the Alps). It has to be said, it was the most amazing thing I have ever seen in my life and I think I can count for everyone when I say the scenery was supreme, especially as the sun was shining. We couldn't have had better weather that day. The afternoon brought more sun as we took a cable car or three, up to one of the highest pinnacles on the Mont Blanc massif – the Aiguille du Midi. It took us to an altitude of 3842 metres and gave us even better sights than at the glacier.

Although it was quite chilly at the Mer de Glace, the temperatures dropped to -8° when we reached the highest point possible on Mont Blanc. Nothing can describe the amazing landscape that we saw around us, so you'll just have to go on the next trip and find out for yourself! After returning down the mountain we spent a while in the town of Chamonix buying souvenirs etc. in the town's surprisingly large number of shops. At about 5.30pm, we all returned on the bus to Leysin – tired but extremely happy. Every evening we had a time of work, known to everyone there as a 'Geoglog' session. We spent the evenings working on sheets that covered the day's itinerary which taught us of the more geographical side of the beautiful scenery. That evening, after our 'Geoglog' session, we turned in early and slept well.

Tuesday was going to be good. You could tell that by just looking at the itinerary – the Nestlé Chocolate factory was on the cards. But first was the visit to the United Nations centre in Geneva which meant a long bus journey from Leysin –

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approximately 78 miles. When we reached the buildings, they were quite impressive but so was the rigorous 'airport-style' security check that awaited us before we were allowed to enter. We had a very informative and very detailed guided tour of the United Nations where we listened very patiently, it has to be said. After completing our world co-operation study units we departed for the town of Broc – where the Nestlé chocolate Factory is! Lunch was on route this time and it was another long journey to Broc, but well worth it. The chocolate factory was excellent. The chocolate was mouthwatering. However, to look at the amount of chocolate bought in the shop afterwards from HSD pupils was sickening. We must have had well over 250 bars all put together. After we'd practically cleared out the shop, we left for our next destination - the Gruyères cheese factory where we encountered a wide variety of smells to say the least. More money was spent there and then we were packed on to the coach and we headed back to Leysin. We arrived back at the hotel and headed straight out to the ice rink - a five minute walk from the hotel to the Leysin sports centre. We had a fun-filled, eventful ice skating session and headed back to the hotel for dinner.

Wednesday was really our last day in Switzerland and unfortunately the weather meant that our plans were changed again. We were scheduled to be travelling to visit the Langgletscher glacier to complete the glacial study unit, but we ended up carrying out our plan that had been abandoned on the first day and took a walk to the Berneuse cable car station at the top end of Leysin. We took the cable car ride to the Berneuse at 2048 metres and completed the Berneuse Mountain building study unit. Then, our lack of plans meant that we were without afternoon activities but thankfully, our hotelier and his family owned a vineyard along the Rhone valley and he was kind enough to show us around. We all got to learn about the wine making process and got to taste some of the grape juice from the vines we were standing next to! We returned to the hotel for our last amazing dinner before having our last evening's entertainment, a quiz of general knowledge and geography which topped off the trip well.

On Thursday after breakfast we collected our last packed lunch from the hotel and checked out of our rooms by 9.30am. We spent our last hours wandering round Leysin browsing through the shops and spending our last Swiss money on souvenirs. We made our way back to the hotel for the last time and packed our luggage onto the bus and settled down for the long bus trip home.

Looking back on the geography trip, I can still remember every detail. It was adventurous, educational and fun. The surroundings were stunning and the food and accommodation were amazing. I have to admit that Leysin 2003 was the best school trip I've been on – without doubt!

Robyn Watt, Form 3



Grandes Jorasses and Glaciers du Tacul and Geant

Visit to the Glasgow Science Centre

It was an early start for Form 2 on Thursday 11th December as we piled on to the coaches to head for Glasgow Science Centre at 8am. After spending over two hours on the road, we arrived at the impressive building where we were split into two groups.

Some of us spent the morning wandering around the exhibits. There were loads of things to do and see, with machines to test reaction time, colour, sight, balance, muscle control and hearing.

Just before lunch, the whole group went to see a film in the Imax theatre about scientists in space, narrated by Tom Cruise. We saw how the space shuttles were launched into space, and exactly what the scientists do once they actually are in space, like experiments involving medicines and crystal growth.

After having lunch in the cafeteria, we went to see a science show, which involved a PowerPoint quiz, UV lights, rockets, explosions, motion experiments and worst of all, Madagascar cockroaches!

We would definitely recommend a second visit, as there wasn't enough time to see and do everything in one day.

By Caitlin McDonald and Fiona McHardy, Form 2



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El intercambio español

After a long day's travelling, we arrived at El Corte Inglés in the centre of Murcia to meet our new amigos. We seemed to sit for a decade on the bus panicking, but eventually found the courage to get off and greet our new families. At this point we all split up and some of us were even lucky enough to be whisked off to see the Real Madrid v Murcia football match. The next morning, those of us who hadn't gone found out about the pipas (sunflower seeds) that had been thrown at David Beckham the night before. By the end of the holidays we were all addicted to them!

After a nerve-racking journey into school, on our first day we all met up in the school playground, thankful to see some familiar faces and to be able to speak English again! Everyone seemed to be getting on with their new families... so far. After a tour around the school we went into the city centre to visit the cathedral and town hall, and to watch the flamenco dancing. Then we lazed about, enjoyed the heat of the sun and wandered the streets of Murcia holding our ice creams - and Mark Clayson's brand new oversized flippers. That evening was spent getting to know our Spanish partners and their families.

The next three days we visited Cartagena, Caravaca and Lorca. These are what we liked to call the "cultural" days where we experienced a taste of Spanish history through visiting museums, ancient ruins and castles. In Lorca we took a tourist train up to a castle, where we met an ancient soldier who dressed Andrew up in armour and gave him a crossbow.

Andrew was successful in scaring away the "enemies" - in this case a class of Spanish children! During these days we still managed to find time to soak up the sun and do a little retail therapy (a lot in the case of the girls!) and the boys, as usual, played football.

After our intellectual days, we were able to let off steam at Terra Mitica, the theme park near Benidorm. Although our time there was limited, we managed to squeeze in the scary roller coaster and water rides. Luckily, that night one of the Spanish guys had planned a party for the exchange, so we ended our brilliant day with a great night.

The rest of the weekend was spent with our families, tasting typical Spanish food, listening to typical Spanish music and trying to pick up some new Spanish phrases. It was Fiona McCulloch's birthday on the Saturday but we had managed to celebrate it in the early hours of the morning at the Friday's party. That is definitely a birthday she will never forget! That weekend was an insight into the Spanish way of life and we even watched the wedding of Prince Felipe, the heir to the Spanish throne on TV. Our weekend was complete when Andrew and Mark were daring enough to try the bungee trampolines at the local amusements. Everyone seemed to get as much amusement from spectating as they did from participating!

On Monday we set off for Torrevieja beach, something we had all been looking forward to all week. The weather was great and so we spent our last full day together with the sun, sea and sand! By the very end of the trip, although tired from the week's adventures, we were sad to leave our new friends and their families. After a few last photos and an emotional goodbye, we left for the airport, all looking considerably more tanned than when we had arrived. "El Intercambio" was certainly an experience we will never forget. Thanks to Miss Muntz and Mr Spowart we had a fantastic time and we are looking forward to the Spaniards' return visit in September!

Poppy Philip, Lynsey Nicoll, Hilary Gray, Renna Mahsoub, Fiona McCulloch, Mark Wilson
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Visit to the Galashiels Fashion Show

In May, a group of Form 3 pupils attended a fashion show staged by final year fashion students at Galashiels College, which is part of Heriot-Watt University. The show was staged at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh.



"Some of the clothes and designs were strange and different, but really cool and funky. I thought using the idea of the Seven Deadly sins was really smart, even though some of the designs didn't really fit in with the theme. The show has definitely given me ideas and inspiration, for myself and to use in class!"

Pamela Pirie. Form 3

What did our pupils think of it?

"I thought it was amazing and the outrageous designs were the best. It has introduced me to ideas about other ways of dressing and interesting new materials. I would love to go again next year. I also thought the models were very good. It would be better if there was more accessibility, for taking pictures – but apart from that it was amazing!"

Rachel Robb. Form 3

"It was pretty well presented. However, some of the categories were very mediocre and the clothes too plain and usual. It did make me consider art as a possible future career and has shown me that there are many different art based careers I had not thought about."

Douglas White. Form 3

"I thought a lot of hard work and effort went in to the show which showed the clothes and the hair and the make up of the models. I had never really been to a fashion show, so I didn't know what to expect, but I thought the standard of work was amazing. It has inspired me to think about fashion and what you could do with it as a career."

Elizabeth Allison. Form 3

"I enjoyed all the designs, but if I had to pick, it would definitely be the designs that were far out! They inspired me to think up more colourful and exciting designs that could be worn on the catwalk and off."

Rebecca Wilkinson. Form 3



We're told John Galiano and Karl Lagerfeld enjoy the odd ice lolly or cake at this time of day!



Inspired by what they have seen...

Classics trip to Italy 2004

In the dead of night 44 eager young Classicists and five equally eager staff gathered, bleary eyed but full of excitement, at the gates of the High School. Rome, the eternal city, lay ahead; and then the towns in the Bay of Naples frozen in time two thousand years ago under the brooding shadow of Mount Vesuvius...

April 1st

Our arrival in Rome followed a long journey by bus and aeroplane and the company was very weary by the time we checked into the Hotel Luciani. Enthused by the bustle of Rome we were quickly refreshed, however, and took a short walk to the church of Santa Maria Maggiore: "I'm not religious, but I'm glad I went in. The huge church was lovely. The ceiling was carved into flower shapes of gold." **Kayleigh Murdoch (Form 4)**

April 2nd

The Colosseum, a vast amphitheatre constructed from ornate marble arches, rose up to a tremendous height before us as we left the metro station. "It was amazing. A lot of one side has collapsed but buttresses have been added to hold up the walls which are still standing - hopefully this will work as it is prophesied that when the Colosseum falls, so will Rome. After that, lunch and a stab at some Italian, il pranzo era ottimo, lunch was delicious!". **Victoria Beat (Form 2)** "The Roman Forum next. Lots of interesting buildings - the temple where the Vestal Virgins worshipped, the arch of Titus, the senate house." **Mary Reid (Form 4)**



April 3rd

The queue for the Vatican Museum snaked its way through several streets yet moved quickly and in a surprisingly short time we were strolling through the gathered treasures of two millennia of European History. "Massive paintings, hundreds of mosaics, and

millions of marble statues" **Jonathan Voigt (Form 2)** These masterpieces could be outdone by nothing but the inspiring grandeur of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel which brought us out into St Peter's Square where we bathed in the Italian sun. We stopped at the Pantheon before lunch; made a wish at the Trevi Fountain before tea; then in the evening, "caught the metro to the Spanish Steps and looked at the designer shops on the Via dei Condotti." **Christine Reid (Form 2)**

April 5th

After yesterday's scenic bus tour through the heart of Italy, our location has switched to the bay of Naples. Today we visited the Roman town of Pompeii. "Most of us took morbid pictures of the ash-covered bodies, but we also saw the temple of Apollo, a flour mill, the Pompeian Forum, and a bath-house. After lunch we headed to Sorrento for some shopping." **Caitlin McDonald (Form 2)**

April 6th

We visited the buried town of Herculaneum in the morning and then ascended Mount Vesuvius in the afternoon. "Today was the best day but also the worst. I had been looking forward to going up Vesuvius but when we reached the crater it was really bad weather. But I did still have fun." **Byron Jackson (Form 4)** "After tea we went to the discotheque! The highlight today was when Mrs Fletcher, Mr McKellar, and Miss Macdonald got up and started doing the YMCA." **Victoria Bryson-Blair (Form 2)**



April 7th

"Today we went to the island of Capri by ferry and we all went to the front during the voyage and got soaked - pretty cool (actually pretty cold!) It was very sunny, we soon dried off, and I've never seen water that blue..."

That night we had a trivia contest; naturally my team won, and I also won a large chocolate egg for my diary readings (actually 50% improvised!). **Austin Kellogg (Form 2)**

April 8th

"Flight home was long but got lovely views of small islands up the Italian coast, Lake Geneva, and the Alps." **Christine Reid (Form 2)**

"Today I don't know how I should feel. I could have done with a few more days... yes that is how much I have enjoyed it. Or it might just be that I have to go home and revise for my exams now!"

Byron Jackson (Form 4)



Classics Events 2004

Academic Events

The close relationship between the Classics departments of The University of St Andrews and The High School allowed pupils in all Classics subjects to benefit from the expertise of professional Classicists and Ancient Historians throughout the year.

In November the Higher Classical Studies class attended an afternoon of lectures at St Leonards School. Dr Hazel Dodge came north of the border to illustrate the latest archaeological research going on in Pompeii; and Dr Jon Hesk discussed some of the key aspects of Greek tragedy revealed in his recently published book.

In March Senior pupils had an authentic taste of University life when they received a full day of lectures at the annual Classics Highers conference. The programme of lectures covered different topics from the Classical Studies and Latin Higher curriculum and a particular highlight was the talk given by Dr Rebecca Sweetman who has recently been carrying out archaeological research in Athens.



Pupils at Hadrian's Wall

Hadrian's Wall

In June, twenty-four High School pupils visited Hadrian's Wall in the north of England. The wall was constructed to mark the northern border of the Roman Empire in Hadrian's day and even after almost 2000 years it is still an imposing boundary rising above the height of an average man in places.

The first port of call was the wall itself where pupils could walk alongside one of the best preserved sections as it snakes its way over the hills and crags following the

contours of the landscape. At the top of the hill they came to the remains of a turret guard-house and Mr Meehan gave an evocative talk on life as a Roman soldier stationed on the Empire's Northern frontier; the rain, equally evocative, made the whole experience all the more authentic.

Next we visited the Roman Army museum where pupils enjoyed a talk about the weaponry, armour and fighting techniques of Roman Soldiers. Several pupils were able to put on or hold helmets, shields, swords (blunted!!) and the vicious pilum. Fortunately there were no casualties. There was then the opportunity to look at the other Roman equipment in the museum and a spectacular film of aerial photography following the wall right across the country, as it looks today, intercut with CG reconstructions of how it looked in Roman times.



Paul offering to do his bit for the Emperor

In the latter half of the afternoon we reached Vindolanda, the largest Roman settlement uncovered in the wall area. Here professional archaeologists are at work daily and pupils were given a very informative talk by Justin Blake who has led much of the excavation at this site for many years. Pupils were then free to walk through the remains of the settlement and the fort and to explore the reconstruction of sections of wall and turret, a small temple, and a Roman shop. The hail which began to fall as we were deciphering Latin inscriptions on Roman gravestones helped us to realise how inhospitable our corner of the world must have seemed to soldiers from other parts of Europe. With that thought in mind we headed for the bus with the balmy warmth of a Dundee summer ahead of us.

Theatre trips

Throughout the session there were a number of visits to the theatre, enjoyed by groups of pupils and staff alike.

In December, the whole of Form one attended a performance of a Christmas play "Pinocchio" at the Byre Theatre in St Andrews. This Christmas visit to the theatre has become something of a tradition and plans for this year's excursion to see "Beauty and the Beast" are already in place. This trip is eagerly awaited, not least by staff!

In term two, Form 5 pupils went to Perth Theatre to see a production of "Romeo and Juliet", after taking part in a useful and interesting drama and analysis workshop on the play, also provided by Perth Theatre.

At the beginning of March, a group of Form 5 and 6 pupils went through to the Royal Lyceum Theatre in Edinburgh to watch a performance of Arthur Miller's "Death of A Salesman". This was an excellent production, which provided valuable insights on the play and, in addition, was greatly enjoyed by all those who attended.



Nick Hesketh

Creative Writing is an important and enjoyable aspect of the study of English, and in November, Higher and Advanced Higher pupils were treated to a workshop from Nick Hesketh, the writer and illustrator. Nick arrived, cup of coffee in hand, and began his presentation with a passage from *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier. This passage was chosen to demonstrate the assumptions that readers often make about the characters, and the extent to which this can be influenced by an author's word choice. The twist at the end of the passage fuelled an interesting discussion on the author's technique and intentions. We were drawn to Nick's relaxed sense of humour, which helped to animate the discussion to a greater extent.

The latter half of the visit focused on Nick's latest novel (due to be published in the near future), and the techniques that he had employed were considered. Throughout the workshop, various aspects of Creative Writing were examined and compared, and their uses and effects investigated. Not only did this enable us to view Creative Writing in a more informed light, but it also made us aware of how some of the highlighted techniques could be used to greater effect in our own work.

After the workshop, a reporter from Wave 102 then arrived to record Nick's comments on his visit, and I was also asked to express my view. This proved to be an amusing experience for us all, and our comments were broadcast on the radio later that day!

Sarah Dorward, Form 6

Writer's Visit

This session saw a visit from writer Nicola Morgan, who talked to Form 2 pupils about her latest novel "Fleshmarket", a historical novel about Dr Knox and the body snatchers who supplied him with bodies for his medical research. The pupils were interested to learn that the novel was based on actual events and featured people who had actually lived in Edinburgh in the early nineteenth century and been involved in this grisly, yet fascinating, episode in history.

At the end of the talk there was a reading of a number of extracts from the novel and Ms Morgan invited questions from members of the audience, who asked a wide range of questions from difficulties encountered in novel writing, to some of the more gory aspects of early medical research!

There was the chance to buy copies of Nicola Morgan's books and have them signed, an opportunity eagerly taken up by a large number of pupils who were looking forward to a good read!





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THIS YEAR IN THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT



ADVANCED HIGHER BURN HOUSE STUDY WEEKEND

In January the History Department organised a Residential Study Weekend for Advanced Higher History pupils at the Burn House near Edzell. Some of Scotland's top academics, including Dr Rhona Johnson-Gordon, Dr Norman Reid and Professor John Hudson from St Andrews University and Dr Tony Parker from the University of Dundee were present to deliver seminars on the rehabilitation of King John Balliol and why the North defeated the South in the American Civil War. There was also in-depth discussion and advice on essay-writing and source-handling skills. After evening tutorials there was an opportunity for relaxation, games and team-building.

Both pupils and staff agreed afterwards that the experience was a great success. This year's Advanced Higher History students have been outstanding and the Department is confident that the Burn House experience will help prepare them not only to perform well in this year's exam but will provide a source of inspiration for their future work at degree level.



HISTORY SOCIETY

This year the Society has been involved in the usual variety of exciting (and sometimes amusing!) activities. These have ranged from historical treasure hunts, to 'Time Commanders' (where battles such as Stirling Bridge were re-fought using computer simulations) and a Second World War fashion show!

The Society has been well-supported and special thanks must go to the President, Jenni Kilgallon, Vice-President Rory Baxter, Secretary Sally Brunton and to James Moir: their leadership and enthusiasm have helped contribute to making this such a successful year.



BANNOCKBURN RE-ENACTMENT

At quarter past one on Thursday 19th June, well - 1314 to be precise - the annual England/Scotland "friendly" was re-enacted on the battlefield of Mayfield. Despite a plucky attempt to re-write the history books, Edward II's somewhat over - confident troops were sunk by two late strikes from Robert "Zidane" Bruce - Mr Jack on his fighting pony (lawnmower). Thus Form I historians celebrated Scotland's greatest victory on home soil over the "auld enemie". The costumes and weaponry indicated the enthusiasm with which all foot soldiers, cavalry and indeed "sma folk", entered the fray. Duly sent home to think again, we suspect that all will be back next year to try their luck! Post battle analysis revealed that a great time was had by all.





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BERLIN DIARY

Friday 4th June

A ridiculously early start meant waking up at about 2 am; however we chose not to sleep at all! Having arrived at Edinburgh Airport on time all forty-four of us had to walk nervously through customs. Not surprisingly, knowing my luck, I got searched. We all excitedly boarded the plane and set off for Amsterdam. Eventually after another flight we arrived at Berlin airport to be greeted by a 20 minute wait for our bags, while most of us were desperately needing to go to the toilet! After arriving at a very bizarre-looking hotel we went on an introductory tour of Berlin and the Berlin Wall, which was very interesting. After an exhausting day with no sleep for 38 hours I was certainly relieved to go back to the hotel. In the restaurant some members were privileged enough to be awarded Dickmans and even the legendary Super-Dickmans! Overall, an exhausting but thrilling first day in the capital of Germany.

Saturday 5th June

We woke up early today and were ready for a super, fabulous day of bimbo-ness! We went to the Neues Palais, little knowing we would have to wear huge slippers, which, by the way, were *not* dry cleaned after every use Mr Fyall!! And they didn't match our outfits!



Anyway, in the afternoon we had lunch in a toastie place, which was very pleasant, though my fellow bimbos and I were somewhat confused by a German's interpretation of a request for lemonade! We then went off to H & M for a hardcore shopping treat. It was turning into a smashing day. The visit to the Potsdam Conference was genuinely interesting.

A cabaret night followed with Mr Toley organising a host of bizarre activities, but all were consistently thrilling, and at times amusing. However our team, 'Fyall's Fudgers', did not do so well and finished second last. This was a great night ending a fantastic day.

Sunday 6th June

This was a day which I doubt any of us will ever forget. A visit to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp was pretty much indescribable. 'Arbeit Mach Frei' it said on the gates: 'Work Releases You.' Horrific punishments and tales of punishment gradually built up a feeling in our minds and as we saw more and more we came to understand more and more the horror of the place. We knew about this from the classroom, but never truly understood the reality of what happened until now. We didn't regret going one bit; the ghastly reality of what happened here made us realise just how much we take for granted.

Lunch was a light-hearted, welcome break at McDonald's, then it was on to the Olympic Stadium. Here we went up the Bell Tower on a tiny lift (Mr Fyall was very scared!). Then at the top Shumi had her most bimbo moment yet – she claims she actually thought that the Eiffel Tower was in Berlin – OMG!!

We then went on to the Luftwaffe museum and everyone agreed that their Dads would have to be dragged away from all the planes, which ranged from the First World War to the present day.

After this we went to the Wansee Villa where in the most beautiful setting imaginable some of the most evil men in

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the world sat down and worked out the logistics of how to kill 11 million Jews in the Holocaust. How could anyone say it never happened?

We spent the evening bowling and wore particularly fancy outfits for the occasion. Shumi was amazingly bad at bowling while Mr Fyall was such a major poser!

Monday 7th June

We woke up bright and early, ready for another exciting day. Mr Fyall was last for breakfast – no doubt he was doing his hair! Our guide Tony 'the dude' le Tissier took us on a mega trek around central Berlin. We saw the Reichstag, Checkpoint Charlie, the site of Gestapo H.Q. and the Brandenburg Gate. Tony never stopped walking all day! As always, we went shopping after stopping for lunch and I think that by this point Mr Wilson and Mr Fyall needed their well-deserved break from a morning full of truly annoying questions from the bimbos (we hope we didn't bother you too much!).



Our last night in Berlin took us to the Imax theatre. This was very, very cool, although Alice did not see the funny side to the funny metal baby and was genuinely very scared. Ailsa deserves a mention for falling flat on her face, not once, but twice! We all had another amazing day in Berlin.



**Charlie's
Engels!**

Tuesday 8th June

This was our last day in Berlin and we think we speak for everyone when we say that the Berlin Trip was so incredibly WOW! I don't think anyone wanted to leave. We got up at 6.30 a.m. just to tidy our room and by the end of it our bin was completely overflowing. But it was all worth it when our inspection brought some well-deserved praise. Woo-hoo! Although our plane was delayed in Amsterdam, the teachers did a great job in keeping us awake by letting us raid the 'Duty Free'. In fact they were great throughout the whole trip. Thank you Mr Wilson for teaching us how to whistle (we're still practising!), being great at organising and answering sometimes stupid questions. Thanks to Mr W.'s son, Mr Fyall for being a top guy and a poser and putting up with our annoying questions all day, every day...you must have been sooo fed up! Mr Toley, thank you for taking every opportunity you could to prove how gullible we really are and frowning at us 24/7 (wot a laugh!). And Iggy for being so nice and saying our room was the best and Mrs Maxwell for her fab taste in clothes for her kids and being great in every way. You guys were great and this trip was the best and always will be!

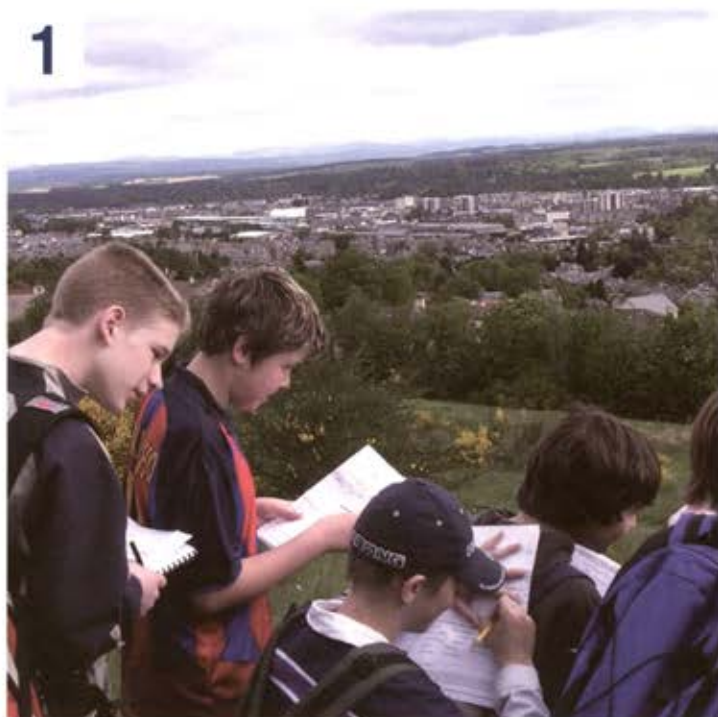
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Geography has been going places... again!

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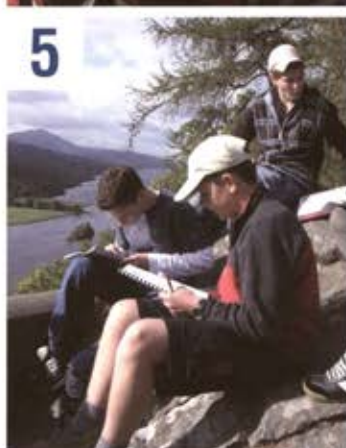
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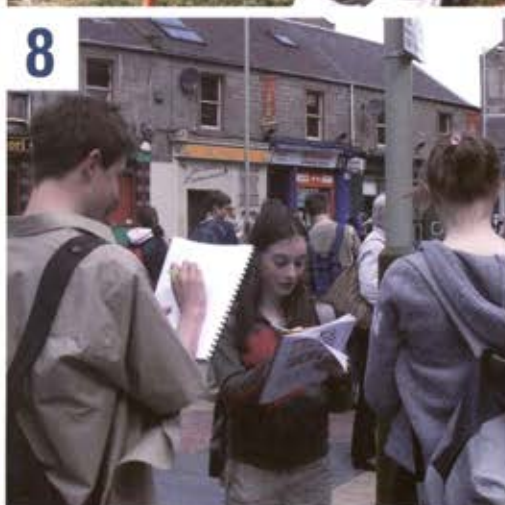
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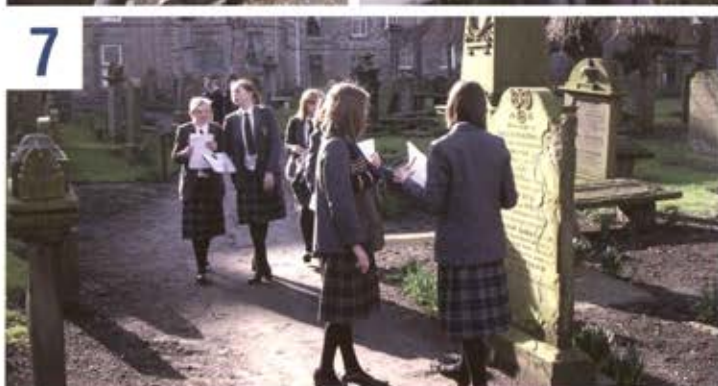
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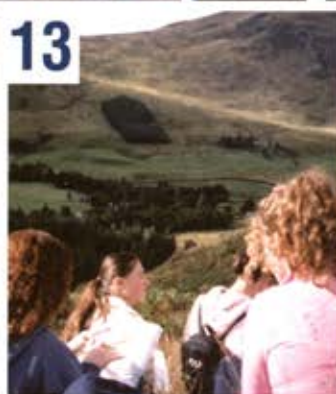
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2. Advanced Higher class at Kindrogan Field Study centre
3. Advanced Higher Fieldwork
4. F6 Terrain mapping
5. F3 Field sketching at Queen's View
6. F3 Pitlochry field trip
7. F2 Demographic Studies in the Howff

8. F3 Dundee fieldwork
9. F3 Traffic and pedestrian count
10. F6 at Kindrogan
11. F2 at Dynamic Earth
12. Field sketching at Thornton Force Waterfall - Higher Dales trip
13. F4 Glen Clova
14. F6 Fieldwork at Kindrogan

15. Walking up Watlow's dry valley - Higher Dales trip
16. F3 Dundee fieldwork day
17. Higher class at the Norber erratics in the Yorkshire Dales
18. Perth fieldwork F1
19. Higher class at the top of Malham Cove in the Dales



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BITE/BRING/BAG/BOOGIE...

Did you BITE into a doughnut?
BRING a pound to work?
BAG some Christmas goodies?
BOOGIE for the love of it?

... If you did any or all of these, then congratulations, you helped to raise thousands of pounds for Charity this year.

The year started with the usual teeming queues as pupils vied with each other to hand over their money for doughnuts and hot chocolate after the Armistice Parade. Well done to all those who were successful – and got to class on time afterwards! Never mind the calories, we collected over £200.00 in cash on the day.



The Earl Haig Poppy Appeal was a much more dignified affair. Pupils from Form 6 simply went round the classes "demanding" money (without menaces) for this good cause - £418.00 in total.

In December staff contributed a record amount, over £450.00, through the grand Christmas card exchange. This year we had a most original card, a version of the Twelve Days of Christmas drawn by an L7 Art class. Pupils were busy in December too with a new venture, collecting bags of groceries and other goodies for the Salvation Army to distribute. The faces of their staff were a real picture as more and more bags were carried out of the school minibus and into the Centre by an army of Santas!

Last, but not least, we took part in the March appeal by Wave 102 to "Bring a Pound to Work". We collected £350.00 and for our efforts we even got a special mention and thanks "on air". The highlight of the year as far as fundraising goes was undoubtedly the show "We Love to Boogie" put on by senior pupils, but the musical talents of

all years were harnessed by the Music Department in a number of highly successful Christmas performances for Charity.



Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way, pupils, staff and parents. We have been able to hand over cheques to a variety of local Charities including The Maggie Centre, TCCL, Dundee Disabled Children, CHAS (Rachel House) the Mary Slessor Foundation and Macmillan Cancer Relief. In addition we do still sponsor two children, one from Kenya and one from the Philippines, through Plan International. So all your giving is very much appreciated, and a huge thank you is extended to all who have been so generous.

Frances Martin (Charities Committee)





RMPS- Form 1 visits to places of worship

Dundee Mosque

Again this year the whole of Form 1 paid a visit to Dundee City Mosque as part of their Religious Studies course. It was a sunny day so we were able to look around the outside and draw the shape of the building before going inside. Once inside we all took off our shoes and the girls all had to put on headscarves before we were taken in to the Prayer hall. It had lines on the carpet to show Muslims where to stand to pray, but we just sat down and listened to a talk. Upstairs it was nearly the same, but part of the hall was used as a school and had tiny low desks where the pupils sat on the floor. We looked inside one desk and found some Arabic writing – but no one could read it! The mosque was very plain inside with no colour or decoration and the wash rooms were quite small.

St Mary Magdalene's Episcopal Church

When we went to St Mary Magdalene's Church it was very different. We were allowed to go round it on our own and could try speaking from the pulpit if we wanted. There were different things to see like the stained glass windows, one with bullet holes in it, the big stone font for christenings and the altar at the front with candles on it. We even got to try on some of the robes which the Rev. David Shepherd has to wear when he takes the services. It is much more colourful than the mosque and has pews instead of the floor to sit on.

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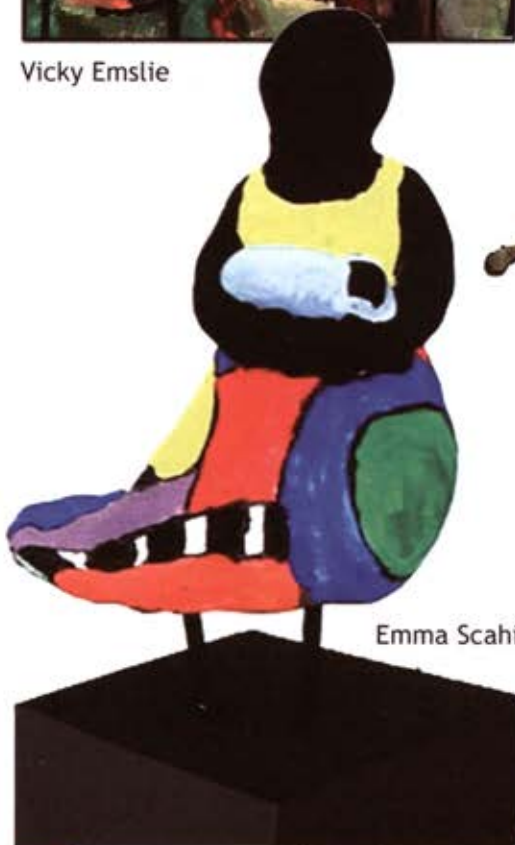


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Rachael Sinclair

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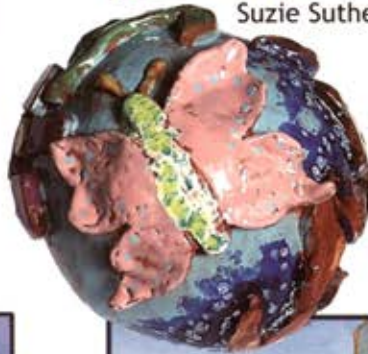
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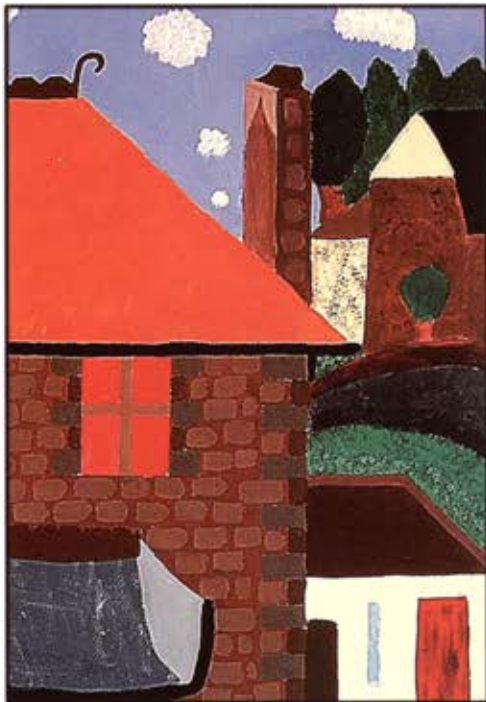
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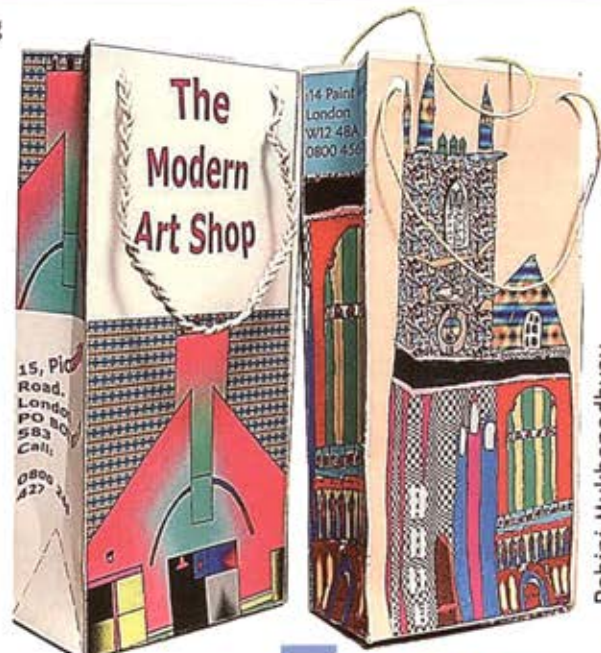
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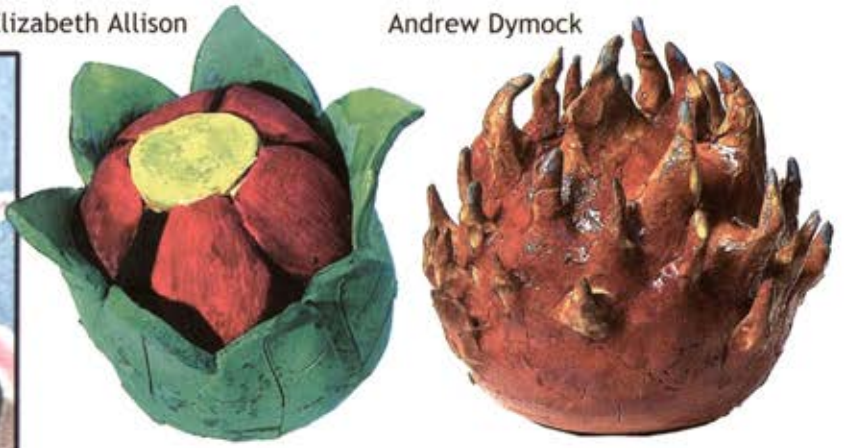
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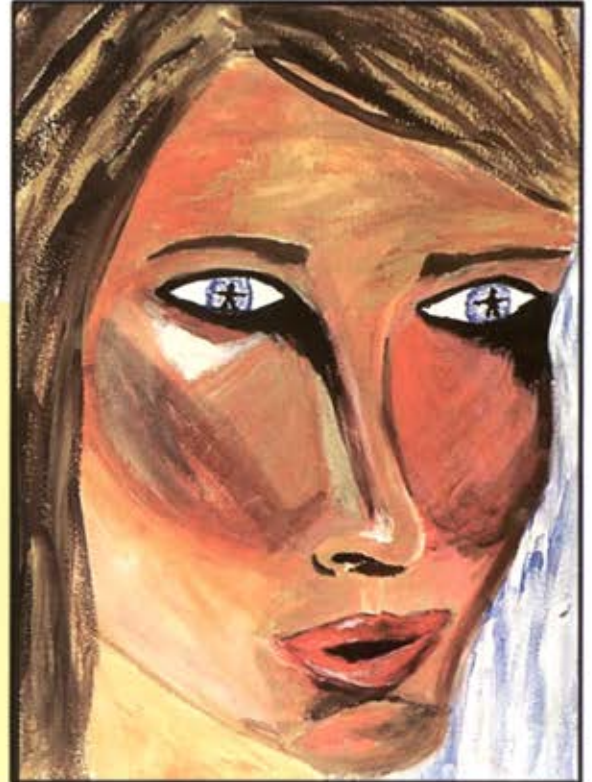
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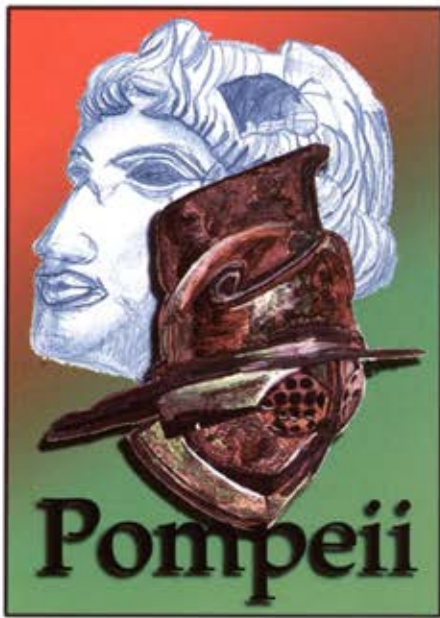
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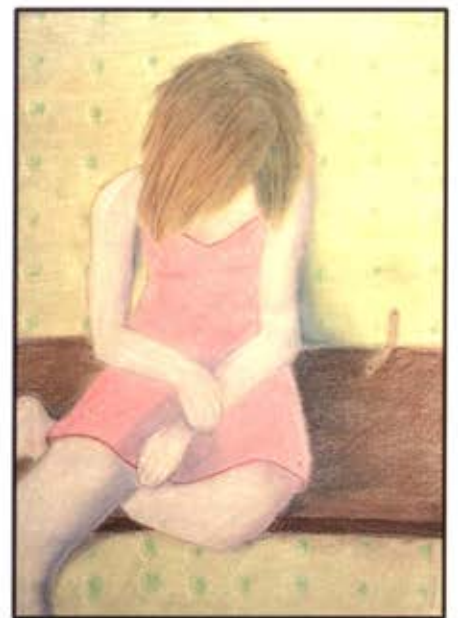
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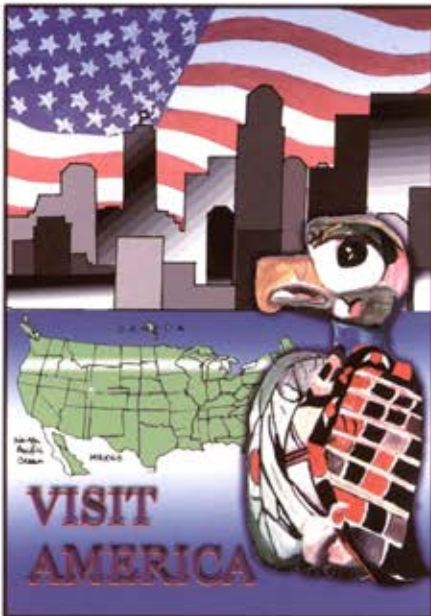
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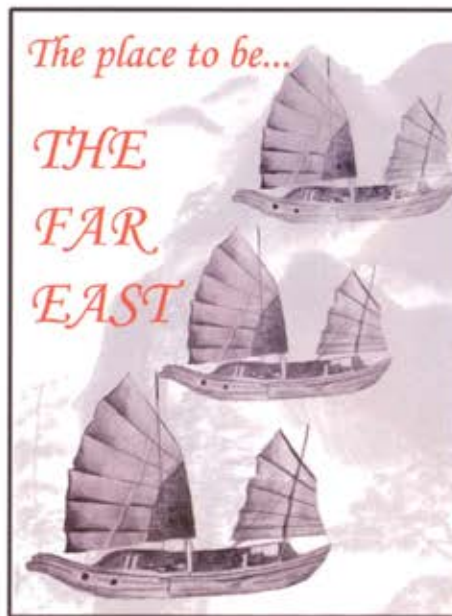
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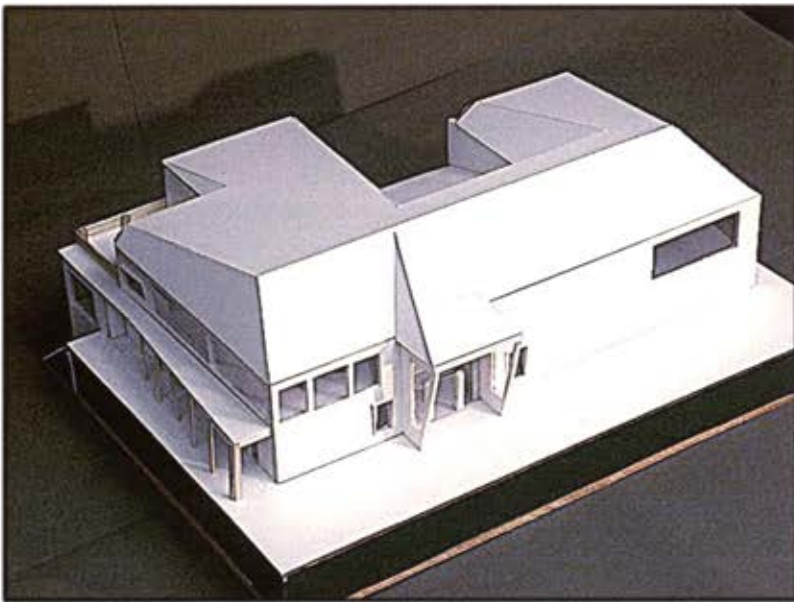
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Form 6



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The 26th of August 2003 heralded the Overture and curtain up to 'Another Op'nin', Another Show' in the Music Department. Auditions began for Kiss Me, Kate in early September with Chorus and Solo rehearsals beginning shortly after that. The Cole Porter score suggested that this show was to be challenging and not for any old 'Tom, Dick or Harry'. Dancing auditions in October revealed a wealth of talent, more than capable of executing the stylistic 'hoofing' required for Kiss Me, Kate. The Open Morning is always an important occasion and the String and Woodwind Ensembles performed in Trinity Hall and in the Music Department to entertain our visitors.

In November, a string quartet led by Mrs Robertson entertained for Cancer Research Scotland at the Old Course, St Andrews.

Christina Lawrie, a former pupil of the High School, gave a pianoforte master-class to three of our most talented students. Toby Davies, Simon Jones and Kirsty Lowe performed pieces from a variety of stylistic periods. Christina currently teaches at the Royal Academy Junior Department and St Mary's Music School, Edinburgh, in between

performing commitments. She worked enthusiastically with the students and had many 'pearls of wisdom' to pass on and indicated that the standard was exceptionally high. Each of the students enjoyed the experience of working with a professional concert pianist.

The whole school community looks forward to the L1-3 Nativity. Trinity Hall was festooned with Christmas decorations for this year's presentation 'The Night Before Christmas.' Slick performances to capacity audiences conveyed the children's sense of excitement at this truly magical time of year.

Once again the annual carol concert in the Caird Hall was a great success. The extensive and varied programme highlighted the senior choir and showed the progression of extra-curricular music through the school. Donations were made to two local charities for Dundee Disabled Children and Tayside Children with Cancer and Leukemia.

The strings again featured at Tayside Health Board's annual Christmas Concert in aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Care Appeal Fund for Children. Their performance included movements from Saint-Saens 'Carnival of the Animals' and included solos by Toby Davies, Kirsty Lowe and Steven Gilbertson.

Nepotism served symbiotic purposes when the mother and daughter duo of Ann and Lynne Duffus had a professional meeting of minds. Lynne, a former pupil of the High School of Dundee, co-presents the flagship show 'Hatch and Duffus' for the British Forces Broadcasting Service. Lynne 'hatched' a plan to involve her old School in the writing of a Christmas Jingle to be broadcast every day to the men and women

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currently serving in Iraq, Northern Ireland, Belize, Bosnia, and Kosovo. L7 set to work composing a jingle which was then mixed by Mr Love. The resulting CD was then broadcast every day to our forces abroad. It must have warmed the cockles of their hearts to hear the sweet strains of the voices of L7 wafting over the desert!

The festive season is traditionally the time when the department makes its major contribution to the fund raising effort, and in December the Senior Choir sang their hearts out in the Wellgate Shopping Centre to raise money for Dr. Barnardo's.

Dundee was launched as the first 'Fair Trade City' in Scotland in March. To help mark the occasion a string ensemble was invited to perform at a civic reception at the City Chambers.

There was a record entry for this year's Leng Medal competition. Sir John Leng would have been delighted that our culture of Scots singing is alive and well at the High School of Dundee. Amy Grieve won the junior competition and Kirsty Jones and Tom Emslie-Smith won the senior girls and senior boys respectively. In April ten of our top singers competed against girls and boys from Dundee Schools for the Leng Gold Medal.

The programme represented seventeen extra-curricular groups who rehearse regularly throughout the session. Amy, Kirsty and Tom very bravely sang their winning Leng Medal songs in this vast but acoustically very responsive venue; their young, bright voices were clearly heard at the back of the auditorium. Truly 'Wunderbar.'

During the spring term the focus for the department was the annual main concerts. For the first time the Caird Hall was the venue and both the Junior/Intermediate and Senior concerts were presented back to back, providing over three hours of music. This proved to be highly successful with an encouragingly large number of parents and friends attending both concerts. So agreeable was this arrangement that the Caird Hall is already booked for a date in April 2005.

Thistle Brass from The Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama visited us in March to give a master-class. The quintet comprised Bryan Allen, head of the Academy Brass Department, and four of his senior students. Four of our most advanced students, Eilidh Clark, Chris Barclay, Stephen Fraser and Nicola

Summers each performed solo, providing a varied programme. The High School Brass Ensemble also participated as a group. This occasion proved to be an excellent opportunity for our students to receive instruction and advice from young professionals. It also secured a return visit and joint concert with Thistle Brass next session.

Fifteen pupils entered the Perth Festival on Brass Day: Duncan Fraser, Sam Watt, Stuart Mires, Callum Walker and Lauren Clayson all left with prizes in their categories.

In the classroom we piloted the 'Passit' scheme. Higher Music candidates worked on listening papers 'on line.' These were then marked and feedback given straight away.

Our Form 6 Music students provided us with over two hours of wonderful music at their April concert. The concert included at least one track from each Sound Engineering student's CD. The styles ranged from a cover of a 'Darkness' track to 'Tears in Heaven' by Eric Clapton. Those studying Performance played two contrasting pieces.

John McGonnigle, Director of Music at Dollar Academy, paid another visit to The High School of Dundee to adjudicate the Annual Senior Music Competition. He was very impressed by the standard of performance and offered "Congratulations to The High School of Dundee". The High School Quaich awarded for the best performance in F5 and F6 was given to Steven Gilbertson for a stunning performance on drum kit. This is the first occasion on which a percussionist has won the quaich.

The L7s spent several weeks of the Summer term preparing for the Royal Scottish National Orchestra Scottish Power Schools Prom, on the theme "Top Secret." All were involved in a preparatory workshop with some of the players. They then attended an interactive concert, the theme of each piece having a connection with James Bond.

The Music Department is still at full steam. The String Soiree will include performances by the String Ensemble of some Baroque masterpieces, excerpts from The Magic Flute by Mozart and Beethoven's March from the 7th Symphony.





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Next session is already shaping up to be very lively with an invitation for the choir to sing at The Headmasters Conference Annual Meeting at the St Andrews Bay Hotel. The choir will also perform at a Rotary Club concert in the Caird Hall, featuring Nicola Benedetti the violinist who won The Young Musician of the Year Competition.

This session's report from the Department as always is a very lengthy one due to the numerous activities ongoing. A large, young and healthy department inevitably means that there will be some turnover. This session we said "goodbye" to Miss Alison Smith who has been replaced by Mr Hugh Campbell and Mr Bob Dunsire to cover guitar tuition. Mr Magnus Mehta has moved on to concentrate on performing and his percussion timetable has been picked up by Scott McKenzie. Mrs Alison Dowal returned from her maternity leave after giving birth to a lovely baby boy, Gregor. We are very grateful to Miss Audrey Bird and Mr Chris Mitchell who covered Alison's maternity leave. We welcomed Miss Avril Evans as full time piano instructor and Miss Donna Vincent as part time violin instructor. At time of going to press we are still awaiting news of the imminent birth of Mrs Magill's baby which is due on the opening night of 'Kiss Me Kate.' It is amazing the lengths some people will go to in order to avoid playing in the band!

Jennifer Watson and Sam Croll excelled themselves at the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival, Jennifer picking up first prizes in her fiddle and vocal classes and scooping the prize for best overall singer. Sam also won first prizes in the vocal classes in her age group. Congratulations go to Kirsty Watson who won the Nora C. Leggat Prize of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music for Pianoforte (Grade 6).

Two of our most experienced singers, Esther MacMillan and Catriona France, have passed auditions to join the Training Choir for the National Youth Choir of Scotland.

A number of our string players have been successful in gaining entry to the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland. Sarah Dorward attended the Easter Course and Jennifer Watson will tour Britain with the orchestra in the summer and play at The Glasgow Concert Hall. Kirsty Lowe, Jennifer Watson and Sophie Sneddon participated with Mrs Robertson and Miss Fuller on 'cello as part of the Scottish Ensemble Team winning the ensemble competition at the Scottish Fiddle Championships at Musselburgh. This is the fifth successive occasion that a group from the High School has won this award.

At the end of this session it was pleasing to see some of our best talents moving onwards and upwards in their musical careers. Rory Baxter, 'cellist, singer and pianist is to read History, Business and Music at the University of Durham. Steven Gilbertson is to study for a Bachelor in Music Degree at Drumtech, which is affiliated with The London College of Music and Media. Christina Clayhills-Henderson is off to the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts where she will study for an Honours Degree in Performance Arts. It will be a change of scene for them and I am sure they will enter into their studies with "Where is the life that late I led?" ringing in their ears or perhaps their parents may be saying "Why Can't You Behave?" One discovery they are sure to make is that, women are definitely not "So Simple!"



Christina Laurie Piano Masterclass



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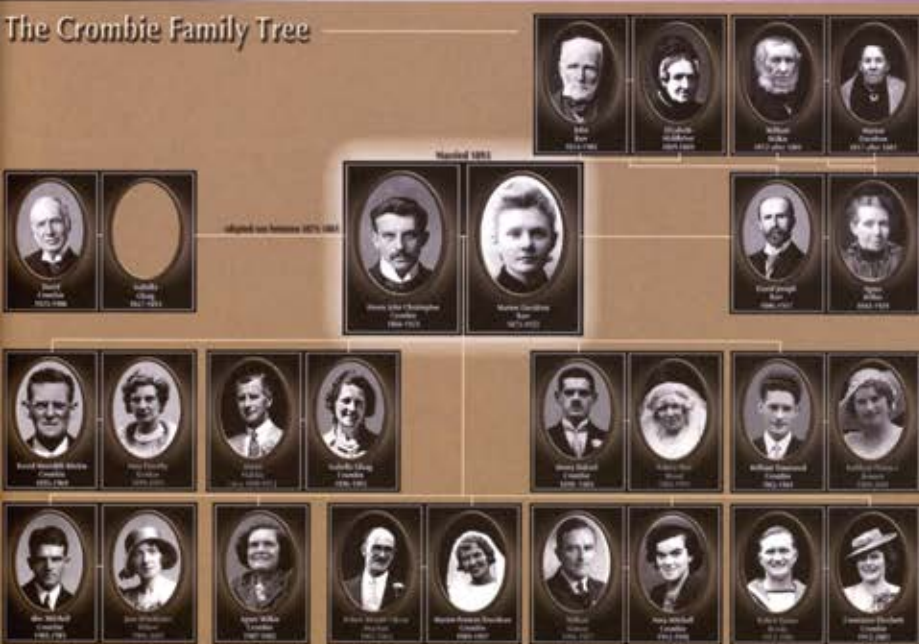


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The Crombie Family Tree



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THE SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION "KISS ME, KATE"

CAST

Fred Graham / Petruchio:	Rory Baxter
Lilli Vanessi / Kate:	Samantha Croll
Lois Lane / Bianca:	Amy Ovenstone
Harry Trevor / Baptista:	Thomas Bell
Hattie:	Christina Clayhills-Henderson
Ralph (Stage Manager):	Louis Ryan
Gremio:	Brian Gillan
Hortensio:	Steven Gilbertson
Stage Doorman:	Fiona Gibson
Paul:	Gordon McWalter
Bill Calhoun / Lucentio:	Jamie Yule
Cab Driver:	Siobhan Mannion
Gunman 1:	Nicole Wilson
Gunman 2:	Rhys Kerr
Innkeeper:	Susie Paton
Waiter:	Sarah Dorward
Nathaniel:	Mark Clayson
Gregory:	Stuart McGrath
Phillip:	Jonathan Spink
Haberdasher:	Laura Geddes
Harrison Howell:	Malcolm Watson
Doctor:	Lewis McNicol
Nurse 1:	Catriona France
Nurse 2:	Nicola Summers
Messenger 1:	Neil Crosby
Messenger 2:	Stephen Fraser
Chauffeur:	Calum McNicol
Banker:	Douglas Dorward
Truckman:	Alasdair McDonald

CHORUS AND DANCERS

Soprano:

Lucy Boyd; Helen Brian; Christina Clayhills-Henderson; Samantha Croll; Mairi Cunningham; Anni Dong; Catriona France; Iona Friedberg; Laura Geddes; Fiona Gibson; Esther McMillan; Amy Ovenstone; Susie Paton; Laura Peebles; Lucy Sneddon; Jennifer Watson.

Alto:

Victoria Adams; Allie Bowen; Alice Cannon; Sophie Cargill; Eilidh Clark; Sarah Dorward; Rehnuma Farid; Katie Hannah; Alison Leckie; Kirsty Lowe; Sarah Murdie; Ailsa Murray; Emily Pringle; Amanda Pringle; Nicola Summers; Sophie Thomson; Nicole Wilson; Joanna Wright; Taylor Wylie.

Tenor:

Callum Bannister; Douglas Dorward; Steven Gilbertson; Alistair MacDonald; Thomas Ogden; Jonathan Spink; Malcolm Watson.

Bass:

Chris Barclay; Rory Baxter; Andrew Bell; Thomas Bell; Mark Clayson; Neil Crosby; Brian Gillan; Stephen Fraser; Rhys Kerr; Stuart McGrath; Gordon MacWalter; Calum McNicol; Lewis McNicol; Louis Ryan; Jamie Yule.

Dancers:

Iona Friedberg; Freya Smaill; Christine McLean; Fiona Sommerville; Emma Gentleman; Emma Johnson; Sarah McConville; Julia Bruce; Helen Chalmers; Eilidh Clark; Victoria Adams; Amanda Pringle; Lucy Sneddon; Mairi Cunningham; Catriona France.

ORCHESTRA

Violins

Gillian Robertson
Angela Greene
Sue Jarvis
Margaret Scott Brown
Sean Thomas
Shelagh Fuller
May Halyburton
Karen Hamilton
Susan Sneddon
Geoffrey Bridge
Marjory Cleghorn

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

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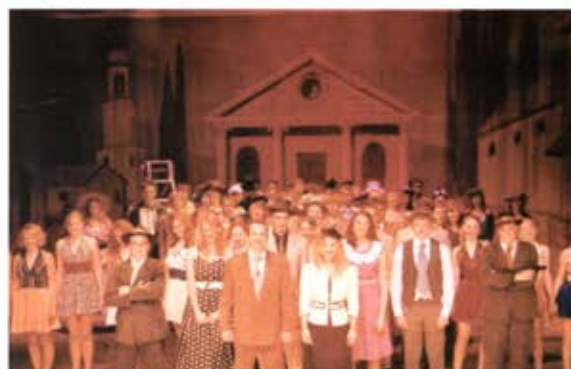
Trumpets

Trombone

Percussion

Pianoforte

Euan Crabb
Audrey Bird
Alison Dowall
Douglas Love
Scott Mackenzie
Sarah Crichton
Stephanie Wright
Ann Duffus



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PRODUCTION TEAM

Producer	Roger Illsley
Assistant Producer	Lindsay Drummond
Musical Director	Jean Melville
Choreographer	Kenny Christie
Additional Voice Coaching	Douglas Love; Shirley Magill; Linda Marquart
Rehearsal Accompanists	Ann Duffus; Margaret Scott Brown
Stage Manager	Tom Durrheim
ASMs	Andy Whyte; Dorothy Wood; Neil Watson
Stage Crew	Toby Davies; Jennifer Guy; Daniel Mitchell; Hannah Ogden; Jane Orr; Richard Wood
Lighting	Phil Cooney; Lachlan Young
Props	Jane Phillips; Val Vannet
Wardrobe / Make-Up	Gill Madden; Marci Taylor; Lesley Smith; Andrea Douglas; Claire Feeney
Business Manager	Andy McKellar
/ Publicity	
Programme	Fiona Dakers
/ Poster Design	
Reception Organizer	Val Vannet
Prompters	Chloe Hall; Fiona McCulloch; Renna Mahsoub; Leeanne McMillan

This session's musical, music and lyrics by Cole Porter, could have been tailor-made for the talents of the senior school pupils who threw themselves wholeheartedly into making this a memorable three-night run at the Gardyne Theatre of the Northern College (16th-18th June). This show positively sparkled, and the witty dialogue and lyrics crackled throughout, from the overture to the final bow to a most appreciative audience.

Christina Clayhills-Henderson (Hattie) F.6 ably led in to the action with "Another Opening, Another Show". In the title role, and as her "real-life" counterpart Lilli, Sam Croll of F.5 pouted and flounced yet remained endearing, convincing the audience that Rory Baxter's Fred/Petruchio was right to pursue her, even though he had to resort to the two hilarious menaces - Nicole Wilson F.6 and Rhys Kerr F.4 - the gangster gunmen who ensured that the show went on despite Lilli's determination to quit. Their naive advice to "Brush Up Your Shakespeare" in order to impress the ladies would have warmed any English teacher's heart - and got a deserved encore!

The entire cast was clearly enjoying the experience, from the romantic counter-plot of Lois Lane (Amy Ovenstone F.6.) and Bill Calhoun (Jamie Yule F.6), the long-suffering Harry/Baptista of Thomas Bell F.5, and the occasionally bewildered stage manager, Louis Ryan F.5. Gordon McWalter F.6 (Paul) reminded us that "It's Too Darned Hot" in another number that clearly demonstrated the talent of the entire chorus, and the hard work they and the staff of the Music Department had done in preparation; while the dancers were marvellously assured and a delight to watch.

Regardless of brandishing firearms and threats, the show would not have gone on nearly as successfully without the enormous hard work of staff and pupils unseen backstage and front of house! Especially Mrs Melville and Mr Illsley, Heads of Music and Drama/Media Departments respectively, are to be congratulated - their most able and willing teams of talented musicians and technicians, too. All involved are to be thanked by their satisfied audiences for a thoroughly enjoyable show!

Mrs EJ Tosh

"The rehearsals were hectic yet enjoyable. The stress and excitement all piled up to make one great show."

Allie Bowen

"A spectacular end to a dramatic six years at the High School of Dundee. Performing in "Kiss Me Kate" will remain one of my most fond memories"

Jamie Yule





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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Goodbye brown carpet, farewell beige walls- hello green, raspberry, orange and silver? Welcome to the new Library...

"Wow!" was the comment most frequently heard from those entering the refurbished Library when we opened our doors at the start of session. The new look has been a hit with pupils and staff alike and is well reflected in the staggering 50% increase in loans this session and a 40% increase in class visits. Who says children don't read?

The official re-opening took place in September with world renowned author Rosamunde Pilcher. The cake was cut by Mrs Pilcher, the youngest and oldest pupils in the school; four year old Stuart especially enjoyed this part of the day. We have since spent another year filled with book events, competitions and visits on top of the regular library business.

Children's Book Week brought Dennis the Menace to the school to present prizes for Junior and Senior School pupils. Following a lunch time cartoon workshop with a DC Thomson cartoonist, Senior School pupils entered a cartoon caption competition using a Bash St Kids strip specially adapted for us from the Beano. Six winners each received a goodies bag from Dennis himself. Meanwhile, L2-L7 Junior School pupils were busy devouring stories for our inaugural Book Week Readathon. Children raised a phenomenal £4,155.34 for two children's charities and all participants were awarded a certificate by a very badly behaved Dennis at a special school assembly. We would like to ask him back next year, but after that performance on stage I think Mrs Woodman might forbid us to!



Form 6 Library Prefects' Christmas party



Rosamunde Pilcher, Julia Black & Stuart Duncan at the Library Reopening 10th September 2003



A special visitor to the library

Junior School pupils also enjoyed two very funny and inspiring author visits this year. In October, illustrator Nick Hesketh dropped in to speak with L6 & L7 children and get their creative juices flowing while in February, Scoular Anderson amazed L4 & L5 pupils with his giant puzzle book and inspired them to dream up many crazy, useless inventions. The Patents Office will be tearing their hair out!

Our book club, Chattaboox Ink., was an array of Form 1 right up to Form 5 pupils who mixed brilliantly every Friday lunch time playing games, writing poems, taking photos and generally being silly. The highlight of the year without a doubt was the production of their own short film from script to stage. The help of Mrs Keogh, Mrs Tosh and Mr Illsley were invaluable in this endeavour and a copy of the film is held in the Library for posterity.

World Book Day in March was another good reason for a Library celebration. The L5-L7 Library Rap competition especially gave rise to some wicked rhymes and choosing a winner was such a difficult task. But choose we did and winning raps were made into bookmarks for all pupils. Yo! Younger children drew some lovely illustrations of animals reading and Seniors tested their fiction knowledge by matching book titles to their covers. Again, all winners were honoured at a special party at which Mr Duncan presented certificates.

Once again we had a solid core of cheerful and productive Form 6 Library Prefects who helped us with a variety of tasks throughout the year. We do appreciate the time they give up to assist us and thank them with a Christmas Party and an end of session bash. No "Blunder Wonder" certificate was awarded this year, but prefects will win no prize for guessing the winner of the "Could Talk Underwater" award. Marco's acceptance speech took just under four hours.

It has been encouraging this year to see the Library more and more frequently sought independently by pupils. Next session we hope to further build on the success of the refurbishment by involving pupils more in planning events, clubs, competitions and displays. This should ensure that Mrs Brown and I are always kept on our toes!

MATHEMATICS

Session 2003-2004 - Report for the year 2003-2004.

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 were 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	14	16	14
UKJMC	16	17	11

Best in School for UKSMC - Baldur Karlsson

Best of School for UKIMC - Steven King

Best of School for UKJMC - Tracy Poon

The Pupils below were invited to enter the follow up competitions

Steven King and David Pitcaithly - McLauren Competition Mary Reid, Sophie Thomson, Andrew Black, Neil Crosby - Kangaroo (pink) competition Neil Dewar - Hamilton Competition

In the Kangaroo Competition Mary Reid and Sophie Thomson were awarded merits and Neil Crosby was awarded a certificate of Participation.

In the McLauren Competition, Steven King and David Pitcaithly were both awarded Certificates of Merit as was Neil Dewar in the Hamilton Competition.

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

Junior Division

Bronze: Sophie Kochanowska

Middle Division

Gold: Steven King

Silver: Shahadat Hasan

The Enterprising Mathematics Competition was held on the 9th October 2003 at Dollar Academy. Twenty four teams from independent schools took part in the competition.

Results

1st: Stewart's Melville

2nd: Dollar Academy

3rd: George Watsons

4th: High School of Dundee

Our team: Steven King F4, David Pitcaithly F4, Fiona McCulloch F3, Nick Brian F3. The first 3 Qualified for the national final. Will we always come fourth? The team was accompanied by Mr Middleton from the Maths Department. Next year we will win!

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

THE CHEMISTRY QUIZ

The Chemistry Quiz Team has put in another good year. The team managed to reach the semi-final in the regional "Top of the Bench" competition where we (Ruth Foulis F2, Fiona McCulloch F3, Steven King F4 and Toby Davies F5) were narrowly defeated by Lawside Academy, in a round which saw only three out of sixty-four questions answered incorrectly!

Although the team will not attend the National Final next year, our team had the privilege of travelling to London for this year's competition. Twenty eight teams from different areas in the UK, which had won their way through from their regional rounds, and consists of a written test, research round and finally a practical investigation, all taking place at the Science Museum in London. The team (this time consisting of Fiona McHardy F2, Neil Dewar F3, Fiona McCulloch F3 and Steven King F4) finishing fourth overall, and also won a prize for an impressive showing in the practical investigation.

Finally, special thanks must go to Mr Norman Forrest, whose dedication and support has helped immensely in creating such a strong team not only this year, but also in previous years.



PUPILS ARE AMONG SCOTLAND'S WORLD WISE

Pupils explored the whole world in a single afternoon during March, as they competed in the Scottish finals of the annual World Wise geography competition.

The team of three, Tom Phillips (Form 2), Robyn Watt (Form 3) and Lachlan Young (Form 4), beat off stiff competition from schools across Tayside and Fife to qualify for a place in the finals.

During the competition, they faced twelve teams from across Scotland,

answering general knowledge Geography questions on both human and physical geography. Although pipped to the post at the very last round, geography teacher Susan Williams is delighted with the result.

"Simply making it through to the finals was a fantastic achievement, and I'm very proud of all the hard work and effort that the team has put in at every stage," said Susan. "This is an incredibly tough competition, and it was an honour for all of us to be able to represent Tayside and Fife at such a prestigious event."

The annual World Wise Quiz is run by the Scottish Association of Geography Teachers (SAGT).

Mrs S. Williams



Lachlan



Robyn



Tom

DHS PIPE BAND

The Dundee High School pipe band was gathered, after months of enforced idleness, to play at Kingspark School on the 9th of June 2004. They had not played since Armistice, sadly, after the sports day playing was cancelled, so they were glad to be out and playing again.

This particular engagement was a kids' day out for handicapped children and it is good to know we helped make it a success. Wave 102 were there giving out goodies to everyone playing a selection of music that was enjoyed by all.

The band played two sets, both extremely well. The uniforms were spotless on drummers and pipers who looked as good as they played. After we had played, just about every member of the band got their faces painted and tried to look as weird as possible before their next class. It was a good experience and everyone was glad they went.



The Pipe Band in Action

Conor Ogg F1

INTERACT REPORT

The Interact Club enjoyed a very successful session. In addition to performing many fund-raising activities and providing help to a variety of local and national organisations, the club has once again also provided a social focus for fifth and sixth year pupils of the school. The club currently has around twenty members, all of whom participate regularly in club activities and contribute to weekly meetings.

After the election of a committee, the first activity of the year was a meal for the society at 'Babu G', which not only was a very enjoyable night out for everyone but also allowed members to get to know one another better, as well as being a good event for enticing new members. This was followed by several other social events, including an Interact challenge night, held within the school, which was very fervently contested.

After this opening to the social calendar, this year's society embarked on our first fund-raising activity, resurrecting an idea which never really got off the ground in the previous session, the Interact Quiz became our main project. The night itself was very successful, with a wide range of teams drawn from Interact itself, the Rotary Club, staff and pupils with their families. Although victory was claimed by a teacher team, pupils still managed to put a brave face on their defeat and enjoy a good social occasion. The quiz also made a profit, which was added to funds already raised. It is hoped that future committees will be able to build on the success of the quiz, attracting even more competitors in future if the Interact publicity machine is really pushed to its limits.

Closely following the quiz in terms of fund-raising was the traditional Christmas car parking service in the school playground, which was the most successful for many years and attracted a great deal of positive feedback from the public. Over five days prior to Christmas, the playground was very busy at almost all times, and the total money raised was £2876.

Of course, the funds raised by Interact would be useless if they were not distributed throughout the community, and the destination of this money was an important decision for this year's society. In the end, the decision was made to donate £1600 to the Maggie's Centre Dundee as various members have links with the centre, and also because it allowed Interact to make a concrete contribution to a local institution. It is hoped that Interact will be able to make other significant contributions in future.

An Interact Report would not, however, be complete without thanking the people who have given a great deal of help to the club. Mr Rennet devotes a great deal of his own time to Interact events, as well as frequently having to put up with a lot of our more bizarre ideas, and his contribution cannot be underestimated. Likewise Bill MacFarlane-Smith, who provides an essential link between Interact and Rotary, must be praised for his efforts.

We hope that next year's club continue with a high level of membership, and contribute even further to Interact's work.

Toby Davies (Form 6)



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times”



James Moir (first right) and his Scottish team mates

Debating Society Report 2003 - 04

We were in the great hall of a university in Lima, Peru, as the names of the top ten individual speakers were read out at the 2003 World Schools Debating Championship.

Team Scotland had come third; Australia had won (again...), and their speakers occupied 1st, 3rd and 4th slots. But our good friend and rival George from Aberdeen was placed 2nd; and then came Gavin Illsley, 5th on the tab. 'Do you think,' he said to me, 'that makes me the second best debater in the northern hemisphere?' We had had a superb ten days in South America (I was there as one of the four Scottish judges, Gavin as a member of the five-strong team) at the annual tournament for some of the world's brightest young talents, which normally takes place in February but last year was in August. Twenty-five nations took part in eight preliminary rounds, at the end of which Scotland headed the tab with an unbroken row of wins. Sadly the spin of a coin in the semi-finals put the team on the more difficult side of a motion on whether religious beliefs should be allowed to dictate political decisions and they lost on a split. However, we made friends with people from all over the world, had a barbecue at the United States embassy, met the British ambassador's wife's pet llama, had supper overlooking the (very grey) Pacific, saw some of the Incas' gold, bought beautiful souvenirs in the Indian market and even managed an afternoon bus tour of New York on the way home.

Three weeks later it was the start of this school year; Worlds reverted to its normal time slot and in February I once more found myself at an airport setting off to judge, with a DHS pupil again selected as a member of the national side. James Moir and his team-mates spent 10 days in Stuttgart participating in the tournament which this year included 29 nations, going out in the quarter-finals to the Australians who were the eventual winners (again!...) and finishing sixth in the overall ranking.

From the heights of international recognition to the friendly but intense rivalry which obtains on the domestic circuit, High School pupils continue to rank among the best debaters in Britain. This year's entry for the Cambridge Union competition, which was won last year by James and Gavin, was 360 teams; James and Cathy Jung of FV were placed third and we were the only school to reach the final two years running. At the Oxford Union James was placed 6th on the individual tab out of 144 speakers from all over Britain, and despite struggling with a nasty virus Cathy was only four points behind him. The same virus prevented her from going to compete in Durham a week later and at 24 hours' notice her place was taken by Neil Dewar, currently in Form III. Against teams who are generally in their last two years at school, James and Neil were delighted to break 11th out of 92, on the same team points as the semi-finalists and ahead of those teams in which featured all the other Scottish internationalists. Out of 184 speakers, James was placed 7th in the individual rankings.

Within Scotland we were unfortunately unable to participate in three of the tournaments due to date clashes and the small matter of prelims: James and Cathy did however compete in the finals of both Dundee and Glasgow University tournaments and were runners-up in the Ross Cup 'champion of champions' event.

At a more junior level Christine Reid FI, Lachlan Young FIV and Neil Dewar reached the second round of the ESU Public Speaking tournament. In January Neil and Christine, and a second team of Bjaerni Henderson and Lauren Pringle FI travelled to Aberdeen to gain experience in the National Competition for Young Debaters.

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Within the school there was no stopping Airlie in the House competitions, where James and Katherine Matthew FV won the Senior Debate and were joined by Neil to win the Public Speaking.

This summer Neil will travel to Oakham School to participate in the national Debate Academy run by the English-Speaking Union, where I will again be a member of the teaching staff. The entry form is already in for three teams to participate in the National Juniors competition in October - this time in Newcastle. Should you wish to be one of those who gets to travel all over the place, reading *The Economist* on the way there and writing essays on the way home; if you enjoy arguing but your parents would like some peace at the supper table; if you can see yourself being invited to represent Oxford in your first year as a student and going on to reach the Worlds quarter-finals, as Gavin did this year, then please take the first step by joining us on Monday or Thursday lunchtimes.

I M McGrath



James Moir and Cathy Jung

Young Speakers' Club

The Young Speakers' Club meets at 1.10 pm, on Tuesday lunchtimes, in the Robert Fergusson Building in Mr Durham's room, RF16. Public speaking and debating are the main focus for our meetings but popular alternatives include "Just A Minute" competitions and quizzes.

We staged three "Call My Bluff" challenges, one at the Open Day and two with members of staff captaining pupil teams.

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.

Two novice teams consisting of four Form 1 girls - Rona Leese, Kirsty McEwan, Beanoir Peters and Catherine Smyth - were entered for the **Lloyds TSB/ESU Scottish National Junior Debating competition**, and the motion 'This House Would ban teenagers from using mobile phones' provided fodder for several lively debates during the lunchtime meetings. Unfortunately, 'the girls' lack of experience meant that they didn't progress to the next round but the hope is they will have picked up some wrinkles for later competitions.

We also entered three teams in the **Schools Debating Competition** sponsored by **The Courier** with officials provided by **St Andrew University**. During this competition, our teams debated a variety of motions from 'This House Would not wear the kilt' to 'This House Would Make Voting Compulsory.' Again, these

provided some lunchtime entertainment for the rest of the club as we thrashed out the pros and cons in preparation for the debates.

The teams were:

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| A Team | Andrew Nimmo and Neil Dewar (Form 3) |
| B Team | Lauren Pringle and Lusaith McClymont (Form 1) |
| C Team | Bjaemi Henderson and Malory Bergen-Reid (Form 1) |

Conor Ogg stepped in to replace Malory who was unavailable for Round 2.

We were still hoping to repeat the glory of two years ago when Cathy Jung (then in Form 3) and Matthew Atkins won the competition and the coveted prize of a trip to the USA but win or lose, learning to take part in the cut and thrust of debating is an invaluable experience, especially for our younger team members.

The A and C Teams fought through to the next round and the A Team narrowly missed making it to the semi-finals but I'm afraid the trip across the shining sea to the USA was too elusive yet again this year.

The Form 1 pupils who entered these competitions are to be commended given the fact that they were competing against Form 3 pupils at each stage.

We will be taking up the gauntlet again for 2004-2005 and hopefully some of those who experienced the heat of competitive debating last year will be back for some more.

Chess Club

The Club meets on Monday lunchtimes at 1.10 pm in Mr Durham's Room (RF16) and pupils with a range of skills attend. There is also a Friday Chess Club at 3.30 pm, attended by a small but loyal following this year. 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.

A large number of pupils entered the internal competitions this year. The **Beckingham Trophy** (open to F1-8) was won by Donald White (F3) and the **Intermediate Trophy** (F1-3) was won by Liam Eyles (F1) after a hard fought play-off against Conor Ogg (F1). Susan Lu (F5) won the **Girls' Trophy**.

The **Tayside Chess League** was reinstated this year and we entered a team consisting of John Grier, Andrew Rathbone, Liam Eyles and Conor Ogg. They did well against **Harris Academy** with an honourable draw but lost to a more experienced **Baldrigon** team who went on to win the competition outright.

This competition was very popular with the pupils, who enjoyed the experience of pitting their wit and skill against players from other schools. We may try to enter two teams next year if we get an influx of enthusiastic new players.



A pause for reflection....



An expedition crosses Rannoch Moor

The Duke of Edinburgh Award

Once again we have record numbers in the Duke of Edinburgh Award with over 50 coming in at Bronze Level. Many of the participants are also heavily involved in music and sports teams (and an increasing number do the CCF as well) and so enabling them to fit in all their activities through the week can be tricky at times!

For most people the Award conjures up visions of hiking and, indeed, the expedition section is the most intensive (in terms of staffing and delivery) with a full year's training at each level in all aspects of hiking, navigation, campcraft, safety and first aid culminating in Training, Practice and Final hikes.

At Bronze Level, nine groups completed practice expeditions near Loch Ordie (memorable for some very heavy rain) followed by two days Finals between Glendevon and Dollar (memorable for the tame fox that appeared to adopt us at the Burn of Sorrow Camp) and at Silver Level our four groups completed a training day around Craigowl followed by practice expeditions from Comrie to Amulree. Later on in summer they finished their own chosen Final Expeditions in a variety of places across the Highlands.

The other three Sections of the Award – skills, physical activity and service are equally important components and far more emphasis is put on the pupils choosing, organising and completing their own programmes.

At the end of this session we will be losing Sheila Cannon to Dollar Academy. Sheila has made an immense contribution to the Award at the High School, and beyond, and she will be sorely missed. Her commitment and integrity have made sure that the Award at the High School is run to the highest standards.

We are also losing two other important members of the Bronze training staff: Wendy Gillanders (from the Junior School) and Frances Martin (who is retiring, though she did supervise both the Gold practice hike from Loch Laggan to Glen Coe and the Gold final across the Cairngorms and Glen Avon in her last term in the School!).

I must take this opportunity to thank the huge team of staff (and an increasing number of parents and friends) involved in training, supervising, transporting and acting as emergency cover this session.

Mr M Parlour



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CCF Report 2004-05

The Training year commenced after a very successful Summer Camp at Warcop. Known as Phase 1, all training is carried out within year groups revising or learning new skills working on discipline, teamwork, confidence and leadership, the main priorities being Drill, Skill at Arms and Fieldcraft. All training was taken by our senior cadets supervised by the Officers and adults. This year for the very first time both the Form 5 and Form 4 Cadets were involved in The Method of Instruction Cadre run by Regular Army Support of 21 Cadet Training Team. Here are some of their thoughts and impressions on their experiences.

"To be able to train the recruits, the 4th and 5th year cadets had to complete a cadre course. We had to pass 2 sections:- for one, we had to prepare a lesson in drill (either stand at ease and come to attention or left and right turning and about turns) and the other was a skill at arms lesson (either stripping and assembling the weapon, load and unload or NSPs). We had to make these lessons fun and easy to listen to. Most of us passed each section first time, some even managed to score As or Bs. Although some cadets failed, they were able to try again and by the end of the term everybody was a qualified trainer."

"This year was of particular importance for all F4 and F5 cadets as we had to complete our cadre course which would ultimately allow us to teach and supervise younger cadets. The course involved familiarising ourselves with the Army's teaching philosophy and then putting this into practice by completing two lessons which were assessed by members of 21 Cadet Training Team. The course began one Sunday when we all gathered for an exciting afternoon of training with the one and only Sgt Maguire! There we

learned how to ask questions Army-style and how to prepare a basic lesson plan. Over the following weeks we took part in a number of activities including talking for 5 minutes about absolutely nothing – which was a good laugh! By the end of this all of us were happy to work together as a team and this would be very important during the rest of the course. Finally, each of us had to teach a weapons lesson as well as one on drill giving us the opportunity to follow 2 very different lesson plans. At the end of the course we all felt very happy that we had achieved something worthwhile and we were also awarded our half-stars. It was great to have a new badge to add to our brassard. Overall, the course was an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. The main reward is being able to pass on our knowledge and expertise to the new recruits with confidence, and this has allowed us to develop important skills for the future."

Because of the numbers and the very high quality of recruits enlisting in the Cadets this year it was decided to run a Recruit Cadre over a weekend at Barry Buddon. Cadets were fed and accommodated at the Riverside Hotel at Barry Buddon Training Camp. This it seems was a very successful venture, which depending on numbers and the standard of recruit, will be repeated each year. The main aims of the weekend were to work on Drill, Skill at Arms, Fieldcraft and give a little taster of the Barry Buddon Obstacle course, which sadly D.H.S. C.C.F. cannot leave without at least one Cadet being soaked from head to toe.

"Getting up at 6.30 in the holidays? You must be joking! But that, sadly, was what us recruits had to do for the three days we stayed at Barry Buddon. If that wasn't bad enough, we were all exhausted from the exercises of the previous day, and most of us hadn't got to sleep until some point in the same morning! From the sound of them, the exercises hadn't seemed that bad; drill, assault course, more drill, skill at arms, and some more drill. We couldn't have been proven more wrong. Drill with Mr Wood involved a lot of concentration, while skill at arms was a whole new concept

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to us recruits. On the Saturday night after a very nice evening meal we were forced to watch an army training video about espionage and working with the enemy which turned out to be **MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 2**. The assault course, despite the fact many of us found it scary and a few of us got soaked, was great fun. By the Sunday, we all returned home, tired, hungry but on a massive high!"

"During the October holidays all the second year cadets who were not away sunning themselves on exotic holidays spent two nights at Barry Buddon on a recruit training weekend. While we were there we learnt about everything from how to do drill to shooting (some of us actually hit the target)! We also had to safely negotiate the rather daunting assault course. We stayed in the barracks which are definitely more functional than luxury and had floors that we had to wash about three times on the last morning. Army food came as a shock to many but at least it kept us going. For all our trouble we each received a certificate at the end of the weekend. We were all glad to go home but felt pleased that we had survived!"

At the end of a very successful year over 2003, the school broke up for Christmas and New Year, returning in the year 2004 to start training within our own sections. This was a challenge for all cadets, regardless of year group, rank or gender; they were simply grouped together in six different sections, as equal as possible, working together in preparation for the section competition in March.

The Competition date was set for 26th of March and took place at Barry Buddon Training Camp. The competition consisted of a Section Attack Stand, Command Task Stand, Stalking Stand, Shooting Stand, and lastly, the dreaded one, where inevitably at least one cadet gets soaked from head to toe: The Obstacle Course. In addition there was also a fair hike covering most of the Barry Buddon Training area between each stand. To say it was mentally and physically challenging is a serious understatement.

"Having miraculously avoided spending the night outside sleeping in ponchos, we assembled into our sections **far too early** in the morning, preparing for a tough but exciting day ahead. The itinerary was jam-packed, consisting of stalking, command tasks, the assault course, shooting and section attacks. For the shooting competition we had to attempt to burst three balloons with only four bullets and points were given for each burst balloon and also if you had a bullet left. We also shot at targets and although that was not included in the competition, it was good fun."



Major McAdam



Captain Tosh, who retired from CCF this session

Although a number of the cadets always dreaded the assault course, we worked together within the sections, managed to complete it without getting too wet and on the whole, the times taken by each section to complete the course were impressively fast. The command tasks were another chance to practice our teamwork and as usual they were very interesting. The stalking, where we had to cross a large area of land without being caught, was great fun and also quite difficult (as you could tell by a few of the section scores which were quite pathetically in minus numbers). Prior to the competition, we had grudgingly spent many Friday nights in the wind and rain rehearsing thoroughly for the section attacks. It was probably the hardest part of the day for section commanders but thankfully there were no disasters. At the prize giving, after a well played bagpipe solo from one of the cadets, prizes were awarded to section 5 for having the fastest time in the assault course and section 1 for doing the best section attack.

"In March, the entire DHSCCF contingent was bussed out to Barry Buddon, complete with warm pyjamas, sleeping bags and all we would need for the following day. DHSCCF was to be inspected to see if it was a worthwhile organisation, so what better way to do it than have a section competition containing all the main exercises we do at Cadets? But firstly we had to make it through a night at Barry. This proved to be easier than expected, as the weather was too bad





ARMISTICE PARADE





Armistice Parade





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“Climbing takes place depending on the time of year”

to sleep outside, so we were given almost five star accommodation in the army barracks! (If you used your imagination.) We woke bright and early the next morning ready for the hard day ahead. First for my section was stalking, organised by the Sixth year cadets and not to be taken too seriously! Next we were on the range, where my section did exceptionally well, with all but one cadet shooting four balloons in four shots! We had all been dreading the assault course, which came next, however it proved to not be as awful as expected with all of us remaining dry afterwards. Command Tasks, challenging but team-building was next, requiring us to use our brains as well as strength. Finally we had our last exercise, section attacks swiftly followed by the prize-giving ceremony. This was a chance for us to reflect on the competition which had run very smoothly and to be congratulated by Major McAdam on performing so well and making such a good impression of DHSCCF. Our section was awarded the prize for shooting before we all went home for a well deserved sleep.”

Overall it was a very successful competition; the prize-giving ceremony was organised by Mr Wood, the contingent were all lined up, 21 Cadet training team led by their commander dressed up in his dress kilt uniform, piper playing, it all looked pretty spectacular. Then the OC announced the winners as follows. The Shooting competition was won by 4 Section led by Thomas Bell. The Section Attack competition was won by 1 Section led by Pamela Reid. The Obstacle Course competition was won by 5 Section led by Mairi Cunningham. As can be seen from the cadets' own observations, although very challenging, it was also great fun.



After all the effort at the beginning of the year the summer term was full of fun-time activities such as Tae Kwan-do, Kayaking, Shooting, Map and Compass, and lastly drill, in preparation for yet another competition which will take place at Wathgill, our camp location for this year.

“Canoeing was perhaps the activity that everyone looked forward to the most. It took place at Clatto Park where two instructors taught us the basic skills before we hit the water! The more confident among us played games like tig, whilst beginners stayed in shallower water and tried to work out how to paddle in a straight line. We practiced skills like turning around and rowing sideways, then both teams united for a fun finale. We formed a long line and held on to each other's canoes for safety. Then we played games like, Eskimo kissing the end of our canoes, running along the row of boats and swapping canoes. You needed very good balance if you were to stay dry. Although every one got soaked to the skin, nobody cared as we were all having such a great time. Hopefully we will do more watersports soon!”

“Climbing takes place depending on the time of year and also what other activities are going on within the school community; on average it is about once a fortnight. When the weather is fair we climb outdoors - however if it's poor we climb indoors. The indoor locations are very good. The first one is Alien Rock, near Leith in Edinburgh. It has a very good bouldering wall where you climb without ropes and if you fall you land on a huge mat (landing on your head is not recommended; it's rather painful). Then it's off to the top, rope climbing. Most climbs are about 50 feet tall. The climber is at one end of the rope and the belayer at the other. As your life is literally in the belayer's hands, it's sound advice never to upset them. It really is a great atmosphere and there are lots of different climbs to choose from. The next venue is just simply awesome, it is The Ratho Adventure Centre which houses the largest climbing centre in Europe. The climbing is endless! Sadly we are restricted to the top-roping area but even there the climbs are huge - definitely a great day out. If the weather is good we go to outdoor climbing locations, the nearest one being The Bennybeg near Crieff, a popular venue for most novice climbers. Then the furthest away and - apart from the journey, a brilliant day out - is Kingussie; the climbing is ace.

“This is a great experience and change from the normal military activities and shows that there is a lot more to cadets than drill and weapon training.”

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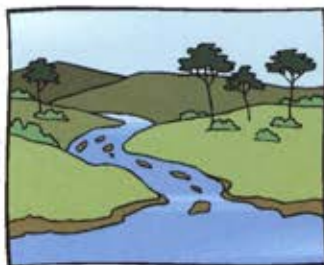
The Wind

The wind is a howling cheetah,
Graceful and fast,
He plays around all day.
Sometimes silent, moving stealthily
Purring, tickling, purring tickling
The wind cheetah plays around us.

And when he hunts his prey in the winter chill,
He snares and rants
Moving faster and faster still
Loud and angry he comes in for the kill,
Strong, dominant and overpowering.

He calms again gradually as the days get longer,
The rants and snarls recede,
His breathing steadies and slows.
Once again he purrs and tickles
Playing quietly around us.

by Stuart Mires
1WA1



The Sea

The sea is a galloping horse,
Strong, free and dangerous.
When she rears up in anger
Her snow white mane crashes down through the air.
Nothing will stop her.

The sea is a playful horse,
Gentle, fun and friendly.
She trots along with a swish of her tail
And is happy for me to ride her.
She is my best friend.

by Sarah Low 1AY1

The Stream

The stream is a twisting snake,
Weaving his way through the land,
His slithering, turning shape,
Lifts a body that is narrow and swift.

The stream is a twisting snake,
Slipping over the rocks,
Soft hissing he makes,
Gathering, gathering, gathering speed.

The stream is a twisting snake,
Rapidly curving his way through the hills,
A constantly hurried journey he takes,
Until out to the sea he slithers at last.

by Liusaidh McClymont 1AI1

FORM 2 CHILLERS

Murderer?

He bolted up in his bed, breathing heavily. He had just woken up from a nightmare, a scary one too. But for some reason he knew that it was more than a nightmare. It seemed so vivid and he could remember it like no other dream. It felt almost as if it had actually happened.

As he got out of bed and walked to the bathroom to brush his teeth – he wasn't in the mood for breakfast after what he had just seen – he thought back to his dream. His memory was quite vague so he could only remember bits of it. He remembered driving through a remote, lonely part of country. It was dark. The air was cold but crystal clear. The huge full moon hung in the air, its ghostly white adding even more of a chill to the air. He was miles away from anybody and anywhere to get help.

There was a small patch of trees. The trees were quite sparse and in the middle was a figure. He was dressed from head to toe in black with a large wide rimmed hat which hid his face giving him a dark, sinister, macabre look. What struck him most though, was the figure's long black coat with a large gash in the upper arm.

Somehow, this coat seemed very familiar. He watched the figure as he picked up bundles, wrapped in bloodstained sheets, some of which he was sure were still moving, squirming and struggling in vain. He even thought he could hear muffled cries of terror. The figure lifted them, some struggling helplessly, some lying cold and still in his arms, into a deep, dark pit. This made him feel dizzy and nauseous, like an icy hand gripping his stomach. The man carried on dumping them, one by one, until the pit must have been nearly full. After he had dumped all of them, he replaced the trap-door and started walking up the long, lonely road, alone.

The next thing he remembered was the killer walking purposefully up his very own drive. He then remembered seeing him standing over his bed...

That must have been the last thing that he remembered before he woke up. He got dressed and went downstairs. He reached out for his jacket, his long black jacket with a gash on the upper arm, but then he felt dizzy and nauseous for another reason. For it was then that he noticed the bloodstain on his sleeve.

Tom Emslie-Smith 2L11

Whose Life Is It?

Jane cautiously climbed the steep stairs into the gloomy attic and wondered if she would ever find the science book for Mr Gillies. She shivered at the thought of getting into trouble once again for not having it. She couldn't see why he wanted it so badly; after all, it was just a science book. Jane searched the ancient boxes and piles of junk that had been collecting dust and suddenly came across her missing book. Something odd struck Jane straight away – the book was free of dust; which was strange as everything else was covered with it. At the time she didn't really think much of it but it made sense now. Just as she reached the door, a photo fell out of the book. It was a picture of two girls who looked remarkably like her – but she didn't have a twin!

Once at school, Jane decided to go to the library and investigate her family tree. Although Jane was quiet and reserved, her brain was inquisitive. The family tree showed no sign of a twin. Throughout the day Jane wondered if she really did have a twin and where she was.

Later that night Jane was walking home from school and as it was late November it was pitch black. She thought she would cut across the graveyard to her house. Slowly she pushed the decrepit church gate open and bravely advanced into the lifeless graveyard in front of her. The moon's light dimly lit the thick mist that hung low. The gravestone's seemed to tower above Jane like the Angel

of Death waiting to claim his victim. Carefully Jane edged forward past the gravestone's and every so often turned nervously round to see if anyone was following her.

All of a sudden a bright light caught her eye. She looked round almost paralysed with fear then she realised it must be her imagination. Near the end of the graveyard was a small, crumbling stone. Written on it was Julia Jones and on the stone was the very same picture Jane had found in the attic. Who was Julia Jones? Could she be Jane's dead twin sister?

Once inside her house, Jane discovered neither of her parents were there. They were probably out shopping. Jane's dog, Geordie, howled which was odd as he was normally a quiet little thing. Faintly in the distance a soft sweet voice could be heard singing. What could it be? Steadily she crept towards the dark staircase and looked up. The voice was getting louder and louder as she tiptoed up the stairs until she reached her bedroom. Carefully Jane edged her head around the door. A small white figure was on the rocking horse slowly singing to herself.

The room was cold and lifeless, the bay windows had been opened and there was a menacing wind whistling in. The night sky had turned a dark red like the colour of the devil's blood leaking out and polluting the sky. There was no noise apart from the occasional rustle of leaves and the eerie singing. The white glow of the girl lit up the pitch-dark room leaving a feeling of death. The little



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girl had long, jet black hair and a ghostly skin. Her eyes were as large as owls, but malicious and calculating.

Finally Jane managed to pluck up enough courage to ask, "Who are you and what do you want?"

"I am Julia Jones," the ghost whispered "And I know who you are, Jane."

"I never knew I had a twin sister," Jane stammered as she drew nearer to the figure.

"Why are you here, what are you doing?"

"I am here to get my own back on you, Jane. After 14 years of torture I am finally here! You see I don't think you realise what I have been through. I mean you being chosen over me, how could they. I hate you. I hate you all," the ghost screamed while furniture began whirling around the room.

"I don't understand," said Jane innocently, "What is it all about?"

"Every person born has a twin. The parents have to choose which child to keep and which one is to die.

This child becomes a ghost in another universe where there is loneliness and emptiness. I have decided it is my turn to be alive."

"What do you mean, are you going to kill me? Oh please don't, I will do anything," Jane pleaded.

"Too late, it is time!" With that the ghost vanished.

When Jane woke the next morning, the sun was shining and she seemed to have forgotten the strange events of the night before. She arrived at school as usual and went to meet her friends. When she said hello to her best friends Kate and Claire, they didn't seem to notice her and just carried on talking. "Maybe they have fallen out with me," Jane thought sadly as she wandered away. The bell rang for the first class. It was maths, a subject that Jane was very good at but when she put her hand up no one seemed to notice her even when she shouted out. What was the matter? As she walked down the corridor, she saw a very familiar face coming towards her laughing and giggling with her friends Kate and Claire. They walked straight through her but as they passed Jane Julia whispered, "Told you we would swap places Jane."

by Catriona Wilson 2AY2



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The Puppet Girl

Two plaits of strawberry blonde
Nine years of age
And every day of her life
Just another page
Of the terrible book, recording her days.

She wanted to fly,
Fly with bright wings
And leave far behind
Her imprisoning strings;
Obeying every move made for her.

She sighs
I wish I were like a wisp of smoke
Disappearing up in to the sky...

No one saw her leave those strings,
Finding them lying limply there,
But some noticed a strange and
happy child
Playing all day
Laughing and skipping
And cart wheeling
Away

By Catherine Smyth 1L12

Walls

They are tall and strong and immobile
They have kept family and friends apart.
They mark the boundaries
Of our territories
And keep the unwanted out.

Inside them we feel safe and calm,
But look outside –
We see the pain and suffering of others
Or maybe someone better off than us.
We run, run, run like the wind

Back to the walls every night.

And yet –
I wonder what would happen
If we ventured out,
Ventured out
Or pulled down those walls.
It is vital that we all learn
To stand up for ourselves
And stand alone

Even if those walls seem stronger
than us.

By Rachel Fraser 2AY2

Fidget and The Mouse

The beast that lies within him.
The good that lies within.
His whiskers twitch like wire
His body is sleek and thin.

The soft and velvet paddy feet
Are spikes with killer claws
His bright green eyes sweetly disguise
The death trap of his jaws.

His tail arches high above his back
As if he wants to say
"Yo Mouse, hurry up, you hear?
I want my food today!"

His trembling prey seems pleading
Fidget sinks his teeth to the bone
(While Mrs Mouse and babies
Wait in vain at home.)

He takes the mouse and teases it
He jostles it around.
Despite my shouts and claps and yells
He slams it to the ground.

How can he be so lovable?
"His bite's worse than his bark!"
How can this soft purring cushion
Show less kindness than a shark?

His rough pink tongue caresses.
His size has hardly changed
Since he pounced upon my life
And was hugged and loved and named
Fidget ... my killer cat.

Kirsty McEwan 1AY1

Hideout

Vast, long grass overwhelming,
Fascinating garden.
Past the rusty gate,
past the dilapidated greenhouse
(all those warnings: don't go in!)
Ghosts of flowers pressing sadly
against the glass...
Turn and run
Dare myself to crash
and splash
through the water.
Warm sunshine.
Whispering bushes
Ducking behind
Sprinting towards
The hanging rug
Strung between branches.
Our den.
Safe and sound.

Lucy Boyd 5L12



DOWN A DARK STREET

It was six in the evening; I had just slipped out of the safe house and was walking along the back alleys towards town. No one had seen me go. I looked around me and all I saw were derelict houses and closed shops. The whole place was a ghost town. I don't know what happened. It used to be such a jumping sorta place but now this was a rough neighbourhood.

You didn't want to be caught all alone here, and you never know who might pick you up. That reminds me of the story of Rusty; we were on a couple of cases together. He was walking down the street and this guy jumps out on him and snags him. We didn't see Rusty again, poor guy.

I could have gone back to what I liked to call my office; the place was a bit of a kennel but hey, it was home. But I thought it would be more interesting to check out the nightlife; it would give me something to do. I turned up my collar and walked off into the night.

I turned left into Chinatown the area was unnaturally quiet apart from the booze hounds stumbling along the sidewalk, out on the town. Boy, they're going to be in the doghouse when they get back. If you'll excuse the pun.

It was just then when I noticed somebody was following me. I ran for it. The stranger was hot on my heels in a flash. I clambered over a wall. I thought I had shaken him off. There was the lamp post, the secret meeting place where I often did some business. I decided to sniff around. Something didn't smell right. Time to go. I looked around to check that the follower wasn't lurking in the shadows but the area was clear, I relaxed and let my



guard down. I had said that I would meet the boys in this place we know. So I headed off.

I woke up the next morning feeling pretty rough. Yeah, rough, rough. So I had a hair of the dog to straighten me out.

Just my luck. The coast was still clear. I slipped out to this place I know to follow a lead. I saw a real fox, she was beautiful. I turned around to look at her again but she was gone. Then all at once I felt a presence, I turned around real slow. There was definitely someone there, and then I saw him. The one guy I didn't want to see. He grinned at me and advanced with a knotted rope pulled right in his fists. I crashed through a market place, knocking down everything in my way. I turned around to see if I had shaken him off, but he was still there. I turned into another alley and started to back away but I felt a wall behind me. I was cornered! Still, he kept coming towards me I snarled to warn the guy not to come near me, but it was too late he was on me. Slipping the knot through my collar. He said "Rover, you naughty dog! Running away like that, you are coming home right now!

It's a dog's life.

Tom Phillips 2WA2, Old Boys Creative Writing
Prize Winner

The Daily Circulation

"Well, what have you got for me today?" snapped Verity Accolade. All that could be heard in the wood panelled editors office was the shrill ring of a distant telephone. "Well? Are we toppling someone's career? Are we busting a drugs-dealer? Come on, tell me your stories" she ordered. "Penelope, you first."

From somewhere down the dark oak table a tall gawky lady who appeared to be wearing something closely resembling my grandmother's curtains replied "Um I've got this absolutely shocking story. You see, there's this awful woman who is making coats out of stolen Dalmatian puppies' fur. Can you believe it? Coats! How could anyone be so cruel?"

"Penelope, I believe you have seen '101 Dalmatians' too many times, and are getting it mixed up with reality" taunted Verity.

"No, no I'm not. Mum'sy told me about it over dinner" Penelope proudly stated.

"Oh! If mum'sy says so it must be true," said a tall, over dressed woman sitting next to Verity, joining in her favourite game – teasing Penelope Featherstonehaugh as venomously as she could!

Suddenly the door burst open and a short young man rushed in.

"Well, look what the cat dragged in. In a mess and twenty minutes late, Ned, "When will you learn?" snipped Verity.

"Terribly sorry, Miss Accolade but I've got an amazing story – a scoop! You'll never believe it. Too good to be true –"

"Spit it out, Ned, old chap. Some of us have work to do!" interrupted a tall balding man who wore a suit and a smirk.

"Alright then – the Prime Minister has been embezzling money since he came into power" Ned announced.

"Of course he has, Ned, we've known that for years. Who wouldn't in his position," Said the same woman who loved to taunt Penelope, a particularly poisonous woman with long black curls and fingers laden with rings.

"Fine then Cynthia, if you're so clever then why haven't you covered this story instead of writing about some poor lost cat who trekked across the Sahara to find its owners?"

"I thought that was very moving – I mean that cat going all that way for love. "It doesn't matter that it was a lie" replied Cynthia Velour.

"Well, Verity, how about my story? Why shouldn't it be printed?" asked Ned.

"Because it's true Ned! No one wants to read the truth. Now the rest of you have you any stories we can sell to the public? Make them good" snapped Verity. Almost everyone began busying themselves with other things – filing their nails, shuffling papers, taking notes – as Verity began to look more and more annoyed.

"I have a story," drawled the balding man, "and if the rest of you have nothing to say I might as well tell you. David Beckham is being taught brain surgery by a trappist monk who claims he knows where the kidnapped brother of Charlie Simpson from Busted is being held. The monk then went on to demand a ransom for the same return of Ed Simpson. The article would then go on to question the bonafides or even sanity" he smirked "of the monastery" Loudly tapping his fat stubby fingers on the table in an infuriating manner.

"Oh well done Alisdair" congratulated Verity, "Brilliant candle. The rest of you should take a leaf out of Alisdair's book. The public will lap this story up. It's going front page". The discussion about what went on the front page continued with Penelope regaling more tales Mum'sy had told her over dinner about an orphaned deer called Bambi and Miles Malanders story about the dastardly cheating going on in some horse race.

The next morning, Ned opened his paper at page 18 he saw a shocking story about the Prime Minister embezzling money. He was ecstatic – his story was in print. When he looked closer he saw it was about the Prime Minister of Luxembourg by Alisdair Candle. Strangely enough the Prime Minister was giving some trappist monk asylum!

by Sophie Kochanowska 1AY2, Old Boys' Creative Writing Prize Runner Up.



Form 6 Declaration of Independence



An east coast wind whips the procession's sails
Down sinuous sandstone streets to the square,
Children's eyes dart over robe and gauntlet
Like sweets in the jar of the harbour air.
Light explodes in gleaming angles over cobbles
Who, dull and uneven, are trampled by
Iron hooves and steel boots which bind the history
In its own protection from watching eye.

Yet under history's armour the town in torpor lies,
Its empty harbour, where boats lie lusting on the sand
Like fish out of water, each slowly dies.
Sunlight lances the patchwork clouds, waters the air
Searching wind explores and invades Harbour street
Tugging coats with prying fingers to reach weary flesh
The chill of uncertain future ices leaden feet.

Paper pages bathe the defeats of today with past glories
As merchant's cloaks and kings colour the sands of time.

The livery is now framed in plastic, gone are stories
To divide families in homes rather than unite in humanity
Citizens now equal in law but unequal in respect.
Corrugated iron shakes in wind to protect island factories
From hungry faces making last week's plea for dignity
As inside cowed eyes guard with hate and unease.

The stench of despair and fatigue which sweeps the
Air like gas to choke and slowly defeat the will
Is inhaled by the young with cigarette and beer fumes
As the old drink with bitter tongues to make hearts fill
When life empties the good to masters everywhere.
The town's abbey sits with the new religion of sea
And fish as bricks to wall the people in the past
Until they can climb the wave and be free.

By James Moir 6A12

Joy Ride

The day I died was an ordinary
summer day.
Finally managed to get the car
from mum,
"Be careful!" she said,
I didn't need advice,
I knew exactly what I was doing,
I was a good driver.
The thought of being my own
boss, freedom,
Just me and the open road
absolute freedom.
I became cocky, self-assured,
took stupid chances,
My speed gradually creeping up,
"Why is everyone going
so slowly?"
I don't remember how the
accident happened,
I heard a crash, a terrific jolt,
Glass, metal, screeching brakes.

The world around me smeared
into a colourful blur and the car
began to spin.
My whole body seemed to be
turning inside out,
Unimaginable, indescribable pain.
The car crushed itself in
around me,
Caught like a wild animal in a
hunter's trap.
I heard myself scream and
then nothing.
I awoke suddenly,
Everything was quiet,
Bright lights, blank feeling
in my mind,
I couldn't move.
Face of a doctor's over mine,
sad and perplexed.
Mangled body, thick red
blood everywhere,
Sharp shards of glass and metal
jutting out of my pale skin,

But I couldn't feel anything at all.
I barely recognised myself.
Doctor looked at the clock,
wrote on his chart,
Wait! Don't pull that sheet
over my head.
I can't be dead, I'm only 17.
I have a lot of living left to do.
Think of all the things I'll miss.
Please, somebody, wake me up.
I can't be dead, I'm only 17.

By Rachael Dyer 6L12

Time to Go

I never thought I'd die alone.
It makes me sad to think it,
But I know there's nothing for me here.
So soon.
So young.
Makes me feel bare and cold
I didn't have time to even grow old.
I wonder why I feel like this,
But when I look to my future there's
nothing to be missed.
The mirror is blank, time rolls on.
My mum will cry, so will my dad.
It's strange, but I don't feel bad.
They'll give my things to all my friends,
so they'll remember me.
But in a few months will anyone really

remember me?

My worst fear is to be forgotten,
The mark I made on the world,
Slowly fading to nothing.
In the beginning tears will fall when she
thinks of me,
Every photograph, every item of
clothing, every piece of me will cause
her pain.
She'll demand that my room
stay untouched.
But six months later?
Laughter in the garden, parties with
family friends, my brother's
accomplishments
Will eclipse what I did.
Will make her start to forget.
The pictures will remain but the
tears will stop.
My room will slowly change so that it
is no longer my own.

Nothing has been achieved,
nothing conquered.

What have I left behind?
Waste of space, wasted life.
Once it's over, rumours will be rife
About me.
But they will soon die down.
Friends will move on, family too.
I hope they know this is not their fault.
It's hard to explain, but I just know.
I know this is right, this is right for me.
No other choice, this is right for me.
It's time.
Darkness calls, I let myself go.
It's time for me to let myself go.

By Rachael Dyer 6U2

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Sheena and Flora

Situation: Two neighbouring Glaswegian housewives are hanging their washing out on the communal line.

Flora: Hello there, Sheena!

Sheena: Flora! How's your the day?

Flora: Och, just fine thanks, hen, and yersel'?

Sheena: No sae bad, thanks. How's your Jimmy getting' on?

Flora: Weel, it's a bitty touch an' go, if ye ken whit ah mean.

Sheena: Oh aye?

Flora: Aye. Ah mean, he's a braw lad, really, but he's aye sic' a handfu'!

Sheena: Och, ah know! They're a' the same!

Flora: Is your Angus like that an' a?

Sheena: Aye, well, ah dinne ken whit your Jimmy's like, but Angus disappears fur ages an' turns up days later. I niver ken whaer he goes, like.

Flora: Weel, Jimmy's just aye oot wi' his pals, y'ken, in a big group. He aye comes back in the wee sma's an' mak's an affy noise outside the windae. Ah aye have tae go an' let him in, he's that bad...d'ye no hear him?

Sheena: Och, ah'm a deep sleeper, hen. Ye ken, Angus wiz awa' fur near a month once, an' when he cam' back, ma God, ye shuda seem 'im! It wuda near turned yer stomach, ah can tell ye! His hair wiz a' matted an' ye could near enuf seen a' the bones in his body, he wuz tha' skinny! An' his eyes! Ma God, they were a' glazed an' starin'! It fair shook me!

Flora: Whit did ye do, hen?

Sheena: Well, ah cudna really tell him off, could I? He looked tha' bad, ah jus' had tae comfort him, ye ken?

Flora: Aye, it's affy hard is it no?

Sheena: Och, tell me about it!

Flora: Thing is, hen, ah'd be deid glad if Jimmy went awa' fur a few days. He snores tha' loud, ye can hardly get a wink o' sleep, an' he smells like a midden an' a'!

Sheena: Aye, so does Angus!

Flora: An' food's a problem tae – he cannae get enough! He's aye leavin' half o' it on the flair and he winna clear it up! Ye can get naw peace!

Sheena: Och, they're a' the same! Ah dinna ken why we pit up wi' them, really! An' guess whit!

Flora: Whit?

Sheena: Angus wet the beid!

Flora: Naw!

Sheena: Aye! It took me the whole mornin' tae clean the beidclaes!

Flora: Weel, Jimmy husnae done that yet, thank God. He jus' looks at me in tha' really dopey way o' his, ye ken, wi' his heid on one side, am' ah jus' forgive him for everythin'! Ah canna help it!

Sheena: Och, an'm a softie tae, hen! Ah aye tuck Angus intae bed, jus' like a wee bairn an' he's well past that age.

Flora: But the bairns love him, don't they?

Sheena: Och aye! He aye plays wi' them an' they think he's braw. That's wan good thing aboot him, ah suppose.

Flora: The fleas are tha' bad though, are they no'!

Sheena: Oh aye! Ah jus' hope they dinna jump ontae me – ah canna stand the things!

Flora: They mak' me squirm, they do! Has he ever been nicked?

Sheena: Aye! He wiz once driven home in the back o' a van. Ah tell ye, hen, ah wiz mortified! Ye cudda fried an egg oan ma face!

Flora: Aye, ah remember noo! The McCleish's were stikin' their heids oot the windie, were they no'? It wisne fair!

Sheena: Och, they've niver liked him. They think he's a mangy wee thing.

Flora: Naw, ah dinna think so. He's deid friendly. How'd the driver know where he cam' frae?

Sheena: Weel, ah pit wur address on his collar.

Flora: Aye, when we first picked Jimmy up, the many sed tae gie him a collar in case he sneaks off, but ah niver got roon' tae it. Ah shud mibbe think aboot it, rite enuf – there are that many dugs aroon' in Glasgae!

Sarah Dorward, 6A11

Childhood

School

Polished corridor...tap, tap, tap...
 Clear view of the
 Blue-and-white-carpeted classroom.
 Colourful teacher;
 Starched, uniformed children
 Perch at rough desks,
 Chatting politely
 Or sitting still.

I'm told to sit opposite Rory Baxter –
 I watch him.
 Windows highlights suspended dust
 particles.
 The only girl at the table.
 Singled out –
 Not a bad thing, though.
 Sit up.
 Fold arms.
 Prepare to start learning.

Admiration

Sit; watch.
 Copy her movements, her laugh...
 Ten.
 Just two years and I can be
 Just like her.

Eight...ten...twelve...
 I age; I grow; I learn.
 But I can never be
 Just like her.

Life rolls on.
 Feelings change in
 Subject and importance,
 Develop,
 But ultimately remain as
 A personality trait.

Tricycle

Tricycle on a
 Hot and heavy day.
 Mum and brother
 Walk beside me.

 Skid.
 Crunch.
 Dust.
 Black stones and hot gash.
 Tears – Mummy!
 I'm comforted and
 Sat back on my trice.
 It's still bleeding.
 Be brave!
 But mummy...

Field, tents,
 Colour, noise.
 I'm an insect in the grass.
 Blood dries in a painful pattern.
 No-one's listening to me...
 Mummy, please!

Climbing

Wind plays merrily and
 We play games.
 Smoothly jagged bark and
 Wooden ladders;
 Damp earth and cut grass;
 Summer.

Now
 There's only one bit left.
 It's old.
 It's dangerous.
 It's a shadow of its former self.
 I've moved on from climbing.
 But I remember what fun I used to have
 And what a great tree it once was.



by Sarah Dorward 6A11, Bloc Prize
 Winner



Rough Justice

I sat crumpled on the solid iron block that they called a bed. The sheets were grey and crushed, crammed up between the cold stone wall and my lifeless body. I was given no pillow. The dark strange room enclosed me tightly like a coffin – little breathing space and no light. No curtains or pictures on the wall. No photographs of loved ones which served as memories, visions of my other life. Not even a window to remind me of what the sun rise looked like in the morning or the countless stars in the still night sky. The square box that was now my confinement was withdrawn from the world outside and now served as part of a microcosm for all that was wrong. A putrid smell rose from beneath the floorboards where mice feasted on the leftovers from the man before me, filling my nostrils with an acrid stench. The irregular 'drip – drop' from the water pipes gave the cell a certain echo which chilled my spine with fear of the unknown.

Beaten by the world, I gaped into hopeless darkness. Transfixed on the pitiful lack of detail on the concrete floor, my eyes caught a glimpse of a rusty nail, crooked and corroded with bronze, abruptly stabbing out of the surface. Silence. Only short gasps of air could be heard.



My room was empty; my belongings stripped from me and me being robbed of air.

A pair of intense red eyes peered at me from a hole on the heavy door. The steel flap had been carefully lowered and I was subjected once again to cruel indignities.

"Oi, Get up!" The anonymous figure of authority bellowed.

"Oi, I'm telling you, if you don't get up, I'll bloody well come in there myself and physically kick you out of that scummy bed of yours." He raged from behind my wall of defence. But I couldn't move, despite being told to. I still sat stationary.

The turn of the key and the crash of the door caught me in a moment of uncertainty, revealing a couple of well polished boots. In them I could see the flicker from the strip lighting above me which had just been turned on – intense floods of white. Head bowed and eyes screwed, I struggled to form the figure's outline through the blur of colours which were being processed in my mind. Two trunks for legs; a stout pot belly; round face and a copper's hat stood before me, casting powerful shadows across my dejected face, hurling me into a second of darkness once more. His hands were chunky, sausage fingers and broken, unkempt nails with a ring of dirt encrusted behind them. He raised one of his paws and struck me violently straight across my unshaven cheek. The crack of his hand bounced off the thick walls, leaving me disorientated, wiping the stream of red flowing from my nose.

"Oi, I told you! Get up! Or do you want another smacker over the face of yours?" boomed the obnoxious cockney towering over me. I couldn't find the energy to speak, so I

gradually hauled myself up, using the wall as a support.

"Are you taking the Michael out of me or sum'in?"

Get up I said!"

He kicked me hard with his left glossy boot, sending me immediately back to the floor. I made a feeble attempt to converse with him, but no sound came from my dry, cracked lips. I progressively managed to get into all fours. Head lowered, I took a deep breath and little by little permitted myself to stand, I positioned my tattered body – slightly on one side – in front of him. His callous strikes made me shiver with cowardliness, and my upright stance was destroyed.

"Fun being in 'ere, innit? That bet'er not be you finished off son... I ain't finished with you yet sunshine! Come on".

Brutally he dragged me outside my cell into the corridor. Startling white paint had just been plastered all over the walls, without diligence – there were still cracks in the surface. I could see them through the white stain as it seeped into the fractured stone. A couple of officers passed by, ramming me into the still wet mixture layered thickly on the walls. They laughed heartlessly, on realisation that my thinny woollen jumper now had a patch of white wash down the right arm. My head fell. My knees tiresomely gave way, and as a consequence – I was beaten again. Like an animal. Trapped by those four blinding walls. With a ring master clutching me by my collar, whipping me if I failed to achieve my requirements.

"It's your big day today, innit son? Find out if you will be coming back to join us today won't you? What do you think 'bout the whole thing? You feeling lucky?" he whispered in a low rasp, and continued to laugh in a boisterous manner, before giving me one final blow in my back. "Enjoy the experience, sweetheart. I'm sure I'll see you later on tonight...Juries don't take too well to the crime you done." He laughed a heinous laugh of mockery.

He slammed the door behind me with a crash.

I was terrified. What he said was right. The jury probably wouldn't be in my favour.

I cowered silently into the corner of the new room. The floor was still concrete but the strips of wallpaper were a sludgy shade of green. A vast long mirror covered the wall adjacent to me; I assumed it was one that they could see in. I let myself sink to floor level. With legs stretched, I could feel the constricted grip of my handcuffs. The unpolished silver grinned back at me menacingly – I could hear their taunting laughs fill my head and haunt my emotions. This wasn't me. I couldn't handle the strain of prison. Abruptly a door to the left swung open, sending an explosion of

sound into the green space. Arising to my feet with slightly more ease, I followed the red head down three flights of stairs, and outside through the back entrance doors. I could feel the natural light filter through my body like a welcome drug. The smell of the colourless gas in the air packed my lungs with relief. I could taste the spitting of rain on the surface of my tongue as I stuck it out into the air in attempt to quench my thirst.

Thrown into a cramped van, I was shipped off, again being robbed of air and daylight. Despite it seeming an age, the journey to the courts wasn't actually too long. There was another prisoner in the van. He had a coarse chin and ragged hair. He sat opposite me, violently twitching at every jerk that our transport vehicle made. Endless mutters came from his bruised lips. His complexion was dreadfully pale in the almost – dark space. I was cooped up, like an animal in a cage – all stuffy and redolent. They treat you like animals in this authoritarian regime. Forcefully heaved from the van into a side door in a grubby building, I yet again found myself in another alien area.

"Name?" a vicious looking male boomed from behind a desk.

"Der.." I cleared my throat on understanding that I had now regained the ability to communicate.

"Derek McGinty" I announced. He glared at me with abhorrence.

"Sit down then. The judge will call for you when he is ready."

I could hear the clamber of footsteps above me. My worn hands became clammy with nerves, and a trickle of sweat ran from my left brow down across the bridge of my nose where it soon became absorbed in my swollen upper lip.

"The court is ready for you, Mr McGinty. Proceed up those stairs...where your fate will be determined!" he sniggered with a dash of insensitivity.

The cone of light at the top of the stairs lured me into a false sense of security. The court rose as I appeared from the pit of the underworld.

"Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, members of the jury. Before me stands Derek McGinty who will be represented by Mr R G Wood on the trial of Article 24 – Smiling during an official day of mourning." With a fixed stare he allowed me to become conscious of the crime I had been accused of. Without delay he added: "How do you plead? Guilty? Or not guilty?"

All eyes turned on me. I was alone once again.

"Guilty."

By Nicole Wilson 6A12



The Associate Student Advanced Entry Initiative

This was the second year of this pilot initiative run by the University of Dundee and was open to pupils in Form 6 in local secondary schools.

One of the important attractions of this initiative is to offer secondary school pupils the opportunity to study subjects not currently offered in school and to give them a taste of certain under-graduate courses. Each student attended lectures and tutorials at the University as well as maintaining their academic workload in school (a minimum of 2 Advanced Highers).

We are delighted to report that all of our pupils were successful in achieving a pass in their chosen module.

The pupils involved were:

Ross MacDonald
Rorie Baxter
Calum McNicol
Simon Jones
Jenni Kilgallon

Psychology

**Engineering
Politics and Public Policy**

Congratulations to these pupils who managed to combine a testing time both at school and university and who have gained invaluable experience in under-graduate life and also an insight into university subjects.

This year, the level of applications is again healthy and it is encouraging to note that more girls have applied this year than in the previous years.

C. Allison

Young Enterprise High School of Dundee 2003/4

Young Enterprise Scotland is designed to teach learning by doing. Form 6 pupils create their own company designing, manufacturing, marketing and selling their own products. Responsibility for the success of this company lies entirely with them. If they make a profit then they get to keep the profit. If however they make a loss, then the School does not bail them out; their parents do not bail them out; Young Enterprise Scotland does not bail them out... the responsibility for the losses is entirely theirs!

The above law of business is rather harsh for pupils who, up until now, have operated within the cosy confines of Dundee High.

Their fees have been paid by their parents or grandparents. School uniforms have been provided, money for trips easily come by at someone else's expense. Dinner money is always available. Fiscal responsibility is not usually something that our Form 6 have to concern themselves with. Enter Young Enterprise and its demand that if you make a profit you keep it... but if you make a loss **you pay up.**

In order to avoid ruin and humiliation in front of their peers Young Enterprisers must operate their company on a professional and commercial basis. Company officers must be elected, not on the basis of favouritism but on the basis of who is best for the job. Each person must have clearly defined responsibilities and each person must realise the extent of these responsibilities and ensure that they are carried out for the good of the company. **Young Enterprise demands self-discipline and what better way to achieve it than the threat of bankruptcy.**

The other outstanding feature of being part of a YE company is the creation of teamwork and communication.

One 'boffin' does not make a company but a dozen well motivated, self disciplined and hungry individuals working in unison can.

The lessons learned from Young Enterprise are transferable. They can be used in every walk of life. That is the reason that most companies when assessing applicants for limited job vacancies always hold membership of a YE company in the highest esteem.

This year our two companies comprising a total of 20 Form 6 pupils produced and marketed rather novel products. Nearly 500 tartan golf balls found their way onto golf courses throughout Scotland with all profits going to Cystic Fibrosis. Dennis the Menace "Clox" are ticking in over 140 bedrooms, with all profits going to Dennis Beats the Menace!

It has long been the tradition in the High School that we put back into society, more than we take out and that is why yet again, this year as has been the case in all previous years that the profits produced by pupils' hard work are not enjoyed by them, but are used for the benefit of less fortunate others.

Form 6 Induction Week

A somewhat sunny Tuesday in June...

As part of Sixth Year Induction Week, people from Airlie and Aystree (and a few hangers on, Siobhan and Mr McAdam) set off towards Glen Isla in the morning, eagerly looking forward to a few days of sports, games and some 'team-building' exercises. We arrived at the roundhouse which would for the next few days provide us all with warm beds, good food and a games room to occupy any scrap of free time left, but there was barely time to settle in as we rushed off towards our first activity.

The first group headed down to the water for some kayaking and canoeing. Everyone's speed and agility in the kayaks was tested in mass games of "tig" and in the canoes we learned that you sometimes have to work together in a team or get stuck paddling in the little circle in the water. There was no keeping dry as everyone soaked each other with their splashing paddles and almost every canoe capsized (purposely or not), but the water was refreshingly warm.



There was also the challenge of a hill walk to meet. The weather brightened up as we set out up the hill, and we quickly discovered the main challenge was to avoid stepping on anything! We also learned some interesting facts along the way, like how to start a fire with sheep's wool. We caught some lovely views and some good tans - or sunburn!

The evening, like the others to follow, was a mixture of exhausting the many games in the games room (even Monopoly), and watching the



football in Portugal, before a satisfying evening meal and the final activity of the day. On this occasion this was a gruelling 5-a-side football tournament that was eagerly played and just as eagerly spectated, until the midges descended and threatened to eat us alive.

A miserably damp Wednesday

The rainy weather postponed some of Wednesday's activities but couldn't dampen any spirits, and there was still plenty to do. Today was the day of the infamous team-building activities, and they were actually highly entertaining. They included building a bridge, giant Jenga, being blindfolded and led around by other's noises and, of course, somehow getting extremely wet. Wednesday's activities also included archery and climbing. Jim, the archery instructor, who wasn't great with names (Mr Spowart was Mr Sharp and Mr McAdam was Mr Campbell) showed us proper techniques and then we all took part in a competition, firing ten arrows each. In the archery competition, Daniel proved himself a master archer and Robbie launched an arrow that "would've gone right through a person" as Jim the instructor said. The rest of us did pretty well too!

The climbing wall was low but still challenging as it was wet and the rocks were slippery. The day finished off with a challenge in the evening. The two houses split into registration groups and were given a murder mystery to complete, except there was absolutely no mystery to it. The answers were so obvious most of us got it wrong.

A grey Thursday

On the final day, as Jim finally learned the true names of Mr Sharp and Mr Campbell, we geared up to leave, but not before a packed morning. Continuing the murder 'mystery' challenge from the previous night, the four teams ran around the grounds finding clues and as the final part of the challenge, every team took another turn at the egg assault course. Team and competitive spirit was at fever pitch as every group put their maximum energy level into completing the course with the necessary speed and finesse needed to achieve the quickest time. Every team was disqualified. Whoops!

Everyone then headed off for mountain-biking (to get us that little bit more tired) and a game of 'extreme frisbee' (not really as extreme as it sounds) which both provided a fun end to an equally fun-filled few days.

As the final outdoor activity, the two houses were pitted against each other in a vicious tug of war in which Airlie clearly triumphed over Aystree. Special thanks for this probably go to Heather for winning the coin toss and giving Airlie a slight downhill advantage, but it was Airlie's sheer strength that won it in the end.

Heading back inside the roundhouse the winning team of the challenge was announced (it was Airlie!) and the prizes, courtesy of Mr Toley, were awarded; play sets, bubble blowers and some barbie-like dolls for the guys. There was nothing left to do now except leave. On the way home, with slightly aching muscles and thousands of midge bites between us, there was still plenty of enthusiasm and excitement in the air, and everyone felt slightly more 'bonded' with their future fellow sixth years.

Tahrima Abedin



Form 6:

They definitely love to boogie, as these photographs show.



Gordonstoun International Summer School

For a number of years, a number of Dundee High School pupils have taken the challenge of becoming Junior Helpers at the Gordonstoun International Summer School. Upon hearing the positive responses of last year's participants, we were determined to be the next pupils to represent the school in this illustrious scheme. We responded to the rigorous selection process with enthusiasm, listing our achievements on a single sheet of paper and explaining our suitability for the job.

We were pleased to be accepted and are now looking forward to an active summer, which will include football, tennis and even a week-long outdoor adventure. We intend to rise to the challenge of being helpful and encouraging helpers and have as good a time as those in previous years have had.

Colin Goudie, Christine McLean, Julia Bruce,
Rhona Smith and Ross Campbell



After the initial excitement of being called to Mr Duncan's office, that Friday afternoon, just after study leave, our first duty was to attend the Leaver's Service and act as doormen and women for our predecessors and their colleagues. This was not quite the glamorous start which we thought might bestow the office of Head Prefect. This 'not-as-glamorous-as-it-seems' theme was soon to become apparent as a major part of life as a Head Prefect! The first day was fun, it has to be said, as we strolled about decked out in the infamous gold braided blazers but from then on the work kicked in.

The first out of the ordinary duties we had to carry out whilst actually in Form 6, was an interview and photo shoot for the Courier... neither of which were published! A poor show we both felt. The next event was more our scene as we attended the opening of the new school Library by Rosamunde Pilcher. Here we were delighted to be offered several slices of cake which we enjoyed with members of the board and the school's youngest pupil - 'wee Stuart'. Interestingly enough, Stuart (aged only four and a half at the time) made considerably less mess than Lucy. Following this we settled in to a few months of standard duties: organising assembly reading rotas was one task which we successfully delegated and Deputy Head Girl Amanda should be recognised for her amazing powers of persuasion and for throwing herself into the limelight at the last minute throughout the year.

Armistice was upon us fast, and of course, this was 'the biggie'. We were the only Head Boy and Girl who had both been in the cadets for as long as anyone can remember and as a result we broke tradition by wearing our dress cadet uniforms to carry out the sombre yet honourable task of laying the wreath. The social event which followed was a new experience for both of us, as several key figures from the city casually chatted to us. Once again, a reporter was there, keen to interview us... actually, just Lucy - much to Rory's disgust.

From this point onward the busy season had begun. Christmas was coming apace and there were parties left, right and centre for the sixth form to attend and help at, the most important of course, being the Senior Ball where Lucy was, in her own words, "*whisked round the room by The Rector ... such a passionate dancer*". Rory didn't arrive until Auld Land Syne was echoing round the hall as a result of his late flight from Oxford. In fact, Rory had a rough Christmas season, being cruelly turned down for a dance on two occasions at the F1 and 2 parties. The finale to the long first term was, as always, the church service in St. Mary's - on this occasion

From the Head Prefects

we successfully pulled off the difficult task of walking up to the front, sitting down in the right order, and walking off again. Sadly this was not the case at the Easter service where Lucy and Deputy Head Boy Sandy walked on too early, sat down, stood up, turned around and sat down again. To top it all off they then walked out in the wrong order - what a bunch of pros! January saw another official event as we were invited to the historic Kirking of the Guildery one cold Sunday morning. The sausage rolls in the city chamber were very enjoyable and we did the school a great service by outstaying both the Rector and Mr Spowart.

The rest of the year, our exams were interspersed with meetings with the Rector to discuss matters of the school and also committee meetings on matters such as the reformation of Assembly. The final and most important duty before prize giving was the traditional organisation of the leavers' party which was one duty the four of us all took an active and keen part in.

In conclusion, our time as the Head Boy and Head Girl of the School has been exciting, educational and very memorable. We have enjoyed bargaining with our class mates and working hard for their cooperation on the parents' evenings, parties and readings - thanks to all who did help also. We leave our thirteen year trek through our school days on a high and wish our successors an equally wonderful time.

From the Head Prefects

Rory Baxter and Lucy Sneddon

Apology

Patrick Rennie, from last session's Form 6 was omitted from the item about pupils from the school proceeding to "Oxbridge" and we offer our apologies for this unfortunate oversight in last year's "review".

Patrick is reading Law at Trinity College, Oxford and we send him our congratulations and best wishes.



Lindores House Report

Another year, another impending victory for the golden house of Lindores. 40 points ahead at this point in time with Sport's Day yet to come, makes us arrogantly confident of our success.

Throughout the year Lindores have time and time again demonstrated supremacy over all other houses. Early in the year, we blew the competition away in the senior girls' netball and came a close second in the junior. Next in line was the Intermediate and Junior rugby, victories which were snatched away from us by a scheming Wallace team. After these initial battles of strength and dexterity, it soon became clear Airlie and Aystree were no match for the dazzling team in yellow. We came a joyful second in the senior hockey despite having few First XI players on our team cough...Wallace! We made up points, however, when the junior girls hockey squad emerged victorious. The senior rugby was an interesting outing for Lindores, but we all know it didn't really count as Scott Burnett was absent. We had to give the other houses a chance! Lindores proved that we are better in the water by

achieving the Swimming Gala victory for the umpteenth time, thanks in part to Jenni Kilgallon. Let's face it, with a team like ours, there was no opposition! Gordon MacWalter 'aced' the competition at the glamorous Wimbledon style boys tennis achieving, oh look, yet another Lindores victory! Senior girls' tennis, we'll gloss over that one, although there is no denying that Rachael Dyer will be the next Venus Williams! Check out her serve!

Sporting domination aside, Lindores came a laudable second place in both the House Debate and the Public Speaking, considering Airlie have the British Champion. We'd like to say a big thank you to all the people who have taken part in all the Lindores teams. Jokes, aside we couldn't have done it without you lot. So to the Lindores' heirs and heiresses, we wish you all the best and hope you can continue our success. Remember guys, "it's a dream come true...do it for the school!!" Eh...Scott?!

Airlie House Report

This session, Airlie set out to be the 'caring sharing' house: a truly inspired idea of Mr Spowart's. It is for this reason exactly that we have landed low down in the house points line up - yet again! If we had decided to win every event we would simply have made the other ambitious houses angry and frustrated and this would, of course, not have been in keeping with our general philosophy: 'caring and sharing'. Airlie members have the will to achieve; we're just too kind to want to leave the rest trailing behind!

This is not to suggest, however, that Airlie was without its successes. How could this have been the case with our quality of leadership? Julia, Greig, Nicole and James all did a fantastic job (even if we say so ourselves!) We were proud to be present at every single event to witness the drive and commitment of the raging reds. Again, Airlie triumphed at Sports Day and were victorious in House Cricket and Tennis - a wholly successful summer term! The winter terms provided a few more disappointments what with the hockey and netball blunders- but the boys helped Airlie to save face with all the magnificent House

Rugby performances (even though Wallace might have come out on top). Airlie's intellectual prowess was demonstrated by our sensational win in the House Debates: what a well rounded house we are!

Throughout the year, small hiccups in achievement have failed miserably to dampen Airlie's burning spirit. We have stuck together as always and had a fantastic time cheering each other on in the process. The Captains and Vice-Captains would also like to say a hearty thank you to both Mr Spowart and Mrs Williams for being the most enthusiastic house heads we could have hoped for and for guiding us so well. All that is left now is to wish our successors the best of luck: Heather, Neil, Maria and Euan - look forward to a very fulfilling job. Let's see, for the coming session, if you can manage to care and share while simultaneously winning. There is your challenge-GO AIRLIE!!!

Julia Black

Form 6



A kiss on the hand may be quite continental,
But diamonds are a girl's best friend . . .

Men grow cold as girls grow old
And we all lose our charms in the end.
But square cut or pear shape,
These rocks won't lose their shape,
Diamonds are a girl's best friend.

'Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend' from the
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Old Girls

Creative Writing Prize 2004 The Frosty Day By Sophie Craik L7M

The Pickwick Club was a group of adventurous gentlemen who often got into alarming situations. The most prominent member of the club was Mr Samuel Pickwick himself. Mr Pickwick stood up, and peered through his spectacles, which were perched on his small, snub nose, at everyone in the room.

"My fellow gentlemen," he said, "to brighten up our feelings at this time, I suggest that we go into the countryside and take a tour of whatever we find."

The room cheered at this proposal, and said that they would be delighted. Mr Pickwick was a rounded gentleman, with a jolly face to match. His voice was always sounding like he was about to laugh out loud. He straightened his tail coat and breeches and shifted out of his chair. He ambled over to the door, put his top hat on and turned round.

"We will leave from here at twelve noon tomorrow," he decided, and with that he left the room.

Twelve noon came the next day, and everyone was there as promised. They each got into their carriages and started along the road. Not long after this, they spotted a frozen pond next to the road. They decided to go and try their hand at skating. The pond looked as still as glass, and the ground was white with frost. One of Mr Pickwick's colleagues, Mr Winkle, told Mr Pickwick that he was an excellent skater.

"Right then, let us see your skating, Mr Winkle," said Mr Pickwick.

Looking slightly worried, Mr Winkle put on skates and went on the ice. He stood up, tried to move, and fell over in the attempt.

"You, Sir, are an impostor and a humbug!" bellowed Mr Pickwick.

After about an hour, Mr Pickwick decided that he would have a go at sliding on the ice. Slowly, he stepped on the ice and pushed off from the edge. He managed to get halfway across the ice without stopping. He thought that he was so good that he would have a second attempt, and this time he managed to get almost to the other side of the pond. On his third attempt, things did not go so well. He slipped and slid about on the ice, and fell right over. Suddenly, a large crack appeared on the ice. The cracks appeared all around Mr Pickwick. A large mass of ice disappeared, the water bubbled up over it, and all that could be seen of Mr Pickwick were his hat, gloves and handkerchief!

I Wish...

I wish I were a spider. I would climb all over. I would be the best climber ever. I would web people. I would stick to the ceiling. I would bite other animals.

Alistair Forbes L1

I wish I were a cheetah. I would have black spots. I would chase people in the jungle. I would be the best cheetah that ever lived.

Nathan Moorjani L1



When I grow up I would like to be famous scientist because I would make a potion to make a skeleton come alive. I could make a funny robot which makes breakfast and that would be fun.



Dino O'Neill L2

When I grow up I would like to be a famous tooth fairy because children would not see me and I would find out what they make with teeth. I would wear silver wings and shoes. I would have to be very quiet so children did not wake up.



Lucy Thomson L2

The Sound of Silence

Have you ever heard
 God painting the rainbow?
 The mystical unicorn quietly
 eating the grass?
 The owls flying on silent wings?
 The sound of the clouds crying
 Letting drops of rain fall onto the earth?
 The islands whispering together?
 The elves and pixies dancing in a circle?
 The terrifying sound of the churchyard telling its people to sleep?
 The new baby's name being locked into her heart?
 A castle revealing its history?
 A magician waving his magic wand?
 No. These are sounds of silence.

Betty Henderson L3

Can you hear
 The sun's rays colliding with the earth?
 The rain thudding into the soft grass?
 The months whizzing past as the

weeks do?
 Or the silent fast-flowing wind?
 No. These are sounds of silence.

Scott Lothian L3

Can you hear
 A flower's petals falling off?
 The daffodils trumpet blowing?
 The man in the moon saying goodnight?
 Or the grass growing from the earth?
 No. These are sounds of silence.

Jack Cayzer L3

The Nativity

In the
 Nativity I was
 a star. I think
 the fairy
 lights were
 excellent
 because
 they had
 torches.



Through the year with L1-3

Spring

Lady Spring

Her ladyship is here
 Lady Spring just lovely.
 Her grace brings
 flowers sweet.
 She bounces up and
 down and sways
 through the breeze.
 She fought against Sir Winter and won the battle
 Though she never won the war.
 He will keep coming back though she is the queen.
 Her beauty is unique.
 Lady spring heats up the sun's rays and melts destruction.
 The flowers thank her for letting them free from prison.
 Why did we let him do it?



Megan Wallace L3

Summer

Fun Day

We went to the university on a bus.
 We went on the obstacle course. We had to hop on space
 hoppers. When we came back to school we played more games
 and we made pirate hats.

Anna Brown L1

I liked the last game best. We had to get Bruce the shark from
 under the parachute. I had fun.

Pippa Henderson L1

Autumn

Big Bang

A banger big as a boom,
 Fireworks red like glistening rubies,
 Spinning Catherine wheels whizzing like cars,
 Sparklers crackling like sausages frying in a pan.
 Zooming, flying rockets.

Ruaridh Ogilvie L2

Winter

Sir Winter

I heard Sir Winter coming and
 I heard Sir Winter say...
 "I will strike you all with the
 icicles, I'll pelt you all with snow.
 Howling and screaming
 Inside you'll all go.
 Nothing will prevent me
 from rattling at the doors.
 While inside terrified people
 look up from their chores.
 I'll creep up to the windows
 and whip them all with snow.
 When I come creeping up
 nobody will know.

Hannah Rorrison L3





JUNIOR SCHOOL - PRIZE WINNERS



Above: Marshmallow and spaghetti tower, 32 cm
with Ewain Black, Helen Coleman, Lindsey Docherty and Gordon McNicol

ST LEONARDS SCHOOL

TECHNO CHALLENGE DAY 2004

On Thursday, the 6th of May, a team of L7s (Lindsey, Helen, Gordon and Ewain), went to St Leonards School in St Andrews to take part in a 'Techno Challenge Day'. We were quite nervous but very excited about the challenges that lay ahead.

There seemed to be a lot of children there, teams from both small and large schools. We all assembled in the hall to be told about the series of the half-hour challenges that we would do during the day. Our first challenge was maths and although we found the problems and puzzles quite hard, we thought we did well. Next we went to the library, which was probably the hardest challenge of the day. This involved a question sheet, a 'Dewey circle' and a word puzzle. After that it was I.C.T., which was great fun, we designed posters of animals and made them as imaginative as possible.

During lunch we had the opportunity to meet other teams, who were just as nervous as we were. Science followed and we enjoyed this the most. Our first Science challenge was to make a tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows, which was to be as tall as possible and would be strong enough to balance a creme egg on top. It was sticky work. Ours was 32cm high and balanced the egg



Above: The St Leonards Shield
with Ewain Black, Helen Coleman,
Lindsey Docherty and Gordon McNicol

successfully. Our second science challenge was to collect information from posters to answer set questions. Our last science challenge was to get the smallest possible reaction time, using beams of light which were timed by a computer. The final task of the day was maths relay: our team was split in two and we had to run to each other then answer lots of maths questions.

At the end of the day it was time for the prize giving. We waited eagerly and, to our surprise, we were the winners of our category (larger schools). We were delighted to bring the shield back to school. We felt we had achieved something special as well as having a very enjoyable day.

JUNIOR SCHOOL - PRIZE WINNERS



World Book Day Competition Winners

L1 Taskeen Bailwal, L2 Sandy Richardson, L3 Olivia Tait,
L4 Georgina Black, L5 Ruth Batchelor,
L6 Siobhan Strathearn, L7 William Arnott



Winners of the L7 Challenge

Mrs Dakers and Mrs Brown decided that the trip organised by Louise, Rosie and Carissa was the most varied and value for money



L3 Poetry Competition

Winner: Karyn Joss



World Book Day Competition Winner



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2nd Dundee (DHS) Brownies Report for years 2003/04

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 was exciting to see the girls working together so well. Craft and paint activities were enjoyed by all who took part in the 'Artists' badge and looking back at 'Brownies over the years' was researched as part of the Brownie 'Traditions' badge. To acquire their 'Cooks' badge, the L5 Brownies showed off their prowess in the kitchen making sandwiches and a fruit salad.

Individual badges keep the girls busy outwith school with many achieving their swimmers and collectors badges to name a few. At home too, mums are always pleased when their Brownie completes her 'Home Skills' badge.

A good time was had by all at the closing meeting for Brownies in L3-L5 with every Brownie taking part and successfully gaining their 'Entertainers' badge. The audience enjoyed acts such as magical tricks, poetry recitals, dancing and musical performances.

At our last meeting of the session, we walked with our L5 Brownies to Sensation Science Centre, whereby we said a fond farewell to the girls for whom it is time to leave us and also presented them with their 'Venture' badge.

This year Joanna Tait was awarded with 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 awaiting to join us next session.

Mrs K Spalding, Brown Owl &

Mrs L Smith, Unit Helper



Gardening Club

We set up Gardening Club as we thought the playground needed some brightening. We meet on a Tuesday after school, taking care of the tubs and learning more about planting. Over the year we hope to continue growing our plants from seeds and cuttings. We like the Gardening Club because we are learning more about plants and we enjoy being messy!



L5 Cookery Club Report

The L5 cookery club once again proved a popular activity, with every L5 pupil opting to take part during the year.

The L5s had the useful experience of working in the senior school home economics department, learning about the importance of hygiene and safety within a kitchen. However, the emphasis was on fun and tasty treats and pupils enjoyed making a variety of dishes both sweet and savoury to be shared (perhaps!) with their families back home.

Computer Clubs

The normally quiet tapping and clicking sounds that usually emit from the Computer Suite are transformed every Friday lunch-time when L3 children take up their positions at the computers. As they experiment using Microsoft Paint and develop their ICT skills, using carefully selected software and Internet sites, the noise level crescendos to an excited cacophony of sound as the children express their enjoyment. Not only are the children enjoying themselves but they are also learning through a fun environment. Due to the success of the L3 Computer Club over the past three years a new club was started this year that catered for L4 to L7 children. The Early Riser Club, which met before school, two mornings a week, was extremely popular. Under supervision, children learnt new ICT skills from Mrs Tonner or, in many cases, their peers. This collaborative approach was encouraged in order for computing to be perceived as a tool for learning together rather than an isolated venture.

Junior School Chess Club

Once again the Junior School Chess Club proved to be very popular for children in L4-L7. The beginning of the session saw a membership in excess of 35, with 25 of those children continuing right through the year and competing in the annual tournament.

In each year group the children battled to be the best, with those highly technical and strategic games taking place. The winners for each year group were: Katie Guest (L4), Fraser Docherty (L5), Matthew Mordente (L6) and Sam Watt (L7). Special mention goes to Ash Treece who gave up some of his lunchtime to help with the less experienced players.

The overall tournament winner was Matthew who won all his matches throughout the tournament. The runner-up was Sam. Well done to all who played, they earned a well deserved end of session party!

L1 and 2

Have been visiting the computer suite this year and are becoming quite proficient at drawing and simple word processing. They certainly have fun!



Maths Club

Several interesting and challenging projects have been undertaken by the pupils attending the Junior School Maths Club on Mondays this year.

This club concentrates on the fun to be had investigating and dealing with the many intriguing aspects of number, shape and space found in problem solving activities, as well as improving the skills of cutting, colouring and making of 3D models and games.

Maths is an area full of diverse interest, providing pupils with a wide range of skills from which to spring into further exploration and development. Taking the time and chance to investigate Maths at leisure gives valuable experience to take back into the classroom as well as providing much individual and group enjoyment.

Hexaflexagons, Dodechedrons, Pentominoes and Tangrams are only a few of the strange but satisfying mathematical activities undertaken in the club this year!

I.M. Goddard.



Dice

In June 2003, the Junior School presented a production of the musical 'Dice'. Based on the adventures of a group of children caught up in a world of board games, every pupil from L4-L7 took part, either as part of the choir or appearing on stage.

The children performed to a near-capacity audience at the Gardyne Theatre for four nights to a delighted gathering of friends and family, whose support as always was much appreciated.

Preparation for the performances had taken months of auditions and rehearsals as the pupils worked hard to perfect their roles, on occasions discovering or developing new and hidden talents.

Of course the production could not have happened without the support of parents and the commitment of the pupils themselves, which is to be commended.



JUNIOR SCHOOL - REPORTS & CLUBS

St Andrews Ambulance Association Cadets:

Association Cadets:

FIRST AID REPORT

The L7 cadets met once a week with Mrs Halliwell, Miss Cardno and Mrs Ballantyne and several of the senior pupils. We learnt all sorts of first aid skills and lots of different ways to remember them; like 'RICE' to treat a sprained ankle (rest, ice, compress and elevate) and other techniques such as CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation). How to keep ourselves safe in the home and garden; what to do for broken arms, legs, collarbones and ankles;

as well as many other things like treating choking, scalds and burns.

On 'Open Morning' we were in two groups. One group pretended to be in a car crash on a driveway. The other group pretended to be first aiders who came to treat the injured; firstly assessing them, then putting them in the recovery position, or bandaging injuries or sending for help. We also had great fun with a quiz (we had to identify bones from a skeleton borrowed from the Biology Department), or making games and hunting for different hazards. Points were awarded for each part of the quiz and we all enjoyed the morning, even though it was a Saturday.

At Christmas time we went to Baxter Hall to have a party. This time we played games like 'Put the

Eye-Patch on Dennis' and 'Bandage the Mummy' or we had to do bandaging blind-fold or in a set time. After that we returned to the classroom for a party tea. We all thought this was a great way to end the term.

The First Aid test was at the beginning of March. People from the St Andrews Ambulance Association came to test us and we were very nervous. Thankfully, after weeks of revision, we all passed the exam and have the certificates to prove it!

We thought that First Aid was really good this year and would like to thank Mrs Halliwell, Miss Cardno and Mrs Ballantyne for the effort that they put into teaching us each week.

By Lucy Taylor and
Meriel Young (L7)

HIGH SCHOOL OF DUNDEE RAINBOWS

Report on the activities of the High School Rainbow Unit (2003-2004):

Several new Rainbows came to join us in September at the start of term. It was a pleasure to welcome them along to our weekly meetings and to introduce them to Rainbow Guiding and to our various activities.

The Rainbow Promise was our first theme and the girls got involved with games, role-play and craft in order to encourage and develop their understanding of the Promise. One activity involved working on a chart for a week which promoted helping at home. The girls seemed to enjoy this – and perhaps the parents even more so! An important project with respect to thinking of others has involved keeping in touch with an elderly lady now resident in an old peoples' home in Edzell. The Rainbows worked on a

small booklet for her with drawings of themselves and we also sent her a calendar. I know the lady was delighted to receive these and despite her age - 91! - she has responded by writing to the girls several times.

Our main project for the second term was the Rainbow puppet show. Our storyline came from a book which involved many famous nursery rhyme characters. Some time was therefore spent making



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character puppets. Amongst others Goldilocks, Little Red Riding Hood, the Gingerbread Man, Wee Willie Winkie and the Three Little Pigs all featured. This was an interesting craft project which led into a worthwhile drama activity. The story was narrated from the book but the girls provided their own dialogue for the puppets. Plenty of fun was gained from this activity and the show was eventually presented to an audience of young children who laughed a lot and enjoyed the experience. The puppet show could in fact be considered the highlight of our Rainbow year.

In our third term of Rainbow activities we engaged in a theme of games and fitness. Many activities promoting physical movement and agility were practised – skipping proved to be a particular favourite. This theme lent itself to opportunities for cooperation as well as for individual achievement.

As an end of year treat we enjoyed a visit to The Pancake Place for some edible fun!

It has been a busy year for the High School of Dundee Rainbows. Thanks go to senior pupil Rosan Leslie, Mrs Mooney and Mrs Cargill for their help and good ideas and for their valuable participation with the High School of Dundee Rainbows Unit.

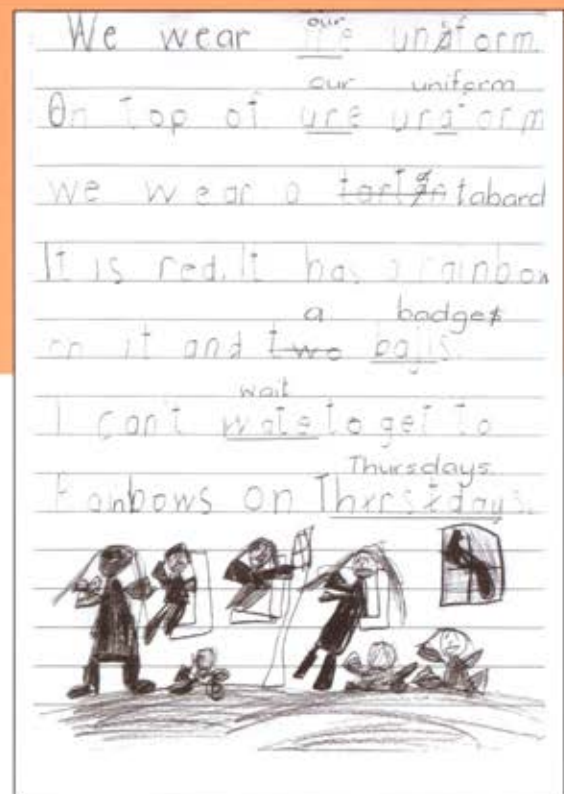
Miss M. Cardno



WHAT I DO

On Thursdays I go to Rainbows.
My best friend's there are Alice and Celia and Rebecca.
First we have a Rainbow chat.
After Rainbow chat we play some games.
We wear our uniform on top of our uniform.
We wear a tabard.
It is red. It has a rainbow on it and a badge.
I can't wait to get to Rainbows on Thursdays.

Iona MacRichie L2





JUNIOR SCHOOL - TRIPS & VISITS

L7 TRIP TO PARIS

We were all feeling very excited and couldn't wait to get going. We waved goodbye to our parents at 9.00pm and travelled south throughout the night. We stopped for breakfast at 6.00am and a few hours later we were setting sail from Dover, over the English Channel to Calais. We arrived in Paris just in time for dinner. We settled in to our hotel, "The Fiap Jean Monet" and had a good night's rest.

On Sunday morning we were up early to visit the Sacre Coeur and Montmatre. We kept the artists busy drawing our portraits. After lunch we went on the Bateaux Mouche for a lazy trip down the River Seine. Next up was the Eiffel Tower, most of us managed to make it to the top!

The next day was entirely devoted to Euro Disney. We had such great fun on all the rides. Indiana Jones and Space Mountain were two of our favourites. At the end of a long day we watched all the Disney characters parade past us. It was magical.

On Tuesday we went to the Palace of Versailles to see how the Kings and Queens of France used to live. Then we spent the afternoon at Aqua Boulevard which is a

swimming pool but it is more like a water park. That evening we stayed up really late because we had a disco at the hotel.

On Wednesday we drove to Calais and stopped for some shopping.

Then we took the ferry back to Dover and prepared for the long journey home. We were all really sad to leave France but we had a lot to talk about. We stopped talking and "slept" until we arrived back at D.H.S at 6.30am. We thought the Paris trip was the highlight of L7.

Meriel Young and Vanita Nathwani L7M



STIRLING CASTLE

L5 went to Stirling Castle and Bannockburn on the 19th May 2004. On the journey we were very excited. The journey took about an hour but it seemed shorter since we were talking so much!!!

When we arrived and got off the bus I thought Stirling was huge. It was high up on a cliff. When you looked down you could see lots of houses and buildings.

A guide split us up into three groups and told us the rules: don't run or scream and misbehave. Luckily we obeyed these rules and were on our best behaviour!!! We had a look around the castle, the dungeons and the kitchens and played with the cannons. Then we met up with a soldier who was our guide. Two people got to try on real armour and we held real weapons.

After Stirling Castle, we went to Bannockburn. We looked in the Visitor Centre first. The man dressed as a Scottish footman was really funny. We watched a video of the Battle of Bannockburn. Then we looked around the gift shop. We all ran up to a flagpole beside the huge statue of Robert the Bruce. The battlefield was where the battle took place many years ago.

On the bus trip home people were telling fortunes, laughing, chatting and playing cards until we got back to school. We all had a great time.

By Jessie McGoff L5T

L6 DALGUISE REPORT

On the 10th May, 2004, the children of L6 boarded our coaches - destination Dalguise. We were all very excited and sang the whole way there. When we arrived we could tell that we were going to enjoy our stay. As we walked up the stony path towards the house itself we stopped and stared. It looked like a huge castle surrounded by magnificent woodland. Firstly we put our luggage upstairs in our dorms then we were asked to congregate in the Baronial Hall to be told about our activity groups. We were then given a guided tour of the buildings and grounds which was followed by our evening meal then evening activities.



That night everybody was very excited and none of us got much sleep but at Dalguise, as we soon found out, you don't have time to be tired. All of the activities are thrilling, action packed and there's a good variety to suit all tastes. We were worked hard but enjoyed every minute. Our particular favourites were the Challenge Course which left us caked in mud, Giant Swing where we swung from a great height and just about left our lunch behind, Catwalk which turned our legs to jelly and Kayaking on Loch Tay which we did on a warm, calm day when the loch looked particularly beautiful.



The dormitories were really cosy and beds were nice and comfy. During the night the PGL staff and our teachers were very kind and if anyone had any problems they would quickly be sorted out. We had late night feasts and got up to all sorts of fun.

On Friday, the last day, after packing we had a picnic outside which was enjoyable. We were lucky as the weather had been warm and dry all week. We had excellent staff who looked after us, were extremely entertaining and made our time at Dalguise memorable. We know that next year's L6 will enjoy the experience singing, laughing and taking part in all the activities. We all had a great time as Dalguise was everything we'd hoped it would be... and more.

THE BOTANICAL GARDENS EDINBURGH

On Friday 26th March 2004, the three L6 classes arrived at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh so that they could explore the tropical rainforests at Borneo, Asia and the Amazon.

We entered the Visitors' Centre in an enthusiastic mood. We were split into two groups. One group went off with our guide, Morag, and Mrs Docherty and the other group went with Miss Gillanders and Mrs Goddard.

Morag began her journey through the tropical rainforests. We played a "count-the-water-bottles" game and had fun with the

Old Man's Beard. We were shown yams and epiphytes in the orchid greenhouse. The greenhouses all varied in size, heat and plants.

Meanwhile, Miss Gillanders and Mrs Goddard's group ventured in the other greenhouses where they spotted carnivorous plants and tropical fish, the most popular being the piranha.

We visited the Jungle Room in the Visitors' Centre for our packed lunches and swapped over groups.

We returned to the Visitors' Centre to collect our belongings, had a quick stop at the shop and it was back on the bus, with smiles on our faces, for the journey home.

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and hope next year's L6 will enjoy it just as much as we did!

By Siobhan Chien and Katie Sadler



Epiphytes are plants that grow on other plants.



The Dutchman's pipe



L6 VISIT FROM THE JACOBITES

On Wednesday 18th February Mrs Docherty organised a visit from three members of the White Cockade Society who kindly agreed to come to the School. The society is made up of people who are interested in the Jacobites and the aim of the visit was to teach us a little more about the Jacobites period in Scottish history.

We all gathered in the Margaret Harris Hall and once we were sitting patiently, two men dressed in Highland clothing burst through the side door closely followed by another man wearing the red jacket of the Hanoverian army.

Amazingly, there in front of us they had a very realistic sword fight with their broadswords. It was really exciting and once they were finished they gave us more detailed information about weapons and typical clothing of the time.

The Redcoat described how soldiers tricked men into joining the army by offering them the King's Shilling then Mr Blair Oliphant, one of the Jacobites, described fighting techniques and battles that were fought. Finally they asked for the tallest boy and girl to try on male and female Highland clothing. Harry and Rosie were picked and they both looked very authentic in the plaids. Suddenly they became Donald and Morag from the Highlands and really looked the part.

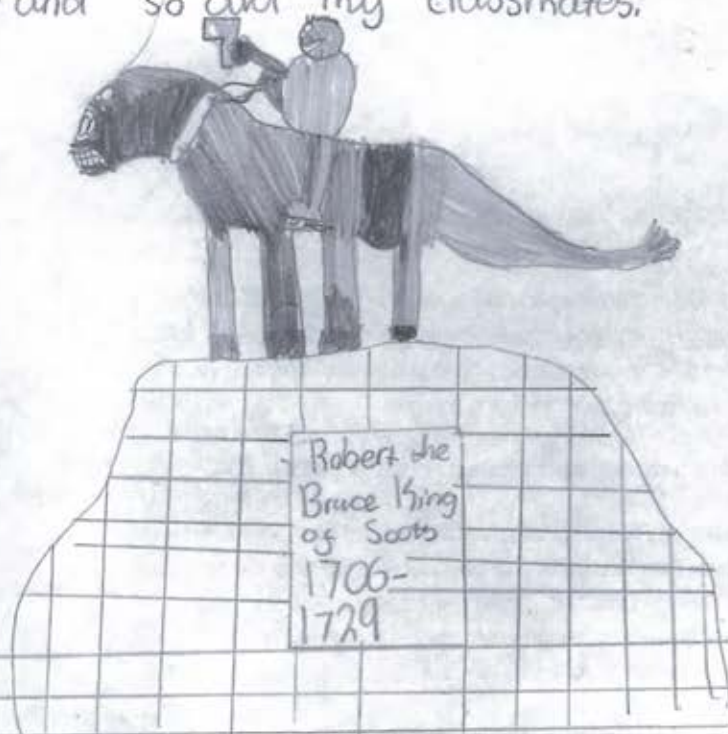
We all thoroughly enjoyed the visit which certainly brought our history topic to life and we would like to thank Lawrence, Dave and Idris (or the gentlemen) for coming to talk to us.

Cameron Milne L6D



Robert the Bruce Statue

On the 19th of May 2004 L5T. went to Stirling to see the battlefield where the battle of Bannockburn took place. We had already gone to see Stirling Castle and were really excited about seeing the battle field. Everyone ran to the white flag pole. The Robert the Bruce statue was really big. It had on it Robert the Bruce, King of Scots 1706-1729. The statue was Robert the Bruce on horseback with an axe. The statue was put there because he led the Scots to battle and won it for them. I enjoyed it and so did my classmates.





L5 BEAR EXCHANGE

This year has been exciting in L5 with lots of interesting things happening. One of the most exciting parts of L5 was our Bear Exchange. This was the idea of our teacher Mrs Tonner who decided to send a bear to our e-friends at a school called Washington Elementary School in New Jersey.



Our e-friends' teacher, Mrs Driever, agreed to send us a bear from America. Mrs Tonner explained that, "The bear will act as mascots for each school and go to special places." We decided to send Shougal MacDougal who was a highland coo.

We said our goodbyes and best wishes to Shougal on the 26th March 2004, before his long journey to America. It took Shougal four days to travel as we received an e-mail from Mrs Driever to say "Shougal is here" This was exciting as our Bear exchange was now real.

Our e-friends sent us a monkey, called Reeses, in exchange for our coo.

Reeses has visited places with our class, Mrs Tonner and Mrs Dakers. Some of the places and adventures Reeses encountered were swimming, cello practice, Brownies, fishing, shopping and sunbathing. We have enjoyed creating a diary of the adventures of Reeses by using Power Point and sending our presentations every fortnight to America. We have also enjoyed reading about Reeses and Shougal.



JUNIOR SCHOOL NETBALL REPORT

Many L6 and L7 girls had great fun participating in either squad training or Fun Netball this year in order to improve their skills and simply enjoy the game.

On Wednesday evenings mini tournaments were held in the large gym and they proved very popular each week.

We are also delighted to report that this has been another successful year for the Junior School teams.

In March, the L6s took part in a knock-out tournament against many other teams within Dundee. The girls played skillfully throughout the tournament, and managed to reach the final, where they faced a tough challenge against Downfield.

Although the opposition was a very good team the L6s won by 5 goals to 0 and were rewarded with the Miss Ward Trophy. We hope that next year's L6 team show as much determination and enthusiasm as this squad did.

The L7 team has also had an excellent season starting with the Winter League when we reached the final. We played against Blackness, Park Place and Mossiel. Although all of the teams proved stern opposition we managed to win all our matches and were presented with the Winter League Shield.

In term 2 we entered the Kennedy Cup Knock-out, and again met Mossiel Primary School in the final. Although this was an extremely hard match we were encouraged by the L6 girls' victory and this spurred us on to win the trophy.

Our last challenge was the summer League and although the High School won the Dundee East Trophy last year we were placed in the Dundee West division this season. We had two particularly difficult games against Blackness and Downfield but with skill and strong team work we came up triumphant by not losing a league game this year.



Sadly our unbeaten record was broken on June 11th when we played the staff team who managed to scrape a 7 - 6 win especially with their height advantage. Although we were beaten we had great fun and were not too discouraged by the result. The L7s hope to continue our success in netball in the Senior School and wish the L6 girls best wishes and good luck for next year.

Many thanks go to our coach, Mrs Docherty, for her patience and encouragement in times of need and to Mrs Maxwell for her help this year. We would also like to thank our families and friends for their support.

By Lindsey Docherty L7

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Once again the Junior hockey team has had a successful season. The team comprised girls from L6 and L7 bringing a mixture of skill and ability. The team coach, Miss Gillanders, along with Mrs Scott from the PE Department, provided regular training and watched the team develop over the year.

The girls played on a mixture of surfaces against various teams and showed much determination in improving their game. Teamwork was essential and over the year the individual players began thinking about the others in their team instead of only their own abilities. This was reflected in their results as the team began winning many of their matches including those against Beacons, Powrie and St Georges'.

The season ended with a tournament hosted by George Watsons including 18 primary teams. The High School of Dundee performed very well only losing one goal all day. However our lack of success scoring goals meant that we did not have enough points to go through to the final rounds.

It has been a great year for the junior hockey with many successes. The girls have learned many skills in hockey, as well as fitness, commitment and teamwork: essential in any team sport.

Miss W Gillanders



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

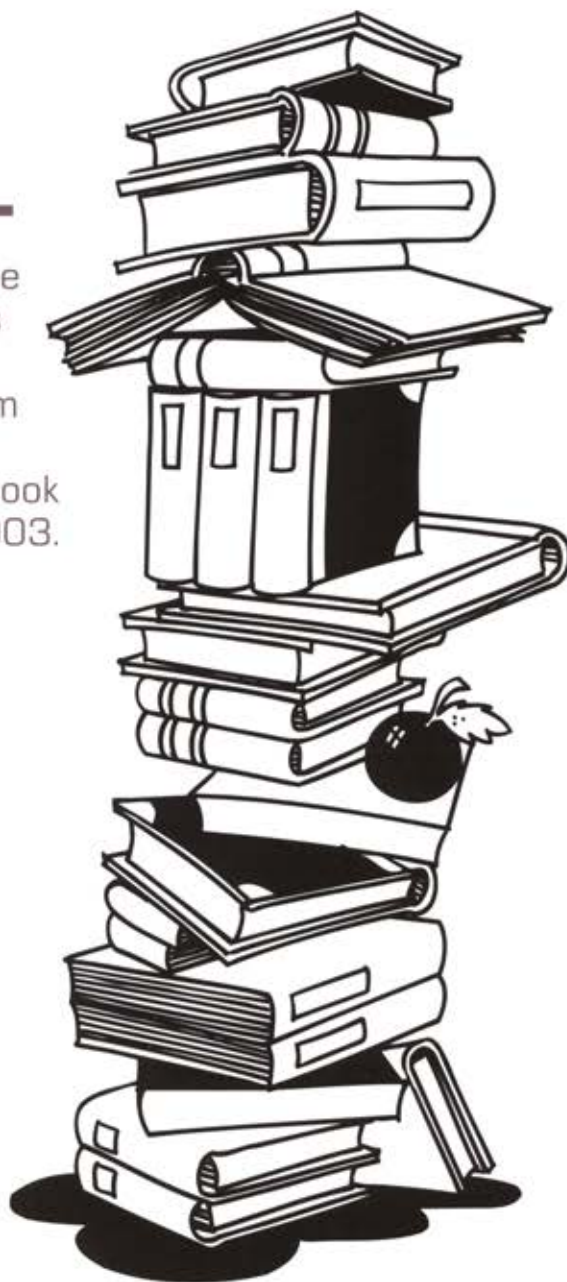
This session saw the set-up of the first Junior School Council. It was agreed that there would be one representative for each class from L3 to L7. Elections were held in November and the first meeting took place on the 5th of December, 2003.

There were fourteen members and four pupils from L7 shared the roles of Secretary and Chairperson. In order to perform these duties the members sought advice from higher authority. Victoria Bowie and Lindsey Docherty had a very interesting and informative meeting with Mr A Stewart, Chairman of the Board of Governors on how to manage a meeting and keep people in order! Becky Chapple and Katy Brown received excellent guidelines on recording the minutes and setting up an agenda from Mr C Sharp, Secretary to the Board, who also presented them with a school pen each and folder to keep copies of the minutes in.

Many issues were brought up but the main ones were to do with the playground, dining room and uniform. After many delegations to David in the dining hall, Mr Wood and Mrs Woodman the council were able to make the following changes - more choice for the L3 lunches, diversion of the playground into football and non-football areas and a wider variety of fruit on offer in the lunch hall. Concern was raised about supervision on the Field buses and this is being reviewed. Sadly the play clothes day on Friday was rejected along with brightly coloured hair baubles for the girls.

The feeling amongst the members was that the first Junior School Council had been great fun and very worthwhile and we wish the next School Council good luck for session 2004/5.

Victoria Bowie and Lindsey Docherty Chairpersons



“Being a councillor is a very responsible position as they have to have a lot of ideas and sometimes have to do things in their own time”

SO WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL?

A School Council is an ideal opportunity for pupils to get more involved in the way a school is run. They are made up in a number of different ways but usually have representatives from each class or year, who have to be voted in by other pupils. It is the responsibility of each Councillor to ensure that they express both their views and the views of all the other pupils they represent.

A school Council will benefit the whole school, pupils and teachers. It will provide opportunities for pupils to communicate their feelings to teachers and staff as well as influence decisions that are made.

A school Council will give pupils the opportunity to develop skills such as confidence, communication and negotiation.

A School Council is an opportunity for you to make that change!



Some of the changes we tried in the Playground



A COUNCILLOR IS SOMEONE WHO SITS ON THE COUNCIL.

IT IS THEIR JOB TO:

Attend meetings regularly

Talk to the people they represent and feedback their views to the Council

Make suggestions for change

Have ideas to share with the Council

Take on particular tasks and roles to get things done.



YOU MUST HAVE LOTS OF QUESTIONS. HOPEFULLY, SEVERAL OF THEM WILL BE ANSWERED BELOW.

WHEN?

Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month

WHERE?

Meetings will be held in the Resource Room at 12.30pm. Please do not arrive too early, or late.

WHAT WILL I BRING WITH ME?

1. Your school council notepad and pen.
2. Your school council handbook.
3. Your thinking cap.

WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO DO?

You will be expected to be a polite and well mannered member of the team. You will listen to others and offer your suggestions and opinions. You will return to your class mates and discuss with them issues that have been discussed.



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