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The High School of Dundee has seen several Rectors at the helm of its ship over the course of the last 136 years, navigating through some crucial moments in time and in history. As we approach the end of the year, we are looking ahead to the future and to also welcoming our Rector-elect and first ever female Rector, Mrs. Lise Hudson, in the New Year. In honour of her appointment and the departure of the current Rector, Dr. John Halliday, we have decided to dedicate our front cover this year to our Rectors, both past and present.

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Bottom Row, L-R: Edward M. Stewart (1970–1977), Robert Nimmo (1977 – 1997), A. Michael Duncan (1997 – 2008), John D. Halliday (2008 – 2020).

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A Message From Our Editor

Welcome to Issue 4 of our annual Alumni and Supporters' magazine. Being able to make connections with and hear wonderful stories from our High School of Dundee community across the globe is just one of the reasons why we have thoroughly enjoyed producing this year's *Schola Clara*.

This latest edition features a wide variety of fantastic and unique stories from our Former Pupils and explores their achievements and recent life updates. It is our largest 'Alumni News' section yet and there's sure to be a story for everyone to enjoy. From FPs skiing the heights of the Swiss mountains, to travelling and living abroad for exciting work opportunities, to raising funds for excellent charities, to interviews with a rugby star, a record producer and a CMO, our magazine this year is full to the brim with exciting and interesting features.

Our fourth edition sees the introduction of several new features, including our 'High School Sweethearts'. Through searching for these stories we've had the chance to hear just how many of our FPs actually met their partners during their time at the School and how their relationships have blossomed from there.

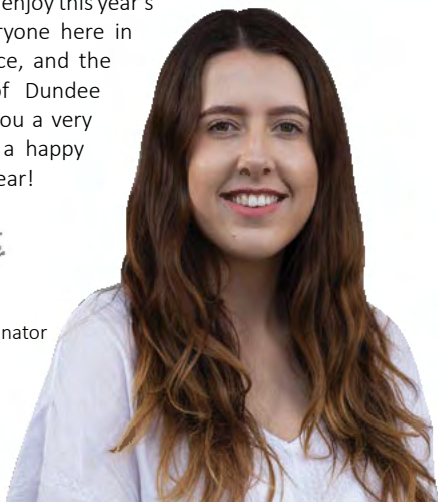
We've had a very busy year at the School with plenty of exciting stories which we've shared with you in our 'School Today' section. These include overviews of our two spectacular on-stage performances from our Junior Years and Senior Years, which captivated our audiences as they were taken on a journey to Agrabah and a very remote island in the Pacific Ocean.

There are also updates on our current Capital Campaign 2015 – 2020, to restore Dundee's former Head Post Office building to create the *Meadowside Arts Centre*, as well as details about our latest Bursary Fund Project, the Hearts of Gold Campaign.

We truly hope that you enjoy this year's edition and from everyone here in the Development Office, and the wider High School of Dundee community, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!



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The School Today

In this section we keep you up to date with life at the School today, featuring news and reports by and about our current pupils.

Nurturing Extraordinary People

One of the highlights of the school year is the opportunity to welcome Former Pupils back to their 'old school' for our annual FP Reunion event. As the Old Girls and Old Boys gather, polite conversations are had and a gentle buzz is audible over coffee. Fast forward an hour and in the 'large gym' the noise is deafening! Everyone animated as they comment on the unchanged smell and ambience of this space that instantly transports them back 10, 20 or even 50 years.

In this environment, and as the tour continues, the sophisticated professionals, entrepreneurs, responsible parents and grand-parents return to type. In-jokes are told, there are affectionate recollections and vivid memories shared of teachers who have had huge impact, both for good and ill. As a member of staff who has spent all my professional career as a teacher at HSD, this is always a reminder of the responsibility that I have every day to build relationships that foster positivity and self-belief.

It is interesting that I have never heard FPs reminiscing about their grades, however important (or not) this was in allowing them to follow their career aspirations. Instead as they walk around their school, they remember the people; their teachers, Miss Knight, Mrs. Sheena Leadbitter, the ladies in the tuck shop, the janitorial staff, the Lady Superintendent, and occasionally the Deputy Rector or Rector (I may add that not all recollections are positive ones!).

They, and we, as adults remember the small encouragement spoken in private, the individual who, against the negative stream, believed in them. The firm word, plain talking and clear sanction that turned us around and the empathetic understanding that was crucial when things beneath the surface were difficult. This throws into sharp relief the awesome responsibility and wonderful opportunity that we have to nurture, support, guide and inspire the young people in our care.



More than ever we need our school to be a place where we can learn in the widest sense. Crucially our young people need us, their teachers, to help them to learn about themselves, understand their emotions, manage the uncertainty and risks all around them and emerge resilient, compassionate and well-grounded for the future. We as staff, through the Integrated Curriculum, aspire to meet these standards every day. There are pressures, there are disappointments and failures. But we recognise that from the failure comes the magic of a situation reviewed, real lessons learnt and the prospect of even greater successes ahead.

As I embark on the awesome and humbling responsibility of leading our unique school through its next chapter, this is at the core of my vision. As an historian I am keenly aware of the importance of the past in understanding the present and shaping the future. Last year in this column, I wrote about the Deputy Rector who inspired me in the role that I have held for the last seven years. As I step up into the role of Rector after Christmas, I face the exciting prospect of taking the shared vision of the Integrated Curriculum to the next level and to leading my own vision forward.

Under the leadership of Dr. John Halliday, the School has been put on the map, both within the community of Dundee and much further afield. Always challenging us to think bigger and more creatively and not to be content to stand still; he has given his heart and soul to the School. He moves into retirement leaving it with a more vibrant, creative and aspirational outlook. The chance to add my heart and soul to the role of the first female Rector in this school that I love is the greatest of opportunities, and one to which I am very much looking forward.

The strength of the staff team at HSD, our wonderful pupils and the support of an engaged parent and FP body are the ties that makes us passionate and vocal in its defence. The hopes and fears of all the High School family are also the fuel that can take us confidently forward and allow us to continue to challenge ourselves to provide the best environment in which we can all thrive. This can only be achieved together, with clear goals and a healthy balance of competitiveness and compassion. The impact of this approach is evident in the extraordinary people that this school can call their FPs and in the pages of this publication.

Mrs. Lise Hudson, Deputy Rector



Year in View: Heads and Deputies

Looking forward to the school session 2019/2020 we, the Heads and Deputies, are extremely excited at the prospects that lie ahead for us. This session marks many key events in the school calendar, including the transfer of rectorship from Dr. John Halliday to Mrs. Lise Hudson.

Dr. Halliday has been an amazing asset to the School and has pushed it forward into the modern generation to enhance the education at the High School of Dundee. However, we are extremely excited to welcome Mrs. Hudson into her new position and we all look forward to working with her at the start of the new year; we know fantastic things lie ahead.

September saw an extremely successful Open Morning where the School exhibited many of its exceptional departments to prospective parents and pupils. Pupils, as ever, were intrinsic to the smooth and successful running of the morning, along with the phenomenal input from the teaching staff. Showcased were the School's outstanding musical talents with performances from the excellent Pipe Band, Chamber Orchestra and Brass Band as well as an interactive display run by the P.E. department, which was undoubtedly enjoyed by all.

The School has recently involved itself with the Diana Award, a fantastic organisation whose aim is to inspire positive change in the lives of young people, providing students with anti-bullying training, striving to make our school a more inclusive and supportive place to study. This training really enhanced our understanding of what bullying truly means and how we can best combat the problems. We look to widen the ambassador group spreading our newfound knowledge to other members of the community.

As senior pupils of the School, we are very lucky to be able to take part in this year's school musical production of *Grease*. Musicals at the High School of Dundee are always a great way to showcase

the fantastic musical, dance, and dramatic talents of the pupils. This performance will be packed with well-known songs and iconic characters. The teachers put an incredible amount of effort into the school musicals and there's no way we could do it without their expertise. We know it will be so much fun to be a part of and are excited to see the final production.

This last year saw phenomenal academic successes with SQA examination results maintaining their impressive level of excellence. This includes one pupil gaining top or joint top in Scotland in five of their National 5 examinations. As well as the excellent academia, last year saw our U16s rugby team making their way to the final of the Scottish Cup. The whole school came together at Murrayfield to support the boys and, although we didn't prevail, it was a tremendous game and we are sure that this season will see similar successes in any of our wide variety of sporting teams.

As the sixth-year pupils look forward to their adventures beyond school life, our unique curriculum has been tailored to help us make that exciting yet daunting transition. Offered to us are enrichment periods that provide not only useful skills but also a break from our busy studies. A favourite of the pupils, student cookery, sees us making healthy and delicious meals that can be easily made, thus providing invaluable skills that we will be sure to use. Run by the outstanding Health & Food Technology department, student cookery never fails to create a fun environment, enjoyed by all. Also on offer is first aid and social enterprise. These are hugely popular, and students learn skills such as teamwork and the enterprise team always think of an excellent idea that can involve the whole school. Through the greater degree of flexibility, F6 are given the chance to grasp the countless opportunities provided by the School for our final year.

Head Boy & Head Girl: Lewis Byers & Ailsa Miller

Deputy Head Boy & Deputy Head Girl: Fraser Coupar & Eilean Mauritzen



House Reports

Airlie

Airlie is a high achieving House with realistic aims, alongside good morals and principles. This 2019/20 session, we are aiming to bring out the best in every House member whilst also providing an encouraging and supportive environment. In order to achieve this, it is vital that we include as many people as possible and bring them together in an inspired and enthusiastic way.

Recently, in the House Music Competition, we performed *I Want it That Way* by the Backstreet Boys. We chose this song to provide ourselves with a challenge, and to make our performance distinct and memorable. Despite the result, every single person put in an incredible effort which gained smiles from all across the audience. We certainly challenged the other Houses with our volume! Hopefully we can take all the positives from the competition and apply them to the upcoming House events.

As new House Captains, we thought that it would be best to give Airlie a makeover. Previously we had been called the 'Airlie Dragons', referring to the fire within each individual in the House. However, we have decided to improve upon this and rename ourselves the 'Airlie Assassins'. We feel this is appropriate, as in our current position the other Houses think they have the upper hand over us, when in reality we are planning a tactical manoeuvre to take the lead!

In our first House assembly of the year, we spoke out about what it means to be a member of Airlie, and the skills and attributes that make us who we are. We successfully captured the interest of each year as we pitched to them our House plan for the entire school year. Also, our new House mascot, the Airlie Assassin, made his first appearance with exceptional style!

To sum up, we aim to make this a year for the Airlie history books, in which we involve every single person in at least one House event. If each person uses their individual skills best suited to them, we can definitely finish on top. We are confident that with our game plan we can bring home the ultimate prize – the House Shield!

Airlie House Captains: Callum Elliot & Anya Wilson

Airlie House Vice-Captains: Craig Gunn & Hannah Meade



Aystree

Can we keep the winning streak going and bring home the House Shield?

A promising start to the year has had our Aystree members rise to the challenge in numerous events. A mix of our Pastries, from F1 to F6, have recently competed in the annual inter-House Choir Competition to achieve a close third place with an outstanding rendition of Journey's *Don't Stop Believin'*. Every member had a role to play and did so with vigour and commitment, whilst ultimately enjoying being part of a wider community. This sense of belonging is what we seek to foster this year.

In addition to this, our current Form 1s were particularly successful during their residential trip to Nethybridge, in which they lead overall in House points won through a range of team activities. This places the House in a great position for the year ahead. Furthermore, those artistically talented amongst Aystree have worked hard to produce a pastry-themed House noticeboard which we can all be proud of.

Looking forward into the year, we are eagerly awaiting a litany of events. These include House Hockey as well as the Swimming Gala, which have both seen an impressive number of sign ups, being events known for bringing success to Aystree.

This year's House theme is the 'Aystree Pastries', as we believe we are all different people, with different opinions but all amazing in our own ways. We acknowledge that the pastry ideology may seem a bit frivolous but there's a lot more to it than originally meets the eye. It highlights that we must respect one another's differences and embrace our individuality, which links into our House motto, "be your own person, be your own pastry". As a House, we all come from the same place and are all built up of the same basic components, but it's what is inside which differs us from the rest. This is why us Pastries should strive to be the best versions of ourselves, as only we can create that lasting impression on others.

This year we hope to see many of our 'Aystree Pastries' possessing lots of these qualities whilst participating in House Events, in the hope of a House Shield hat-trick!

Aystree House Captains: Amy Bett

Aystree House Vice-Captains: Callum Findlay & Lucy Robertson



Lindores

In the past, the members of Lindores have been compared to lions: bold, courageous, united, strong. When you think of Lindores, Gryffindor comes to mind (not Hufflepuff); and we are very proud of that historical theme. This year, however, especially as we start off the term with House Choir, our thoughts are turned to creativity and musicality.

At present, Lindores is full to the brim with creative, kind and hard-working people. We would call ourselves quite a musical House, having won House Choir four years in a row, and we hoped to demonstrate that talent and hard work once again this year to keep up our winning streak. We chose a classic – Sir Elton John’s *I’m Still Standing* – and the Lindorians, all the way from F1 to F6, performed admirably, earning us a 1st place position. Achieving the minimum choir size is always a tall order, but similarly to last year we demonstrated that quality beats quantity.

Other members of the Lindores F6 helped us to make our fantastic House board. Even though its purpose is now more for tradition rather than functionality, it still gives us a chance to show off the amazing artistic and creative skills of the House.

Looking forward, we prepare for other events, such as the Swimming Competition, Music Competition, House Hockey and many others. Whatever the result, we will be proud of the dedication and hard work of our Lindorians.

Finally, we have made the decision to retain the Lion mascot once again this year. Ultimately, we felt it was far too iconic to change it, and the themes of closeness, confidence and resilience still describe our House well. Now we hope to prove all of that as the school year goes on!

Lindores House Captains: Alasdair Richmond & Catriona Paterson
Lindores House Vice-Captains: Mike Anderson & Olivia Russell



Wallace

Our House takes its name from the Scottish leader and legend William Wallace, who was one of the earliest pupils to attend the School upon its foundation in the 1200s. He fought valiantly for his beliefs and his determination in what he did has led to him going down in history by defying odds on many occasions to achieve victory. We want to channel this passion and drive through this year to try and reclaim the coveted House Shield come June.

This year, we have chosen to become the ‘Wallace Polar Bears’ taking inspiration from our House’s colour rather than its initial. This is because polar bears can survive in harsh conditions, so we want Wallace to be resilient and persevere when things get tough in order to achieve success this year. Polar bears also care for their young, so we also want our pupils to look out for each other and be supportive in all we do this year. Using this team mentality, Wallace were able to achieve second place in the House Music Competition, maintaining consistency from last year where we finished in the same spot. We hope this initial success can springboard us to achieve even more throughout the competitions.

Welcoming the new first years has been a pleasure having gone round to visit them during registration to get them involved in the competitions. To their credit, they have been eager and enthusiastic in all they have done so far, exemplified by their efforts at their Nethybridge residential, where they may not have won House games, but showed immense spirit in winning the tug of war.

Our aim is for this positivity to continue to grow through all the year groups, hopefully giving us maximum chance for success in the Swimming Gala, where we hope participation will be school wide in order to take as many House points on offer as we can. Further down the line, we believe we can be competitive in a number of events including House sports and specially chosen events that tailor to our House’s specific skills.

Overall, Wallace are hungry for victory this year where we hope we can end our starve of holding the House Shield aloft. Through determination and a selfless attitude, we know we can end our barren run in the House Cup. So, the other Houses better remember to ‘Beware the Bear’!

Wallace House Captains: Reece McLennan & Grace Tang
Wallace House Vice-Captains: Ross Clark & Flory Speed



Amazing Achievements

Aladdin Jr

For this year's Junior Musical, the appreciative audience in the Gardyne Theatre were transported to the land of Agrabah, where Aladdin attempted to win the heart of Princess Jasmine.

Over 120 L6 and L7 pupils took part after months of preparation and rehearsal, carefully nurtured and guided by Shona Fish, Shona Morgan and Helen Brian. Their talents and enthusiasm shone from the stage across four evening performances.

The colourful production was an entertaining mix of songs, laughter and adventure as Aladdin and his sidekicks took on the evil Jafar. And of course, the magic of the Genie was always there to get them out of sticky situations!

As always, the production was an amazing team effort, with staff and pupils from Junior and Senior years working together to ensure the four evenings ran smoothly and already plans are underway for the next musical in 2021.

Lord of the Flies

In June, during the last week of the summer term, there was no rest for a dedicated and talented band of actors who presented Nigel William's adaptation of William Golding's novel *Lord of the Flies* for four performances in Trinity Hall.

The dual casting by director Mrs. Lindsay Drummond allowed many of the young actors to experience a variety of roles.

The cast brought to life the savage side of human nature as envisaged by Golding in 1954 and transported the audience to the island where they experienced the brutality of man's internal struggle between good and evil. Audiences were enthusiastic in their praise for the production.

As the director said "we have a fascination of wanting to see how people react when stripped of their familiar surroundings, family, freedom and basic human needs. Was *Lord of the Flies* a precursor for *I'm A Celebrity*, *Castaway* and, heaven forbid, *Love Island*?!"





Golfer Excels In Ryder Cup Star's Event

A budding young golfer from the High School of Dundee demonstrated his birdie-making prowess in front of none other than former Ryder Cup Captain, Paul McGinley.

Harris Landsburgh came 2nd out of 100 competitors in the U14 category at the 7th annual Paul McGinley Junior Cup at Quinta Do Lago in August.

The F2 pupil, who is a member at Panmure Golf Club, excelled over the course of the two-day Stableford event, posting scores of 44 and 48 points to seal the runners-up spot and earn congratulations from the man who skippered Europe to victory over the United States at Gleneagles in 2014.

Harris's success at Quinta Do Lago came hot on the heels of another impressive display at the Pinheiros Altos Junior Open, where he finished in 2nd place in the U18 contest.

HSD Pupil Scores Top Mark In Scotland In Five Separate Subjects

A High School of Dundee pupil has recorded the top mark in Scotland in five separate SQA subjects.

Ethan McColgan, now F5 (S5), gained the highest, or joint highest, score in the country in this year's National 5 exams for Maths, English, History, French and Economics.

Ethan's remarkable 5-star feat came courtesy of perfect scores of 100% in four of those subjects – Maths, English, History and French – and 96% in the other, Economics, in which he shared the top mark in the land with fellow HSD pupil Lewis McLennan.

Incredibly, with 97%, Ethan was also just one mark off the nation's top score in Physics, and in the process of recording another overall score of 97% in Chemistry, he actually achieved full marks in the exam.

The 16-year-old also recorded a score of 91% in Biology to complete a clean sweep of eight grade A band 1 passes at an average of 97.6%.

Ethan wasn't the only High School of Dundee pupil to achieve the top, or joint top mark in the country at National 5 level, with David Logan, Jenny Shang and Archie Gilmour also sharing that distinction in Maths, and Steven Chen in Mandarin, courtesy of 100% scores.



High School Pupil Awarded Sought-after Scholarship



Lewis Byers (then F5) engineered a fantastic opportunity for himself after picking up a much sought-after scholarship.

He was one of only 30 pupils in Scotland to have been selected to receive an Arkwright Scholarship, a prestigious award which aims to inspire and nurture high-calibre school-age students to be the UK's future leaders of the Engineering Profession.

As a result, Lewis received guidance and real world, industry insight from a mentor who works in the Mechanical Engineering

sector, which Lewis is hoping to pursue a career in, as well as £600 over two years to assist with his development as an engineer.

He was awarded the scholarship after coming through a rigorous selection process which began whilst he was in F4 and included a detailed application, a problem-solving aptitude test and finally a panel interview at Heriot Watt University.

This marks the fourth year in succession that a pupil from the High School has won an Arkwright Scholarship.

Pipers Compete In World Championships

The High School of Dundee Pipe Band rounded off the competition season in style – with a top 10 finish at the World Pipe Band Championships!

In what was the School's debut appearance at the event, and only the third-ever major championship the Pipe Band has competed in, the HSD pipers finished 8th out of 21 bands in the Novice Juvenile B category at Glasgow Green in August.

With pupil, Pipe Major Robbie Coupar, leading, the youngsters excelled as they went up against groups from all over Scotland, as well as from the United States and Canada.

More than 30,000 people attended the championships over two days, with around 8,000 pipers and drummers from 195 bands from all over the world performing.



Curler Represents Scotland In International Tournament

A talented High School of Dundee curler helped to sweep her country to an impressive finish in an international tournament in April this year.

Alex Mackintosh (then F6) flew out to Sweden to represent a 4-strong Scotland squad in the Nordic Junior Curling Tour Under 21s Mixed Doubles competition, which took place in Sundbyberg.

Competing as the 'Scotland 2' team, Alex and her partner Jack Carrick successfully negotiated a tough group featuring Sweden, Canada, Switzerland, Hungary and Denmark to earn a spot in the knockout stages. As well as finishing as quarter-finalists, the duo enjoyed the distinction of having been the only team to have defeated the eventual winners, Canada.

The pair qualified for the event by finishing in third place at the first-ever Scottish under-17s mixed doubles competition, which took place at Murrayfield in March.

In addition to being a member of Letham Grange Curling Club and Forfar Young Curlers, Alex is also a member of the Scottish Curling Academy, a Scottish curling-supported programme for elite podium potential athletes.



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Top News Of The Year

Appointment of New Rector



Mrs. Hudson, who is currently the School's Deputy Rector, will become the first-ever female Rector when she takes up the position in January 2020, following the retirement of present Rector Dr. John Halliday after 11 years of outstanding service at the helm.

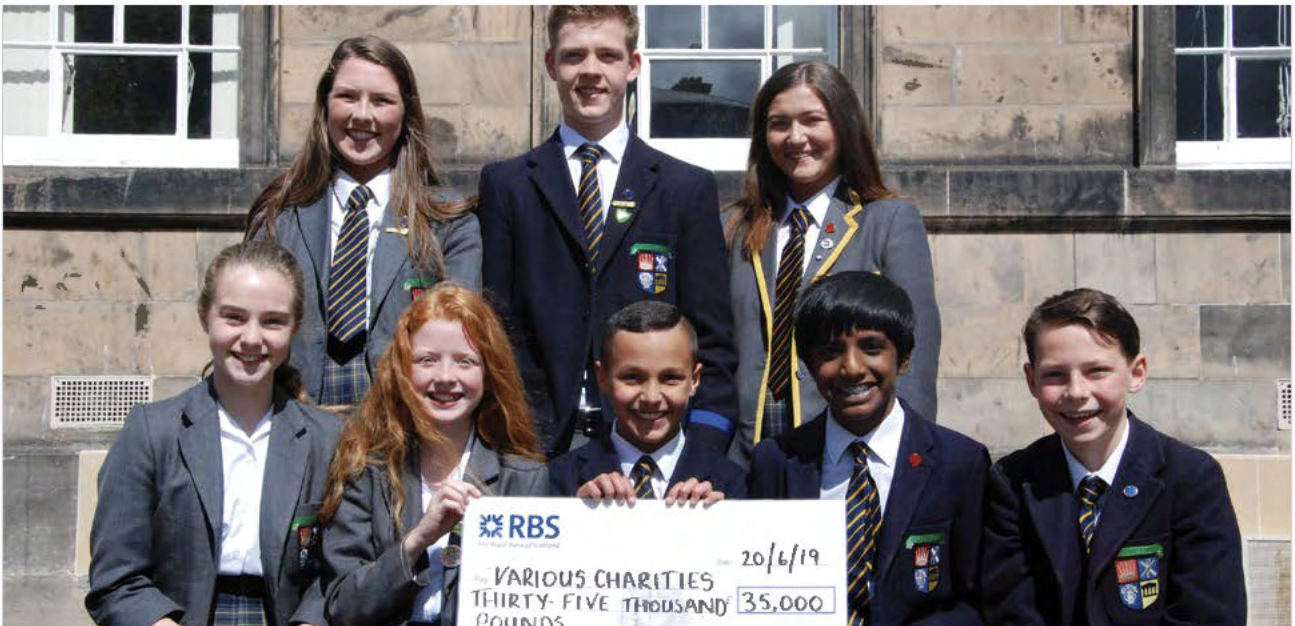
After gaining an MA (Hons) in Medieval History from the University of St Andrews, followed by a PGCE from the University of Cambridge, Lise began her History teaching career at the High School in 1990. As a Principal Teacher of Guidance, she played a key part in the major development of the pastoral life of the School. She joined the School's Senior Leadership team as Head of Guidance in 2008, before taking on her current role as Deputy Rector in 2016.

Lise is passionate about the importance of pastoral care at the heart of the School's Integrated Curriculum and developing the High School Family's relationship with the wider community of the city of Dundee.

She said, "I am honoured and privileged to have the opportunity to lead the School forward and to build partnerships across Dundee to improve outcomes for all the young people of the city and its environs."

Mrs. Hudson was appointed following an extensive and rigorous recruitment process which attracted high calibre candidates from across the UK.

Phenomenal Fundraising Generates £35k For Charity!



The High School of Dundee managed to raise an amazing £35,000 for charity in school year 2018/2019. The staggering figure was the result of a huge variety of fundraising events and initiatives organised by pupils and staff at the School since August 2018.

These ranged from the School's participation in Maggie's Penguin Parade; money donated at school events such as the Autumn Concert, the Early Years-Nativity and the productions of *Aladdin Jr* and *Lord of the Flies* as well as the sale of jute poppies from the School's striking WW1 Centenary Armistice display in November 2018.

The HSD Wee Sleep Out, which saw the School receive an award for having raised the third largest amount in Scotland, also took place in the previous school year, as did a collection for Dundee Foodbank which resulted in the single largest donation the charity had ever received.

As a consequence, a number of local and national charities received cheques from the School for various amounts, including MacMillan Cancer Care, Alzheimer Scotland, Feeling Strong, SSAFA the Armed Forces Charity, Poppy Scotland, Cancer Research UK, the ARCHIE Foundation, Dundee Disabled Children's Association, Stonewall, Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance, RNLI Broughty Ferry, and many more.

High School Pupils Design Mental Health Resources



Pupils at the High School of Dundee found creative ways to embrace the topic of Mental Health earlier this year.

As part of an Art & Design Department project on Health & Wellbeing, pupils in Form 2 created a series of documents, booklets and posters examining and providing guidance about issues such as body image, bullying, LGBTQ+, mindfulness and stress & anxiety.

The materials that were produced for the project, which was supported by the School's Guidance Team and Form 6 Wellbeing

Prefects, went on display at the School. A booklet featuring some of the artwork which the pupils created was also sold to raise funds for local charity, Feeling Strong.

Founded by Brook Marshall, Feeling Strong's goal is to make sure every young person in Dundee who has experienced a mental health challenge is supported to reach his or her full potential, by delivering services in the community that are co-produced with young people, delivered by young people and are for the benefit of young people.

Happy Birthday To The Bash Street Kids!

High School of Dundee pupils helped the Bash Street Kids celebrate their 65th birthday back in February this year.

In 1954, inspired by HSD children playing in the School's adjacent playground, cartoonists at DC Thomson introduced the characters of Danny, Fatty, Plug, Sidney, Toots, Smiffy, Spotty, Wilfred and 'Erbert to the world.

Since then, the Beano's band of mischievous school kids have gone on to find widespread fame, or infamy, as 'the class every teacher dreads'!

The School is very proud of its association with the comic strip characters and when STV visited to film a piece to celebrate the special anniversary, some of our current pupils were delighted to be part of it!



Activities Week 2019



Pupils at the High School of Dundee embraced a series of engaging activities as part of a brand-new initiative aimed at developing and enhancing crucial life skills and values.

Towards the end of May, pupils in F1-F3 took part in the School's first-ever Activities Week, a programme of events and experiences all linked to aspects of the School's Core Values. As a result, the youngsters had the chance to participate in a huge range of on and off-site activities based around the themes of Resilience, Creativity, Kindness, Respect and Confidence.

With the regular timetable cancelled for the week, the event saw pupils visit eight Care Homes and Nurseries across Dundee to provide entertainment and activities for elderly residents and



children respectively; visit the Scottish Deer Centre to explore some of the issues around respect for the environment and animal welfare; and further their knowledge of the history of Dundee with visits to key sites.

Groups of F1 and F2 pupils travelled to Ardèche in France for an action-packed outdoor adventure week, whilst Switzerland was the destination for the geography field-trip. Closer to home, participants in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award scheme completed their final expedition at Loch Ordie; a group of pupils put their backs into gardening at an allotment; and more than 100 pupils contributed to conservation efforts after taking part in a beach clean up at Tentsmuir.



School Announces Appointment Of New Bursar

Earlier in the year, the School was delighted to appoint Claire MacDonal as its new Bursar. Claire is a Former Pupil from the Class of 1994 and was also Head Girl. After studying Law and Economics at Edinburgh, she qualified as a Chartered Accountant with KPMG, also in Edinburgh.

After a spell with RBS, Claire worked in several different company environments, including DC Thomson where she was Head of Group Financial Planning and Analysis before moving to Trinity College Glenalmond where she was Director of Finance.

Claire succeeded Jill Henderson who, after six years of outstanding service, left the School in May to take up a prestigious position in the commercial sector.

Of her new role, Claire had said "I am delighted to be taking on the role of Bursar. The High School has played a huge part in my own life. It equipped me with invaluable skills, provided me with amazing experiences and gave me life-long friends. I am very much looking forward to both the challenge and the opportunity which this position offers."

Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Report

Summer Camp 2019

In June the High School of Dundee Contingent returned to Penally in South Wales for our annual summer camp. The weather proved to be somewhat less challenging than we had experienced the previous year. However, as expected, the cadets thrived on all the challenges they encountered and demonstrated considerable grit and resilience as well as an indomitable spirit. These challenges included a 36-hour survival and tactical exercise along with full bore shooting, adventure training and leadership activities. We were accompanied this year by our Rector elect, Mrs. Lise Hudson.

Annual Inspection 2019

Rewind towards the start of the year in March where we realised an exciting opportunity to formalise an already existing affiliation we have with Tayforth Universities Officer Training Corps where we share staff, resources and leadership opportunities. As a result Lt. Colonel Jarvis, the Commanding Officer of Tayforth U.O.T.C., conducted our annual inspection. The inspection report by Lt. Colonel Jarvis stated "It was a pleasure and a privilege to be asked to visit the Dundee High School CCF. The CCF should rightly consider themselves as one of the 'jewels' in the School's crown."

Armistice Parade 2019

The School marked Remembrance with its traditional Armistice Parade and Service on Friday 8th November. In tribute to all those members of the High School community and beyond who have died in all armed conflicts, the CCF and Pipe Band completed a parade in front of the School, which was watched by pupils, staff, parents, Former Pupils, members of the public and guests – including military and civilian service personnel. During the

ceremony a wreath was also placed in front of the War Memorial by Head Boy, Lewis Byers, and Deputy Head Girl, Eilean Mauritzen, whilst in a poignant moment in the proceedings *Flowers o' the Forest* was played by Pupil Pipe Major, Craig Gunn.

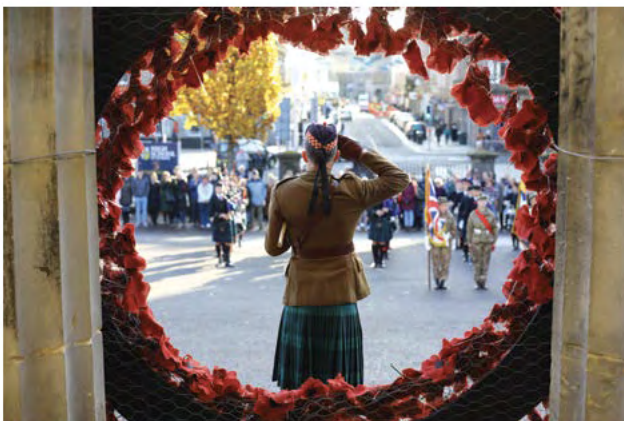
Rededication of the War Memorial 2019

In recent years, the School became aware of a number of staff and Former Pupils who served during the First World War but who were missing from the original War Memorial Roll of Honour, which was initially dedicated in April 1921. Following further research by the School, a total of 84 names have been uncovered including 24 men who died in combat during the Great War. Additionally, a central aim of the research was to address the fact that women who had been involved in the war effort had not been recognised on the Memorial. To date, the School has identified 14 female FPs who served their country during WW1. Six new panels were designed and produced by the School's Technology & Art Departments to accommodate these new names and were added to the oak monument which was rededicated by the Very Revd Jeremy Auld, the Revd Caroline Taylor and the Very Revd Kevin Golden in a special ceremony in November.

Summary

One hundred years on and the contingent is thriving, rising to challenges and developing team players and leaders as well resilient, robust and confident individuals. I take great pride in my involvement in the past 25 years of DHSCCF and look forward to hopefully seeing many of our Former Pupils and the wider High School community continue to attend our CCF events, such as the annual Armistice Parade in November.

Lt. Colonel Colin R. McAdam, Officer Commanding DHSCCF 1994-present



Rector's Reflection



For me teaching is not just a job. It is a profession, and I like to think a highly skilled one. More than that, though, it is a vocation – and not one for clock-watchers! The opportunity to nurture, encourage and challenge young people is immensely rewarding. Hard work yes, but in the time-honoured phrase, the more you put in the more you get out of it. We must never forget that as teachers. I always try to remember that great teachers are able through a single comment, expression, tone of voice, to inspire and enthuse. At the same time, I try not to forget that the opposite is also true! Great teachers, and I have known many over the last 30 years, never stop learning, from each other, from external influences and not least, from the pupils.

As Rector, the rewards are double as in addition to encouraging pupils to do their best, my other key role has been developing staff. Appointing a new colleague who you help develop into a dynamic professional or one who then moves into middle or senior management is immensely satisfying.

But now after 11½ years as Rector of the High School and 22 years as a Head in three very different schools, I am now having to look Father Time in the face and step back from my role. What on earth will I do on 6 January 2020?!

It has been a huge privilege to lead this fine school, one of the oldest in the UK, and one whose influence has been felt across the nation, as well as in Dundee and Tayside, since 1239. There have been many highlights during my time, evolving outwards from

the three 'pillars' of our Integrated Curriculum: the Academic, the Co-curricular and the Pastoral. Since I joined the School in August 2008 approximately 2,500 pupils have passed through the School. They have sat a total of 18,888 SQA exams! HSD Pupils have achieved the SQA Star Award for the best exam performance in the whole country on two separate occasions – how many other schools have done something similar?

Our rugby teams contested Scottish Schools Rugby Cup Finals at Murrayfield twice. In Debating, six pupils represented the Scotland debating team at the World Schools Debating Championships, a record second to none in that time. The Brown Cup for Scottish Schools Sailing has been won twice in successive years. In that time approximately £380,000 has been raised for local, national and global charities. I will never forget the Red Nose Days, the Whole School Walk up the Law to mark the centenary of the outbreak of WW1, the Party on the Pillars, the visit by Princess Anne in 2009 to mark the 150th anniversary of the Royal Charter, to name but a few of the highlights. Above all, I remember the countless acts of kindness, initiative and good humour from pupils and colleagues.

Facilities do not make a school but they help, and they are also a reflection of the priorities. The overdue hockey astro pitches at Dalnacraig have been a godsend. That we have been able to field a 4th Senior XI this year is remarkable testament to the staff and resources in PE. The ambitious and exciting *Meadowside Arts Centre* project in Dundee's former Head Post Office Building remains firmly on the agenda as Creativity remains at the heart of the school. The musical and dramatic productions this past year have been as exceptional as ever. The L1-3 Nativity, the Junior show *Aladdin*, and the senior play *Lord of the Flies* live in the memory, as do the extraordinary musical evenings – the



Piano Day, the Southgate and Premier Quach competitions, the Caird Hall concerts and the Carol Service to name but a few. The Art Department shone this past year with the unforgettable and award-winning cascade of poppies down the Pillars for the centenary of the 1918 Armistice, along with the portraits inspired by WW1 stories. HSD is technically not a specialist College of the Performing and Visual Arts and yet the quality is second to none in Scotland.

A memorable and lasting achievement has been the creation of the Nursery, the first in 780 years! It was such a privilege to name the building after a remarkable FP and social campaigner in Dundee and beyond, namely Mary Lily Walker. That the nursery continues to grow year on year is remarkable but, to me, not surprising, given the outstanding leadership shown by the Nursery Manager and her team. I was delighted to see therefore that following an unannounced visit by the Care Inspectorate this year that they were given an outstanding report.

Those entering the nursery aged 3 are beginning a 15-year journey. At the other end of the journey, the fruits of all our labours are reflected in the remarkable record of those leaving school for the next stage. This year, all of our F6 pupils who applied through UCAS received an offer. Every single one. And mostly these were first choice offers. Of those who didn't apply through UCAS this year, six are taking GAP years and will apply next year and four are entering college. This last category is one I welcome, and we have been liaising closely with Dundee & Angus College and elsewhere to see if this route can be developed. For the past 10 years everyone – 100% – who have applied to study both Engineering and Law have also secured an offer. And this year all 10 of 10 medical applications received an offer. 100%. When you compare this to the national average of just under 10%

of applicants who are successful this is a phenomenal strike rate for pupils of the High School.

In sport, a highlight has to be the remarkably disciplined and courageous performance of the U16 Rugby XV in the Scottish Schools Cup Final at BT Murrayfield, losing very narrowly to George Watson's. We should also not forget the 1st XI Hockey team who had a fine season, only losing on penalties in the U18 Midlands Cup final.

It has been tremendous to see the progress made by the Pipes and Drums this year, who have now been entering the competition circuit proper, and are progressing steadily up the rankings, finishing 8th in their category at the World Championships in Glasgow in August 2019, whilst the CCF Drill team retained its national Drill title.

However, we must never forget we are a community and one that is physically located at the heart of a much wider community. This gives our pupils many of their special qualities: a grounded openness and awareness of their global responsibilities, combined with an ability to speak to anyone. Whilst our pupils are sheltered to some extent, they are at the heart of the city and see first-hand at least some of the pressing issues facing society. On the one hand the community comes to us. Some 1,900 local people use our facilities every week. On the other we also go out into the community. This year 74 pupils and 7 staff took part in our own Wee Sleep Out. To have this many people sleep outside in November and gain a perspective on the challenges faced by homeless people was wonderful. We were also awarded a prize at the Malala Award Dinner for being the third largest fundraiser in Scotland for the Wee Sleep Out – raising £6213.43 for Social Bite. This year pupils also handed over the largest donation the Dundee Foodbank have ever received – 871.74kg of food worth approximately £1372. During our F3 Activities week in a Mass Community Outreach the whole year group experienced volunteering at a care home or nursery in the local community. The huge volume of e-mails, messages and feedback from the residents, children and staff about how much they enjoyed our visits was heart-warming. The pupils showed imagination, initiative, compassion and kindness.

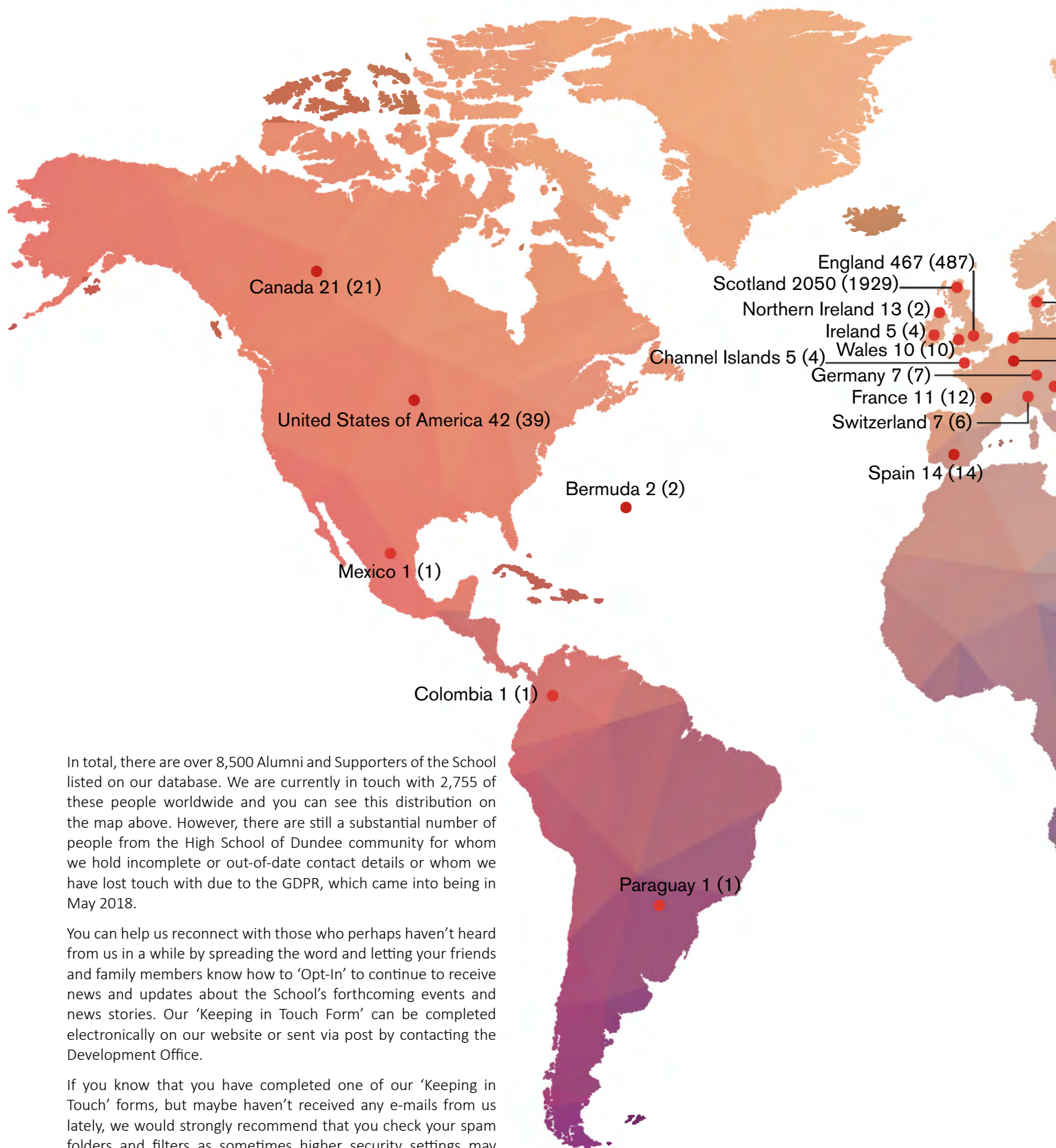
So, finally do you as FPs reading this feel the High School prepared you for the world? We don't really know what the world is going to look like when our current L1s reach my stage of life in 2079! We have so much information, but the imparting of facts without context will not be helpful. The only constant will be change, as we see already. The 3 Rs will never stop being important in my possibly old-fashioned view but they need to be enhanced with the 4 Cs: critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity. In the context of change the constant will be learning how to keep learning. How to retain your sense of individual worth and navigate a way through the intellectual and moral minefields of technology and disinformation. How to cope with the terrorism of the algorithm, whilst retaining your identity and unique individuality. I hope that these past eleven years we have succeeded in giving our young people the skills to do that, to embrace this world with confidence and achieve fulfilment and success.

Thank you to all who have accompanied me on this amazing journey, to those who have challenged, supported and inspired me at every turn. I will always carry that with me. Thank you!

Dr. John D. Halliday, Rector

Alumni News

Welcome to the section of *Schola Clara* where we share with you a wide range of exciting and unique interviews, articles and news stories that feature fellow Former Pupils. This is the section that we predominately throw open to you all, for you to talk about your own stories, news, achievements and updates. You can also find a calendar of forthcoming events, year in view summaries from our Constituency Group Heads as well as an update on all of our events which have taken place over the last year.

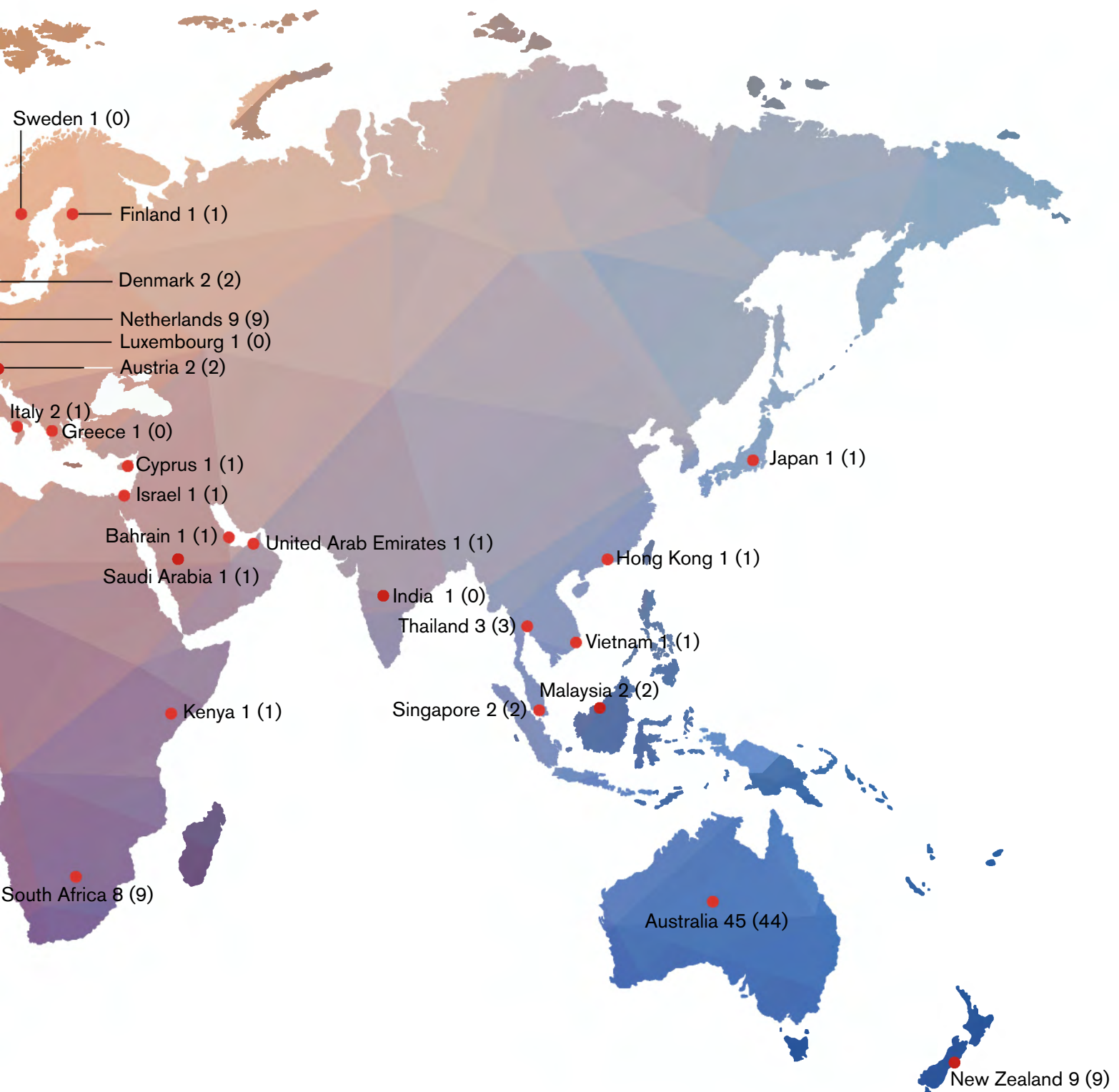


In total, there are over 8,500 Alumni and Supporters of the School listed on our database. We are currently in touch with 2,755 of these people worldwide and you can see this distribution on the map above. However, there are still a substantial number of people from the High School of Dundee community for whom we hold incomplete or out-of-date contact details or whom we have lost touch with due to the GDPR, which came into being in May 2018.

You can help us reconnect with those who perhaps haven't heard from us in a while by spreading the word and letting your friends and family members know how to 'Opt-In' to continue to receive news and updates about the School's forthcoming events and news stories. Our 'Keeping in Touch Form' can be completed electronically on our website or sent via post by contacting the Development Office.

If you know that you have completed one of our 'Keeping in Touch' forms, but maybe haven't received any e-mails from us lately, we would strongly recommend that you check your spam folders and filters as sometimes higher security settings may result in our communications bypassing your inbox.

Our Global Community



Please note, the numbers shown in brackets beside each country indicate the number of people who we were in contact with this time last year. The numbers outwith the brackets show how many people we are currently in contact with today.

John Wooler

Record Producing FP, John Wooler (Class of 1976), recently took the time to answer a Q&A session with our Development Office. John now lives in Washington, USA and has worked with legendary artists including The Rolling Stones, Simple Minds, Iggy Pop and Van Morrison, to name but a few. He worked for over 19 years as Senior VP for Virgin Records and has won a total of 5 Grammy Awards.



Currently, John is the Senior Vice-President for Media Services and Label Relations for PlayNetwork, a company which helps brands enhance customer experiences and increases engagement via music, branded content, AV systems and more. PlayNetwork have worked with renowned businesses including Nike, Starbucks, Vans and Uniqlo.

As well as making his mark in the world of music, John has also made an impression on students at California State Polytechnic University when he taught as a part-time Music Professor for eight years. On top of this, he also co-founded Exolution in 2007. The company was based in Santa Monica and counselled clients on all aspects of music, including promotion and marketing of bands in America as well as promoting artists across all media and markets. John worked with the likes of Novatunes, a music internet start-up based in Venice, and Sunsetstrip.com, a multi-media start-up.

At what point in your life did you realise that you wanted to pursue a career within the music industry?

I started to collect albums from when I was 15-years-old. I was also part of a band at school and we would practise at breaktime. I guess I always had a dream of being in music from a young age.

Your career has certainly been an exciting one to say the least! Of all the artists that you have worked with through the years, who has been the most inspirational?

There are so many that I've had the pleasure of working with... Albert Collins, John Lee Hooker, Van Morrison, Rolling Stones, JJ Cale, the list is really endless.

Winning five Grammys throughout your career must be something that you're incredibly proud of. What did you receive your awards for and what was it like attending the Grammys?

I won an award for my work as a Producer and as an Executive Producer running the label. My first Grammys Awards were definitely the most exciting and they were held in New York, which was fantastic. It took several nominations before I finally won!

You must have worked with artists across a wide range of genres. What would you say is your favourite type of music at the moment?

Blues and classic soul from the mid-60's to early 70's. I host a radio show in Seattle playing this type of music, so I listen to this style a lot.

Everyone needs their down time from their busy work schedules. Do you have any hobbies or places that you like to visit to relax?

I coach a women's rugby team and we have won the championship in our division for the last three years, which is a brilliant success. I also have my radio show and I also love to ride my motorcycles and collect pop art.

Do you have any career highlights or achievements that you're particularly proud of?

There are many that I could list here. But I'd say being able to contribute to the career of artists that I loved or developing new talent and hoping to see them have success is by far the most rewarding feeling.

You now work for PlayNetwork in Redmond WA, would you say this line of work is different to your days working for Virgin Records?

I primarily made records and signed bands during my time at Virgin but now, working for PlayNetwork, we provide music playlists for major worldwide brands like Starbucks and Nike. It's a different career path but I'm still connected to music, which is great.

Moving to the USA must have been quite a change of lifestyle for you. Do you think you would ever return to the UK?

I have a house in Scotland and I could definitely see myself splitting my time between countries eventually.

You were at the School from quite a young age, so you must have had plenty of amazing experiences! What are some of your favourite memories from your time at the School?



Playing rugby and putting together a band are up there with some of my favourite moments as well as being around friends – many I'm still in touch with today.

One of our Core Values that we launched last year is 'creativity' and we're actively trying to inspire our young people through music and performing arts. During your time at school, were you involved in any musical shows or drama productions?

I was only really involved with music. We used to bring in guitars and would jam together during lunchtime. I think back in my day it was not encouraged for pupils to focus on the arts, but I think it's critical that creative young people in today's world have an outlet and also get the support in subjects and activities that they are passionate about.

Is there a particular song that reminds you of your school days?

You Wear It Well by Rod Stewart. We called our school band 'Onassis', a lyric from this very song. I still have a photograph from the one and only concert we performed at the local YMCA in our senior year!

Looking back on your time at the School, what were your favourite subjects and were there any teachers that inspired you?

Although I was not academically strong, I still really enjoyed biology and also art. Dallas Allardice was one of my favourite teachers from my school days, definitely in part due to playing rugby.

Could you summarise your time at the School in just one sentence?

The Blues were my O levels and Bob Dylan was my A level!

To anyone looking to follow a career within the music industry, what one piece of advice would you give to them?

You have to set expectations and know that this type of industry can have a lot of ups and downs. I have had very successful years but also extremely hard years too. You have to have a very strong commitment, determination and passion, but the rewards are there. I would say it's not an industry for the faint hearted though!

And finally, a fun and creative question to finish our Q&A today! If you could compare yourself with any animal, what would it be and why?

Good question, maybe a dog due to their loyalty, love and the fact that they like getting attention!



Alumni Events Roundup 2019



Alumni Brewery Tour, February 2019

Former Pupils gathered together at 71 Brewing in Dundee to sample some simply brewtiful beers.



Alumni Cocktail Evening in Edinburgh, March 2019

Former Pupils were treated to some specially crafted House-themed cocktails as they reunited for a trip down memory lane.



Cocktail Masterclass Event, March 2019

Alumni of the School came together for a fun and flair-filled evening as they tried their hand at muddling and mixing cocktails in Covent Garden.



Gin Tasting Evening, May 2019

Guests were able to sip and sample a wide variety of unusual and unique gins, excellently presented by the Dundee Aitken Wines' team.



FP Reunion, June 2019

Over 100 Former Pupils flocked back to the Pillars for the much-loved annual event, which included guided tours of the School and a traditional fish 'n' chips lunch in the Dining Hall.

Dark Dundee Tour, November 2019

Former Pupils explored Dundee's hidden underground vaults during this unBOOlievable and spooktacular evening.



Old Girls' London Lunch, March 2019

A group of HSD Old Girls reunited for a wonderful three-course meal at St. James's Square's East India Club.



Old Boys' Curling Competition, March 2019

The yearly competition between the President and Vice-President's teams at Forfar Indoor Sports Centre saw the President's team sweeping their way to victory.



Old Boys' & Old Girls' Golf Day, May 2019

Former Pupils drove, chipped and putted their way through 18 holes in PARfect weather conditions before three FPs were presented as the winners.



Old Boys' Angling Excursion, June 2019

Good things certainly come to those who bait, as the group of keen anglers proved after catching 25 fish in total, weighing in at a whopping 63lbs!

Leela Srinivasan

After leaving the School in 1991, Former Pupil Leela Srinivasan has certainly climbed the ladder of success having worked in a variety of corporate executive roles for renowned companies including LinkedIn, Lever and most recently, SurveyMonkey. Leela was appointed as SurveyMonkey's very first Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) in April 2018 and has since gone on to help customers and organisations navigate the Feedback Economy, where engagement has become integral and where consumers hold the most power. Now based in America, Leela very kindly took the time to catch up with our Development Office in a recent Q&A session.



Looking back on your school days, what would you say your favourite memories are? Were you part of any clubs or did you take part in any activities at school?

I attended the High School of Dundee from L6 through to Form 6, and I have so many rich memories from those eight years. On the academic side, I recall producing a meticulously shaded to-scale map of Newport and Wormit as part of a geography project, memorizing the causes of the First World War, and discovering Anton Chekhov and E.M. Forster. In sports I loved playing hockey and tennis, although I was a little less enamoured when shivering through the opening minutes of early Saturday morning games in the frosty sunshine.

My most vivid and fond memories, however, relate to music and drama. I always loved singing, playing the flute and piano and above all, studying speech and drama in a tiny classroom up in the rafters of what was then called 'the Girls' School.' All that singing and acting led to multiple performances starting in the Junior School, including playing the Pied Piper opposite Richard Lawson as the Mayor of Hamelin, to Form 5 where I was Calliope in *Orpheus and the Underworld*, and goodness knows how many other productions in between.

I continued enjoying the theatre at college as a member of the Edinburgh Footlights. Whilst I was never sufficiently talented or focused enough to pursue a career on stage, I know acting and performing gave me confidence and increased my comfort in public speaking and articulating a point of view with conviction. I strongly encourage young people everywhere to spend time on stage, as confidence is such an important attribute later in life. I'm glad to hear it's now embraced as a Core Value at the High School.

Did you make any lasting friendships and, if so, are you still in touch with old school friends today?

After DHS I attended Edinburgh University, where I kept in touch with many classmates who were also there. Immediately after graduation, I moved to the United States. In an era before social media, it was a lot harder to keep in touch, but the combination of Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn have helped me reconnect with a number of classmates in the last ten years. I recently met

up with Douglas Keir and his family when they were visiting San Francisco and we realised it had been 23 years since we saw each other! I appreciate how small the world feels thanks to social media, and when I run into old friends during trips home I typically already have a sense of what's going on in their lives through that social connection.

If you had to describe your school-age self in three words, what would they be?

Even in my teens I was hard-working, a multi-tasker and stressed!

I did well academically, and I had a full slate of extra-curricular activities, none of which I would have traded, but in the process I think I put a lot of pressure on myself to overachieve. I sometimes wish I could tiptoe back in time, give myself a hug and tell myself that everything would be more than OK.

From my current vantage point in Silicon Valley, the pressure on young people to do well in school is even greater than it was back then. Finding the right balance as a parent, and as a student, is tough. It's one of the things I think about on a daily basis whilst raising my three girls with my husband, Joel, and juggling a demanding career at the same time.

What would you say are the two best things about the High School of Dundee and what would you say to any families considering enrolling with us?

Despite that self-imposed stress, I benefited enormously from the School's commitment to both academic excellence and cultivating well-rounded humans with interests outside the classroom. Society needs leaders with intelligence, diverse interests and perspectives, and the communication skills to lead and inspire others.

I'm also impressed by how the School has continued to preserve rich traditions while evolving and innovating with the times. My nephews are currently in L6 and Form 2, and my father has served on the Board of Directors for some time, so I receive regular updates on the programmes offered by the School. By balancing academics and extra-curricular opportunities, tradition and innovation, the High School of Dundee sets an incredibly high bar both then and now.



Do you think there was a defining moment during your time at school when you realised exactly what career path you wanted to pursue? What would you say is the most exciting thing about your job?

In all honesty, my path to CMO has not been a direct one. It was only after careers in sales and management consulting, as well as attending Tuck Business School at Dartmouth, that I found marketing. I'm grateful for having taken the scenic route because all the skills and experiences I have accumulated along the way have made me a far stronger marketeer. Our employee value proposition is that SurveyMonkey is 'where the curious come to grow' and the truth is that, even at my level, I'm always learning. A growth mindset is vital in today's workforce. Keep learning, growing and looking to expand your capabilities.

You are currently Chief Marketing Officer for SurveyMonkey, which is incredible! What would you say has been your biggest achievement since taking on this role?

For those who aren't familiar with us, SurveyMonkey is a Silicon Valley-based software company whose mission is to power the curious. We help organisations transform feedback from the people that matter most to them – customers, employees, students (of course) and the market – into business intelligence that drives growth and innovation.

Our relevance has only increased in an era we call 'The Feedback Economy'. When you combine the transparency and immediacy of the web with heightened expectations about what a good experience looks and feels like, then throw in the age-old human desire to be heard and valued, the result is an explosion of highly visible feedback with the potential to boost your business, or tank it. We're proud to support 17 million users globally across a full spectrum of industries, functions and geographies as they navigate the age of feedback and build stronger organisations based on what they learn.

I've been leading the marketing organisation at SurveyMonkey since April 2018 and believe it or not I'm the first CMO the company has ever had! There were roughly 60 or so marketers when I arrived, fractured into sub-groups that reported into three or four different executives. My first eighteen months in the role

have been focused on taking the company public (our initial public offering was in September 2018), helping acquire two companies, and creating a unified marketing team. I'll asterisk the last one because as we absorb talented marketers from our acquisitions and the overall team nears 100, the work to create a sense of 'one team' is ongoing. Invariably, my proudest career accomplishments tie back to teams and people.

What would your words of wisdom be to anyone considering following a career in the Marketing sector?

First, start any marketing job by understanding your organisation's priorities, then build out the strategy and programmes to help accomplish them. The job of a CMO is notorious for being the shortest-tenured in the C-suite; success begins by making sure your objectives are aligned with those of adjacent partners like Sales, Product and Finance.

Second, get to know your customers – their needs, pain points and challenges – and build marketing programmes in partnership with them. The best marketing initiatives of my career have been customer-centric. Our most effective campaigns and initiatives have often starred our customers. By celebrating and elevating what they've achieved with our help, everyone wins.

We live in a world today where technology is at the heart of everything that we do. How do you see technology influencing the Marketing sector in the future?

Technology continues to transform the marketing profession. Marketing is such a multi-faceted career and, as the tech continues to evolve, we have more and more data and insights at our fingertips to inform our programmes. That data often sits in different organisational silos though, which can create a challenge for any marketer looking to deliver a seamless, consistent, delightful and engaging experience to their current and future customers. The technology will continue to evolve to help us nail audience marketing, so we can deliver more and more value to those customers.

Award-winning Turned Philanthropic FP Donates Percentage of Business Profits To Charity



Colin Wong, Class of 1990 Former Pupil, has won several awards over the years for his innovative kitchen and bathroom designs. Back in February, he was crowned NEFF Kitchen Designer of the Year, an award which he has now won an outstanding seven times.

Additionally, Colin has been awarded the overall title of UK Kitchen Designer of the Year three times as well as the Overall UK Bathroom Designer of the Year on three occasions too. He was even presented with this year's UK Kitchen Designer award at a lavish event, held at the O2 arena in London, by TV Presenters Gaby Logan and Tess Daly. Further to this, Colin was also revealed to be a Judge for this year's Designer Kitchen and Bathroom Awards in October.

Being a multi-award-winning designer, it comes as no surprise to hear that Colin has also been commissioned to design for major A-List celebrities over the years and has been specially flown to countries including America and Asia as a result.

Based in an award-winning studio in the West-end of Edinburgh, Colin manages his company, Kitchens Defined. During the KKB Exhibition in Birmingham last year, Colin unveiled his new concept – The Rock – and requested that all proceeds from the sale be donated to charity to help those affected by the earthquake in Indonesia.

Around four years ago, Colin's interests extended to philanthropy, with a percentage of his business profits going towards a care facility for disabled and disadvantaged children in Asia.

Rewind back to May this year, and Colin found himself reaching dizzying heights as he climbed the 4,411 ft up Ben Nevis for mental health charity, the Frank Bruno Foundation, managing to raise just under a staggering £10,000. Professional boxer and mental health ambassador, Frank Bruno, also joined Colin for this excursion up the UK's highest mountain.

Colin revealed that he takes one month away from the world of designing each year to focus on his charitable work, saying that he always returns home "fresher and much more motivated knowing how far the money can go".

FP Inducted Into Prestigious Whisky Society In Recognition Of Her Work



Working in the whisky industry was not something Katy Buchan envisioned when she left The High School of Dundee in 2000. However, she was recently honoured with being inducted as a Keeper of the Quaich, an exclusive and international society that recognises those that have shown outstanding commitment to the Scotch Whisky industry.

Having graduated from Edinburgh Napier University with a first-class honour's degree in Industrial Design, Katy's career has taken her from toothbrushes to tents and even the kitchen sink.

Winning the RSA award for medical products, the prize was an internship with GlaxoSmithKline involving a toothbrush design for Aquafresh and drug delivery devices.

Katy moved back to Scotland for a role as a Product Designer with AMG, designing camping and outdoor equipment. Not a camper herself, she spent three years developing new products and materials to make camping more comfortable and enjoyable.

As an ambitious teenager, Katy knew she wanted to study a product design related course at university and was encouraged by her Technical Studies teacher, Mr. Lewis, to stay with the discipline. In fact, her first design award was the Wright Dental Group prize in 3rd year at school.

Currently, Katy is the Head of Packaging Development with Chivas Brothers, the Scotch Whisky and Gin division of Pernod Ricard and the world's number 2 in wines and spirits. Her role sees her travelling the world in search of the best packaging items, all whilst leading a team of 30 specialists in spirits packaging.

Sustainability and responsibility are becoming an ever-increasing focus in her role with end-consumers being much more aware of the use of natural resources and recyclability. The test is to create luxury packaging with as little environmental impact as possible through innovations in materials and processes.

FP Singing Star Hitting The High Notes With Her Debut Single

Congratulations to High School of Dundee Former Pupil Kirsty Grant (Class of 2015) on the release of her debut single earlier this year!

Singer/songwriter Kirsty's song, *I'm the One*, earned strong download and streaming figures, as well as plenty of positive feedback.

A collaboration with Kirsty's songwriter friend, Kajsa Klemets, and producer Tannergard, the upbeat electronic track precedes an EP, titled *Not Me*, that Kirsty has been hard at work on over the last few months.

From a young age, Kirsty appeared in shows by the musical theatre group, Rising Young Stars, and had many performing opportunities throughout her time at the School, including solo performances in several school concerts and annual singing competitions.

In recent times, the 21-year-old, whose work is influenced by the likes of Ariana Grande, Little Mix and Dua Lipa, has also recorded backing vocals at the iconic Abbey Road Studios and performed live on BBC Radio.

Outside of the studio, Kirsty can still be found following her passion for making music as she worked her way through her Honours Degree in Vocal Performance in London, from which she graduated this year.

You can listen to Kirsty's single at: www.kirstygrant.com





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High School Family

The Old Girls' Club

It has been my pleasure and honour to be elected as President of the Old Girls' Club for the second year running.

The Club continue in our support of the School and are very pleased and delighted to be shortly working with the first female Rector in the New Year. Lise Hudson has been a huge support to the Old Girls and we know we can count on her continuing support as we all move forward.

The Old Boys and Old Girls tried to have their first ever combined evening together, to be held at Toms' Bar in Dundee in May. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to postpone this. However, I really hope we can revisit this idea and get it off the ground in the New Year.

Our annual Leavers Day BBQ was thankfully a dry day, with the F6 boys and girls enjoying a final few days together and an afternoon of relaxed time with their friends and teachers.

Sports Day again was cancelled due to the weather getting the better of us, but it went ahead on the 11th June with all the usual enthusiasm from the children, which is a joy to watch. My greatest pleasure is to present some of the Junior Years' winners with their medals – lots of happy and delighted faces!

Our Old Girls' Dundee Dinner was due to be held on 25th October at the West Park Centre. Sadly, lack of numbers caused us to

The Old Boys' Club

The Old Boys' Club continues to go from strength to strength with good participation across all ages of Former Pupils this year. It is of course a cliché, but it has without a doubt been a huge privilege to serve as the Club's President for this past year.

In March, the Club hosted a Past Presidents' Dinner at the Invercarse Hotel in honour of Nick Barclay and his service to the Club. It had been over ten years since the last such dinner had been held and so it was an immense honour for me to be in the chair on the night. Nick has given splendid service to the Old Boys' Club for more than 18 years, first as Secretary and latterly as the organiser of the Dundee Dinner. Both a personal and Club-wide thank you must go to Nick. Graeme Davidson, one of Nick's school classmates, gave a truly entertaining speech in Nick's honour on the night!

Earlier this year, my Vice-President, Struan Baptie, suggested that an Old Boys' Team enter into a charity event called The CATERAN YOMP, a 54-mile walk/yomp/run around the foothills of the Cairngorms. Struan had the basis of the team already lined up, but I was assured there was space for the President! With some trepidation about my recent fitness I agreed, and training started in earnest early in the new year in preparation for the 8th June event. You can read about how we got on in this challenge in this issue of *Schola Clara*, on page 40!

Our Dundee and London Dinners continue to be well attended and are really fun evenings. On November 15th we held our London Dinner with our first ever female speaker, Martel Maxwell.

cancel this year. Our Christmas Committee get-together will round off the year and allow us to consolidate and think ahead to the future.

We would love to welcome any Old Girls out there reading this to come along to our next Committee Meeting. These are always held at Mayfield with the next meeting being on January 15th at 7pm. You all automatically join the Club after leaving school and we would love for you to come join us at our events and get-togethers. We meet only four times a year and assist the School on Sports Day as well as keeping the Thrift Shop afloat. It would be lovely to see some new faces at our meetings next year; you'll always be warmly welcomed with a cuppa and some home baking!

Exciting times lay ahead for us all, and I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to The Old Girls' Committee for all of their help, support and guidance over this last year.

Pam Sinclair, President 2019/20



This was followed by the Dundee Dinner on the 29th at the Invercarse Hotel with former Scotland Rugby Internationalist and current HSD Head of Elite Sport, Phil Godman. Newcomers are always welcome at these dinners and tickets for recent leavers are part subsidised, so no excuses!

My thanks for the year go to all of the Old Boys' Committee, with special mention to the outgoing Secretary, Martin Bennett, and to Andy Walker who is taking on the role. Also to my Vice-President, Struan Baptie, who I wish all the enjoyment that I have had during my year in office. I must also thank the Old Girls' President Pam Sinclair and the School, in particular the Development Office, for making my Presidency both simple and enjoyable.

Pete Grewar, President 2018/19

Friends of the High School of Dundee

As the year draws to a close, the Committee of the Friends have looked back on a number of events which have proven thoroughly enjoyable and which have also provided the opportunity to raise funds for The High School of Dundee Foundation, specifically directed towards the School's *Meadowside Arts Centre*.

In January, teams put their thinking caps on and gathered together in the Fort Hotel in Broughty Ferry for a Quiz Night, augmented by a raffle with first place going to a ladies' team.

August saw the return of the popular Drive for Dough golf tournament which saw participants driving, putting and chipping their way through the course at Scotsraig Golf Club. A team, led by School Director Mr. Kish Srinivasan, came out on top, and everyone was a winner in the generously provided raffle.

Then, in September, there was the return of the Musical Supper Cabaret Evening in Trinity Hall, where guests were entertained by Downfield Musical Society after an excellent supper provided by the redoubtable Ian Cooke. This year's star auction prize was a "money can't buy" tour of DC Thomson's new offices and archives, together with a tour of the Kingsway production facility.

The Friends are the current embodiment of what began all those years ago as 'The Subscribers', subsequently followed by 'The Patrons', who were instrumental in raising funds for the original Boys' School. The principal objective of the Friends of the High

School is still to raise funds for school projects, currently focusing on the centre of excellence for performing and visual arts, the *Meadowside Arts Centre*.

You don't have to be a Former Pupil to be a member of the Friends. If the work of the School interests you and is important to you we would be thrilled to welcome you as a new member, and at no cost. We are always seeking new faces to join our Committee; if you are considering doing so, we would love to hear from you!

We have several events planned for the new year, including our second Quiz Night on 22nd January 2020. Again, this will be hosted at the Fort Hotel in Broughty Ferry from 8pm. In April, we will be hosting our annual Cabaret Evening in Trinity Hall, which will be accompanied by a two-course dinner. And finally, in August, will be our much-loved Drive for Dough golf tournament at Scotsraig Golf Club.

Keep an eye out on the School's website and social media for further information and keep the dates free!

Ken Andrew, Chairman



The Former Pupils' Association

The Former Pupils' Association (FPA) exists to re-connect old school chums, establish new friendships with other alumni, as well as building a stronger engagement with the School itself. The FPA currently works under the auspices of the Development Office and membership is automatic upon your departure from the School, it lasts for life and is also free!

Chloe Berridge and I run the Development Office and over the last 12 months we have developed a number of initiatives designed to bring our alumni together. As a Former Pupil myself, I have been heartened by the wonderful welcome I received when I returned to work at my old school and amazed by how easy it has been to strike up a conversation with fellow alumni, regardless of age, as we always have something in common. This strong bond, as well as the ability to network and support one another, has been so important for so many alumni over the years and we want to build upon that so that our young people benefit from these links for generations to come.

Our key events throughout the year, which you can read more about in our Alumni Events Round-up feature, have been with the intention of 'friendraising'; to build on current alumni relationships and establish new bonds with Former Pupils. It has been wonderful to see so many FPs coming along to our events. Where possible, we try to support alumni businesses at these events so please do let us know if you have an idea for an event that we can support.

You may have noticed that we have increased our communications via social media through platforms such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and Twitter, allowing us to share some incredible

success stories of current and Former Pupils. This, together with improved email facilities, has also allowed us to better support our Old Boys, Old Girls and the Friends of the High School of Dundee as well.

We have received wonderful feedback in relation to our #ThrowbackThursday launch on LinkedIn, featuring group photos of our alumni from musical productions, sports teams etc. With alumni across the world it made sense to develop a bank of Ambassadors to provide networking opportunities and greater engagement in all areas. Although our programme only launched in May, we already have 27 Ambassadors located worldwide and this number will grow as we reach out to a wider audience.

It has been a very productive and fruitful year within the Development Office, and I hope we can build a stronger relationship with you, our alumni community, in the coming months and years!

Alex McGrory, Head of External Relations & Development



FP Flying High After Successful Skiing Business Soars To New Heights

Meet Emma Cairns, she's a Former Pupil from the Class of 2000, but also a ski instructor in Verbier, Switzerland. In fact, she became fully qualified in the British, French and Swiss systems by the age of 30. She's also a BASI Trainer, which means she's qualified to train and examine other ski instructors as well.

Emma's work has given her a fascinating insight into the physiological factors that influence athletes, especially female athletes. Take British track and road cyclist, Laura Trott, who won four Olympic gold medals at the 2012 and 2016 games. Or 72-year-old Gwyn Haslock, Britain's oldest surfer, who still tackles the Cornish waves every week. And professional snowboarder Jenny Jones, who became the first Briton to win an Olympic medal on-snow at the 2014 Winter Olympics.

But for every amazing success story there are too many stories about women somehow held back in sport. Emma became acutely aware of this trend in alpine skiing.

When she was training for her final exams, she noticed the biggest contrast between the number of male and female instructors. There are about 400 ski instructors with the highest BASI Level 4 qualification, yet only 60 are women. That's only 15% and an even lower percentage of BASI Trainers are women. So, why are there fewer women reaching the top?

After years of coaching, Emma believes that the difference in psychological approach is quite often at the root of the problem. She began to see a big difference between the genders, not technically but in terms of motivation and belief. It wasn't just in advanced skiers training for ski instructor exams, she saw it across the industry. To her this seemed somewhere she could make a difference.

So, Emma set up a ski school in Verbier called Element and runs unique Women's Ski Camps in the winter. The aim was to create an all-female environment to help women improve their technique and push their boundaries. Female skiers need to approach skiing slightly differently, so the Camps have biomechanics presentations and advice on sports science.



But crucially, they build a sense of belief in the skiers, with confidence stemming from really understanding how to overcome the physical and psychological barriers.

Emma said "By tailoring how we teach women we can encourage more of them into the sport. This in turn will lead to more women enjoying skiing, achieving more goals and I hope more women believing they can become ski instructors. And it all starts with really believing you can go all the way."

The courses have become really popular and hundreds of female skiers are now skiing off-piste and exploring the mountains with the technique and self-belief to push their limits. But Emma hasn't stopped there, because she now runs Peak Leaders, ski instructor training programmes in Argentina and Switzerland that help both male and female trainees on the qualification pathway to BASI Level 4.

And she's determined that the next generation of BASI Trainers will be a representative mix of male and female.

"To be able to inspire and motivate others to achieve their goals in sport is an amazing job and I feel very lucky to be in a position to make a difference and to make sure that the female skiers that I work with have the self-belief to achieve their own goals."



Updates From FP Sporting Stars

Zander Fagerson, Class of 2012

Five months after breaking his leg against the Cheetahs in South Africa in September 2018, Zander finally made his long-awaited return to Glasgow Warriors in February. He was also announced as a replacement in Scotland's game against France in the 2019 Six Nations Championship. Off the field, Zander and his wife Yasmine welcomed a baby daughter into the world in May.



Eilish McColgan, Class of 2008

Olympic middle-distance athlete, Eilish, sprinted her way to success in June after she broke the Scottish 5000m record at a track meeting in Holland, clocking an incredible time of 14:47:94. At the World Championships in August, Eilish secured her place in the GB team after winning gold in the women's 5000m, having led from start to finish. Eilish finished her season off in perfect form in October by not only winning the Great South Run but also by breaking her mother, Liz's, Scottish record of 52 minutes, which has remained unbeaten for 22 years. Finishing the race in an outstanding time of 51.36, Eilish is now second on the British all-time list behind Paula Radcliffe.



Charlie Guest, Class of 2011

It was a very successful end to 2018 / 19's winter sports season for Charlie. At the start of March, she came 1st in the Women's Slalom National Championships in Slovakia with an outstanding overall time of 1:40.48 over the course of two runs. Not one to be shy of podium places, Charlie came 2nd in the Women's Slalom European Cup, also in Slovakia, and was awarded an incredible 1st place whilst in Folgaria competing in the European Cup.



Alasdair Dickinson, Class of 2001

The Scottish Rugby Union internationalist announced his retirement from the sport earlier this year. However, Alasdair has confirmed that he won't be waving goodbye to the rugby pitches just yet as he agreed to take up a coaching position with the Scottish Rugby Academy, specialising in the scrum and contact area.



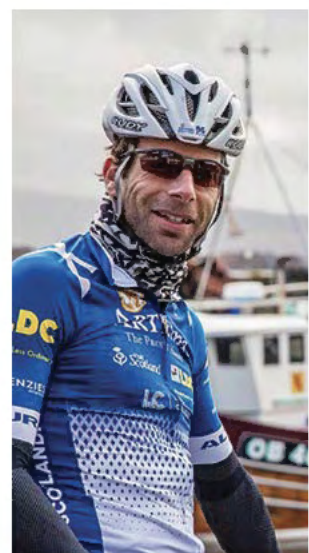
Sandy Mitchell, Class of 2018

Endurance racer, Sandy, made his US motor debut earlier this year at the Lamborghini Super Trofeo North American Championship. Sandy managed to secure a superb 3rd place finish in the opening race driving the No. 1 Prestige Performance Huracán.



Mark Beaumont, Class of 2001

Record-breaking, long-distance cyclist Mark has had an extremely busy 2019 pedalling across the country to raise funds for several UK-based charities. In April, Mark, joined by 30 avid cyclists, travelled 265 miles from Tayside to the Highlands and back down to Grampian to raise funds for The Archie Foundation, a Dundee based charity that focuses on making a difference for local sick children. At the end of June, Mark jumped back onto his saddle again and rode 333km from central London to Bristol for The Ollie Foundation and THET Links.



Forthcoming Events

Our team in the Development Office have been working hard to research and plan a brand-new host of exciting events for throughout 2020.

These events will fall under the banner of the Former Pupils' Association (FPA) and will offer our guests the chance to join us for a selection of fun and relaxed 'fundraising' get-togethers across the country. Not only will you be able to reunite with former classmates, but you'll also be able to engage and network with Former Pupils from a variety of other Class Years as well.

Places for our events will be limited and offered on a first come first served basis, so please do contact the team if there is an event of interest to you:

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E-mail: alumni@highschoolofdundee.org.uk

Festive Fundraising Concert

Monday 16th December 2019, from 6.30pm in Trinity Hall

Our Music Department have arranged yet another specMACular programme for this year's Festive Fundraising Concert in aid of the *Meadowside Arts Centre (MAC)*. Please feel free to come along to support our talented young people in raising money for the School's centre of excellence for performing and visual arts.

Tickets are offered free of charge, but it is essential that audience members have booked a ticket to ensure entry on the evening. To book your tickets please contact the Development Office.



Mulled Wine & Mince Pie Reception

Wednesday 18th December 2019, from 8.30pm in Trinity Hall

Following on from the School's annual Christmas Carol Service, why not continue the festive spirit by joining us for a warming glass of homemade mulled wine in Trinity Hall? Mince pies will also be readily available for all guests to enjoy, so too will GF/DF alternatives.

This event is free and all are welcome; you do not need to pre-register or obtain a ticket.



Alumni Dark Dundee Tour

Friday 21st February 2020, from 7pm

After the success of our first Dark Dundee event in November, we're delighted to announce that we will be holding another event in the early stages of the New Year. Dundee is steeped in wonderful history and we're excited to be able to offer our alumni the chance to explore and learn more about our fantastic city.

All further information, including ticket prices and how to book your place, will be available at the start of the New Year.



Churchill War Rooms Tour

Spring 2020, date TBC in the New Year, held at Clive Steps, King Charles Street, London

History was made in the Churchill War Rooms – an underground bunker that allowed Britain's leaders to plot the allied route to victory during the Second World War. Join us for this fascinating tour and walk the labyrinth of rooms and corridors that stretch below Westminster that sheltered Winston Churchill and his war cabinet from the German bombing raids, and explore the Churchill museum to learn the story of his life and legacy.

All further information for this event, including ticket prices and how to book, will be available in the New Year.





The Scottish Parliament Art Tour

Spring 2020, date TBC in the New Year, held at The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh

Discover the Art of Parliament on this tour where guests will be able to view a selection from the Scottish Parliament Art Collection. The artwork is on display throughout the Parliament building and includes artworks from over 40 Scottish contemporary artists showcasing a variety of types of work and media – from oil paintings to sculptures, photographs, textiles and installations.

Details regarding ticket pricing and how to book will be made available in the New Year.



Beatles Magical Mystery Tour

Friday 15th May 2020, 1pm start at the exit to Tottenham Court Road Underground Station, London

Did you know that the person responsible for THAT iconic Abbey Road photograph of the Beatles, Iain Macmillan, is in fact an FP of the School? On this fantastic walking tour around some of The Beatles' famous London haunts you will have a unique opportunity to imagine the band and the swinging 60s in all their glory.

Please note that spaces for this event are limited. Tickets cost £5.00 per person and can be purchased through the website or by contacting the Development Office.



FP Reunion

Saturday 6th June 2020, from 8.30am at the High School of Dundee

Join your fellow Former Pupils for a trip down memory lane at our much-loved annual reunion event. Guests will have the opportunity to view old school photographs, magazines and report cards, take a full tour of their former school and tuck into a lovely traditional lunch of fish and chips in the Dining Hall.

Tickets for this event are free however, guests are required to pre-register to secure their place. Please contact the Development Office to receive a Booking Form or alternatively visit the 'FP Reunion' section of our website.

Additionally, our School's Constituency Groups have a number of wonderful events lined up throughout 2020 that they would love to welcome you to.



Friends' Quiz Night

Wednesday 22nd January 2020, Fort Bar, Broughty Ferry, Dundee



Old Boys' Curling Competition

March 2020, date TBC, Forfar Indoor Sports Centre



Friends' Musical Supper

April 2020, date TBC, Trinity Hall



Old Boys' Golf Day

May 2020, date and location TBC



Old Boys' Angling Excursion

June 2020, date TBC, Forfar Loch



Friends' Drive for Dough

August 2020, date TBC, Scotsraig Golf Club

Further details on all of the above events will be available in the New Year.

Jonny Petrie

Class of 1994 Former Pupil and former Managing Director of Edinburgh Rugby, Jonny Petrie, sat down for a telephone interview earlier on in the summer with Editor, Chloe Berridge. Prior to progressing to management level, Jonny was a Professional Rugby Player for the Scottish Rugby Union for 10 years and was a Captain at both Club and International level. Since stepping down from his post as MD at Edinburgh Rugby, Jonny has relocated to Northern Ireland to take up a new role as CEO of Ulster Rugby.



Starting Out – School Days

Thank you for making the time for this interview today Jonny. I wonder if you could start by telling us about how you became interested in rugby?

I probably first started playing through mini rugby at Panmure Rugby Club and then I played my very first game in Broughty Ferry. Once it became an option to play at the School, which I think was roughly around P4 or P5, I started to get involved with the sport properly. I wouldn't say I excelled massively to begin with, but I played in various teams right the way through to S6.

Overall, I have very positive memories of rugby and it was certainly a large part of my school career. The teachers who coach you always have a big impact on you during the formative stages of your sports career. Teachers like Sandy Hutchison and Graeme Spowart were my coaches to begin with and helped to shape me as a rugby player in the early days.

Do you still keep in touch with any of your friends from school?

A lot of the people I played rugby with at school, and also those in my year, I'm still very good friends with today. I've actually found out, very randomly, since moving to Belfast that just a 15 second walk from my front door there's a girl who was in my year at school. Really quite strange! It was definitely an 'are you kidding me' moment.

In only three words, how would you describe yourself at school?

Sporty; decidedly average!

Would you say your experiences and opportunities at the School helped shape you for your career?

I certainly found in terms of the character building and the well-rounded nature of the education that a lot of good local people ended up at the School, meaning it was quite a grounded environment. It seems to turn out good people that you find pop up in all different kinds of places. I think from my own perspective, the School gives you a lot in terms of a good education, but it also prepares you for life in the real world and teaches you to be grounded and confident. It was absolutely a key part of the formative years of my personality and my professional career as well.

Professional Debut

You began your career playing for Glasgow Warriors, what was that like as your very first professional sports role?

I initially went to St Andrews to study and spent a year abroad in France as part of that – kind of teaching English, but mostly playing rugby. I came back to Scotland and my chance at a professional rugby career started to appear on the horizon; I was developing as a player at this point and was filling out. Latterly, I had the difficult call to make between finishing my degree or accepting an offer for a professional contract. It was a huge decision to make but there was only ever really going to be one winner if it was a choice between education and rugby! It was an enormous privilege to be offered the contract, but that's where the hard work really starts. It was certainly a tough couple of years, but I was lucky that that helped me to have such a long career in professional rugby.

You then went on to make your International Scotland debut in a game against New Zealand. That must have been a surreal first experience playing for Scotland?

Once I'd played my first full season starting regularly for Glasgow, it really took off from there. I got picked for the Scotland Tour in the summer of 2000, which was a huge privilege. The second test on that tour was the game against New Zealand and was definitely unexpected. It's something that as a young boy and a rugby player you aspire to. I'd say it was a 'dream come true' moment in a way, even though that sounds a little cliché! I remember going to the Internationals to watch Scotland play with my mum and dad, and with school, so to have the boot on the other foot so to speak was surreal.

What would you say are your biggest achievements from your professional rugby career?

I suppose the one you always remember is your first cap. I remember being told I'd got my first cap whilst I was in New Zealand and I spent a good while figuring out when would be a reasonable time to call home. I think I woke my mum and dad up at about 4am in the morning! But they were delighted of course. It was nice to be able to make them proud and to be able to repay the faith that they had put in me. My mum also sent me a note after, I've actually got it here in front of me, she said she'd gone

in to school to tell Sandy Hutchison and he'd given her a huge bear hug. I've still got the note as this was a big thing for me, and obviously emotional too, as you want to make people proud. I still see Sandy every now and then, although not for some time. However, I think it's important that you don't forget the people and experiences who shaped you from the outset and I think that's where the School played a huge part.

The Six Nations matches were also some of the biggest games and the ones you were most proud to play in as it's such a huge tournament with a big audience watching you – Murrayfield was always packed! Being Captain at Glasgow for three seasons and getting to the point of being Captain for Scotland too, that for me was the pinnacle.

You were Captain at the time Scotland beat the Barbarians for the very first time, can you remember how that felt?

I can yes, it was a great experience. The game was up in Aberdeen, somewhere Scotland had never played before. I had no idea what it would feel like leading your country out onto the field through the tunnel, but it was just a brilliant experience all round. And to get a win out of that too was fantastic. I've actually still got the match ball sitting in my house here in Belfast.

Climbing The Ladder Of Success

You've certainly had some incredible highs in your career. Could you perhaps shed some light on what it was like being appointed Managing Director for Edinburgh Rugby?

I finished playing for Scotland in 2006 and then played for Glasgow for another year before retiring. I'd had a few injuries, dislocated my shoulder and I started to get interested in other things. At that point, I had the opportunity to step out of rugby and prove myself in something different. Being a professional sports person is an identity as well as just a job, so it's quite daunting to step away from that. But it was the right decision. I then spent seven years away from the sport at SSE as Head of Sponsorship. I hadn't fallen out of love with rugby, but I wanted to prove to myself I could do something meaningful and different and to challenge myself in a new environment and discipline.

In around 2013/14, I'd started to get a bit of a hankering to get involved with rugby again. I'd kept up my relationship with Scottish Rugby and I ended up getting into a conversation where I was offered a job. To start off, I worked in a general commercial role for about 10 months before I got offered the Managing Director role at Edinburgh, which played out quite well for me. I had the knowledge of the sport as a player but my experience working in a corporate environment had given me a broader understanding of the running of a business too. It was a role that felt like the perfect fit for me and I became much closer with the sport again as a result.



The Here, The Now And The Future

You've recently relocated to Belfast to take on the role of CEO of Ulster Rugby, what inspired you take this opportunity?

I wanted to try and challenge myself, but it wasn't a role I had actively pursued. I got a tap on the shoulder about the opportunity and once I got into discussions about how things were run over here I was interested. The role has responsibility for rugby top to bottom, so all the clubs and all the schools' rugby, so the opportunity to run the sport as a whole in Northern Ireland and the wider Ulster province was too good an offer to turn down. It wasn't a decision I made lightly as I'm a very proud Scotsman and it was difficult as I felt I was stepping away from Scottish rugby, but I think you have to look beyond the emotional side of it and do what's best for you.

Can you tell us what's on the cards for Ulster Rugby going forwards? Do you have any exciting plans in the pipeline?

There's a lot to do, but it's been great so far. We've moved the professional team back in the right direction and getting to the latter stages of the Champions Cup and the semi-finals of the Pro-14 this year was amazing. I think we have a huge job to do with the social challenges we're facing around team sport as people become interested in different things. All in all, we need to look at the platforms we provide to people to get them back into sport and to get them interested in the first place, male or female.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

I've learnt not to have long-term plans. If you try to be too linear about your approach to your career, it's sometimes not beneficial. I've learnt that flexibility is the key. Sometimes you need to move sideways to be able to move forward and sometimes you have to learn to take a leap of faith. I'm also not one to sit and focus on the end result necessarily. I don't know where my career will take me in 10 years' time, but I know if I work hard and make improvements my career will progress in the right direction.

And finally, to conclude our interview today, what advice would you give to anyone looking to pursue a sporting career?

I would say to make sure you have several strings to your bow because the sporting world has become increasingly competitive and cut-throat. Not everyone who wants to make it as a professional player will make it. If you don't have other options to fall back on, then there's a bit of a danger surrounding that. It's certainly a rewarding career but you need to be dedicated and willing to work really hard.



FP Ventures To Greece To Volunteer In Refugee Camps



In December 2018, Class of 1970 Former Pupil Gwen Landsburgh-Park (née Landsburgh) boarded a plane bound for Lesbos, Greece's largest island just 10 miles from the coast of Turkey.

Having conducted some research, Gwen made the decision to undertake this trip to volunteer for refugee charity, ShowerPower, whose predominant aim is improving the hygiene facilities available to women and children refugees in the camps. Namely, Camp Moria and the neighbouring Olive Grove.

Gwen, who had not travelled overseas on her own for over 30 years, was excited yet understandably scared about the experience, but very eager to get involved and to help those in need.

Following a very early morning airport pick-up upon her arrival at Lesbos, Gwen was driven to her accommodation, passing by the infamous Olive Grove and 'Hammam' – the Shower House – on the way. There was certainly no time for rest as the first group of refugees arrived at 9.30am.

In just one day, there would be three different groups of people arriving. ShowerPower receive e-mails each morning notifying them of how many people have arrived the night before – many of the refugees set off in small dinghies from the Turkish coast and are simply told to aim for the lights of Lesbos.

Each of the women and children shower upon their arrival and would be treated to 'choi' (a large mug of tea) as well as biscuits and home-grown oranges. The women talk to the volunteers and have their hair plaited or their nails painted if they liked. There is also an abundance of books and toys available for the children to read and play with.

Of her experience in Lesbos, Gwen said "It was a very worthwhile experience and I will definitely be going back as it does tend to suck you in. Before I left, I asked to see the refugee camp properly, just to remind me why I was there. It had been a very wet Autumn and so the tents were all pitched in mud. It's very emotional to see people living like this."

FP Uses Her Passion For Fashion To Secure Dream Job

From a young age Zoe Czerek, an FP from the Class of 2003, has always been obsessed with shoes. At just 16-years-old, Zoe put her stylish feet forwards and set off on the first stage of her career path, working for Kurt Geiger part-time at the House of Fraser in Dundee.

After leaving the School in F5, Zoe worked full-time in Edinburgh for Kurt Geiger in Jenners Department Store and it was here, she says, that gave her the grounding in retail that she needed to progress onto becoming a successful buyer.

Having studied Fashion Business at university, Zoe relocated to Leeds for her first job. Speaking to Zoe, she said "Buying jobs are a tough industry to get into and salaries can start off very low for the level of work involved. I landed a job with Dune in London and worked extremely hard for three years, which paid off as I finally reached my Buyer title by the age of 26, four years earlier than I had planned, which was fantastic."

Zoe's career has allowed her to travel the world every month for the last nine years. Some days she will be in the office and on others she will jet off to an exotic location to visit the factories to develop a new product, allowing her to travel in style rather than with a backpack, which Zoe says is much more suited to her lifestyle!

Currently, Zoe works as a Senior Buyer for OFFICE in London. Of her career, Zoe credits her parents for instilling in her a strong work ethic. Looking back on her school days, she says that although she wasn't top of the class she found that her education provided her the platform to really work hard and to never lose track of her goals. She said "You can do anything if you put your mind to it. It just takes dedication and consistency and you can make anything happen."



From Broughty To Bermuda

Class of 1984 and a total of 35 years since I left the School, the Pillars and *Schola Clara* seem like a long way back in the rear-view mirror! Having said that, when I was back in the Ferry for a fleeting visit earlier this year, Alex McGrory invited me to step back in time, enticed me to cross the threshold of the School again and to visit behind the Pillars for the first time since I'd left in the summer of 1984.

The amazing thing for me was to see how much the School had changed in terms of technology. Classrooms now with computers, futuristic science labs, the old woodwork department off the back playground transformed into some sort of medical science facility. The days of Mr. Rouse, Killer Smart, Sandy Hutchison and the formidable Jim Hunter, GC, Ron Cochran etc. all came flooding back. So too did my happy memories in and around the School from playing rugby, being in the production of *The Mikado*, Wallace House and playing football in the gravel playground.

I still remember "planting a tree in 73" at Dalnacraig and indeed always try to remember exactly which tree I'd helped to plant on that momentous day as a young primary school child under the tender care of Mrs. Allardyce. I went all the way through from P1 with Miss Knight to F6 and then leavers day. I genuinely believe that the education, the platform and network of friends that I established in these happy formative years have served me well both personally and professionally throughout my life.

I now live in the mid-Atlantic outpost of Bermuda (32.3078N, 64.7505W). I've spent the last 35 years working as a lawyer, studying at Aberdeen, training in Edinburgh and then working in private practice, as well as industry, in both Edinburgh and London.

I've been living and working in Bermuda as a Corporate Lawyer in private practice for the past three years, having decided that the weekly commute between Edinburgh and London wasn't going to suit me for the rest of my life. I swapped the Georgian streets of Edinburgh's New Town to live on an island paradise or the "dot in the ocean" that is Bermuda.

It is indeed an alluring little gem of an island, blessed with turquoise blue waters and relatively temperate weather. It's protected from the worst ravages of the ocean and encircled by a coral reef that shelters and protects the 21 x 1.5-mile land mass that is Bermuda (that's about the distance between Perth to Dundee). It's something of a geological anomaly in that Bermuda is in fact the tip of a long extinct volcano, with the island and the land mass being the very top of the crater. Beyond the reef, the sea plummets to some of the deepest ocean on the planet, which partly explains the populist dread and myth of the 'Bermuda Triangle' – some of the most treacherous and dangerous sea waters in the world.

Famed for its pink sands, Bermuda shorts (yes... I wear them to work each day), Rum Swizzles, Dark n Stormys and transport by moped, life in Bermuda truly is other worldly.

If you're interested in marine science, whale watching, turtle spotting, wreck diving or even just snorkelling, it really is a compelling destination for a visit or a brief sojourn. I enjoy the sail racing out here and indeed have taken to the Wednesday evening race series each week immediately after work for a brief



but thrilling two-hour blast around the Great Sound. We were obviously spurred on by the Americas Cup race event in 2017 when Ben Ainslie's Team GB battled it out on the waters of the Great Sound.

The golf is pretty great as well, albeit I personally find it a bit on the hot side in the summer. Carnoustie still represents a tougher golfing challenge, particularly when the wind blows!!

Back to my work. We're a hub for international business, an efficient tax neutral environment, and as Britain's largest and longest standing British Overseas Territory, we have been and will remain a stable, solid and well-regarded blue-chip offshore jurisdiction for many of the world's wealthiest and most discerning individuals and entities. We're a short commute (less than two hours) to New York and retain a daily direct BA flight straight from the pink sands of Bermuda to Gatwick and on home to the reassuring stability and steadfastness of DHS.

I was really impressed to see how the School's engagement with its Former Pupils has grown over the last year. From their weekly #HSDThrowbackThursday posts on LinkedIn; fun, informal social events in Dundee, Edinburgh and London, to their latest initiative, the Alumni Ambassadors programme, the School is rolling out different projects to keep connected with its alumni community, and it's great to see. I've recently signed up to be an Alumni Ambassador for Bermuda. There are so many benefits to being a part of this programme. You're able to reunite with your former school friends and form new friendships with other alumni. I would encourage any Former Pupil to get involved, reconnect with old school chums and support our old school.

John Blackwood, Class of 1984

Meet Our Alumni Ambassadors

Your global alumni community is a great way to keep in touch with fellow Former Pupils and continue your relationship with the High School of Dundee. From careers advice and insights, arranging local events in your area, to being the general point of contact for your city, our Ambassadors are on hand to help you out in a number of different ways.



USA
Tracy McInnes Class of 1986,
Hilton Head Island, SC

BERMUDA
John Blackwood
Class of 1984, Hamilton

NETHERLANDS
Maria Thomas Class of 2005, Amsterdam

SPAIN
Jorge Arrufat Class of 1999, Madrid

To contact one of our Alumni Ambassadors, please visit our website: www.highschoolofdundee.org.uk or contact our Alumni Team at alumni@highschoolofdundee.org.uk

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Ian Yule, Class of 1966, Chelmsford
Malcolm Stewart Class of 1994, Corhampton
Bill Dewar Class of 1962, Dundee
David Harris Class of 1994, Dundee
Peter Menzies Class of 1985, Dundee
Callum Rankin Class of 2001, Dundee

Alexei Matveyev Class of 2003, Edinburgh
Derek Shepherd Class of 1961, Edinburgh
Sean Smith Class of 1988, Edinburgh
David Reid Class of 1961, Elgin
Darran Reid Class of 1998, London
Andrew Bruce Class of 1999, Rotherham
Margaret-Anne Hutton Class of 1980, St Andrews
David Woodcock Class of 1991, London/Warwick



RUSSIA
Christopher Dryden Class of 1982, Moscow



GERMANY
Angus MacGregor-Millar Class of 1986, Heidelberg



ITALY
Alan Black
 Class of 1964, Sassari, Sardinia



CYPRUS
Christopher Dryden Class of 1982, Limassol



CHINA
Yolande Sum Class of 1991, Hong Kong



PHILIPPINES
Brian McGrory Class of 1984, Manila



AUSTRALIA
Kirsty Wallace Class of 1997, Melbourne
Lauren Chamberlain Class of 2009, Sydney

The Centenary of HSD Legend, Dallas Allardice



The 4th of November 2019 is the centenary of the birth of my father Dallas (Dally) Allardice. He was and still is a hard act to follow. But follow him we did as one by one myself, my brother Graham, and sisters, Lorna and Catrina, entered areas of the teaching profession in Huntly, Crieff and Laurencekirk before spreading our wings to Singapore, France, Italy, Georgia, Armenia, Russia, China (1985-6), Czechoslovakia, Poland, the UAE, Greece and New China (2019). Of the overseas posts, Singapore was Catrina's, the rest were mine.

I remember just after my 27th birthday going back to Dundee to discuss plans to work with the British Council in the Soviet Union and to leave my job at Morrison's Academy in Crieff. I had only been there two years. The setting was beautiful, as evidenced by the number of people who chose to retire there, the work was good, and it was a steady job, maybe for life. However, exposure to so many pupils who were based in exotic countries who came back tanned from their winter holidays as well as reading a book called *Jupiter's Travels* by Ted Simon had unsettled me. It was time to go. But first, I had to break the news to my parents, who took it stoically, especially when I explained that I wanted to travel the world as my father had done, but in my case, during peacetime.

My father had certainly travelled a lot in World War Two, as documented in his book, *Friendship in a Time of War*. That, and my mother Pat's passion for France, was my inspiration to travel and write my own travelogues, especially when it was to places such as Syria and Libya, where my father had been.

As I reflect on my days at Dundee High School, the playing fields of Dalnacraig and Moniemusk played a big role in our memories as we learned life skills and teamwork from my father and his great team. Chris Rae put it succinctly in my father's obituary: "What Dally represented, and what we learnt from him, transcended sport and physical recreation. They were the priceless values of comradeship, discipline, honesty and respect."

On the academic side, I was so thankful for the selfless dedication of Miss Grey and Adam "Pop" Howatt, who not only guided me through my Highers, but who taught me outside school hours. In the case of "Pop" Howatt, he would teach me every morning

before class began and often during the lunch break. I had not been destined for an academic career after my eleven plus, but was even worse at woodwork, so along with a few others we were taken on as a trial group of, it was hoped, late developers. Their faith in us paid off, and their contribution to my future career has never been forgotten. The role of my mother, Pat Allardice, cannot be underestimated. She eventually taught in the Primary School and took her Highers at the same time as I was taking my O Levels. She was a late starter due to the Second World War and also due to raising the four of us, but she always had such a passion for the education that she had been denied during the Blitz in London. All in all, I was blessed with a great learning environment and exceptional teachers.

My father had many interests outside work and was surrounded by wonderful friends from his 25 years at the High School of Dundee, with many teachers and Former Pupils becoming lifelong friends. One of his last outings as he briefly "escaped" from the hospital during his final illness, as he had from the Nazis in Italy, was to go on one final fishing outing with his great friends, Roger Leslie and Harvey Wright. They returned with a decent catch, although there was always a suspicion that it may have been from the fishmongers on the way home!

Dallas' retirement was spent with his expanding family, fishing, dry stane dyking, painting in oils, writing his memoirs, following the FP rugby team, hiking in Glenesk and dropping in on me in some of the far-flung places where I was working.

At the School's Prize Giving each year, the 'Dallas Allardice Cup and Prize for Outstanding Performance in Physical Education – Boys' is still presented. The High School also graciously named the Dallas Allardice Games Hall at Mayfield after our father and the Dallas Allardice Trophy is awarded to the winner of the keenly fought rugby match between Aberdeen Grammar, his first school, and Dundee High Rugby teams. Thus, my father's name continues to live on. Meanwhile, in far away New Zealand, his namesake, a young William Dallas Allardice and grandson of Graham, is now making his first strides in rugby, with dreams of following his great-grandfather's footsteps.

Written by Rory Allardice, Class of 1971 and Dallas' eldest son.

Cyber Security and Digital Expert FP Gets Into The Nitty Gritty To Talk Tech

Former Pupil Mandy Haeburn-Little (née Uytman) has certainly made her mark on the emerging world of cyber technology in recent years. Since waving goodbye to the Pillars, she has worked in broadcasting, reputational risk analysis, business turnarounds and for the London Mayor's Office for Policing & Crime, where she set up the London Digital Security Centre.



Until July, Mandy chaired the Cyber Expert Group for Scotland, sat on the Serious Organised Crime Task Force and for the last nine years was CEO of the Scottish Business Resilience Centre (SBRC), playing a major role in the growing cyber and technical focus for Scotland on a national level. Mandy is now CEO to a new organisation BRIM (Business Resilience International Management) and is a partner in the Tay City Deal.

To celebrate and honour her fantastic work at SBRC, which includes the design of cyber centres with police forces in the UK, Mandy received a Parliamentary Motion of Commendation in June, which received cross-party support and applauds her on her transformational work and inspirational leadership.

Speaking to Mandy, her focus is on communicating the scale of opportunity for young people of all abilities within this particular sector. But more than that, how exciting, rewarding and hugely varied those opportunities are.

"Dundee is currently positioned to become potentially a major international technology hub. However, I don't believe the City has yet woken up to this wonderful opportunity, to be as big as Israel or Belfast in the tech arena and to have a renowned reputation to match. And I'm not talking about gaming, I'm talking about software and cyber & wider technical opportunity. Schools have a substantial role to play in this, in communicating these opportunities to parents and pupils.

"The starting salary for someone working in the technology industry will begin at anywhere up to £40k and, for the highly skilled, much more and that's just the starting point. Our young people will have a multitude of opportunities at their fingertips to influence, develop and design in the world around them. This is not simply a dream of the future either, it is happening now. Hence, the absolute priority for Dundee to make an ambitious stance for its young people, and to open their minds to a career in this field.

"Since leaving the High School, I have been the Governor to a number of independent schools in Edinburgh. I have seen young women entering into technology and then the numbers dropping away again as young people are not given a sense of the passion and vast opportunity that lies before them. A school needs to understand the business needs of millennials, technical advances and businesses of the future.

"Dundee has always had such a strong history of innovation, and that includes the technical community from NCR, Timex and others so well-rehearsed in Tayside's history. Now, at its heart, Dundee has a group of entrepreneurs passionate about staying here and creating these jobs of the future. You only have to look at role models like Chris Martin, who has had to travel the world making business acquisitions because he cannot find the technical skills here. The world is crying out for these skills, with an anticipated global vacancy of three million technical roles.

"For over six years, I have worked with some of the jaw dropping ethical hacking and forensic students coming out of Abertay University. I have taken the business model I have created with them to police forces in other parts of the UK in supporting business. This is only one aspect of such technical skills, the software market in Dundee is potentially even greater! Ironically, we seem to have created an international reputation where skills from Dundee, and the other Scottish cities, have become much more highly sought after outside of Scotland and certainly outside Dundee, than here itself.

"In the Chief Executive of Dundee Council, David Martin, you have one of the most ambitious and impressive City leaders – all the elements are aligning here in an unprecedented way. I am a core Partner in one of the Tay City Deal technical projects with Abertay University, a deal worth £11.7 million for the Tayside region to create a technical quarter here. Other outstanding technical City Deal projects include the world-renowned Leverhulme Foundation as well as the Biomedical Cluster proposition.

"Dundee has the sum of all the parts. It has the entrepreneurs and the visionaries. Dundee has such a proud history for its shipping and this is one big ship that the city cannot afford to miss.

"The Emerging Tech Skills Opportunity in Dundee is limitless, but we will miss the chance to create a world class reputation unless we act now. I think we urgently need to start a conversation around the excitement that lies in these fields."

Old Boys Hike 54 Miles For Charity At This Year's CATERAN YOMP



On Saturday 8th June, a group of seven Old Boys pulled on their hiking boots and set off in high spirits at 7am for a trek totalling 54 miles through the Cairngorm Mountains.

The 'Magnificent 7', as the team were called, consisted of Pete Grewar (Class of 1995), George Lorimer (Class of 1990), Andrew Lorimer (Class of 1985), Nick McGill (Class of 1997), Dom Wedderburn (Class of 1991), Andrew Forrester (Class of 1992) and Struan Baptie (Class of 1992).

The weather forecast was an improving picture all the time, with predicted torrential rain not falling and mild temperatures accompanying the team throughout their hike.

Fast forward just over 13 hours later, and Dom, George and Pete had the finish line firmly set in their sights. Crossing the final checkpoint at 8.39pm they managed to secure the prize for the fastest team – an incredible achievement! The trio placed joint 5th out of 1,200 competitors in the individual standings and even managed a superb sprint finish over the final 50 yards.

Andrew Lorimer and Andrew Forrester were not far behind their teammates, finishing joint 23rd in the individual standings in a tremendous time of 16 hours and 2 minutes. For the final 32 miles, the pair were accompanied by Andrew Lorimer's 14-year-old son, Lewis.

Struan and Nick came powering through the darkness to finish joint 63rd in a total of 18 hours and 41 minutes, ably joined by their new-found honorary teammate, Mark, who had kept their moral high since Glenshee.

The CATERAN YOMP is organised each year to support ABF The Soldiers Charity, who proudly provide support to soldiers, veterans and their immediate families for life. More than £300,000 has been raised so far for the 2019 CATERAN YOMP with the Old Boys' team raising over £4,900 themselves.

Talking To The Team

Pete – "One of my highlights was finally catching up with George and Dom at the Spittal after 22 solitary miles. Tensions were rising as we gradually sped up to see who was going to be the first across the line and, most importantly, who out of the three of us would claim the bragging rights!"

George – "A great challenge in a wonderful part of the country. It has become an annual event for me and starting off four years ago with a finishing time of over 21 hrs to this year completing the hike in 13.5 hours is not bad for a 47-year-old! It was particularly enjoyable doing it as part of the Old Boys' Team and of course, underlying the event is the fantastic cause we were raising money for."

Dom – "The best moment for me was being cheered on by my family at the finishing line; it was a true *Gloire de Mon Père* moment. I found having a good playlist of music was essential. A great mix of inspiration rock, which took me back to pre-season rugby training at school, was a great way to dig deep to get the mental strength to keep going!"

Struan – "I was immensely proud to be taking part in this challenge along with the other boys. The time and the bonds which we built training together as a team were incredible. Nick and I left Alyth in the darkness, only to find that Pete and his wife, Lucy, had driven back to find us. Pete joined us for three miles, even though he had already finished, which gave us the massive boost that we were needing. It was quite emotional finishing 63rd out of 1,200 people."

Andrew L – "How proud I was crossing that finish line some 16 hrs later. I feel very privileged to have been a part of a very motivated and dynamic group. It was a truly emotional and enduring battle with all meaningful motives to push us to cross the finish line!"

Saddling Up For Success!

Having left the High School in 2000, FP Anna Black has reached new career heights running multiple successful businesses alongside her husband.

The duo have attracted international and domestic tourists to Scotland through their equestrian business, Lindores Equestrian, and luxury holiday accommodation, Lindores Stay Ride Relax.

The couple's equestrian training centre reached a fantastic milestone earlier this year when it received national recognition at the HorseScotland Awards, taking home the award for Equestrian Business of the Year 2019. In addition to this, the centre also celebrated its 30th birthday!

Red Bull, along with globally recognised trials cyclist, Danny MacAskill (pictured with Anna), visited the farm this year to film the biker riding a hay bale down the farm's steep grass hill. The video has since been watched in excess of 27 million times! As if this wasn't enough, Danny also visited Fife again to race a horse across Anna's equestrian training ground. Since then, the couple have launched a series of bike camps for children looking to improve their mechanical and cycling skills.

Anna describes their businesses as being very collaborative and inclusive, which means working frequently with national brands. Most recently, she teamed up with British country lifestyle brand, Joules, for the décor for their newly launched holiday house.

From being Deputy Head of Lindores during her final year at the School to now managing several successful businesses on a farm which shares the same name as her former House, goes to show that despite it being a good few years since waving goodbye to the Pillars, Anna remains very much connected to her former school!

If you'd like to read more about Anna's ventures, please visit:

<https://www.lindores.co.uk/> – Lindores Stay Ride Relax

<https://www.lindoresxc.co.uk/> – Lindores Equestrian



High School Sweethearts

We always love to hear of a great love story, and many of these come from our Former Pupils themselves who met during their time at the School! Below you can read a selection of stories from alumni who are the very definition of High School Sweethearts.



Robin Stewart (Class of 1990) & Elizabeth Nutt (Class of 1995)

Robin had already left the School by the time Elizabeth joined F1 in 1989, but it was from the Number 10a bus home from school one day that Elizabeth first saw her future husband walking along Victoria Road, sporting a bright pink mohican, biker boots and earrings all down one ear.

Despite growing up only a mile apart, the pair never officially met until seventeen years later when Elizabeth was walking into a local nightclub and felt a tap on her shoulder – there was Robin handing her a ticket to get in for free! The couple have been together ever since.

Robin has had a very interesting work history from hairdressing to fire eating in a circus, to a successful career in the oil and gas industry. He gave up working offshore several years ago and now studies horticulture at Dundee & Angus College with a view to turning his passion for gardening into a business venture.

After leaving the School, Elizabeth spent several years travelling around the world before heading homeward bound to Dundee to raise her daughter and return to full-time education. She first studied Textile Art at Dundee & Angus College before moving on to graduate from Duncan of Jordanstone with an honours degree in Fine Art. She has since worked as a tattoo artist for a number of years and has worked at Liquorice Tattoo in Kirriemuir for the last six years.

Since the couple have been together, they have been fortunate enough to travel to many wonderful places and in 2018 they spent time volunteering in Thailand in a kindergarten and also in an elephant sanctuary.

This November, Robin and Elizabeth celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary. They still live in Broughty Ferry very close to where they grew up, along with Elizabeth's daughter, who studies Psychology at Abertay, as well as three dogs and two cats.

Elizabeth says that Robin didn't hold onto his pink mohican or multiple ear piercings but that she still feels like a schoolgirl when she sees the Number 10a passing by their house.



Jamie Parratt & Martel Maxwell (Both Class of 1995)

On Martel's first day of school in L1, aged just five-years-old, she met many lifelong friends. One of them was Jamie Parratt. He was her first crush and he was her first kiss – something Martel describes as a nerve-wracking event in which she tried to remember the 'top tips' in her coveted *Just 17* magazine! They were 13 and the place was Bonar's 'Hall A'. The song that was playing was Robin Beck's *First Time*.

Twenty years later (Martel says he took his time!), whilst at a party together Jamie officially asked her out. Three months later, he proposed. The first song at their wedding was, you guessed it, *First Time*! Fast forward another seven years and they have been blessed with three boys. Their redheads Monty, age six and currently in L2, Chester, age four who is in L1 and Guthrie, age two, who is blonde and who his parents say oddly looks like he will take a tan!!

Martel says she doesn't know how any of this happened, but that she is so glad and thankful that it did. To top off the couple's romantic story, Martel recalled the moment Monty started L1, and her saying "You never know son, you might meet the girl you'll one day marry today, just like mummy and daddy." He took a moment, grimaced and said: "Ooh that's disgusting."



Euan Slidders (Class of 1970) & Lynne Anderson (Class of 1972)

This year will mark 50 years since Euan and Lynne met at the High School of Dundee. The couple, who have now been very happily married for 47 years, first met whilst Lynne was in F4 and Euan was in F6. Their first date was to a Church Debating Society event in November 1969 and their relationship blossomed from there.

On Lynne's last day at school in June 1970, Euan proposed to her before she moved to Aberdeen to continue her studies. On 6th September 1972, the couple were married in Dundee and a little later were blessed with two sons, Mark, who was born in 1973 and Paul, who arrived into the world in 1974.

After a 14-year child gap, they decided to spin the wheel and try for a baby girl. Their daughter, Holly, was born in 1988, just prior to the family immigrating to Santa Barbara on the Western Coast of the United States. They are now also grandparents to Sebastian, Millie and Jonah – their son Mark's children.

Euan and Lynne now reside in a growing seaside city called Oxnard where Lynne teaches Art and Euan consults with agricultural water & irrigation districts. The couple also volunteer at an animal shelter and help care for homeless bunnies every Saturday.



Peter Miller (Class of 1953) & I. Jean Ogilvie (Class of 1952)

Peter and Jean's very first date was on 3rd February 1951 when they went to Green's Playhouse (now Mecca Bingo) to see Gloria Swanson in *Sunset Boulevard*. Jean was in Form 5 at the time and Peter was in Form 4.

A few weeks later, Peter was summoned to the Rector, Mr. Bain's room and received a severe reprimand for speaking to Jean. Likewise, Jean was summoned to Miss Whytock, the Lady Superintendent, to be told gently to try not to speak to Peter where Mr. Bain could see them.

They parted ways for a short while when Jean went to study at the University of St Andrews and Peter went on to do his National Service. In Jean's final year at St Andrews, they got together again and became engaged in 1955.

Come 1957, the pair were married and in 1959 were blessed with their first child, Michael. Donald, Peter and, surprise, surprise a girl, Jane, followed in fairly quick succession. Their children also attended the School and the family of six were all taught by "Jock" Stevenson of the Modern Languages Department.

Peter and Jean are also grandparents to one grandson and four granddaughters. They have now survived and celebrated 62 years of marriage together in Broughty Ferry, a story which they hope will make their fellow FPs smile.

Illustrating The World



When Jill Calder, an FP from the Class of 1988, left the School all she wanted was to become *some* kind of artist. These days, Jill is an award-winning illustrator based in Fife with a long list of global clients to her name such as Visa, Billabong, Bloomsbury and The New Yorker.

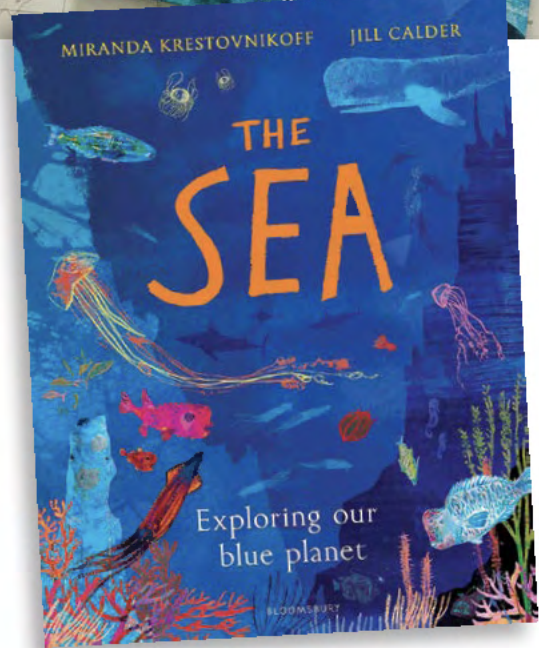
After leaving school, Jill went on to study at the Edinburgh College of Art and also Glasgow School of Art. For 14 years, she lectured in Illustration at Edinburgh College of Art until she decided to pursue her career as a full-time illustrator. Jill still continues to guest lecture today at various schools, universities and events throughout the UK, USA and the Far East.

Jill loves drawing, ideas, colour, ink, typography, narrative, sketchbooks, making books and even her deadlines! Working from her studio in the East Neuk of Fife, she blends traditional and digital drawing techniques seamlessly to create richly layered illustrations full of people, animals and places. Illustrating grittier, more challenging subject matter is just as rewarding as tackling more whimsical themes, giving her work broad appeal from adults to young children.

In the last few years, Jill has shifted her focus to illustrating books for children. This sequential process, alongside working with a writer and editors, is one she enjoys enormously. *Robert the Bruce, King of Scots*, written by James Robertson was Jill's debut picture book and was subsequently shortlisted for the World Illustration Awards in 2015. Her second book, *The Picture Atlas: An Incredible Journey*, which was written by Simon Holland, was shortlisted for the Children's Travel Book of the Year in the Edward Stanford Awards.

What is Poetry? by Michael Rosen and illustrated by Jill was nominated for the prestigious CILIP Carnegie Medal in 2018. Jill says that one of the most rewarding aspects of being published is the opportunity to work with children through the Scottish Book Trust's Live Literature programme, which enables authors to visit schools and libraries across the UK.

Earlier this year, Jill's work was on show in Newcastle at Seven Stories, alongside nine other illustrators in *Drawing Words*, an exhibition celebrating British Children's Book Illustrators.



This wonderful show was curated by the former UK Children's Laureate, Lauren Child, and commissioned by The British Council. The exhibition is also simultaneously touring around the world including to China, Spain, Romania and Ghana. In July this year, Jill was thrilled to be invited to Pakistan to open the exhibition in Lahore and conduct workshops for children and art students in the new British Council library.

Jill's latest picture book, *The Sea*, was written by Miranda Krestovnikoff and was published in April 2019. Since then, Jill has been busy appearing at book festivals across the UK with her creative oceanic-themed events for families. Meanwhile, there are always new challenges and Jill is currently putting pen to paper as a writer and is developing her own children's books as both an author and an illustrator.

Speaking to Jill, she said that maybe getting a 'B' for her Higher Art doesn't seem such a disaster now...!

You can view more of Jill's work on her website: www.jillcalder.com

To view more information on the *Drawing Words* Exhibition: www.sevenstories.org.uk/exhibitions/drawingwords

Former Pupil Piping Enthusiast Plays Solo Lament at Menin Gate

To mark the Centenary of the First World War in November 2018, Jack Hamilton, Class of 2014, travelled to Belgium for a number of commemorative events held across the country.

Jack supported the Gordon Highlander's Association, who were invited to honour the centenary of the liberation of the town of Chièvres by the Gordon Highlanders on the 18th November 1918. The band played on both the Saturday and Sunday in Chièvres to an audience which included a 4 Star General.

Perhaps the highlight of the entire trip was on the Friday evening, when the band played at the Menin Gate as part of the daily 'Last Post' ceremony. Jack then had the honour of being selected to play a solo lament, along with the buglers on the Saturday.

Before heading homeward bound to Aberdeen, the band also found the time to visit some of the battlefields and cemeteries.

Kind thanks must be extended to Robin Barr, Class of 1972 Former Pupil and also former Pipe Major of the School's Pipe Band, for bringing our attention to this wonderful news story.



Success for Sarcoma UK, FP Attends Launch Of New Research Programme

Shelagh Allison (née Steele) attended the launch of Sarcoma UK's Genomic Research Programme, hosted at 10 Downing Street in July. She said she felt "very privileged and honoured" to be able to be there for the launch given that she sadly lost her husband, Terry Allison (Class of 1981), to the disease six years ago.

The charity's latest research initiative will encompass a new area of medical research called Genomics, which predict how well a patient will respond to a treatment, or alternatively help find one that will work best for them. Using Genomics will cast light on whether certain cancers will respond well to radiotherapy or not. This could, for example, mean fewer radiotherapy sessions for a patient.

The Class of 1981 Former Pupil was joined by Matt Hancock, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Dr Nischalan Pillay from the UCL Cancer Institute, Zoe Conway, a BBC News journalist and Richard Davidson, the Chief Executive of Sarcoma UK, who all spoke passionately about this exciting development in sarcoma research.

Along with her daughters Kirsty and Fiona, who are both also FPs, Shelagh decided to begin fundraising for the charity in Terry's memory and to help raise awareness of this particularly rare form of cancer. To date, the family have raised over £52,000 for Sarcoma UK – a fantastic achievement.

To launch their fundraising activities, Shelagh, Kirsty and Fiona all took part in the Great Scottish Run and have since hosted a wide

variety of events including a Chinese Hot Pot Dinner as well as a Rugby Dinner. Shelagh's youngest daughter, Fiona, also ran the London Marathon this year in honour of her late father.

Shelagh said, "It's great to see how the charity has developed over the last few years and I'm really hopeful that this new project will have a real impact on the diagnosis and outcomes for patients of this rare cancer".



Class of 1980's 40 Year Reunion!

Myself and a few others from the Class of 1980 are looking to organise a 40 Year Reunion in Dundee on the evening of Saturday 6th June 2020 – we are thinking a meal and drinks.

The date will coincide with the School's annual FP Reunion, which includes the chance to view a wide variety of old school photographs and magazines, a tour of all the buildings as well as lunch in the Dining Hall – an event not to be missed!

We have set up a private Facebook group called 'Dundee High School 1980' so if you do use Facebook please request to join and then invite others from our year too if you can.

It would be great to be able to get an idea of numbers so we are able to firm up plans and relevant costs. If you could please e-mail me at andymarnie1@gmail.com to let me know if you are interested in coming along and are happy to be e-mailed updates about our reunion celebrations. If you are in touch with others from our class via e-mail, please feel free to pass along my contact details as I'd love to hear from them.

Hope to hear from many of you soon!

Many thanks,

Andrew Marnie, Class of 1980



Our pupils excelled over the last session and produced a wide array of stunning and fantastic artwork. Here are just a few examples of their fine work.

Alex Colquitt



Luka Hughes-Tosh



Dundee Inver Discs

with Ciarri Winter, Class of 1990, a Musician based in Paris.

Castaways must select eight records, providing as much detail as they wish about the reasons for their choices. They are provided with a copy of the *Complete Works of William Shakespeare* and their chosen Bible or philosophical text. They may also select one book (omnibuses are allowed!) and one luxury item. Unfortunately, this cannot be another person, but pianos and a lifetime's supply of 'X' are often popular choices.



Newly arrived in Paris, one of the first songs I heard being sung in bars was ***Sous Le Ciel de Paris***, a classic of **Edith Piaf**. Years later playing in the Hotel Le Bristol, I was singing another Piaf song when I was approached by French singer, Mirielle Matthieu, who is considered the best of the modern interpreters of Piaf. Offering me a glass of champagne and an invitation to join her table, it was delightful to hear her anecdotes and thoughts on Piaf and her music, all whilst sitting under a huge portrait of Marie Antoinette. The night after the attacks on the Bataclan, I was playing in another part of Paris and I felt this was the song to begin my set with. It was a song which, as soon as I began to play, summed up the moment perfectly.

Take 6 have almost come to define the genre of gospel acapella for me since my teens and I have always been a fan of their song **Amen**. The song popped up again by chance being sung by the choir at the end of Meghan Markle's wedding. A friend I met in Paris knew the group, so one day I ended up showing them around. Whilst playing in a floating boat called 'O Fil de L'Eau' – a two-storied restaurant with a white grand piano, which was directly facing the Notre Dame Cathedral – the group joined me around the piano and sang. The owners heard us and offered free drinks all round at once.

When **Eartha Kitt** came to Europe, she ended up in Paris of course! She quickly learned a whole host of French chansons sung in her own inimitable way. The popular French chanson **C'est Si Bon** was easily adaptable to a jazz style and I have included it in my repertoire ever since I first heard it as I was inspired by Eartha's sublime version.

It certainly is an education in style to play in the Ritz Hotel in Paris with its gorgeous clientele and historic setting. I have made a lot of fashion and artistic friends from playing in the Hemingway Bar and it has been one of the highlights of my stay with absolutely no question. The superlative version of **Puttin' On The Ritz** by **Ella Fitzgerald** reminds me, and I'm sure everyone else, that sometimes it is very nice to dress up for dinner, to see and be seen!

Hit The Road Jack by **Ray Charles** is probably a song that every pianist knows but that I was fortunate enough to sing in London, accompanied by Jamie Cullum on piano. Later, in a nightclub gig,

I ended up singing this as part of my set. The house band were a mix of many nationalities and you were never quite certain what accompaniment you were going to get. Their main directive was to start slow, pick up tempo and end with a huge crashing finale. I do remember singing 'Danny Boy' as a request one night whilst the band kicked in 10 minutes later with a fast reggae tempo. There was no option but to continue in that style!

A sophisticated song sung by French musical and creative legends **Dalida & Alain Delon, Paroles Paroles** is so catchy that after you hear it once you can't stop singing the chorus. It always reminds me of summer, and with the immortal line of 'caramel bonbon et chocolat' you really can't go wrong. Alain Delon also sounds like exactly the kind of romantic Frenchman you have always dreamed of to sweep you off your feet, and when he recorded this he certainly was.

Chanson de Maxence by **Jacques Revaux** is a beautiful song about the search for love's true ideal. It is well known from the film 'Les Demoiselles de Rochefort', an iconic film starring Catherine Deneuve. One of my residencies in Paris is playing in a restaurant in St. Germain where Mme Deneuve used to eat with her husband. According to local gossip, French film star Marion Cotillard, who played Edith Piaf, owns a shop across the street. The husband of Cotillard also worked with Scottish Gaelic musician, Griogair Labruidh, with whom I sang in this year's Knockengarroch Festival!

The nostalgic hymn **Paris** by **Yael Naim** sums up all my experiences abroad as I continue to play and live in Paris. When I arrived, I lived in a Jewish area just outside the city, so this song holds many happy memories for me.

My luxury item would definitely be my **Devon Rex cat Luna**, whose real name is Indira de Rossellier. **Marguerite de Navarre's The Heptameron** would be my book of choice. It is a medieval book where 10 men and 10 women retreat to a castle to wait out the plague and has always been a piece of literature that has interested me. The book sees its characters sharing stories to pass the time, most of which are usually a battle between genders.

Memories of an Old Boy

I did not start at HSD until the third year of prep school, then called Class A. In my first year at the School I won fifth prize, to my astonishment. It was a book, a novel about motor racing. Next were Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, and then the Qualifying Class to go into the Senior School.

I was second or third each year; the top boy was always Dennis Paterson. In the Qualifying Class, you were awarded the Polack Prize, which Dennis also won. I soon became friendly with Dennis and frequently went to his home on Balgay Road.

The Second World War was a significant part of our time at the School. I remember my father coming back from church on 3rd September 1939 and telling us that the minister, Rev. Charles Stobie, had interrupted the service to announce that a War had broken out.

At school, four big classrooms were set-up as makeshift shelters and we regularly began practising going into them when the bell went to give the 'air raid warning'. Inside, we practised putting on our gas masks, under direction of the master. We also learnt how to use special pumps and hoses should we encounter possible fire from incendiary bombs. Food rationing soon began, and we started sharing our sweets.

Those pupils who had older brothers saw them leave the School upon being called-up. I was only ten in 1939 but could have been called up if the War had gone on for seven more years. My older brother, George, joined the RAMC in late 1940. He later went to Nowshera in India and then to Malaya as RMO to the 5th Field Regiment of the RA (Royal Field Artillery) with the 9th Indian Division. He fought through that infamous defeat, was captured at Singapore and after this went to Formosa. He survived the Japanese holocaust for POWs and was later decorated for his gallantry. His memorabilia is on display at the Army Medical Services Museum in Camberley.

I remember our very first Cadet Camp in Cortachy in 1940, we had an Officer come to speak with us. He was a Former Pupil himself and had returned from France having been wounded. As small boys of the tiniest platoon, we were shy yet respectful. Under the leadership of Sgt. Ian Kidd, later the School Dux and Officer in the Black Watch, we, the Number 1 Platoon, won the Platoon Cup Competition. This was the first time the most junior platoon had done so. In later life, Ian was my senior man at St Andrews, and remained a wonderful friend all my life.

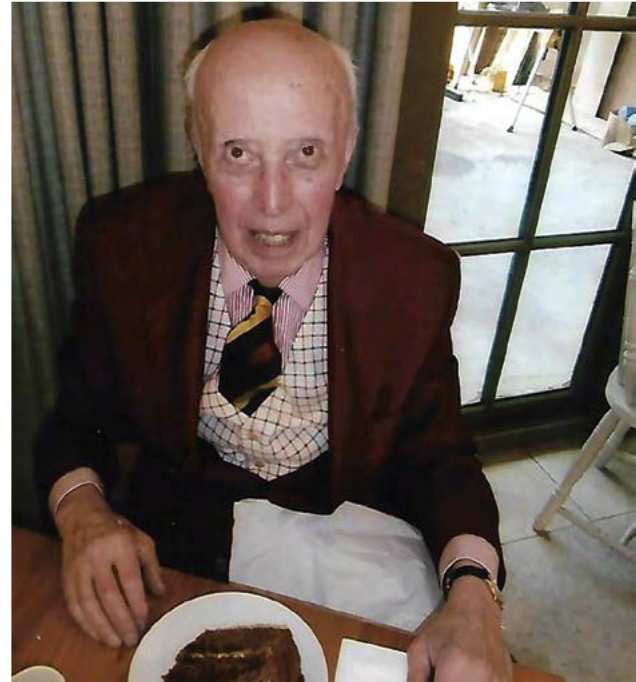


The School Cadet Corps was a huge part of the lives of the boys who were its members. In war-time, most boys, but not all, joined. We wore uniform on Fridays: a glengarry, a tunic, a Black Watch tartan kilt, hose-tops and gaiters. We shined our boots hard, and the boy with the best shine was the envy of most. A little later, we wore the battle-dress, then the standard army dress with anklets.

Annual camp was the main training event. These camps were held at Cortachy in the estate of Cortachy Castle, seat of the Earl of Airlie. They lasted two weeks in late June and were just after we had finished our summer term. Training was hard with reveille at 0630, a cup of morning tea, a wash in the river and then physical training before breakfast at 0730. Much of the time was spent doing drill. We also had military training and were taught attack and defence, as well as some night training. The Platoon Cup Competition was the main event. At the weekend in the middle of the fortnight, parents were allowed to come to Cortachy to take their son out for a meal. My parents drove from Tayport to Cortachy, which was quite a step with petrol rationing, and they laughed at how much I ate! We even had ice cream.

The summer of 1940 I still remember vividly. We were now the next target of Hitler's Army. I can recall the schoolboys of Dundee being mobilised over a very short time to build concrete blocks all-round the coast from Fife and along towards Carnoustie. They did it in one weekend. People now do not believe this when you tell them. Men literally worked until they dropped, but I was off school with bronchitis, and so did not take any part.

We also had to take our share in fire watching. This was a task for the older boys and something we did one night per week. I got into trouble for scratching words onto the walls of the room I and the other boy slept in. Dundee had nothing in the way of air raids throughout the War. There was one bomb dropped on the hill between Tayport and Newport in the very first weekend and another Tayport boy and I eagerly cycled out to look at the damage. We even found a piece of the German bomb. I took this back home in triumph, but my mother told me to "throw it out". After, there were one or two bombs dropped near Dundee over the year, but no more.



I did not work any harder at school than anyone else, but we all worked hard in those War years. James Angus, nicknamed 'Sleepy', won the first prize every year until Form 6, when I was School Dux and Dux in English. I was also awarded the Harris Gold Medal in 1946. I was a Prefect every year and was Second Head Boy to Jock Sharp in Form 6.

My sport was golf, evidenced when I won the two golf prizes in Form 5. I was the Captain of the School's golf team in Forms 5 and 6, a hooker in the rugby team as well as the Secretary of the 1st XV. But I was never a particularly good rugby player. I soon realised that being a goal kicker would guarantee me a place in the team, so I used to practise in the front lawn at home, kicking a rugby ball up against the side wall of the house. My dad even had a chalk outline of rugby goalposts put on the wall to give me a target.

My best sport was athletics. I did not know I was any good until during the Junior Championship in 1943 when I found myself running second to Tom Buttars, who won it. After this, I began to train seriously at home. I won the Intermediate Sports Championship the next year, winning the Harold Martin Cup. That same year I broke the 200 yards intermediate record, completing the race in just 23 seconds. This record stood for about fifteen years.

My gymnastics was good enough that I was chosen to do a Physical Training Instructor's course with the army at the Redford Barracks in Edinburgh. It was a two-week course and if you passed you went down to the Army Physical Training Corps Centre in Aldershot. I still cannot forget this. I passed with an AY and the minimum to pass was an AX. The training in Aldershot was hard. We were treated like soldiers were, despite being youths.

The games master when I started school was Mr. McLaren, he was succeeded by Mr. Vannet who was one of the best sports masters the School ever had. He transformed rugby at DHS. Our Rector was Mr. Ian Bain, nicknamed 'Shorty Bain' by pupils. His subjects were Classics, but in our last year he took a small class in history and our attitude to him changed from neutral to great respect. He taught us like university students, and his grasp of not only history but much else was profound. It was he who gave me the zeal to become a history scholar.

'Bill' Laird and George Bruce were two teachers who gave me a huge helping in my learning and studying. AP Howat was the Head of Classics. He was a tall, stern and exacting teacher, but we liked and respected him. In Form 5, we had to translate things from English into Latin and I used to talk on the telephone with a chum, Alex Wanless, and we put a joint effort into our work. In his mark and comments, AP would write '? Blair' in Alex's translation, and '? Wanless' in mine. Alex and I both managed to get our Higher Latin in our Leaving Certificate though.

We were very fortunate in having Mr. Marshall as our Physics teacher because he had worked before the War in a unit studying isotopes. This was very pertinent in 1945, when the atom bomb was being developed. Another popular teacher was 'Sandy' Wardlaw, who taught Chemistry, and whose lab was on the first floor. He left in the later stages of the War to serve in the RAF. He made it all real for us, and I am grateful to his teaching as it stood me in good stead when I did Chemistry as my third subject in the St Andrews Scholarship exam.

An event I have always remembered is the Victory Parade, which took place along Riverside Drive and Shore Terrace. Our School Cadets were in the parade, and I marched at the rear with George Linton. He was the Company Staff Sergeant, and I was a Sergeant. It was a very large parade, as I'm sure you can imagine.

I enjoyed my years at Dundee High School. I was very fortunate that I had teachers who encouraged me as far as working and studying that bit extra was concerned, especially in my sixth year. I always wanted to study Medicine. As it was the War, it was not easy to get into university, but five Highers were enough. In Form 6 I was stimulated as few boys were, and it was the beginning of a very good career in Academic Medicine and History.

John Blair OBE, Class of 1946

FP Scoops up Prestigious Prize At Business Awards Ceremony



Class of 1996 Former Pupil, Gillian Thomson (née Lumgair), was crowned Board Member of the Year in the Women's Enterprise Scotland Awards 2018 in recognition of her work with Aberdeenshire-based charity, Inspire PTL.

Upon leaving the High School, Gillian went on to study Manufacturing Engineering at Strathclyde University. After spending some time working within manufacturing for Diageo and then Mars, Gillian moved into the field of Human Resources and Learning & Development.

Having also spent time working for RBS and Centrica, Gillian used her knowledge and experience to go on to set up her own HR, Leadership & Team Development consultancy in 2013, based in Aberdeenshire. She now serves clients across Scotland in a variety of industries specialising in supporting new leaders and high growth businesses as they transition.

In addition to her own consultancy, Gillian is also a Non-Executive Director and the Vice Chair of Inspire PTL, a charity which provides a wide range of services for individuals with learning disabilities and other support needs to help them lead and live independent lives.

Where Are You Now?

Steve Jack, Class of 1976

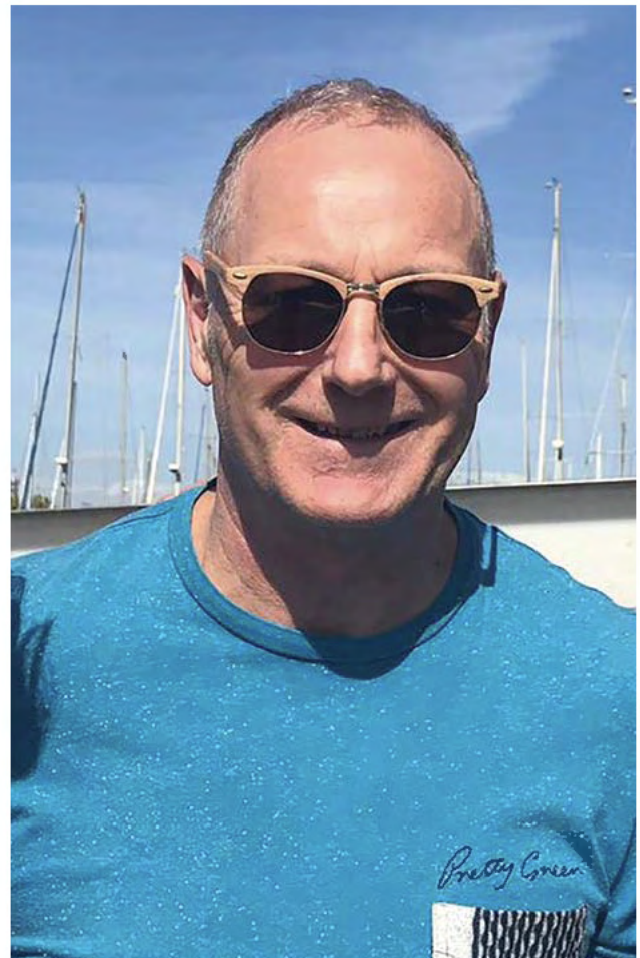
Having left the High School in the mid-70s, Steve went on to study Computer Science at Dundee College of Technology, now known as Abertay University. He graduated in 1984 with his MEng. In the early 1980s, Steve also played football for the Scotland Amateur team, which was deemed by the local newspapers at the time as "a just reward for his good form".

Steve made his first career move with NCR, an electronics manufacturer based in Dundee, before relocating to Bermuda for a year. For a short time, he worked with Tayside Regional Council, following on from which he accepted a position with General Accident in Perth. His final move was to Edinburgh to work for IBM as a Service Delivery Manager, a company which he then remained with for 26 years. During this time, he spent several months in India, in Bangalore and Hyderabad, setting up offshore support for BP.

Steve still manages to stay connected to his former school. Earlier in the year, Steve and a group of FPs from the Class of 1976 travelled to Barcelona to see fellow classmate, Ricky Ross, perform in his Spanish Tour with his band, Deacon Blue. Steve was also a member of the FP Rugby Club for a number of years, and was even part of an Old Boys' rugby team, known as The Occasionals, who travelled to the Netherlands in 2007 with former ex-Scotland Captain, Andy Nicol, amongst its squad.

After three years working as an Independent Consultant, Steve retired in 2016. He now lives in Kirkliston along with his wife. They have four children together as well as a total of eight grandchildren.

In September this year, Steve took part in Pedal for Scotland, a 45-mile bike ride from Glasgow to Edinburgh. He completed the challenge in 3hrs 45mins and raised a fantastic £575 for the Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs charity.



Former Pupil Receives Royally Special Recognition From The Queen

In August this year Class of 1976 FP, Patricia Sawers (née Bell), was appointed as Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Angus. Patricia succeeded Mrs. Georgina Osborne, CVO who retired on 24th August 2019.

Born in Carnoustie and raised on a local farm, Patricia attended the High School of Dundee and, later, Robert Gordons College in Aberdeen. Primarily her career was in Information Technology where she was Project Manager with Scottish Hydro Electric for fifteen years and a Programme Manager with Scottish Water for a decade.

In 2014, Patricia left full-time employment to concentrate her energies on the role of Chair of Carnoustie Golf Links (CGL). Patricia has represented the organisation on a number of business forums, including the Tay Cities deal and local business groups. She was also at the helm whilst CGL hosted several major golf events. During her tenure she has developed the 'Participate in Golf Programme', which is aimed at introducing women and families to golf.

Patricia's most recent achievement was hosting the 147th Open Championship in July 2018, a worldwide sporting event viewed by a television audience of 600 million and bringing in an estimated £21 million to the local economy. In November 2018, she received the special recognition award for services to golf tourism.



Of her new role, Patricia said she intends to build upon her predecessor's legacy whilst still drawing on her own business background to help people and communities across Angus, a county which much of her passion stems from. She also mentions work with the Royal British Legion and an international Coca-Cola-led initiative to support female entrepreneurs.

FP Bottled Nostalgia To Re-launch Family Brand

Karen Knowles (née Nicoll) is not only a Class of 2002 Former Pupil but the great-great-granddaughter of one of the original founders of renowned Angus-based soft drinks company, Bon Accord, whose history traces back to 1903.

In 2016, Karen revived the company brand, harbouring effervescent ambitions for its expansion. The brand now boasts ten naturally sweetened soft drinks and mixers, including Tonic Water, Bona-Cola, Cream Soda and Rhubarb Soda, which are stocked by a growing number of retailers and venues. Throughout August, the brand found itself in the hands of prestigious guests at the exclusive Edinburgh International Festival after striking a sponsorship agreement.

The brand's revival came about after Karen built up extensive experience behind the scenes in the food industry. Her entrepreneurial light-bulb moment came whilst she was pregnant, clocking a gap in the market for modern, natural soft drinks with a sense of occasion, rather than old-fashioned options full of artificial sweeteners or caffeine.

Karen has always been interested in entrepreneurship. So, working with Abertay University, she obtained a grant through Interface to help develop her new recipes. Fruit juice emerged as the winning strategy, namely creating a base of apple and pear juice, with honey and coconut nectar. The resulting drinks are naturally sweetened and Karen stresses how they are geared towards more health-conscious adult consumers and are intended to be a treat rather than something to indulge in daily.



Karen believes it is the nostalgia around the brand name that piques people's interest. She mentions how she sees the "real emotional connection to the brand" and people telling her how they "used to go into Granny's cupboard to get the Bon Accord".

The company has been completely self-funded to date and already generates a tenth of its business in Denmark and is currently eyeing up opportunities in North America. Bon Accord has also worked closely with Scottish Enterprise and has doubled its turnover every year, with the figure on track to reach £400,000 in March 2020.

Very fittingly, Karen fondly recalls being awarded the Jane Rae Prize for Home Economics whilst she was in F5. She remembers it being a class that she loved, and which was taught by Miss Smith (now Mrs. Ross).

'A Day in the Life of a Victorian Law Student'

This is the final instalment of the trilogy of contributions by Walter Jacob, Former Pupil from the Class of 1953.



In the summer of 1952, having left school a year earlier than normal to “gain a year” in my education, I went on to study at the University of St Andrews where I completed my MA in Philosophy and Economics, followed by my LLB in Law. This degree course ran concurrently with an apprenticeship at a local law firm, Messrs Shiell & Small, on Bank Street in Dundee. In return for serving the firm loyally during my training period, I was paid the handsome salary of 30 shillings a week – which is worth about £32 in today’s currency. A vivid memory I have is of my training partner, Tom Agnew, telling me “It’s here that you really learn to be a lawyer”.

Overall, I would say my daily routine was as near to that of a Victorian law student as it could be, so the following account of my day will take you to that wonderful period when the business world was awakening to 20th century technology.

During the first year of my apprenticeship, my day at the office started at 8am when I arrived to collect all the letters. I would then walk to addresses in the area, delivering the mail within the next 45 minutes so that I could get to College in time for my first lecture at 9am. As soon as that finished, I would then walk back to the office to give our telephonist, Maisie, a break from her duties.

Our telephone system was state of the art – Victorian art that is! It was the original doll’s eye system with plug in connections, so that answering or making calls meant plugging in to the switchboard, and to the extension of any person making or receiving a call. As there were three Partners and three Assistant Solicitors, life on the switchboard was pretty hectic.

As soon as Maisie returned to her post, I had to go around all the offices to pick up material in each out box and take it to the post room, where it would be dealt with by the Post Room Manager, Mr. Staig. After that, I was free to do other duties in the office, usually “comparing” documents with one of the Senior Apprentices, either A.R.E. (Bobby) Wood or Jimmy Gibb (Class of 1952).

In those pre-computer days, an error in a document could only be corrected by manually rubbing out the error and then correcting it. The law decreed that each of these corrections had to be individually mentioned in the last, or testing clause, of the document. The firm would not allow more than two such erasures to be mentioned. This meant that if there were more than two typing mistakes in a document that could be ten pages long, the whole document would have to be typed again!

I would go home for my lunch at noon, returning at 1pm to relieve Maisie once again for her lunch break. A little later in the day, I would make my final round of the offices to empty the out trays and bring the contents back to the mail office to assist Mr. S in preparing material to be sent out by post, or by me, the next day. Outgoing letters were entered in an ‘out’ book and the contents would be checked to see that any enclosures were correctly included. The envelopes would be stamped and sealed by wax, showing the firm’s name. If any material had to be copied, I would take it to the dark room, photograph it in the special machine, complete with developer and fixer, and return it to the post room.

After all that was done, the carbon copies of the letters would be booked in the appropriate “Chartularies”, for the copies to be filed the following day. The “booking” procedure was simply an amazing example of the brilliance of the Victorians.

The Chartulary was a large leather-bound volume, whose pages were numbered but blank. There was one for each important client, and one or two for general matters. To book a letter you needed a cloth that was wetted the day before, so that it was not too wet and not too dry. Then a plain board would be placed under one page, the carbon copy of the page to be duplicated was placed on it, and another board was placed on top.

Several letters or chartularies could be pressed together in this way under a large press, where they would be compressed for about twenty seconds. Then they would be removed, the typed copies taken out for filing and the “booked” copy would then be indexed in the appropriate way.

At about 4.45pm, I would take my leave of the office and hurry back to College for my evening lecture(s). On Saturdays the office was only open until 12pm.

There is no doubt in my mind that my apprenticeship really did teach me how to be a successful lawyer, and certainly how to run a law firm efficiently. The lessons I learned stood me in very good stead when, upon becoming a Solicitor, I went on to join Scotland’s most prestigious law firm in Edinburgh and, later in life, when I became an Assistant Secretary at the Law Society in London. I then ventured into Commerce and Industry as a Secretary and Director of Remploy, the wonderful company set up after World War II to look after the employment needs of disabled persons.

Memories of an Old Girl



When I was 4½, my mother rang the school where I was already enrolled for the next year to ask which Nursery School they would recommend. She was put through to Miss Barrie, the Lady Superintendent, and her reply was totally unexpected.

“Well Mrs. Thomson, we happen to have a very small intake this year and I think she could begin now. Would you just hold the line while I go and ask Miss McNaughton whether that will be all right?” Back came the reply “Yes she’ll be delighted to welcome her tomorrow.” Poor mother. It was a lot to take in in a few minutes! There followed a hectic day of shopping for uniform and all the necessities for school. I don’t remember feeling anything. I was just swept along by the urgency.

I’d never had girls to play with before and here were a whole roomful. I was introduced to the class and instantly felt welcome. In those pre-war days, the class had only girls. The boys were in the Boys’ School across the road and we were forbidden to even speak to them. One of my friends spoke to her brother and was reprimanded!

We used to enjoy playing tig or sardines down in the little concrete playground between the toilets and Cathie and Jessie’s domain, where we could have a playpiece at interval. Then, during and after the war, our third of a pint of milk, in glass bottles of course.

After four years of school, the war broke out. Many parents decided to send their children to “somewhere safe”. We were invited to stay with relatives in Elgin, and so I and my little sister went there. I walked the ½ mile to school and back again each day. We had no homework, which was strange to me and sadly didn’t help me progress. I returned to Dundee and the School after the summer holidays, as Dundee had been spared any bombing. So too did the others who had not been evacuated, but who were instead home-schooled.

The School had had some ceilings strengthened as well as masses of sandbags put on wooden false ceilings so that if the sirens went off those rooms could be used as shelters, along with an underground tunnel between the two parts of the School.

Our Cadets prepared many of our Old Boys for life in the forces, and some sadly never returned. The girls had the Guides and later the Rangers, which we greatly enjoyed. I was very fortunate and won a Scholarship in 1948 to be one of two girls representing Britain at the Juliette Low International Guide Camp in Switzerland. This was held at the Guide Chalet in Adelboden and was led by the inspiring Falk. We had daily discussions but lots of fun too and became much more world minded. I ended up with friends in 17 countries and, 72 years on, I still keep in regular contact with two.

Our final Girl Guide Camp was on the Isle of Mull. The Music Department produced a concert one year and then a Gilbert and Sullivan musical the other. When we got on board the ferry in Oban, there were no indoor seats left and so we sat on the benches round the deck outside. We started singing songs from *HMS Pinafore* and managed to sing right through the opera. Passengers opened their windows to listen to us and applauded. Unfortunately, it rained hard for quite a while so we, and our tents, arrived soaked in Tobermory.

Going back in time, we girls were so lucky to have ‘Ma’ McKenzie for Maths. The boys were with Mr. Bill More and we beat them every year! Mr. Johnson took us for French and we all liked him; he certainly gave me a love of the French language, which helped me to win my Scholarship and to go on the first Dundee/Orleans Fellowship Schools Exchange the previous year.

We heard that the war had ended when we were berry-picking in Blairgowrie as part of the DHS war effort. The teachers who had been away serving in the forces returned, which must have been a relief to the ones who had held the fort. Our class were getting concerned about the Highers that were looming. Happily, I got my five and one lower so managed to get into Medicine at St Andrews, my lifelong dream. Two out of three in our year were ex-service, so for the school leavers it wasn’t easy to get in.

When I first joined the School, we had gym tunics with a braid of gold, green and brown lines on a square around the neck and intertwined DHS lettering in the same colours on the pocket of the blazer. Then we got our fancy and meaningful badge. To introduce everyone to this, we, the junior school, had practices in the hall to portray it visually by walking ¼ by ¼ in a straight line. Then, if you had a band on your finger, you started a new row. You can imagine the complications once you reached the intricate areas of the badge. We presented it at Dalnacraig on Sports Day. When we were in place, Mr. McLaren blew his whistle and we knelt. Again, he blew his whistle and we hunkered right down and there in front of the audience was the living and breathing School Badge – what an introduction!

Our class in secondary bonded very well and were good at singing and also hockey so I suggested one day “Why don’t we ask Miss Whytock whether we can have a match with the class above”, which wasn’t on the usual schedule. We voted yes, and I went upstairs to our delightful and approachable Gym/Headmistress. She said “Why not. I’ll arrange it” and we had an amicable and well fought game. Most of the team went on to be in the 1st XI. I used to cycle to Dalnacraig from Downfield with my goalie pads strapped to my handlebars. There was less traffic then and we wore simple navy skirts.

In a period of 84 years I have seen the School as a pupil, President of the Old Girls’ Club, a mother and a Board Member for 10 years. I remain forever grateful to the School for the tuition, both scholastic and informal, as well as the deep friendships I formed.

Anne Gibson (née Thomson), Class of 1948

Tributes



Mr. Roger Chawla 1930 – 2019
Class of 1949

My brother, Roger, came to HSD in 1939. Our mother had brought my sister, Anne, Roger and me back to her home town whilst our father had returned to the army, and to eventual capture when the Japanese swarmed into Singapore.

To help prepare Roger for L4, a very young Aileen (aka Aggie) Gray came as a tutor to our house on Perth Road, later becoming a long-term family friend.

Roger went on to lift the top certificates for L4 and L5, finishing with the Polack Prize, which was awarded to the Dux of the Junior School. As he moved into long trousers it was more of the same success, with his ending up as Dux of the Senior School and Head Boy to boot.

Yet it was not all books. Roger was Junior Sports Champion, but as he grew older, rugby became his passion, more so because of the wise guidance of Douglas Wood, a teacher of Science but SRU coach manqué. As a very popular Captain, Roger led the first XV to victory over all challengers in 1947/48.

This popularity was tinged with reverence and Roger was always seen as slightly apart from his peers. Indeed, his standing in the school was such that when his collar bone was broken, rather needlessly in the final House match, Ian Bain, the Rector, came to our house – an unprecedented gesture – to offer his consolation. He found Roger in tears of despair that he had played his last ever game of rugby. “The great man weeps,” said the Headmaster, without irony and clearly moved.

Come 1949, Roger, now with a Harkness scholarship, followed in our father’s footsteps to the University of St Andrews, from which he emerged with an MA in History, an LLB with merit in Law as well as a Blue for tennis.

National Service brought more success when he was awarded the Sword of Honour as the top cadet at the Officer Training Unit at Mons.

The real world of work then intervened. Roger joined Unilever and was posted to Casablanca where he met his French wife. They went on to have two daughters and in due course three grandchildren, much to his doting delight.

Roger’s final years were tormented by Parkinson’s Disease, but he was sustained through it all especially by his memories of those formative years at Dundee High, which he had entered as an unknown schoolboy and left as a legend.

Hector Chawla, Class of 1955
Brother to Roger



Mr. David Tweedie 1934 – 2019
Class of 1952

Born in June 1934, David attended the High School of Dundee from 1940 until 1952. Throughout his time at the School, he took part in many activities including the CCF, Rifle Club, the Literary Society as well as being a part of the Rugby Team.

Upon leaving the School, David went on to study Law at the University of Dundee, graduating from the same in 1955. A year later, he was conscripted into the Army Legal Corps and was sent to Hong Kong and Singapore via Karachi and Calcutta.

After being discharged from military service, David returned to Dundee and joined the family firm of DJ & A Tweedie, which was based in Murraygate. Come 1958, he celebrated a personal milestone by marrying his partner, Avril Donaldson.

The firm of DJ & A Tweedie merged with Shield and Kyd in 1971. David was a Managing Partner until his retirement in 1996. By 2012, the company had also merged with Lindsays.

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, David began lecturing students at the University of Dundee on Company Law. In addition to this, he was also President of Dundee Round Table and between 1986/87 he was President of Dundee Rotary Club.

Between 1978 and 1994, David was Clerk to the Bonnet Maker Craft of the Nine Incorporated Trades. He was also a long-standing member of Dundee Angling Club and an Elder and Treasurer of Longforgan Parish Church.

Sadly, his wife Avril died in February 2017, and it was later that same year that David suffered a stroke. With his health deteriorating, David passed away peacefully at Strachan House Care Home in Edinburgh on Monday 15th April 2019 surrounded by his family.

David is survived by son, Peter, who is also a Former Pupil of the School, and his wife Carole as well as grandsons James and William. Peter described his father as “a gentleman lawyer who always made time for colleagues, fellow professionals and of course, his clients”. He will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.



Mr. Harold Inglis 1935 – 2019
Class of 1953

Born in Newport-on-Tay, Harold's father was the formidable Dr. Alexander Inglis, Principal Teacher of Maths at Bell Baxter High School, a Liverpool University contemporary of Mr. 'Wally' Marshall 'Second Master' i.e. the Deputy Rector, who taught Physics. Prior to her marriage, Harold's mother had taught at the High School.

Harold joined us in our second year of Senior School, becoming one of the gang from Tayport, Newport and Wormit travelling to and from school by train. Of solid build, he was recently remembered by another old classmate as a reliable player in the 1st XV rugby team. Upon reaching the age of 18, he was called up for two years National Service, virtually inevitable for all fit males who were not in Higher Education and whose call-up was deferred until they had graduated or had gained a professional qualification. After initial training, Harold was posted to a Royal Artillery unit in Malaya as it then was called. The sea voyage by troopship was not to his liking.

With that over, he spent his working life in the tanning industry based in the Midlands before retiring to Selkirk, active in Scouting and in the local kirk. Until his health faltered, Harold was one of a trio of former Newport Scouts relishing periodic get-togethers in Edinburgh's Café Royal Bar, there to quaff a few beers, enjoy some food, re-tell old jokes, recall absent friends and set the world to rights.

Harold was a devoted and loving husband to Carol, father to Sheila, Fiona, Christine, Kerry, Frances and John as well as a beloved brother of Margot. As a long-standing member of the Church and Scouts he will be sadly missed by all.

Alan Robertson, Class of 1953



Mrs. Margaret Ross (née Anderson) 1935 – 2019
Class of 1953

Margaret was born in Dundee in 1935, the younger sister of Kathleen and Graeme. Following in her sister's footsteps, she attended the High School from 1940 until 1953. She always remembered her time there with great fondness. Margaret made many friends during her time at school, in particular, Ismay Scrimgeour (née Ogilvy). Their friendship stood the test of time and lasted her a lifetime.

After leaving school, Margaret trained as a Secretary and went on to work for the Director of Education, Dundee Corporation. This ignited her love of travel as she went to so many different countries, including Russia, on the School Cruises. Margaret eventually left her job in 1966 when she married Ian Ross and they relocated to St Andrews.

They went on to have two daughters, Alison and Sally-Anne. In 1991, Sally-Anne moved to Australia where she is now married with two boys, Angus and Archie.

When her daughters started school, Margaret went to work for Dunfermline Building Society until she retired in 1995. However, retirement just wasn't for her and so she went to work for a solicitors and showed people round their prospective homes instead.

Margaret's love of travel took her all over the world, including many trips to Australia. Even in her 80s, she went on a cruise for her and Ian's Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Family and friendships were Margaret's life. Better known as Maggie, she will always be lovingly remembered for her heart-warming smile and welcoming embrace. She was truly loved by all who knew her.

Margaret kept smiling until the end, passing away peacefully on 27th March 2019, aged 84. She is survived by her beloved husband, Ian, her two daughters and two grandsons.



Mr. Peter Mee 1941 – 2018
Class of 1959

Peter was born in June 1941 in North Wales during the Second World War. His parents had moved from Liverpool to avoid the Blitz but returned once the war was over. Peter then attended Merchant Taylor's School before the family relocated to Dundee in the mid-1950s.

Moving to Dundee so that his father could join the firm of Hamilton Carhartts, Peter completed his education at the High School before studying Economics at Caius College in Cambridge. He then went on to train as an accountant, following in his father's footsteps.

Peter met his wife Patricia whilst at University and they later married in 1966. The pair were blessed with two wonderful daughters, Sheila and Alice, and shared 52 happy years together.

Come 1969, Peter joined Hamilton Carhartts, where he developed the export side of the business. This involved extensive travel to Europe, the Middle East, Hong Kong and America, allowing for his love and interest in foreign cultures to grow.

Following the closure of Carhartts some years later, Peter then opened a small chain of leisure-wear shops in Dundee, as well as slightly further afield in Inverness, Dumfries, Carlisle and Kendal.

As someone who enjoyed the outdoors, Peter was very fond of the Scottish countryside and would often take long walks into unspoilt areas, exploring many remote glens and climbing various Corbetts. From his hikes, he also became increasingly interested in botany, even taking the time to travel on botanical excursions to the European Alps and countries further afield such as Uzbekistan, Georgia and Kazakhstan.

His interest and research into botany also took him to St Andrews Botanic Gardens, where Peter enjoyed sharing his enthusiasm and expertise with visitors. He was also involved with Edinburgh Botanical Gardens, yet another place close to his heart.

Peter has always been very family-focused with his wife, daughters and grandchildren always remaining a top priority. His family describe him as someone who lived life to the full, always looking ahead to his next project.

Following a fall in the garden, he was hospitalised and slowly slipped away over the course of a few days with his family at his side. He passed away on 15th November 2018 and is dearly missed by his family and his many friends, who hope that wherever he is now, he is exploring new gardens and researching new plants.



Mr. Brian Junor 1946 – 2019
Class of 1965

Following on from his education at the High School of Dundee, Brian went onto study Medicine at the University of St Andrews, gaining his MBChB in 1970.

A little while later, Brian moved to Aberdeen to train in Renal Medicine. It was here that he completed his MD thesis on a novel form of vitamin D tailored to the needs of patients who suffered with kidney failure, and the debilitating effects on their bones as a result.

Prior to taking up a consultant post in Glasgow in 1979, Brian worked for a year in Melbourne, Australia. Although he accomplished a lot during his time abroad, the memories that he always recalled most fondly were those of his flatmates and the Mini Moke which he drove.

Upon returning to Scotland, Brian worked for the Western Infirmary in Glasgow and achieved many successes throughout his career. He introduced a new form of treatment called continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis and was very much key to its international development. Further to this, he swiftly adopted real-time ultrasound to make kidney biopsies safer and easier, as well as bringing computing to the Western Infirmary renal unit to ensure patient records were more complete and securely stored.

Further down the line, Brian established the Scottish Renal Registry and led comparative audit and peer reviews of the Scottish renal units. He also chaired the renal section of the joint committee for higher medical training of the Royal College of Physicians and sought to maintain standards throughout Europe through the Union of European Medical Specialists.

Fast forward to 1993 and Brian became instrumental in bringing to Glasgow for the first time the annual joint meeting of the European Dialysis and Transplant Association and the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses' Association. For him, it was a great professional success, for his family the meeting brought with it a sea of tartan conference bags that went on to take over their loft space.

Treating many hundreds of patients throughout his career, Brian afforded them all his characteristic care and attention. He has been fondly described as an invariably polite gentleman, but unafraid to stand his ground, as well as being kind and supportive to patients and fellow colleagues.

Possessing a fantastic sense of humour, Brian was a talented all-rounder who played cricket for Aberdeenshire. He was happiest in his garden or garage, where he had an enviable collection of tools; his family often considered him singlehandedly responsible for the continuing profitability of B&Q.

Brian's first wife, Sheena, sadly died in a road traffic accident in 1972. In 1979, he married Liz; their children, Malcolm and Katie, and grandchildren, Holly and Verity, survive him along with his partner, Freda.

Our pupils excelled over the last session and produced a wide array of stunning and fantastic artwork. Here are just a few examples of their fine work.



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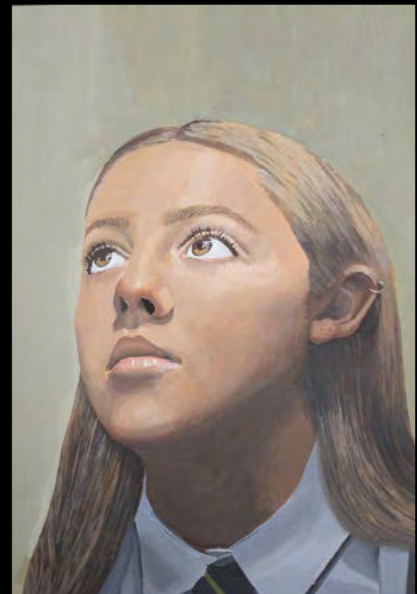
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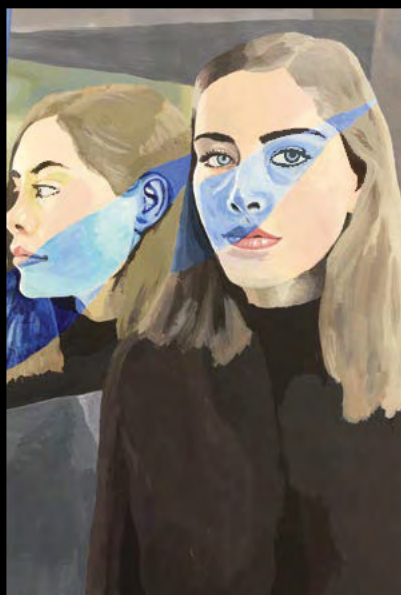
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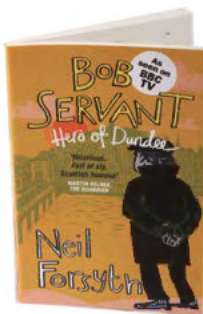


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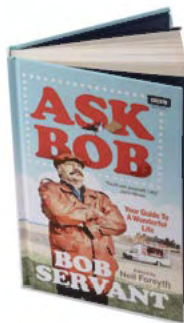
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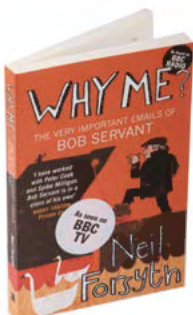
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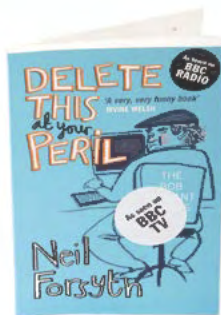
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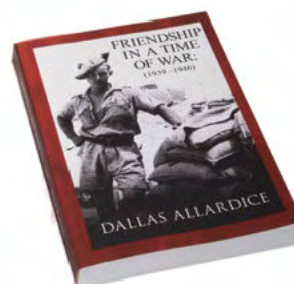
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Alumni History

Prominent FPs

Our Rector, Dr. John Halliday, is a very avid historian and enjoys researching unique and fascinating stories about our Former Pupils, both from current day and historically. In this particular section of our magazine, he has shared with us two of his favourite stories. The first about a pioneering FP who helped secure the beginnings of the Welfare State and the second about the Co-Founder of SRU and Dundee's very first rugby internationalist.

Jessy Philip, Class of 1893

The Mother of the Welfare State? How a pioneering FP helped secure the beginning of the Welfare State.

In the dark days of WW2, the economist, Sir William Beveridge, was appointed by the coalition government "to undertake... a survey of the existing national schemes of social insurance and allied services, including workmen's compensation, and to make recommendations."

In his *Report on Social Insurance and Allied Services*, soon known as the Beveridge Report, published in 1942, he set out his vision of a post-war Welfare State whose aim was to banish from Britain the evils of the Five Giants – want, ignorance, squalor, idleness and disease. Beveridge went way beyond his remit, creating a blueprint for an entire welfare state, including a national health service. It immediately captured public imagination, selling 100,000 copies within a month.

What made it a huge public best seller was its breathtaking vision and passionate language. And this persuasive rhetoric came not from Beveridge, but from one Jessy Mair, a Scotswoman from Dundee. It was she who inspired Beveridge to redraft his manuscript and who urged him to imbue his proposals with a 'Cromwellian spirit' and messianic tone. 'How I hope you are going to preach against all gangsters,' she wrote 'who for their mutual gain support one another in upholding all the rest. For that is really what is happening still in England.'

The rest, as they say, is history. But we should tell the story of Jessy Philip, who was one of the most remarkable female FPs the High School has produced, and whose achievements fully deserve being celebrated here.

Jessy Thomson Philip was born in 1876, daughter of Bailie William Philip. She was an outstanding pupil at the High School, winning the Harris Gold Medal in 1893, the year after Agnes Blackadder. She joined Blackadder at St Andrews University and became one of the very first female graduates in 1897. After graduating in Mathematics, she married David Beveridge Mair, a fellow Scot, prize-winning Cambridge Maths graduate and fellow of Christ's College, who was to enjoy a prominent career in the Civil Service. They moved to London and Jessy spent the next decade bringing up their four children.

She was a hugely capable and dynamic woman of intelligence and energy. Not content with sitting at home once hostilities broke out in 1914, she embraced the opportunity to contribute. She entered the Ministry of Munitions in July 1915, first as a voluntary worker then becoming a full member of staff.

In 1916, she moved to the newly formed Ministry of Food, which was tasked with securing wartime food distribution. Jessy Mair's outstanding administrative and leadership skills led to her promotion to Assistant Director for Bacon Distribution, where she devised and was responsible for the planned distribution of imported bacon, ham and lard for the whole country. Her outstanding achievements in this crucial but unsung area were recognised with the award of an OBE on New Year's Day



1918. She was therefore one of the very first recipients of this brand new honour. She was truly a pioneer.

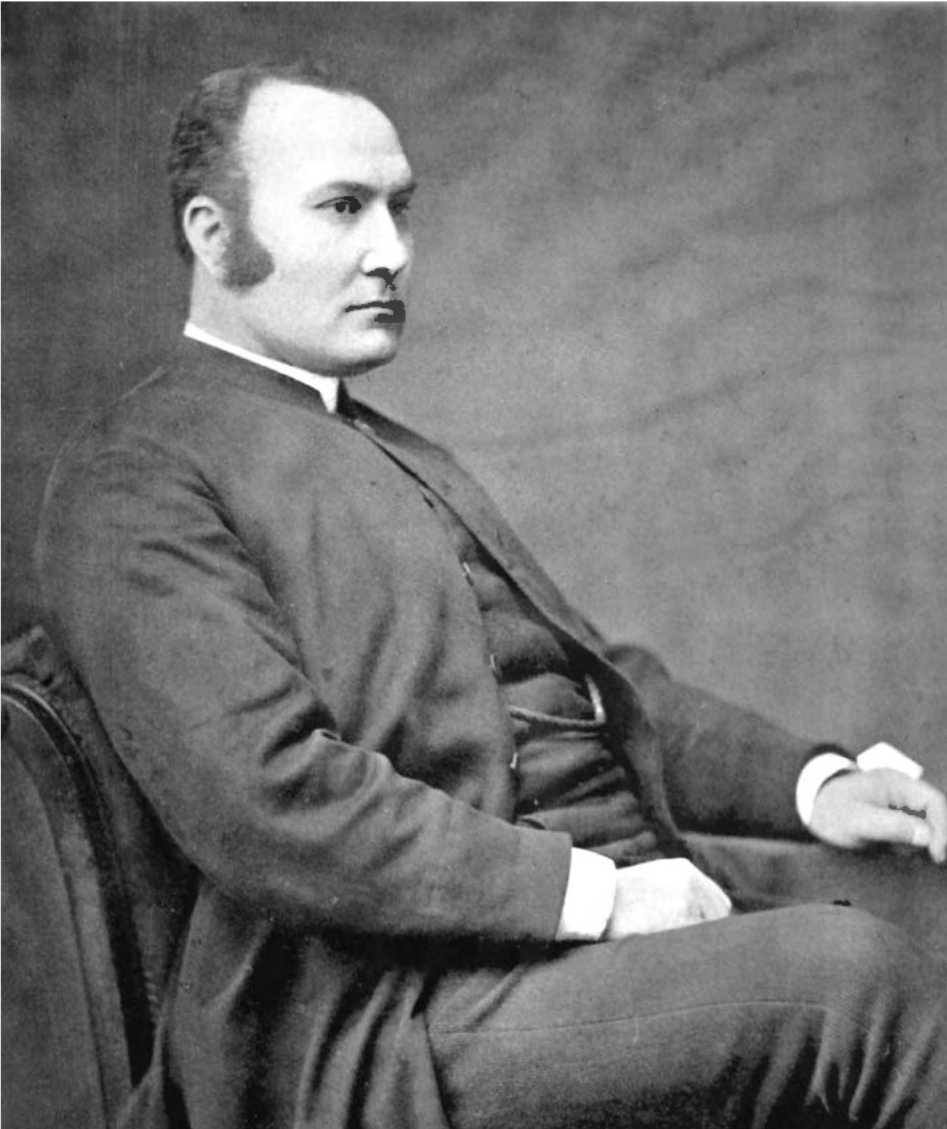
In 1918, she became the first woman to sit in the official gallery of the House of Commons and in 1919 she attended the Peace Conference as a representative of the Ministry of Food.

Whilst at the Ministry of Food she had worked closely with William Beveridge, a second cousin of her husband, and when Beveridge was appointed Director of the London School of Economics in 1919, she followed him and was appointed Secretary and the Dean, again the first woman to hold a position of such seniority in a British university. The energetic and visionary leadership of Beveridge and Mair was not without its critics, but it was absolutely crucial to the development of the LSE as a vibrant, modern institution of higher education and together they forged its growing reputation. Jessy Mair's role in this cannot be underestimated. After 18 eventful years Beveridge finally left LSE in 1937 to become Master of Balliol College Oxford. Jessy Mair retired as Secretary and Dean in 1938 aged 62, after 19 years in post.

The two maintained a close friendship, which intensified after the death of Jessy's husband, David, in 1942. She assisted Beveridge with the production of his radical report and after 25 years of professional collaboration it was perhaps not surprising that she married Beveridge in Westminster in December 1942, thereby becoming Lady Beveridge. The service was conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and was attended by many of the leading politicians and academics of the day.

For the remainder of her life, Lady Jessy Beveridge remained very active and involved in public life, but always retained a close connection to her home. She was even appointed Hon. Vice President of the HSD Old Girls' Club and attended meetings when she could!

She died in Oxford in 1959 aged 83, and is buried alongside Sir William in Throcklington, Northumberland. A woman of fierce intelligence, prodigious energy and a proudly independent spirit Jessy Philip/Mair/Beveridge was a genuine pioneer of whom HSD can be very proud. And if Sir William Beveridge was the Father of the Welfare State, then surely she can justifiably be described as the Mother!



Rev Peter Anton circa 1890 as Minister of Kilsyth (with warmest thanks to the Minister and Presbytery of Kilsyth Burns and Old Parish Church)

Peter Anton

When we look back to the early years of Scottish international rugby, it was the players from the major Edinburgh and Glasgow teams who dominated team selection. However, we should recall the exploits of one of the great characters of Scottish rugby at that time and who played a prominent part in the third ever rugby international – between Scotland and England at the West of Scotland cricket ground in Glasgow on 3 March 1873. He hailed from the Carse of Gowrie and attended the High School of Dundee. His name was Peter Anton.

The third son of George Anton and his wife Elspeth Thomson, Peter was born on 25 June 1850 and was a pupil first at Perth High School, later moving to the High School of Dundee. Whilst little information remains of his time at the High School, he was clearly a good scholar and secured a bursary place at St Andrews University, graduating in 1871.

Where Anton learnt the rudiments of the game is not clear as it was not part of the school curriculum at the time and the FP Rugby Club was not founded until 1880! However, he was a formidable athlete, who stood well over 6ft and competed in local Highland Games. He was also University Champion. On 1 March 1873, two days before he pulled on the dark blue jersey of Scotland, he competed in a full range of events at the University Games, winning the Putting Stone, the Hammer, the Pole Vault and the 100 yards, as well as placing 2nd in the High

Leap. Then, less than three weeks after his international cap, he represented the University at the Inter-University Games held at St Andrews in late March 1873.

In the season 1872-73, Anton was regarded as one of the best rugby forwards in the country. His athletic prowess allied to an outgoing and articulate confidence made him an ideal captain of the St Andrews University team. In January 1873 he was selected for the initial squad of 16 forwards to play England in March that year. The Scottish selectors were keen to select men who could match the strength of the English 20, who had won strongly the previous year. Anton was ideal. His reputation travelled south of the border. *Bell's Life in London & Sporting Times* on Saturday 1 March 1873, stated "Anton hails from St Andrews and is one of the foremost athletes in Scotland."

On Monday 3 March he stepped onto the field at Hamilton Crescent as Scotland cap no 31. The match kicked off at 3.00pm, with the then customary 20 players in each team playing 45 minutes each way. Scotland took the field in dark blue jerseys, white knee-length shorts and scarlet stockings. England were in white, with the red rose emblem on their chests. Despite the dank drizzle that pervaded throughout the match some 5,000 enthusiastic spectators witnessed a titanic struggle. The selectors were vindicated and Anton was one to impress amongst the home players but, after an enthralling game, the result remained



Sketch portrait from *Kilsyth Chronicle* (13.01.1900) on the occasion of Rev Anton's 25th Jubilee as Minister.

scoreless – an honourable 0:0 draw! In its match report the *Illustrated London News* of 8 March identified Anton who, along with three other Scots, had “played exceedingly well”.

However, if that were not enough, Peter Anton will go down in history for another reason. After the match, a meeting was held to consider the possibility of forming a Scottish Football Union on a similar basis to the Rugby Union in England. A committee was formed, made up of representatives from St Andrews University, the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, Glasgow Academicals, Edinburgh Academicals, Royal High FP, Merchistonians and West of Scotland, charged with drawing up rules for the game in Scotland. In his capacity as Captain, Peter Anton was one of the two representatives of St Andrews University.

So, not only was an HSD FP playing in the third ever rugby international, he was also one of the co-founders of the Scottish Rugby Union!

After the match, the Scottish team entertained their English counterparts for dinner at Maclean's Hotel in Glasgow. In 1896, Peter Anton wrote his reminiscences of the 1873 match, published in *Scottish Sport* (13 March 1896, pp 6-7), relating the story that before the game some of the English players sent their boots to a local cobbler to have leather bars hammered on to the soles to get a better grip. When the boots were returned, it was found that several of them had gone missing and the English players had to play wearing an odd boot and a shoe! The game finished in a scoreless draw. Ken Bogle in his book *Scottish Rugby: Game by Game* added: “A drawn match was probably a fair result. In the evening the two sides were entertained in a local hotel. The Scottish hospitality was too much for one English visitor who later stole a mail carriage and drove it around the streets of Glasgow.” Clearly, certain rugby traditions go back to the very roots of the game...

However, Anton was guided by his Christian faith and his true calling was to become a minister in the Church of Scotland. He enrolled at St Mary's College of Divinity as a bursary student and was licensed by St Andrews Presbytery in 1874. His rugby

playing days were over and he became an Assistant Minister at St Paul's Church, Dundee in June 1874. After six years at Dysart, he was called to Kilsyth in 1881, where he remained a hugely respected and popular figure until his sudden and untimely death aged just 61 in December 1911.

Peter Anton was undoubtedly a remarkable man blessed with boundless energy and a very wide range of interests. Married with five children he was an outstanding parish minister who cared for his community in the widest sense. His sermons were renowned, and he was sought after as an engaging, entertaining and erudite speaker on a range of topics. He was onetime Moderator of the Glasgow Presbytery and served on the Kilsyth school board for many years, including as Chairman. He did not shy away from making clear decisions and principled statements. He was passionate about education and was committed to improving the situation of teachers and schools in general, serving on the St Andrews Provincial Council for the Training of Teachers for several years. He wrote and published widely. His *Kilsyth: A Parish History* is a remarkable work of local history, but he also published books and articles on history literature, curling, angling, as well as on more religious themes. He was an expert fly fisherman, was captain of Kilsyth Golf Club and a long-time curler, including as club champion of Croy.

Alas, in his late fifties his health began to fail, and on 11 December 1911 he took ill on his way to church, collapsed and died suddenly, and was hugely missed.

After his death the following announcement appeared in *Athletic News* on 18 December 1911. “The Rev Peter Anton, whose sudden death has caused a great blank in the ecclesiastical life of Scotland, was a giant in stature and a great forward at Rugby football. The embodiment of good nature, Peter Anton was a fine type of the cultured Scot.”

Treasures from the Archive

The School's on-site archive facility boasts a great number of wonderful and diverse items, materials and memorabilia, including old school magazines, prospectuses, medals, music & drama programmes, school registers, report cards, prize lists, photographs, uniform and much more. In particular, our archive holds an extensive number of photographs, some dating back to the 1800s right through to present day. You are able to get a glimpse of some of the interesting and unique photographs that we have on-site over the next couple of pages. If you happen to recognise any of our Former Pupils or yourself in the images, then we would love to hear from you.

We are currently hard at work developing our online archive and we are aiming to upload the remainder of the school magazines as our next project. We will then be looking into displaying our photographs and newspaper articles electronically so that our materials will be viewable and more accessible to our High School of Dundee community.

If you would like the opportunity to view some of our archive materials first-hand, a selection of school magazines, photographs and other items are always on display during the morning reception of the School's annual FP Reunion. Further details for this event can be found on the back cover of this magazine.



The oldest dated photograph in our archive, taken in 1878.

A young girls' class in 1910.



High School of Dundee Staff in 1947.

A school production of *Tom Sawyer*,
date unknown.



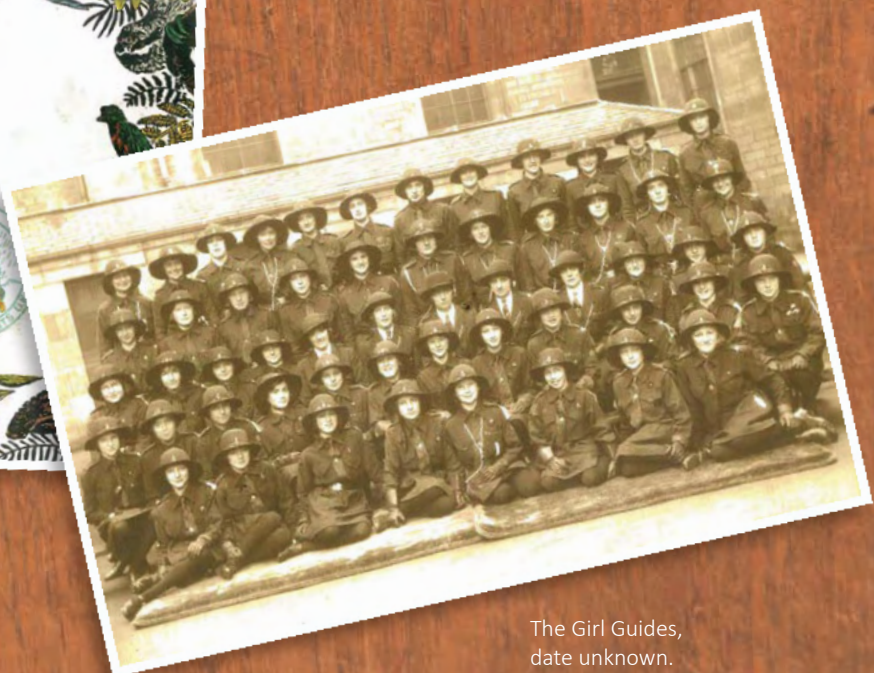
Uganda Cruise, July 1979.



Miss Gray with a class
of young boys, date
unknown.



Who knew that 1990's class LVIB owned
one acre of the Children's Eternal Forest
in Costa Rica?!



The Girl Guides,
date unknown.

A school production of *HMS Pinafore*, date unknown.



Sports Day Spectators, 1945



A painting by former staff member, Dallas Allardice, 1999.



Class of 1946



Two members of the 1st XV from 1916-17 including caps.



Fatigue Duty at Cadet Camp, Cortachy, date unknown.



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Fundraising Projects

Campaign 2015 – 2020

Campaign 2015 – 2020, to create a new centre of excellence for performing and visual arts, *the Meadowside Arts Centre (MAC)* in Dundee's former Head Post Office, is the largest capital campaign in UK independent school history. This section contains updates on this thrilling and unique city-centre project.

The Meadowside Arts Centre

I would like to thank you for your continued support towards our campaign to redevelop Dundee's Former Head Post Office Building. As you may be aware, this building, known as the *MAC (Meadowside Arts Centre)* will provide state of the art facilities for those interested in all aspects of the Arts and is designed to serve the whole community, and all ages, as well as the School.

With the opening of the V&A, Dundee is fast becoming a cultural and creative hub given recent investment across the city. The *MAC* represents the next major landmark for the city. A place where the transformative power of the Arts becomes a living reality. Creativity is at the heart of all great education and its importance in promoting wellbeing and self-esteem is well documented.

At the beginning of the Campaign in 2015, the project was set up with the intention that funding would come from a combination of reserves, loans and fundraising. However, in the last twelve

months the landscape for Independent Schools changed fundamentally with significant financial impact. We continue to review and develop the plan within this challenging political and economic backdrop with a goal of enhancing the community facilities for Dundee.



If you would like to know more about the project or would like to support the Campaign in some way please do get in touch with me through our Development Office using the details below.

E-mail: development@highschoolofdundee.org.uk

Telephone: +44 (0) 1382 202921.

Once again, thank you very much for your ongoing support.

Mr. Iain Bett, Chairman of the Board of Directors



Holly McCarthy



Performing and Visual Arts: A Year In View

Music

The School's *Meadowside Arts Centre (MAC)* will provide vital teaching spaces for our four creative disciplines: Art & Design, Culinary Arts, Drama and Music. Over the next few pages, you can discover the latest news and successes of each department over the course of the last year.



The Sir John Leng Trust's annual Silver and Gold Medal competitions were well attended by pupils across the Junior and Senior school, all of whom enjoyed performing an unaccompanied traditional Scottish song. All current Leng medal holders were then invited to compete in the Leng Gold Medal competition in the Bell Street Music Centre, with separate competitions for the boys and girls. The School gained further success with Nathan Ogston winning the Gold Medal for the boys – one of only three pupils at Primary level to win a Gold Medal in the last fifteen years.

In May, the annual 'Music in May' Concert took place in St Paul's Cathedral, which saw various groups and ensembles, such as Little Heifetz and the String Sinfonietta, showcasing their hard work. This platform also provided the chance to display the four pupils who won the School's Dvořák Prize.

Six of our pupils were in the National Girls' Choir this year, with one further pupil in the NYCOS Training Choir. Also this year, Laura Murphy of F6 was once again accepted into the National Youth

Choir of Scotland itself, a rare honour for someone of her age. Throughout the course of the year, we have had a number of pupils participating in The National Youth Orchestra of Scotland for its 40th anniversary celebrations and 325 pupils joined forces to present an all-encompassing Spring Concert in the Caird Hall in March.

The Arbroath Music Festival saw many successes for our brass-playing pupils and, furthermore, two F3 pupils won a total of six prizes between them for their outstanding vocal performances, which included a rendition of *I Dreamed A Dream* from *Les Misérables*.

Following on from their debut in 2018, the School's pipe band moved up the ladder at the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships, gaining ninth place overall – a significant step-up from our placing last year. Competing in our local indoor competition for the first time, the band secured a first place in the mini-band and full-band sections. Third place was also achieved at the Dundee City Competition and the band placed second in the Markinch Highland Games.

Performing and Visual Arts: A Year In View

Art & Design



Isla Christie



Cla Nesser

At the start of term, 10 pupils visited the McManus Galleries to take part in a hands-on practical workshop with the *Beano* artist, Nigel Parkinson. During the workshop, pupils were given the opportunity to ask the artist questions and also to watch him draw some of the many characters he is famous for drawing, including Minnie the Minx and Dennis the Menace amongst others.

F1 pupils Cameron Gray and Freya Welch both produced striking lino prints for the National Galleries Schools Competition. Their entries were shortlisted by the judging panel but unfortunately, due to the "fierce" competition this session, failed to make the final cut. The theme for this year's entries was 'water'. Freya's print of a skater on ice was stunningly simple whilst Cameron beautifully depicted a bear hunting for fish with lots of intricate details.

Mrs. Ross' Form 1 pupils have worked on a graphic design project creating posters to raise awareness of topical issues. Three of the current Form 2 pupils were shortlisted as three of the 80 out of 1535 entries to be showcased in a celebratory exhibition as part of Scotland's largest design event – Graphic Design Festival Scotland – at the Lighthouse in Glasgow.

As ever, our National 5 and Higher Art pupils excelled, producing a wide variety of stunning artwork. The National 5 artists produced some outstanding Body Adornment projects, including a birdcage-inspired fascinator constructed entirely of old books and a fantastic textile headpiece expertly made from a mixture of crochet, knitted and applique elements. Our Higher Art pupils used a breadth of inspiration for their expressive projects which included a range of striking portraits and still-life paintings.



Cameron Gray

Performing and Visual Arts: A Year In View

Culinary Arts



Our Culinary Arts' pupils have certainly cooked up a storm with their successes over the last year!

National 5 pupils experienced a real-life taster of the hospitality industry when they prepared and served different canapés for prospective parents at the School's Open Morning in September. Over 1,000 canapés were produced in total with very positive feedback received from both staff and prospective families.

The Future Chef final, held at Angus College in Arbroath saw budding young HSD chef, Katie Tonks, being highly commended for her performance and skills when she prepared and cooked a stunning dish of ballotine of chicken with a mushroom duxelles. A closely fought Rotary Chef competition, hosted by Dundee & Angus College, saw pupils Jan Van Der Kuyl, Tegan Ellis and Heather Grant produce three courses each. Although our pupils didn't win, they showcased their cooking prowess by preparing a wonderful array of dishes, including a spiced chicken leg with sweet potato puree, Laska with prawn and chicken and a San Francisco seafood crab.

Our Culinary Arts actively assist with a variety of charitable and enterprise activities across the School and this year they helped our F5 'Jamathon' Enterprise group prepare and make jam as part of a 'Dragons Den' style day in partnership with the Business & Economics Department.

In May, children in the Junior Years discovered various aspects about one of the most captivating civilisations in history. As part of a special 'Egypt Day', pupils in L3 visited Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Ross to create their very own Egyptian flatbreads. Also in the Junior School, our L1 pupils dressed to impress in special bonnets as part of their Easter Challenge Day where they got to make chocolate Easter nests and learnt about hygiene, safety, volume, weighing and food preparation.

For the fifth consecutive year and as part of the F2 curriculum, pupils designed and prepared dishes that were suitable for lunchtime service at the school Dining Hall to both fellow pupils and staff. Over 350 portions were served to both Junior and Senior Years' pupils with extremely positive feedback received across the board.

Performing and Visual Arts: A Year In View

Drama

In Autumn, our Form 2 pupils were hard at work rehearsing for their performance of the slapstick musical comedy, *Bugsy Malone*. Set in 1929 in New York City, audiences saw the Big Apple divided by gang warfare as two groups of half-witted hoodlums fought to take over the city. The spectacular spoof of old gangster movies ran for four nights in Trinity Hall and was fun-filled and full to the brim of custard pies.

For this year's junior musical, the appreciative audience in the Gardyne Theatre were transported to the magical land of Agrabah, where Aladdin attempted to win the heart of Princess Jasmine. Over 120 L6 and L7 pupils took part after months of preparation and rehearsals, carefully nurtured by Shona Fish, Shona Morgan and Helen Brian. The colourful production was an entertaining mixture of songs, laughter and adventure as our young pupils' talents and enthusiasm shone from the stage over the course of four nights.

This last year has showcased outstanding and stunning performances from our talented young people across the school. With 2020's summer musical confirmed to be *Grease*,

it looks set to be yet another successful year ahead for our Drama Department.

During the last week of the summer term, a superbly talented cast of Senior Years' pupils came together to showcase Nigel William's adaptation of William Golding's novel, *Lord of the Flies*. Dual casting allowed our performers to experience a variety of different roles and took our audiences on an adventure to an island in the middle of nowhere where the cast perfectly showcased the savage side of human nature in stressful circumstances.

Our youngest pupils pieced together the true meaning of Christmas in their Nativity Play last winter. Pupils in L1-L3 took parents and older pupils on a fun-filled adventure called 'The Magical Christmas Box'. Brother and sister, Andrew and Sarah, were excited to receive a gift from their grandparents – a special box with magical powers! This led them to collect the pieces of a Christmas jigsaw puzzle and involved a number of festive characters including Santa, Rudolf, elves, snowmen and more. £1800 was raised for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC), the Edinburgh Children's Hospital and the Suswa Girls Rescue Centre in Kenya.



Bursaries

Through the generosity of Former Pupils, parents, staff and supporters of the School, we have been able to financially support generations of young people who would otherwise not have had the opportunity to thrive, benefit from a High School of Dundee education and in turn make their mark on the world.

A Bright Future For All – You Can Make A Difference

In May this year, we appealed to our alumni community under the banner ‘Your Story Counts’ and asked them to share stories of their time at the School, with a particular focus on those who may have received financial support and how a High School education might have helped prepare them for the years ahead.

I hope you can spare a little time to read some of these stories here in *Schola Clara* and likewise on our website. It has been truly heart-warming to hear how the gift of a High School of Dundee education has had such a transformative impact on so many of our Former Pupils in a variety of different ways and we would love to be able to support even more young people for generations to come.

As you may know, a High School education ensures that our young people leave us with more than just a piece of paper in their hand. Our young people set off on their future paths with a set of skills and confidence to be able to take on the challenges of our ever-changing world. If our Core Values resonate with the quality of education that you have received, you will appreciate the importance of these skills and experiences in the world today.

Perhaps you yourself received financial support during your own education and are considering giving something back. Or maybe

you’ve been touched by reading the powerful story of one of our bursary recipients. Whatever the reason, contributing towards bursaries or leaving a legacy is a fantastic way to leave your mark on the world and make a difference to the lives of others.

We currently provide financial support to around 17% of our Senior Years’ pupils but, the High School of Dundee Foundation wants to open access to many more talented young people, regardless of their financial circumstances. By supporting our Hearts of Gold Bursary Appeal, you can make a real difference to a young person’s life and support the game-changers of tomorrow.

It’s easy to associate philanthropy with being ‘wealthy’ but all donations, no matter their size, can help to transform the lives of our young people and create a legacy that we can all be proud of. By making a donation, you will become part of the community of donors who fully understand and value our school’s capacity to advance the next generation.

Mrs. Sheena Leadbitter, Foundation Committee (Chair)

Mrs. Alex McGrory, Head of External Relations & Development



Hearts of Gold Campaign

With our recently launched Hearts of Gold Campaign, we invite you to join us in building a lasting legacy to enable children from all backgrounds to benefit from an HSD education and realise their true potential.



“Together we can make a difference. Collectively all gifts, no matter how big or small, can transform the lives of our young people and create a legacy that we can all be proud of.”

Mrs. Sheena Leadbitter,
Foundation Committee (Chair)

From our inception in 1239, we have welcomed and supported a wide range of young people and our vision is to provide an opportunity for every child to access an education at the School, regardless of their family's financial circumstances.

Bursaries have enabled the School to nurture the talent of some amazing young people over the years, and the Foundation has helped contribute towards this support through their fundraising and grants to the School.

Every year demand for bursary support is growing and so raising the necessary funds is not easy.

A significant portion of funds generated each year goes towards support for bursary applications. It costs approximately £80,000 to educate a young person from F1 through to F6 and that is

purely to cover tuition fees. We currently provide financial support to around 17% of our Senior Years' pupils and our overall aim is to be able to offer a place to any pupil who would thrive within our school, but who perhaps lack the financial means to take up a place.

All of our young people at HSD are supported to expand their horizons and they ultimately become resilient, confident and ready to take their place in our ever-changing world.

Each and every one of our young people contributes something to the school community, which we believe is a wonderful advantage. By making a donation to our Hearts of Gold Campaign we together can enable more young people to be all that they can be.

Your Stories

To give you an idea of the difference that your support could make to our young peoples' lives, please take a few minutes to read through stories we have received from our alumni who have benefitted from financial support during their time at the School.



Cameron, Class of 2013

I benefitted from a substantial bursary during my senior years, which allowed me to continue gaining the high quality of education that the School has to offer whilst my mother went into full-time study to complete a nursing degree and to fulfil other roles within the army, which otherwise would not have been possible.

"I believe that the education that I gained at the High School was definitely life-changing."

After receiving excellent support and education from my teachers, I was able to obtain 4 A's in my Scottish Highers. From these grades, I was accepted into the University of St Andrews, where I graduated with a 2:1 Honours Degree in International Relations & Modern History in 2017.

My involvement with the extracurricular activities during my school days, including Duke of Edinburgh and debating, was hugely beneficial to me when applying for a place at university. Since graduating, I have been employed as a Security Consultant, allowing me to work within major mining, oil and gas multinationals located in East Africa.

In addition to this, I am also employed by the Royal Navy, which proudly follows in my mother's footsteps as she is a British Army Reservist Officer serving as the second in command of the 225 Medical Regiment in Dundee.

David, Class of 1962

I was accepted into the High School and received a bursary towards my education. After a wonderful time spent at the School, I left in 1961 and went on to train as an Accountant, played rugby and cricket with fellow FPs and overall thoroughly enjoyed my life in Dundee.

After completing my training in accountancy, I fancied a complete break and, through family contacts, worked for a summer at the Bridge of Orchy Hotel where I went on to meet the lady who was destined to be my wife.

Overall, my education really did set me up for the future and I'm so grateful to have had all of the opportunities and experiences that I did. I hope many other young people are able to continue to benefit from bursarial support for generations to come.



Sarah, Class of 2005

I received a 75% bursary whilst I was at school and the education that I received has definitely stood me in good stead for the rest of my life.

What I've benefitted from the most is certainly exam experience. I went on to study at the University of Glasgow and found that I was not over-faced by the prospect of exams and therefore felt comfortable preparing for them. Somehow, I've ended up working in the financial services sector and the exams I had to sit to become CII accredited were definitely easier as a result of my exam experience in school.

"I feel I should also highlight the excellent teaching staff, particularly Miss Smith and Mr. McCulloch, who were both a really great support to me."

Mark, Class of 1972

My family – me, my mum, two sisters and wee brother – had just moved to Dundee and friends had recommended the School to me for my secondary education and so I joined in 1966 after sitting and passing the bursary exam.

All of my siblings followed suit and we have all since continued the family tradition of life-long careers with the NHS.

"I can definitely say that without the financial support of a bursary, there is no way we could have afforded the excellent education and preparation for later life which me and my siblings received at the High School of Dundee."



Sean, Class of 1988

“The High School of Dundee bursary for my F1 to F6 years was certainly transformative in terms of the education that I was able to experience and in supporting my future career.”

My mother had suffered from TB when she was young, spending a lot of her earlier years in hospital, and so she started her earning career much later in life. As a single parent, life could be tough but at the same time the support and opportunity the High School bursary provided me with was invaluable.

Through the excellent support from my teachers, I was able to enter Heriot-Watt University to study Building Economics & Quantity Surveying. DHS Economics classes served me well to enter this field of study and I graduated with a 1st Class Honours.

My school music teachers and physics teachers were inspiring, and this stimulated a later interest to couple acoustics, vibration and structural dynamics into a future PhD study investigating mathematical models of vibration in buildings. The application of these complex models could then be applied to other structures and I was appointed as a research fellow and funded by the government defence research agency to investigate vibration in helicopters and aircraft.

My mother passed away in 1996 and sadly never saw many of the pathways and outcomes for me from the seeds planted by her and the Dundee High School community. I know how much the bursary meant to her as a keystone of support. For me I am eternally grateful in how it positively shaped my education and career and to the great friends I still have from the Class of 1988.



Hamish, Class of 1997

With two parents working as full-time nurses, it's quite unlikely that I could have attended the High School for six years if it weren't for the financial assistance my parents received. I was very fortunate that the Assisted Places Scheme was still active during my time at the School; it was abolished virtually at the same time that I completed sixth form.

“I am very glad that financial support via means of bursaries still exists as it allows for a greater amount of diversity amongst the School community, something which I think is highly important.”

I can say that I definitely benefitted from learning in an environment where Higher Education was seen as the norm.

Matthew, Class of 2017

I do wonder what alternative path I would have taken had I not gained the qualifications that were required for entry to study Medicine at the University of Dundee. I was in a bit of a situation during my final year at school and I genuinely feared that I wasn't going to achieve my Advanced Highers. As a result, I began to feel very anxious.

“The High School of Dundee pulled out all of the stops to ensure that I got back on track with my studies and subsequently onto the career path which I had in mind for my future.”

From the outset, Dr. Halliday showed a genuine interest in my education when we met whilst I was volunteering at an event. I was taken aback when he expressed a desire to help me, even though we had only just met.

I want to express my gratitude to the School for allowing me to complete my school education there, to my peers for welcoming me to their school and giving me a sense of belonging, to the Foundation for the financial assistance it provided to support my attendance, to the teachers for their dedication and hard work; to Mrs. Hudson for her compassion and empathy; and finally and most importantly to Dr. Halliday for taking the time to speak with me at the event where we first met.

Kirsty, Former Parent

I cannot thank the High School of Dundee enough for helping us during my son's final year of school. A bit of a situation occurred and Matthew began expressing his concerns that he was underachieving in the Advanced Highers he was studying.

It was during November that Matthew had a chance encounter at an event he was attending. He was conversing with a gentleman there who showed great concern and said how keen he would be to support and assist Matthew to achieve his dream. It was a little later that Matthew realised he was speaking to the Rector of the High School of Dundee!

After an informal meeting and a couple of taster days, we decided that Matthew would move to the High School and I am happy to report that Matthew has never looked back.

“Everyone took him under their wings, he received excellent pastoral care and his teachers went above and beyond to ensure Matthew got back on track with his studies.”

Matthew achieved the results he needed and was accepted to study Medicine at the University of Dundee. He is now in his third year at university and continues to do well; he loves what he is doing and there is no doubt that he has made the right decision with his career choice. We are thankful that he was given the opportunity to attend the School, thus ensuring that he was equipped with the necessary qualifications to follow his chosen path.

I remain eternally grateful to the School for the support they not only provided to Matthew but also to myself. We received a bursary for Matthew to attend the School and complete his final year. As a single parent this alleviated any additional financial concerns. Without this assistance, I fear that Matthew might not have been able to achieve his desired results and would not now be pursuing the career of his dreams.

How You Can Support Us



All donations to our fundraising projects are greatly appreciated, no matter how large or small. By making a donation, you will become part of our community of donors who understand and value our school's capacity to advance the next generation.

We are trying to encourage and introduce a culture of engagement with our alumni, supporters and the wider High School community with the hope that this will in turn encourage a culture of philanthropy towards projects and campaigns that will be of benefit to our young people and also the wider Dundee community for years to come.

For many people, the first step onto the giving ladder is by making an Individual Gift and it is one of the most popular ways of making a donation to The High School of Dundee Foundation.

We are able to welcome Individual Gifts in a variety of ways, for example by cheque, cash, credit/debit card or by completing our online/hard copy giving forms.

Our Regular Giving welcomes people into a recurring and repeating philanthropic relationship with the School. Typically, our Regular Donors give monthly, quarterly or annually. This is the area where participation is the key as there is strength in numbers!

As Simple As A Cup Of Coffee

Small amounts really do add up. If everyone on our database were to give up the cost of a cup of coffee per day for a year, we would be able to raise an incredible and target-smashing amount. Assuming a cup of coffee costs £2.75, this would equate to £1003.75 per year per person. If you factored in each person on our database, this could generate around £130,487.50 every single year overall!

Applying Gift Aid to these donations would further increase the overall total per annum. A cup of coffee with Gift Aid applied would be £3.44 per day. Assuming everyone on our database could claim Gift Aid, this would total £1255.60 per person per year and would generate an overall yearly figure of £163,228.00!!

Understanding Gift Aid

The Gift Aid Scheme enables the School to claim tax relief on all donations made by UK taxpayers, automatically increasing the value of your gift by 25% and at no additional cost to you!

On our online and hard copy Giving Forms, there is the option to tick a box to confirm that you wish to include Gift Aid with your donation. By doing so, this allows us to reclaim basic rate tax on the value of any gift.

However, please note that if, in any tax year, you pay less Income Tax / Capital Gain Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of your donations, it will be your responsibility to pay the difference.

What Legacy Will You Leave?

Making Your Mark

Through the generosity of Former Pupils, parents, staff and supporters of the School we have been able to support generations of young people who would otherwise not have had the opportunity to thrive, make their mark on the world and in turn make a difference to the lives of others.

We truly believe that we can inspire our young people to reach their true potential, to become true game changers and create a positive impact on our society. If you have been touched in some way by HSD – perhaps while you were a pupil, or through your interactions as an alumni, or whilst you were a member of our staff or even as a member of the wider community – we invite you to consider making HSD a beneficiary in your will so that our young people can continue to thrive.

Over the years, HSD has evolved and grown to meet the ever-changing needs of our young people. We are committed to creating a vibrant hub where pupils have the best facilities to cultivate their education and shape their future.

Why I'm Leaving A Legacy

Now could be the perfect time to start thinking about what you would like to leave behind and create your own legacy. A planned gift could support a pupil in need and allow them to achieve their

full potential. Likewise, support for our capital projects contributes towards amazing facilities for the benefit of generations to come.

It's never too early to start thinking about what you could leave behind. Now could be the perfect time to create your legacy.

Every Gift Counts

Leaving a planned gift is a very personal decision. After considering the needs of your family and loved ones, you might want to leave a gift to the School. Your gift can include a monetary donation, or a part of your estate, property, works of art, a policy or trust.

When you leave a planned gift to HSD, you can specify how you would like your funds to be used, or let the School allocate the funds on your behalf. Are you interested in music, art or science? Perhaps you would like to support a certain area or activity. If you are unsure which area to support, you can direct your planned gift to a specific part of the curriculum, co-curriculum, the estate or the School in general (where we will direct your contribution to the area of greatest need).

Whether you would like to establish a fund in your name, or in the name of a loved one, or leave your gift anonymously please reach out to the Development Office who will be more than happy to talk through your gift intention so we are able to honour your wishes.



"I'm really happy to have made a legacy to the High School of Dundee which I hope will benefit children for generations to come. It was easy to set up, tax free and the team in the Development Office were great, making the whole process smooth and straightforward."

"My family and I have all benefitted from a High School education over the years. We had very different abilities and interests but each of us were able to find something that inspired our journey beyond the Pillars. I truly believe that without this influence we would not have had the confidence to pursue our dreams and be where we are today. For this reason, I would like to leave a legacy to make a contribution towards the lives of other families at our school."

Anonymous Donor

Donor Roll

Here we honour and thank all of our donors who have made a philanthropic gift to the High School of Dundee during the period 01/01/2014 – 01/11/2019. All of these generous donations have been administered through the High School of Dundee Foundation.

Over the next few pages you can see our list of Donors who have donated directly to our ongoing Campaign 2015 – 2020, or more generally to support the wider philanthropic needs of the School, as well as our list of Donors whose gifts have been directed towards our Bursary Fund.

Donations to Campaign 2015 – 2020

01/01/2014 – 01/11/2019

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class Year</i>	<i>Leaving Year</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Class Year</i>	<i>Leaving Year</i>
Anonymous			Winter & Simpson		
Anonymous			Dr. Douglas J. A. Adamson	1982	
Anonymous			<i>Mrs. Margaret C. Aitken (née Crawford)</i>	1949	1948
Anonymous			Mr. Bruce M. Allan	1977	
Anonymous			Mrs. Helen M. Allan (née Ramsay)	1952	
Anonymous			Mr. David B. Anderson & Dr. Gillian V. Orange		
Anonymous			Mrs. Paula A. Arnott (née Speirs)	1986	
Anonymous			Mrs. Joyce S. Avery (née Whyte)	1954	
Anonymous			Mr. Robert S. Balfour		
Anonymous			Captain Guy C. Ballantyne	2007	
Anonymous	1940		Mrs. Jan Barklem (née Main)	1977	
Anonymous	1942		Mrs. Alison V. Barnett (née Young)	1956	
Anonymous	1947		Dr. Peter M. Barrie	1977	1976
Anonymous	1949	1948	Mr. Peter B. Baxter	1973	
Anonymous	1952		Mr. David M. Bean	2001	
Anonymous	1953	1947	Miss Elizabeth S. Bell	1949	
Anonymous	1953		Mrs. Moira B. Bell (née Hardy)	1957	
Anonymous	1954		Mr. Iain C. R. & Mrs. Margaret Bett	1965	1963
Anonymous	1956		Miss Margaret Bibb	1939	
Anonymous	1960	1959	Mrs. Jennifer A. G. Birks (née Laurie)	1974	
Anonymous	1960		Dr. John S. G. Blair	1946	
Anonymous	1960		Mrs. L. D. Pamela Braid (née Gibson)	1949	
Anonymous	1961		Mrs. Elizabeth M. Brown (née Johnston)	1952	
Anonymous	1965	1964	Dr. Maris E. Buchanan	1965	
Anonymous	1966	1965	Mr. Richard S. Burnett	1980	
Anonymous	1968		Mr. Richard R. J. Burns	1964	
Anonymous	1970	1967	Mr. Henry F. Campbell	1964	
Anonymous	1973		<i>Min Anderson (née Campbell)</i>		
Anonymous	1976		Miss Morag H. Campbell	1946	1945
Anonymous	1981	1974	Mr. Nicholas G. Carnegie	1980	
Anonymous	1991		Mr. Alan D. Clark	1950	
Adamston (Farms) Ltd			Mrs. Katherine Clark		
Aitken & Niven			Miss Kathleen M. Clark	1953	1952
Amati Global Investors Limited			Mrs. Louise H. Clark		
Border Embroideries			Mrs. Sally M. Clark (née Haslock)	1959	1958
CLIC Choir			Mr. William J. Clark	1968	1967
Dundee High School Old Boys' Club			Prof. Jan E. Clarkson		
Dundee HSFP RFC			<i>Mr. Dennis F. Collins</i>	1948	1947
Edinburgh FX Ltd			Mrs. Elspeth Collins		
Friends of the High School of Dundee			Mr. David A. Comb	1967	
Henderson Loggie Chartered Accountants			Rev. Johnathan H. Copus	1962	1955
High School of Dundee Foundation			<i>Mrs. Dorothy M. R. Copus (née Simpson)</i>		
High School of Dundee Old Girls' Club			Dr. Ruth Cotton		
High School of Dundee Parents' Association			Mr. Stuart J. Coull	1998	
High School of Dundee Trust Appeal Fund			Miss Gillian Craig	2011	
J A Tombazis Charitable Trust			Mrs. Maita Crowe		
James Keiller Estates Ltd			The Rt. Hon. The Lord Cullen of Whitekirk KT	1953	
Medinrun Limited			Mr. James & Mrs. Lucy Cuthill		
Mrs A V U Brown's Charitable Trust			Mrs. Janice S. Davidson		
Struan Baptie Property Management Ltd			Mrs. Morag Davie		
Sutherland Management			Dr. Jean S. Davis (née Thomson)	1956	
Tay Charitable Trust			Mr. Stephen B. Davis	1977	
The Insights Group Ltd			Dr. John A. & Mrs. Frances J. Dent		
The T C Charitable Trust			Mr. William F. Dewar	1962	

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<i>Dr. W. F. Morrison Dorward</i>	1945		Mr. Edward N. MacFarlane Smith	1991	
Rev. Elspeth Dougall (née Swinton)	1954		Dr. David & Dr. Isla MacKenzie		
Mr. Malcolm A. Dougall	1958		Dr. Derek Maclean		
Mr. R. Michael Duckworth	1963		Mrs. Elizabeth MacNee (née Kinnear)	1965	
Miss Patricia M. Duff	1969		Dr. William R. MacRae	1951	1950
Mr. A. Michael Duncan			Mrs. Frances Martin (née Tetlow)		
Mr. Angus S. Duncan			Mr. John C. Mason	1954	
Mr. Hugh D. Duncan	1955		Miss Angela V. Mathers	1964	1958
Miss Jennifer A. Dunlop	1961		Mr. Christopher G. Matheson-Dear	1981	
<i>Dr. Alan S. Duthie</i>	1956		Miss Joan C. Matthewson	1967	
Mr. Grant C. Elliot	1961		Mrs. Isabel M. McCulloch (née Boyd)	1954	1952
Mr. Edward G. Findlay			Mrs. Fenella J. McDonald		
Mr. Harvie L. Findlay	1965		Mr. Gus & Mrs. Anne McDonald		
Mr. Dougal Fiskien			Mrs. Dorothy McGill (née Borrie)	1963	
Mrs. Ann Forbes (née McGregor)	1958		Mrs. Elizabeth A. McInnes (née Laird)	1946	1941
Mr. Ross D. & Mrs. Emma Forster	1997		<i>Mrs. Elspeth McIntyre</i>		
Dr. Alison Franks	1980		Mr. Martin McKay		
Mr. & Mrs. S. Fyffe			Dr. James F. McKellican	1956	
Dr. Esme L. Gates	1996		<i>Prof. Jeffrey E. McLachlan</i>	1949	1948
Mrs. Valerie Gauld			Dr. Jane M. McNeill	1972	
Dr. Anne M. Gibson (née Thomson)	1948		Miss Louise E. S. McNeill	1994	
Mr. Richard Gillis	1968		Mr. Ronald & Mrs. Beth McNicol		
Mr. Ronald S. I. & Katherine F. Goodfellow	1963		Mr. George D. McPherson	1935	
Mr. Donald N. & Mrs. Alison Gordon			Mrs. Sally M. Mearns (née Knight)	1948	
Mrs. Caroline Gordon			Mr. John F. Mee	1968	
Mrs. Jean E. Gray			Dr. A. Paul Meredith	1969	
Dr. Brian Gribbin	1956		Mr. Ian W. Miller	1965	
Mr. Ronald S. Grieve & Mrs. Sheila M. Grieve	1942		Dr. Peter G. Mills	1963	1958
Mr. A. Ross Gunn	1950	1949	<i>Dr. G. W. Mills</i>		
Mrs. Rebecca Gunn			Mrs. Margaret D. Montgomery (née White)	1951	
Mrs. Louise M. Hackney (née McLean)	1945		Mr. David Moore & <i>Mrs. Dorothy Moore</i>		
Dr. John D. & Mrs. Anna M. Halliday			Mrs. Kirsten Wallace		
Mrs. Isabel M. Harvey (née Douglas)	1958		<i>(née Ison) & Mr. Alexander (Sandy) Moore</i>		
Mr. Derek M. Harwood	1972		Mrs. Camilla M. Moorjani		
Miss Elizabeth K. Henderson			Mr. Mukesh Moorjani		
Mrs. Janette M.N. Hetherington (née Weatherhead)	1956		Dr. Michael J. L. Mort	1962	1961
Mrs. Wendy E. Hines (née McPherson)	1965		Miss F. Annabel Murday		
Dr. W. Stuart Hislop	1966	1964	Mr. Alex Murdoch		
Mr. Ewan E. Hooper	1953	1952	Mr. David & Mrs. Yunchao Murdoch		
Dr. Rosemary L. Hopford (née Campbell)	1963		Mrs. Ann P. Murray (née Cumming)	1962	
Dr. Caroline A. Howitt			Mrs. Audrey C. Murray (née Melvin)	1973	1972
Mrs. Lise A. M. Hudson			Dr. Gordon Murray	1954	
Mr. David D. Hume	1955		Mr. Kenneth M. Murray	1977	
Mr. James Hunter	1957		Mrs. M. Ann Murray		
Mrs. Julie K. Husband			Mrs. Frances R. Napier	1966	1964
Mr. Christopher W. Ide			Dr. James R. Nicoll		
Mr. Oliver A. & Mrs. Charlotte E. M. Jackson-Hutt			Mr. Robert & Mrs. Hilary Nimmo		
Dr. Albert Jacob	1948		Mrs. Joan B. Noble (née Grant)	1969	1963
Mr. Walter L. Jacob	1953	1952	Miss Suzie E. Ogilvie	1993	
Dr. Robert L. D. Jones	1970		Mrs. Alison J. Paterson (née Sim)	1973	
Miss Pauline R. Kay Butler	1948		Mr. Cameron J. Paterson	1979	
Mr. Paul M. Kidd	2015		Mrs. Pamela J. Paterson (née Rollo)	1963	
Mr. Charles Frederick Lawson			Mr. Jim Patrick		
Mrs. Sheena Leadbitter			<i>Katrina Patrick & Michael Patrick</i>		
Mrs. Patricia S. Leishman (née Edger)			Miss Kathleen M. Patrick	1962	1953
Mr. Roger T. Leslie	1962		Mr. James Pearson		
Mr. Gavin A. F. Lickley	1964	1963	Mrs. Maureen Pearson (née Ritchie)	1957	
Mr. Peter Linquiti	1908		<i>Mrs. Rosamunde Pilcher</i>		
Mrs. Edith Linton	1947		Mr. Matthew K. Powrie	2009	
<i>(née Ferguson)</i>			Mr. D. Howard Price		
Dr. Elizabeth M. Logie-Maclver	1974		Mr. Norman H. Price	1968	1963
Mr. Andrew J. Lothian			Mr. Ronald W. Pringle	1956	1955
Mr. Alistair J. Low	1960		Dr. Janice Provan (née Ross)	1980	1979
Mr. William & Mrs. Sheila Low	1984		Dr. Ian A. Ramsay	1958	1953
Prof. Gordon D. Lowe	1967		Mr. Christopher W. W. Rea	1963	
Mr. Gordon M. Lyle	1957		Miss Deryn A. Rees	1950	1949
Miss Charlotte M. Lythe	1959		<i>Mrs. Evelyn Rees (née Bowman)</i>		
Rev. Finlay A. & Mrs. Elizabeth M. MacDonald	1963		Dr. Andrew H. Reid		
Mrs. Marjory M. MacDonald (née Booth)	1968		Mr. J. Douglas Rew	1964	1960
Ms. Patricia MacDonald	1966	1965	Dr. Nigel Reynolds		
Mrs. Moira A. MacFarlane (née Robertson)	1962		Mr. Michael C. Richardson	1952	
Mr. Alexander H. Macfarlane Smith	1999		Mr. Dan O. Richterich		
			Dr. Joan M. Ritchie	1971	1970

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Mr. John Robertson			Mr. Stephen R. Swinton		
Dr. David A. Rorie	1967		Mr. Kazumitsu Takahashi	1976	
<i>Prof. Michael Rosen</i>	1945	1944	Mrs. Marjory M. Thom (née Foote)	1962	
The Rt. Hon. The Lord (Donald M. Ross)	1944		Mr. Gary Thomson		
Miss Ann Rothwell	1963	1962	Mrs. Elizabeth E. Tones (née McCulloch)	1976	1975
Mrs. Catherine S. P. Rutherford			Mrs. Kirsty H. Turnbull		
Mrs. Judith A. Sansom (née Leslie)	1961	1960	Rev. James & Mrs. Jane Turrent		
Mr. Alastair G. Scott	1966		Sheriff Alfred D. Vannet	1967	
Mrs. Vivien F. Scott (née Wood)	1966	1964	<i>Mr. William P. Vannet,</i>		
Mrs. Margaret Scott Brown			<i>Mrs. Jean Vannet (née Low)</i>		
Mrs. Isabel M. Scrimgeour (née Ogilvy)	1953	1952	<i>& Mr. John C. Vannet</i>		
Mr. Charles M. Sharp			Mrs. Valerie A. Vannet (née Reid)	1972	
Prof. Ian. E. Smith	1964		Mr. Charles E. Walker		
Mr. Kish Srinivasan			Mr. Derek K. Walmsley	1965	1963
Mr. Ian S. Stark	1951	1950	Mrs. Kathleen M. Watt (née Ross)	1953	
Dr. Lionel S. Steuart Fotheringham	1991	1981	<i>Mr. John L. Webster</i>	1953	1952
Mr. A. Dawson Stewart			Mr. A. Michael Wedderburn	1987	
Mr. Adrian A. Stewart	1960		<i>Mr. Alastair J. B. White</i>	1955	
Mrs. Jean Stimson (née Baird)	1964		Mr. Ian B. White	1949	
Mr. Richard J. Stiven	1971		Mr. Michael Woischneck		
<i>Mr. Raymond D. Strachan</i>	1944	1943	Mr. J. Harvey R. Wright	1956	1954
Mrs. Elizabeth Sturrock			Mr. John D. Yeaman	1953	
Mrs. Eleanor J. Sunderland (née Dunbar)			Mr. William S. Young		

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Anonymous			Mr. William M. Hamilton	1961	
Anonymous			Mr. Derek M. Harwood	1972	
Anonymous			Dr. David C. B. Holt	1965	1964
Anonymous			Prof. James D. Hutchison	1973	
Anonymous	1940		Mrs. Fiona M. Kempton (née Lowe)	1979	
Anonymous	1963	1962	Mr. Adam J. King	1993	
Anonymous	1965		Mr. Alexander H. Macfarlane Smith	1999	
Anonymous	1974	1973	Mrs. Alexandrina G. McGrory	1988	
Anonymous	1981	1974	Dr. Graeme P. McNeill	1962	
<i>Anonymous</i>	1981		Mr. Stuart D. K. Pemble	1988	
Anonymous	1992		Prof. Caroline Pringle (née MacEwan)		
Lethendy Charitable Trust			Prof. Stuart D. Pringle	1973	
Mr. Eric G. Anderson	1958		Dr. Thomas Pullar		
Mr. Douglas J. Barnet	1959		Mr. David C. Reid	1952	
Dr. Peter M. Barrie	1977	1976	Mrs. Jane Richardson (née Picton)	1979	
Mrs. L. D. Pamela Braid (née Gibson)	1949		Mr. G. Fraser Ritchie	1960	
Mr. Kenneth J. Clark	1951	1950	Mrs. Ann E. Schmidt (née Grewar)	1994	
Mrs. Karen E. Cowan (née Leadbitter)	1986		Mr. Alastair G. Scott	1966	
Mr. Campbell Davis	1997		Mrs. Katrina H. Shearer (née Leadbitter)	1989	
Dr. J. Neil de Villiers			Mr. Gordon C. & Mrs. Maureen Stewart		
Mr. Malcolm A. Dougall	1958		Mrs. Margaret T. Thomas		
Sir A. Patrick M. Forrest	1940		Mr. John C. Vannet	1972	
Mr. Alexander E. Gardner	1988	1987	Mr. Leslie & Mrs. Gail R. M. Young		
Dr. Anne M. Gibson (née Thomson)	1948				

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Programme

9am	Registration and morning refreshments
9.45am	Rector's Welcome, The School Today
10.15am	Tours with Prefects & Staff
12pm	Pillars photo finish
12.15pm	Lunch, served in the Dining Hall
2.30pm	Finish

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