

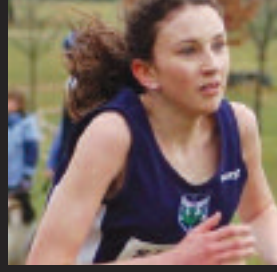
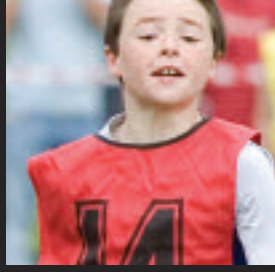
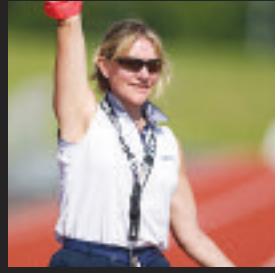
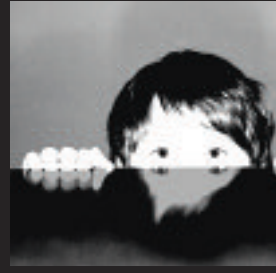
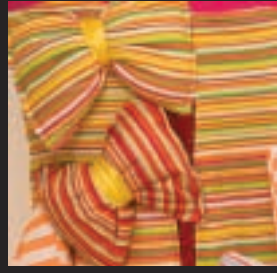
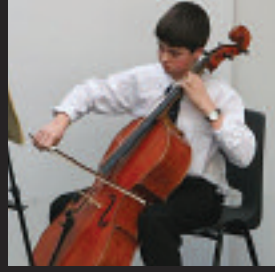
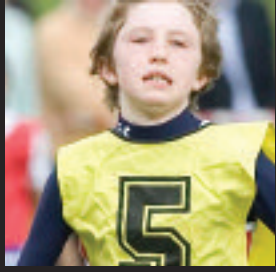


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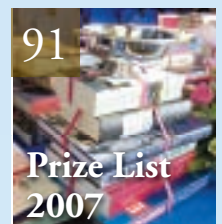
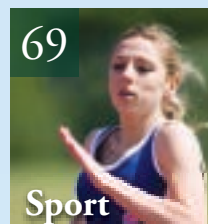
It was a privilege to be Editor of the school magazine this year, after all, “a million girls would kill for this job”. I have discovered that the magazine world is a tough industry; directives have to be given, meetings have to be organised, the right journalists must be on the ground to get the good story and deadlines have to be met. Everyone involved has a sense of achievement when everything comes together to produce ‘The Hutchesonian’.

‘The Hutchesonian’ plays a pivotal role in the Hutchie community; it showcases our pupils’ work and ultimately encourages the up and coming Hutchie students to take on new challenges. So the stars of this show have to be you, our multi- talented pupils and the teachers who inspire us to contribute to every aspect of school life - without your efforts, there would be no story to report!

I may have seemed like the “dragon lady” at times but this devil didn’t wear Prada, (instead she wore a Hutchie uniform) but nevertheless she still had the top people working for her. Behind the covers of this glossy magazine, there is a strong editorial team who were extremely committed, and they were the best in their craft. Once again, thank-you to Mr Campbell whose invaluable support ensures that ‘The Hutchesonian’ continues to flourish and to perform its unique role in our school life.

“That’s all” ... for this year, anyway!

Melissa Thomas







From the Rector

## From the Rector

I find myself talking a lot in public about Hutchesons' academic excellence. Since the last edition of this magazine, the Higher results published over the summer gave us a

tremendous lift, showing that the school turns out more 5 A grade-achieving pupils than any other, and - in case anyone is thinking that is just because we are one of the largest independent

schools - the highest percentage of A grades and the highest number of A grades per pupil. I wrote last year about the need for some schools to push the academic boundaries ever higher, and it is therefore pleasing that Hutchesons' is so demonstrably doing that.

But I also find myself taking pains to explain that there are many other parts of school life here which display excellence. It has become something of a headmaster's cliché to talk about success in all the 'other areas... such as sport, music and drama', but it is one of these I want to write about this year. There are several reasons for this, but the most important is that I believe Hutchesons' sport has made significant strides recently. All three areas have exciting developments ahead of them, which will strengthen them further, but sport has something very special indeed on the horizon.

Under Stuart Lang, our Director of Sport, a large and impressive team of teachers and coaches work incredibly hard, week in, week out, to motivate, train and coach hundreds of pupils in a wide range of sports. Most Saturday mornings during the first two terms will see 14 rugby teams and 18 girls' hockey teams playing matches against other schools, and there are full fixture lists for boys' hockey and football, too. The standard is very high throughout. In rugby, this season has seen real improvement at all age groups, as we move towards a coherent Hutchesons' style of play, based not on physical size, but on our boys' superb athleticism, handling and kicking skills and in many cases, genuine pace. New match kit,





new equipment and a forthcoming 1st XV tour to South Africa in the summer have raised the status of rugby, and there is a growing expectation of winning, against any school. That is as it should be.

I do get frustrated when people say that Hutchesons' is good at sport because it is a large school, and so we have a bigger pool of pupil talent to choose from. Experience of successful sporting teams in much smaller schools tells me that it is the quality of coaching, above all, which makes the difference. This is clearly the case in our hockey, where both girls and boys benefit from highly skilled coaches, who include our two former Olympians Rhona Simpson and Graham Dunlop, and we can point to match results which show our dominance in this sport throughout Scotland. The Hutchesons' style is fast, skilful and tactically complex, with professional patterns of play and real shape to the game, particularly when it is played on Astroturf by the more senior teams.

One area where our sporting success is particularly obvious is in cross-country running. This year our teams won Gold in the Scottish Schools Championship in four out of the eight age categories – our other four teams being 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th. No other school comes remotely close to that level of achievement. This running success is equally evident in road-running competitions and in athletics, where we are rarely beaten in matches against other schools. Sadly, few other schools can manage to stage a full inter-school athletics match nowadays, the demands on staff

supervision for marshalling, starting, judging and timing being considered too high.

We achieve these sporting successes despite our relatively poor outdoor sporting facilities. Anyone who knows the Auldhouse playing fields will understand what I mean by this. It would be lovely to think that we could find a larger green field site closer to the school on which we could develop better rugby facilities, but that seems out of reach. We are also almost unique amongst our hockey playing rivals in not having our own Astroturf pitch – we rely on hiring time on the Clydesdale and Bellahouston pitches. Our success in athletics and running based on training on the grass track at Beaton Road is bolstered by many pupils being members of track-based clubs out of school hours. While we may not be able to solve the Auldhouse problem, we can at least improve the facilities for hockey and athletics at Beaton Road. By the time this magazine is published, the full details of our plans will have been made public.

In short, we intend to build our own Astroturf hockey pitch, and surround that with a synthetic 'tartan' running track. There are some exciting dimensions to this. By building both the pitch and the track to much higher technical specifications than a school might usually attempt we are not only making a statement about how serious Hutchesons' is about sport, but opening the possibility of our facilities being used as a training venue for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014. This would of course have wonderful spin-off

benefits to school pupils, as they would be able to watch some of the world's best hockey players and athletes train.

By building the running track we will put ourselves out in front of other schools – no other independent school in Scotland has one, and very few in the UK. By building the hockey pitch we will hopefully bring 1st team hockey closer to home and allow many more interested spectators to watch our teams perform. Our commitment to improving standards of hockey and athletics further, from an already strong position, is thus very clear. But in fact all of our sports will benefit from the track in some way, as weekly PE lessons will be able to use it to raise the general fitness and stamina of all our pupils – again a very strong school-wide statement about general health and well-being. I have a vision of rugby players practising handling moves round the final bend and into the home straight...

Such a major project, costing such a lot – estimates are of over £1 million – is not to be undertaken lightly, but I hope you will agree that it is a good idea to reward success in areas where I have been asking for progress and the aim is to give Hutchesons' teachers and pupils the means to build on that success. It would be good to see Hutchesons' more widely known as a centre for sporting excellence as well as maintaining its high reputation for academic learning.

**Dr K M Greig**







*Pupils gaining five 'A' grade Highers in 2007 celebrate in style!*



*All these pupils gained 6 'A' grade passes at Higher Grade in 2007*



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# Founders' Day 2008

*By Alec O'Donoghue*

On Wednesday 12th March 2008, the 367th anniversary of the founding of Hutchesons' in 1641 was celebrated by pupils, staff and guests in a ceremony at the majestic Glasgow Cathedral. George and Thomas Hutcheson worshipped at the Cathedral, and they are buried there, so it is a fitting location for the occasion.

Every year a former pupil gives an address at the service, and this year,

Walter Ross flew from his home in Palm Beach, Florida, to speak at the service. Since leaving Hutchesons' in 1946, Mr Ross has enjoyed a distinguished business career, most of which has been spent in the United States.

His address showed his sense of humour, with jokes peppered throughout as he reminisced about his school days. He also spoke about philanthropy, taking

Andrew Carnegie as an example of someone who built up a massive fortune through hard work, and then gave it away. Mr Ross praised some of today's best known philanthropists.

Mr Ross encouraged all present to have self-belief and determination, saying that this allows people to achieve more than they otherwise could. He also expressed his gratitude to his parents for giving





him a Hutchie education, which he said had helped him throughout his life.

This was the last year of many in which Mr MacAllister has organised Founders' Day, as he nears retirement, and the occasion was a fitting celebration of the vision of George and Thomas Hutcheson.





*I-r: Douglas Herbert (deputy), Morag McLellan (head girl), Andrew Leslie (head boy) and Stephanie Wilson (deputy).*



# Head Boy and Girl

As Erica Jong once said, you ‘Take your life in your own hands, and what happens? A terrible thing: no one to blame’. As we look back on the year, our opportunities gained and lessons learned, the wisdom of these words becomes all too apparent.

From the very outset we were on our own, sprung from the safety of Fifth year into the fiery caldron of Sixth year. As the oldest in the school there was now no-one to copy, no-one waiting for us to catch up and certainly no-one guiding us by hand, we were already in the deep end and had to fend for ourselves. However, we quickly found our feet and firmly established ourselves in these new positions.

Having each personally seen out our first daunting challenge of the assembly readings, we handed the mantel over to the rest of the Prefect body to follow suit. With weekly Prefect meetings organized to keep everything in check, the Prefects quietly and efficiently fulfilled their duties. These included manning the lunch queues and helping at no less than six Parents’ Evenings!

However, it’s not all hard work, as our whirl of social events came to a frenzied climax with a range of ceilidhs and



*Morag McLellan, Andrew Leslie, the Rector and Mr Graham MacAllister.*

dances over the festive period. Prefects enthusiastically leapt into action and danced the night away, helping to make the events a real success. Undoubtedly, the biggest highlights of the year were Founders’ Day and the Former Pupils’ Dinner, events which we were honoured to attend.

So it is with a real sense of achievement that we reflect on what has been an unforgettable experience for us all. Our special thanks go to our tutor, Mr MacAllister, for his unfailing support and encouragement, without whom nothing would have been possible. Thanks.



# Staff Notes

## Departures



**Jean D. Paul**  
(*Modern Languages*)

Jean D. Paul first came to Hutchesons' Grammar School as a parent and shortly afterwards as a supply teacher, covering Irene Davis' first maternity leave. This maternity cover soon turned into a full-time temporary post and after one session it became permanent. The rest, as they say, is history.

Jean's enthusiasm and dedication were evident from the beginning and it was not too long before Jean was promoted to the position of Senior Teacher with responsibility for the European dimension within Hutchesons', encouraging, amongst other things, an awareness of International Education. In this capacity she was involved in many and varied activities, including the German exchange and Euroscola, and was the instigator of the very successful Weihnachtsfeier for S2 German pupils. A further promotion to the role of Year Tutor did not mean that Jean lost her appetite for all things European; indeed, she still found time to take part in school trips organised by the Modern Languages department to European destinations. Jean was also a stalwart of the yearly Easter

expeditions to Russia, China and America, to name but three destinations.

Although the role of Year Tutor, initially in the middle years of the senior school and latterly in the S5/S6 slot, took Jean out of the ML department in terms of her office, she remained a very loyal and conscientious member of the department, never afraid to promote traditional values and always willing to contribute at departmental meetings. Supportive throughout her career of pupils and colleagues, Jean will be remembered fondly and with gratitude by a generation of Hutchesonians who benefited from knowing her as a teacher at Kingarth Street or Beaton Road, or as a Year Tutor or as an artiste and supermodel at various charity events or as a friend.

This session has seen Jean's career at Hutchesons' come full circle and we have been fortunate in being able to count her among us once again, covering for Irene Davis.

We are delighted to have had the privilege of working with Jean and wish her, and her (expanding) family, well in her (early) retirement.

EB

**Barbara Pycraft**  
(*Music*)

Barbara began teaching Music at Queens School Chester in 1977 before following her husband Charles to the south of England and subsequently to South Africa, where she became Director of Music at

Roedean School in Johannesburg. On returning to the UK, she was Director of Music at South Hampstead High School from 1986, before changing direction and accepting a commercial managerial position at Tonbridge School in Kent. Another house move, this time to Troon in 1997, brought her to the Music Department at Hutchie. As well as class teaching she has coached many string players and ensembles – a most memorable chamber



performance was a very enthusiastic version of the Schubert "Trout" Quintet – not for the faint hearted! Her no nonsense approach, businesslike attitude and well honed sense of humour will be much missed by her colleagues.

Considered a serious "Foodie" by all who know her, we wish Barbara (and Charles) well as they look forward to the time ahead and enjoy travelling to experience the best of cuisine at home and abroad.

ET

**Alison Gifford**  
(*Music*)

Graduating from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music in 1968, Alison began her teaching career in Colston Secondary School. In 1972 she became House Mistress at Cathkin High School



before taking up the post of Principal Teacher of Music in Albert Secondary. She left in 1984 and joined us firstly at Kingarth Street, and later as a full time member of staff in the Senior School. Throughout her time here, Alison helped in the extra curricular life of the Music Department – accompanying the first ever School Choir trip to Luneburg, in Northern Germany in 1990 and running the Theatregoers Club until the Drama Department was fully developed.

With a passion for choral music, Alison was a founder member of successful singing group Capella Nova and Principal Alto for Glasgow Cathedral Choir for many years. She sings with several other groups – including Hutchesons' Choral Society, and indeed joins the ranks of any school ensemble whenever the occasion demands. An active member of St Bride's Church Hyndland, she has recently taken up the post of Pastoral Assistant to the Congregation.

Looking forward to her retirement Alison is planning to extend her gardening skills by taking on an allotment and looks forward to continuing her usual 6am morning swimming sessions – just not quite so early!

ET





**Jenny Fitzgerald**  
(Physical Education)

Jenny joined the staff at Hutchesons' in 2005. Jenny was a very keen hockey player and distance runner. Distance was no object and she frequently ran all the way home to Balloch - a distance of very near 20 miles. Her youthful looks and petite size led to much fun in the department and Jenny was often misidentified as a pupil. Jenny's other hobbies included all things pink and her pet rabbits.

She left last year to join the staff at Lomond School and has recently, with her husband Dominic, taken on the role as Head of the boarding house.

SL



**Mrs. Carol Arthur**  
(Kingarth Street)

In 1990 Carol Arthur joined us for 6 weeks supply to take responsibility for a P1 class. She then became permanent and continued this commitment in P1 until 1996 when she became full time and had experience with P2.

Her reputation for hard work, sense of duty and reliability earned her the respect of all

her colleagues and parents. She was always a team player, generous with her ideas and obliging to any members of staff who needed a favour. She was present at all evening and extra curricular events.

When Mrs. Hatfield took charge of the Infant Department, Carol shared a P1 class with her before deciding to try her hand at Infant Support for Learning. Her endless patience, concern for the children and dedication to any task she undertook made her eminently suitable for this specialist area.

We were all disappointed when, for family reasons, she decided to take early retirement at the end of last session, but are delighted to see her back in Kingarth Street on a regular basis, fulfilling our Infant supply needs again, always in the background and making a contribution. Long may she continue.

LMcK



**Mrs. Christine Kennedy**  
(Kingarth Street)

Last June we said farewell to one of our most respected and competent teachers.

Christine Kennedy joined us from Westbourne School for Girls in 1986, and over the years here made an outstanding contribution to the life of Kingarth Street. She was equally successful in

all the stages she taught here, namely P4, 5 and 7. Her demeanour was always calm, kind and patient and she earned affection and respect from pupils, parents and staff alike.

In the early nineties she became a Senior Teacher and took responsibility for liaison with Beaton Road, in the gathering of pupils' photographs, articles and items of interest for various school publications. She was Topic Resources Coordinator in Kingarth Street and her work in this area was invaluable. She also chaired a Maths Working Party which made an excellent contribution to the department. Christine could always be relied on to play a part in the extracurricular life of the school. She helped with badminton and was a regular attender at all evening events.

She decided in 2003 that she would like to become part time and we were happy to have her for even part of the week, rather than none. She job shared successfully for her last few years here and we were sorry when she decided to retire in June of last year. We all join in wishing her and her husband Gwyn a long and happy retirement and much joy in their grandchildren. Their gain is Kingarth Street's loss!

LMcK

**Ann McLeod**  
(Classics)

Ann McLeod came to Hutchesons' in the summer of 2003 from Earnock Academy where she had taught Latin and RE, was an acting senior teacher with a whole school remit for Thinking Skills and the SSTA



rep. Her previous career had been interesting. After graduating with an honours degree in French and Latin at Edinburgh University, she completed a post-graduate diploma in Hotel and Catering Management, worked in various hotels and then became restaurant manager at the BBC. If her career path was not quite the usual, neither were her interests – bridge, cross-stitch and belly dancing. However, Ann tackled everything with enthusiasm, as a form teacher, as a colleague who loved to Hoover up, and spread, the gossip in the Staff Prep Room and as a member of the Classics Department where she was always first to volunteer her skills in developing new courses, especially involving ICT. While here, she passed the Advanced Driving and Minibus Tests- though she needed high heels to reach the pedals- which enabled her to run several trips to Hadrian's Wall. Always keen to progress in her subject, Ann became involved with the SEB, taught Latin and Classical Civilisation to A Level, Classical Studies to Higher and picked up some Greek along the way.

Fittingly, her swansong, after she had moved to St Aloysius, was a superbly organised trip to Rome last autumn which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We wish her well.

MM





**Catherine Watt**  
(Mathematics)

A native of Aberdeen, Catherine gained her degree in Mathematics at Aberdeen University. After having her children, she gained her teaching qualification at training college in Norwich. After teaching in Suffolk, Greenock, Erskine and Renfrew, Catherine joined the staff at Laurel Park as Head of Mathematics. During this time, her main focus was the pupils and as well as introducing new methodologies within the Department she also introduced Team Building weekends for the Sixth Year and organised several trips to Feishiebridge. With a group of teachers and 32 pupils she led a very successful and memorable trip to China. In

2001, Catherine joined the staff at Beaton Road. One of her responsibilities was Primary/ Secondary liaison and as a result, she introduced the Pirates for P6 and Fun Maths for P7. She was also involved in a Working Party that produced material for Thinking Skills. Now that she has retired, Catherine will have more time to enjoy her many and varied interests – walking long distance footpaths, climbing Munros, cycling – to name but a few. Typically, Catherine has not relaxed since leaving Hutchie spending quality time both with her grand-daughter and at the family cottage in Royal Deeside. She even goes to Salsa classes! Now that her husband, Alan, is also retired they are looking forward to travelling around the UK and Europe in their newly purchased campervan. Catherine is greatly missed and we offer her every good wish for a fulfilling and happy retirement.

SBF



**Kitty Kilday**  
(Mathematics)

Throughout the nine years Kitty was with us at Hutchesons', she was a most valued member of a vibrant department. Her commitment to all aspects of departmental work and her dedication to her pupils make her irreplaceable.

In the classroom, Kitty used her extensive knowledge, experience and deep love of her subject to ensure that those in her care received the best possible opportunity to learn Mathematics, in all its guises. An outstanding classroom teacher, Kitty provided her pupils with self belief and proficiency in many aspects of Mathematics. Unsparing of her time, Kitty was always available to help anyone in need, not just her pupils. An outstanding mathematician and humanitarian, Kitty

unobtrusively offered support to all in the department. Her tact and wisdom enabled her to soothe all concerns and to give us all confidence in understanding the nuances of many arcane aspects of our subject.

Outwith the Mathematics department, Kitty was widely involved in all aspects of school life. She was an active contributor in the school's charity work and gave much of her time to young Bridge players.

In the latter period of her time with us, Kitty spent some time on secondment to the Education Department at Strathclyde University. With her usual unselfishness, Kitty brought back to us many ideas on how we could better our teaching and we are ever grateful to her for her guidance.

We wish Kitty well on her promotion to Saint Aloysius and know that she will continue to provide all around her with help and encouragement.

MTF

**Sandra Gifford S6**



**Henry Lee S5**





We have, once again, been very fortunate in having excellent Foreign Language Assistants this session.

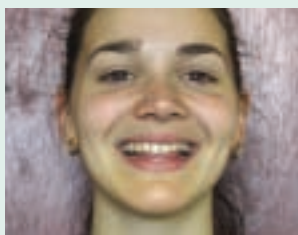
**Karine Tomasello**, from Paris, started the session at Hutchesons' and made a significant contribution to the department but for personal reasons decided not to return to Scotland after the Christmas holidays.



**Annelise Jouannin**, also from France, came to Hutchie at the beginning of the session and has stayed with us the whole year. From the "wee village" of Souillac near the Dordogne area in the South-West of France, she studied English and Spanish with Business for 4 years and then did a postgraduate degree in Spanish language and culture at the University of Toulouse. During her time as a student she lived in Spain (in Madrid) for a year. Annelise has always been very passionate about languages and foreign cultures and this year she decided to come to Scotland. Her first impressions of Glasgow, which have stayed with her throughout the year, were wonderful as she found people very welcoming and pleasant, always keen to help. During her year she has taken some Ceilidh classes and tasted haggis on Burns' Night, but doesn't say if she liked it! She has also enjoyed discovering Scotland, making many trips around Scotland and its islands.

Annelise has really enjoyed her time at Hutchie and describes teaching pupils from S3 to S6 as a "wonderful experience" which will stand her in good stead as she plans to become a university lecturer.

Replacing Karine at the end of January was **Elodie Bourgault**, also from the Paris area.



Her hometown of Noisy-le-Grand is situated between Paris and Disneyland. She has been studying English for eleven years and has travelled widely to different English-speaking countries, England, Ireland, Australia and Scotland. She was a French assistant last year in the wee town of Kirriemuir, famous for its ginger bread and the author of Peter Pan, J. M. Barrie. She "really likes living in Scotland", and prefers the school system over here so is thinking of becoming a French teacher in Scotland.



Our Spanish assistant this year is **Lidia Gallego Balsà**. She is from Catalunya and has been studying English and German Translation at University for 4 years. The thing she likes the most in Scotland is its landscape and the thing she misses the most

from Spain is her mum's *tortilla de patatas* (Spanish omelette). If she could meet someone famous, she'd meet Fernando Fernán Gómez and if she could have a wish she'd spend a year travelling around the world. Next year she's sure she'll miss Hutchie.

And last but not least, our



German assistant this year is **Marina Holzheimer**. She is 22 years old and comes from Glasgow's twin city Nuremberg in the south-east of Germany. Having learned English at school for nine years, she decided to study English and French at the University of Erlangen in order to become a teacher. Marina has particularly enjoyed the warm welcome from everybody in Scotland and especially at Hutchie. She's used her spare time to travel around the country, get to know the Scottish people and the customs. She is quite sad she has to go back to Germany to finish her degree, but she is also determined that her stay in Glasgow will not have been her last time in Scotland. Marina has taught all levels from P5 to S5 and has been of particular help to Irene Davis and a good friend to Superbär.

We wish all our assistants well and hope that the friendships they have made in Scotland, and particularly at Hutchie, will mean that they will be back here soon.

EB

## New Staff



### Jim McDougall

(Geography/ Depute Rector – Ethos)

Jim McDougall is delighted to return to the staff of Hutchesons' in his new role as Depute Rector (Ethos). Born in Greenock, Jim attended Greenock Academy and then read Geography and Archaeology at Glasgow, where he gained MA (Hons). Following his PGCE at Jordanhill he started his career at St Stephen's High School in Port Glasgow, teaching both Geography and Modern Studies. He learned much about the craft of the classroom and the importance of ethos in these formative years, which he feels have stood him in good stead ever since. A desire to work abroad led to a fulfilling "tour of duty" at King's School, Gutersloh, teaching the children of service personnel based in Germany. Living in the converted Luftwaffe officers' mess was certainly an eye-opening experience, he recalls. After this followed a short spell at Tarbert Academy, before he was appointed Geography teacher at Hutchesons', initially under Jimmy Ross, and then Calvin Clarke. In 1997 Jim then moved across to St Columba's School, Kilmacollm where he spent ten very happy years as Head of Geography, then Depute Rector, before returning to Hutchie in August 2007. A family man, Jim lives in



Clarkston and enjoys reading, photography, cycling, and walking. Perhaps one of the few people he knows who doesn't actually play golf, he is passionate about music and tends to spend his spare time trying to improve his piano playing; Bach and most types of jazz are among his favourites.

More recently, he has become a bit of an ICT addict and is fascinated by the impact of social networking, blogs and the whole web 2.0 technology revolution on the future of education.

**Tom Ingham**  
(Classics)

Raised in East Lothian, Tom was educated at The Edinburgh Academy before obtaining a degree in Classics



from St Andrews University. He worked on and off as a postman and also spent a year in the Civil Service. During this time he decided to indulge his reputation as a pedant by working as a freelance proof-reader. It was in this capacity, teaching the peculiarities of English grammar to a university student, that Tom developed an interest in the processes of teaching. He completed a PGCE in Classics at Cambridge University, before moving back to Scotland for his first teaching post, at Hutchesons'.

Tom is an accomplished musician and has been performing as a drummer, guitarist and violinist (occasionally all at the same time!) in numerous bands since the age of fourteen. He currently plays professionally in a wedding band and is a self-confessed karaoke addict. When not writing, playing or listening to music, Tom enjoys sketching, painting and rustling up a few culinary delights in the kitchen.

**Duncan McCleod**  
(Physical Education)

Duncan joins Hutchesons' PE department from Linlithgow Academy, where he spent his own educational career. He studied Sport and Exercise Science at Napier University, graduating with a BSc Hons



in 2004. Subsequently he spent a year as a fitness instructor and was a personal trainer for six times world Tae Kwon Do champion, Julia Cross, and Stephen Gallagher, a European Tour golfer. Duncan is a keen rugby player, and spent three months in Auckland playing for East Coats Bays RFC in 2002. Last year he made it through to the Scottish cup final at Murrayfield with Edinburgh Academicals, unfortunately losing to Glasgow Hawks. Duncan now plays for Glasgow Hawks!



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# Beyond Hutchie

*'Flying into the unknown' Linda McIntosh (Depute Rector) visits South East Malawi*

Standard five at Nansato Primary was learning long multiplication when I visited their class. Just think about learning that in English when your home language is Chichewa. The teacher demonstrates a few examples on the board - so far so good - and then sets the class some work. But there are no books so he puts the questions on the board, just a few. The eighty children, sitting four pupils to a desk for two, get on with the task. Some cope, some don't. Those who can, do, and then twiddle their thumbs, those who can't, struggle waiting for the teacher's help.

Nansato Primary School is the village school for Likhubula which lies below Mount Mulanje in South East Malawi. The governors of Hutchiesons' Grammar School had given me leave of absence to travel to Malawi to support a partnership between my home town of Dunblane and Likhubula. My main task was to explore how our partnership could help children access secondary education. Before leaving Scotland I had been fortunate to discuss this with Josephine Munthali of the Child Support Project which benefited from the Hutchie fund-raising in 2006-07.

Flying into Blantyre Airport was flying into the unknown. The people who greeted us were unsurprised that we had not visited Malawi before, but astounded that we had never visited Africa at all. Of course we had heard about our partner community but had that really prepared us for the experience? Malawi is one of the ten poorest countries in the world, and we were travelling right out into the bush. Malaria kills more people than Aids, and yet Aids still powerfully undermines any attempts at development. There are medicines available for both of these illnesses but when you are on the ground you appreciate that a child may die while his parents desperately try to find transport to the nearest clinic. The woman tested HIV positive has to walk many miles to receive her daily dose of retrovirals.

From Blantyre we were driven through sweeps of tea plantations to reach the foot of Mount Mulanje, a mountain previously thought to be the home of a host of spirits which controlled the weather. Given the height of the mountain above the plain, it certainly did have an influence on the rainfall! The forest and river by Mulanje Mountain were beautiful and lush - we had arrived towards the end of the rainy season - it was hard to understand any food shortages at first. We learned that a reasonable harvest was expected but the produce from the previous year had run out and it was too soon to bring in the new harvest of maize and pumpkins. Maize stalks, six feet high, crowded us on the paths leading to the village. I took the long way round. The road over the river had been washed away months before and I was not ready to leap from one slippery stone to another across the river in torrent. There was always company on the way; it was regarded as discourteous to allow a visitor to go on their way alone.

Nansato Primary School has about one thousand pupils, many more than attended before the feeding programme. The Primary One class had two hundred and ninety-five pupils in one classroom - they 'carpeted' the floor. Parents are eager that their children start, sometimes earlier than they should, to be sure the child will get a meal. The teacher asked me what should she do - turn them away? Back to that Maths lesson, it was typical of the facilities and resources available to the seven teachers working there. They rely on visiting Gap Year students because the school does not attract Malawian teachers, so far out in the bush. Last year it was two Edinburgh girls who were making a real impact on the children.

At one point I thought the rains were going to defeat the plan to visit the Child Support Project in Dedza, but a few days before the end of our visit I travelled north with a colleague of Josephine







Munthali to visit the project which would receive over £30 000 from Hutchie. The three hour drive took us along the Mozambique border where, not many years ago, guerrilla soldiers had crossed back and forth, taking food from farms. Travelling north, farmland became less crowded, and livestock wandered across the roads. We drove over mud roads to reach the central village of Dedza. This community has been receiving Millenium fund money from the United Nations and its school has new buildings courtesy of the Hunter Foundation, but the families in its villages still need the Child Support Project. We spoke to the mothers who make breakfast for all the under-fives in the villages – out in the open, come rain or shine. A village elder took us into a dark, one room hut, the home of a family of five orphaned children, looked after by the eldest, thirteen years old. The journey back to Likhubula was along roads which carried many more people than vehicles – men and women walking at the side carrying their goods on their heads or on their bicycles.

We travelled to another mountain, Zomba Mountain, and to the town of Zomba, the old colonial capital of Malawi. Indeed the hotel where we stayed had been the home of the British Governor General. A much more



sophisticated place than others we had visited, we met there staff from Zomba University and heard about many connections with Scotland which have been kept alive since Malawi gained its independence. There, too, the director of World Vision in Malawi was able to tell us about projects supported by business communities all round the Commonwealth.

Our weeks in Malawi were busy; the only times to stop and take stock were the evenings when the dark comes down early and suddenly. Evenings were particularly long when the electricity

went off for several **days**. Towards the end of our stay, there was much discussion and planning about fresh water supplies, training for women to start businesses and, of course, developing opportunities for secondary education. The leave-taking as the welcome, four weeks before, was warm, noisy and touching. The youth band played and we were given traditional clothes to wear. So many unforgettable times. Beyond Hutchie? Beyond anything I have experienced before or expect in the future.

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# Calendar of Talking Points

*Alec O'Donoghue, Ross McEwen and Mhari MacDonald  
report on a thought provoking and inspiring series of  
Talking Points.*





**Question Time**

This section offers a snapshot of the broad range of high profile events which take place at the school over the course of the year. These range from fierce debates like Question Time to stimulating and entertaining lectures. Much hard work goes into arranging these events and ensuring everything goes smoothly, and they are generally a huge success, enjoyed by all. A mention should go to Dr Hall who has ensured a fantastic line up of Talking Points guest speakers ranging from Donald Findlay QC to the mountaineer Jamie Andrews.

**7th September**

Our introduction to ‘Talking Points’ began with an inspirational speech from mountaineer Jamie Andrews. He recounted his extraordinary escape and recovery after being stranded for four nights at the top ridge of Les Droits in the French Alps. Jamie Fisher, Jamie’s friend and climbing companion unfortunately never made it off the mountain and Jamie himself lost both his hands and feet to frostbite. However, Jamie has refused to let this ordeal set him back. He is still a keen mountaineer, and has completed many climbs all over the world, helping to raise both funds and awareness for charity in the process. Jamie’s talk was an inspiration to us all. He showed that even in the most unfortunate circumstances, sheer determination and belief can help us achieve anything. This was both a moving and memorable start to our ‘Talking Points’ experience.

**28th September**

John Bowers spoke of a long and troubled life which included many flirtations with the law, including frequent spells in prison. He began by

describing his formative years, he was adopted only to be returned to his birth mother, who he took an instant dislike to. He fled home at 14, to spend two years living on the streets of Blackpool, surviving on scraps of food stolen from open kitchen windows. He described how, like all criminals, his initially small crimes soon became morally justifiable to him and gang membership quickly followed.

He began his many stints in prison in his late teens, a pattern that would permeate his life until a suicide attempt while in prison, when he was in his 40’s. He told us how the realisation of how desperate his situation had become finally changed him, and he has not offended since. Mr. Bower continued to tell us of how he believes the current prison system is inept and that the crime is often disproportionate to the punishment. He spoke of how he had witnessed first-hand the state of disrepair that some prisons in England are in, and how incarceration fails to change many of the people that go to prison, despite the initiatives implemented by the government.

**5th October**

Topical debate came to Hutchesons’ in the form of ‘Question Time’. Chaired by BBC Scotland’s political editor Brian Taylor, the session featured a top class panel, comprising Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, Scottish Conservative leader Annabel Goldie, Liberal Democrat Ross Finnie, and Ken Macintosh of Labour. Sixth year pupils studying Politics were given a unique opportunity to put their questions to some of the best known politicians in Scotland.



**Professor Anthony Slinn**

After questions about binge drinking, obesity levels and the minority SNP government, Mr Taylor brought in questions on wider problems. Questions from Alec O’Donoghue and Daniel Johnstone sparked a predictably fierce debate on Iraq. The session showed the high level of interest in politics among a large section of the year group, most of whom will be able to vote in the next Scottish and General Elections.

**26th October**

Peter Vardy returned to host the popular ‘Ethics of Genetic Engineering’ conference. Philosophy students from across Scotland converged at Beaton Road to hear Dr. Vardy of Heythrop College, London, speak in his entertaining yet factual style. The talk was split into three main topics; euthanasia, genetic testing and engineering, and war. Dr. Vardy encouraged the audience to address these issues from a philosophical viewpoint and to question the moral issues that permeate procedures such as IVF and eugenic engineering. The audience was amazed by his ability to speak almost constantly for over four hours without consulting any notes. Jamie Goldberg (S6) said, ‘I liked the way that he encouraged interaction between the audience and himself. It helped to break-up what would have otherwise have been a lengthy talk.’

**9th November**

Evan Williams is one of only two people from the UK to have been trained by Al Gore’s Climate Project in Nashville, TN. Mr Williams delivered a highly polished presentation (after some early technical difficulties with the school equipment) and his talk sought to deal with some of

the spurious claims in the Channel 4 documentary “The Great Global Warming Swindle”. Mr Williams’ lively presentation and impressive array of statistics was well received by the audience. The global warming debate is one of the foremost issues of the 21st Century, and Mr Williams’ talk was a valuable insight which will have clarified many people’s opinions.

### 16th November

Building on a previous passion for the art lovers amongst us, and enlightening the rest of us on some of the best art in the last century; Masterpieces of the 21st Century, the **Sir Alexander Stone Memorial Lecture** this year was interesting for all. Professor Anthony Slinn took us through some of the most famous, most exquisite and, well, perhaps more debatable ‘works of art’ from the last 100 years. From Monet’s water lilies to Tracy Emin’s ‘my bed’; we learned of a variety of artists, styles and movements that reflect a diversity of tastes. If we didn’t know much about art beforehand we were certainly more knowledgeable after this thoroughly enjoyable talk.

### 23rd November

Dr Ken Sheldon of the University of Glasgow delivered a talk entitled “One small step, many giant myths – debunking the moon hoax theories.” Dr Sheldon began by giving a brief history of space travel, before focusing on the inaugural space mission of Armstrong and Aldrin. He used simple scientific reasoning to dismantle the flawed

arguments of the hoax theories that have come to light in recent years. He showed various NASA video clips and images that claimed to support the hoaxes and displayed their weaknesses. Dr Sheldon’s rationality in the face of some absurd theories made for a compelling talk. Stephanie Wilson (S6) said, “I’d seen some of the TV programs that supported the hoax theories and wasn’t sure what to believe. But Dr Sheldon exposed the fundamental flaws in these arguments.”

### 30th November

Janette Anderson (C1982) returned to Hutchesons’ to deliver the **Lord McGowan Memorial Lecture**. Lord McGowan, one of Hutchesons’ most successful alumni, had a distinguished career in business and was chairman of the chemical giant ICI for 20 years. Janette also has enjoyed an extremely successful career in business. She was appointed Chief Executive of First Engineering in 2003. Janette first spoke about her life. This was inspiring, showing that focus and hard work can open up exciting opportunities. She also talked about leadership qualities. She has led her company through difficult times to become one of the four largest railway engineering groups in Britain. After the talk, she took questions, most of which focused on her assertions about women’s greater aptitude for business, which proved unpopular among some male members of the audience!

### 14th December

The thoroughly entertaining ‘Music

Makers’, delivered by Mike Hurst gave us all a new insight into the history and progression of music. Perhaps not everyone’s interest at first glance, but this witty and thought provoking talk proved to be entirely amusing not to mention extremely relevant to some of the issues and problems in the music industry today. Dealing as much with the social and political issues as the music itself, we learned huge amounts about the history of music, integration of races in America, the slave trade and many other issues about which many of us would previously have been none the wiser. The sheer amount of knowledge he had about music was staggering and the delivery made this a very comical hour. However it did leave us all thinking about some of the issues related with music and also some of the tediousness and monotony we are experiencing in the music industry today. Without doubt an inspiration for any aspiring musicians.

### 11th January

In January, Ian Yorston from Radley College came in to give his presentation “The Future is Another Country: How technology will turn the world upside down” about technology and the way it is changing our lives. His enthusiasm helped make this a fascinating talk. Packed with interesting facts and descriptions of new technology, he brought across a sense of how technology can improve our lives, but can also be scary – for example he spoke about the possibility that in the future we will record everything that ever happens



20 (l-r) The Rector, Janette Anderson (c.1982) and Dr J Hall



S6 pupils enjoy ‘Question Time’



in our lives. He also mentioned modern technology that is already established such as YouTube, and the talk was both educative and entertaining.

### 22nd February

Catherine Deveney delivered the **John Buchan Memorial Lecture**. The Lecture has been led by some distinguished speakers in the past, and this year was no exception. Mrs Deveney is this year's Scottish Arts and Entertainment Writer of the Year and 2005 Scottish Journalist of the Year. Her chosen topic was "The Cult of Celebrity" and she drew on her extensive experience of interviewing various public figures from pop stars to politicians to support her talk. Mrs Deveney spoke eloquently and often humorously while illustrating the many colourful personas that she meets through her job. She described the effects that fame has had on a number of her interviewees, namely Donny Osmond, who broke down during their interview and Marti Pellow, who described his disillusionment with the fame that he had achieved. Her message was not to actively seek fame, but to seek success, and if fame is a by-product, then so be it.

### 26th February

Scotland's leading defence barrister, Donald Findlay QC, has been the defence council in many of the most publicised murder trials of the past 20 years. He gave a stimulating talk in which he called on pupils to challenge authority and not to accept things at face



Donald Findlay QC

value. He also spoke about his role as a defence lawyer, and about the misconceptions many people have about this vital aspect of the justice system. He emphasised that everyone is innocent until proven guilty and explained that he is passionate about making sure there are no miscarriages of justice.

Mr Findlay faced a swarm of questions at the end in which he showed his quick thinking and arguing skills. He stressed that he is against plans to extend the period which people can be held without charge for, to 42 days: he believes the state should not become too powerful and infringe upon people's hard won rights.

### 28th March

Martin Taylor is "the hypnotist who doesn't hypnotise". We were fortunate enough to be taken into his confidence as he revealed to us the trade secrets of his enigmatic craft. On this unremarkable Friday afternoon, Mr Taylor showed us some remarkable theatre which involved our fellow peers taking to the stage; performing in imaginary jazz bands, losing their identity and believing that a life size elephant was standing in the aisle of the Fotheringay auditorium. This was a thoroughly entertaining visit and I hope that other pupils will have the opportunity to experience it next year or otherwise they won't believe me!



# The Sir Alexander Stone Essay Prize

*Winner: Melissa Thomas S6*

**Question:- “A man ought to read just as inclination leads him; for what he reads as a task will do him little good.” Do you agree? Explore by reference to a wide range of reading, both casual and taught.**

It is as Virginia Woolf states: “Words should live in the mind and not the dictionary.” Words need their liberty and it is through words that we gain our liberty. It is for this reason that I feel that reading as a task is necessary, we must be nurtured in the art of unravelling the complexity of words. Otherwise “words would be confined to one meaning and one attitude,” the meaning which makes us pass exams. Without investigating words’ ambiguities, we would have a self-imposed life time of oppression. Reading is like a puzzle, each time we uncover a layer of symbolism, there is a sense of satisfaction but there will always be many different meanings. The puzzle becomes addictive and the themes from one book spiral and collide into that of another. This exploration of similar issues within different books is perhaps best summarised in the Noel Harrison lyrics: “ Like a circle in a spiral, like a wheel within a wheel, never ending or beginning, on an ever-spinning reel...Like the circles that you find in the windmills of your mind.”

I was set the task of reading Thomas Hardy’s “Return of the Native,” a novel which presents a powerful evocation of a passionate woman who is denied her dreams by society. This evoked within me a desire to have justice for women and this interest shaped my choice of books. Therefore my next venture became Tolstoy’s “Anna Karenina”. Although I travelled from the primitive customs of Hardy’s fictional Wessex to the elite society of Moscow and St Petersburg, both novels were concerned with examining the same aspect of the human condition: its contradictory nature. The two female protagonists were suffocated by their environment but ironically they were also a part of it. I believe that reading these great works of fiction compels us to analyse our own human nature and make us reassess our aims in life. In a memorial lecture for the author John Buchan, the journalist Catherine Deveney advised her audience to define what will make us happy in the long term and warned us against pursuing superficial ambitions like fame. This recalled me to the previously mentioned classic texts; where the heroines’ deaths are tragically propelled as a result of the emptiness of their ambition. The books that I had read reinforced Deveney’s caveat and encouraged me to follow

Tolstoy’s character Levin’s advice: “my whole life...has the unquestionable meaning of good which it is in my power to put into it!” I believe that this maxim should be adopted by everyone and this demonstrates the timelessness of this novel.

Levin develops in Anna Karenina from being society’s harshest critic to one who eloquently philosophises about acceptance; however, it is life which he has embraced, not society and he will continue to question its institutions. Reading, in my opinion, should have the principal objective to challenge society’s authority and as Jostein Gaarder states, to stop us from becoming “buried too deep in the rabbit’s fur”. I feel that this is very important and is the only measure left in preventing us from transforming into a “Brave New World” or a “Fahrenheit 451” society where citizens are enslaved by their State. Reading and studying these books at school made me more conscious of this message, which is explored in a more subtle way in the books I now read for pleasure. Virginia Woolf’s “Mrs Dalloway” explores the theme of society’s oppression and this is conveyed most obviously through Woolf’s trademark stream-of-consciousness style. It makes her ideas flow like a subtle undercurrent, giving women their voice in 1920s England and challenging the conventional opinions of that time.

Coleridge defined poetry as being “the best words in their best order” and Sylvia Plath’s poetry is a fine example of this. I was given the assignment to analyse Sylvia Plath’s poem “Snakecharmer,” which uses enjambment from stanza to stanza to reflect the slithering movement of the snakes and conveys an extremely progressive perspective of the Garden of Eden. Plath’s unique style and her radical views of society inspired me to read her only novel, “The Bell Jar”. This semi - autobiographical novel explores the hypocrisy in 1950s America and it is this which ultimately causes madness to descend, in the form of the bell jar, upon our already unstable heroine. Feminist literature appears to have a symbiotic relationship with autobiography and as this type of literature usually deals with an intimate and painful experience, in a male-dominated world, it helps to express the need for change. Reading has a magnificent power, it has the ability to spread important messages around the globe, and triggers in people the desire to ask questions. It is this which prevents us from becoming enslaved by a mechanized society that limits reason and free thinking. I look at my bookshelf and I feel it could perhaps be perceived as a time line for social change: the 21st



century slot is allocated to a successful, confident woman, Hillary Rodham Clinton who represents the next generation of autobiographical authors. This clearly demonstrates the influence authors have upon society: the authors I have discussed have given a voice to women and I feel that this was a major factor in improving their lifestyles.

In the majority of the novels which I have read, the protagonists possess a love of literature and of education, which makes them aware of the opportunities that exist in the world. Other characters, who express a dislike of reading or who are not able to gain enjoyment from a book, are perceived as hollow and unworthy and this direct contrast increases our admiration for the central characters. This is perhaps propaganda on the part of the authors to encourage people to read but it should also highlight that reading is invaluable and once you have been enthralled by books, you will grow as a person and will never relinquish this gift. Virginia Woolf elevates literature to an extremely high level in her novel "Mrs Dalloway". She conveys the power of Shakespeare's language, from the play Cymbeline, as it has the ability to transcend the page. It essentially helps Clarissa to accept her own mortality. In the novel "The Bell Jar" Plath's autobiographical heroine is torn between her desire to become a poet or to accept the role of a wife and mother, which is society's intention for her. It seems that society will be threatened by her ambition to become a poet, as that will mean that she will not be working for the survival of society but will be an observer of its routine; she will not have "mind-forg'd manacles" but will have the freedom to criticise the state.

It is my view that the number of people attending university today for the desire of expanding their knowledge is decreasing and instead the majority of students are seeking degrees for status and salary which will ultimately result in their complete integration into society. This concept was explored forty years previously in the Sylvia Plath short story; "America! America!" In this story, the author employs an ironic tone which conveys the idea of society exploiting education. I feel that Plath's abundant use of commas gives college life a metallic sheen - we feel that education now has a machine like quality; the input is a free thinker while the output is the society friendly epsilon, delta or gamma. Reading is a fundamental part of our education, reading as a task in school can inspire us to read more for pleasure and so enhance our intellect but this is only true while we are still treated as individuals. After all, once "soothers and smootheners for the embryo rebel, the artist, the odd" have been introduced and education becomes an institution of conformity, we will not identify with issues raised in books and so we will lose the ability to question our surroundings.

When reading a novel, we are accepting the author's invitation to enter their sub culture. It is as Charles Scribner states: "Reading is a means of thinking with another person's mind: it forces you to stretch your own." This is why I am critical of the new literary phenomenon "compact editions of the classics." I feel it will create a gulf between the reader and the author and reading will become impersonal and superficial. This is where I agree with Dr Johnson: reading will become a task, people will read just to say they have read another book and not for fulfillment or enjoyment.





# Mark Scott Leadership for Life Award

By *Natalie Lane S6*

It was a bright summer morning when I received the news:

‘Congratulations on being chosen to participate in the Mark Scott Leadership for Life Award.’

‘Great,’ I thought, ‘This could be really fun...’

Six weeks later, I was clinging to the windswept cairn on the barren, freezing summit of Britain’s highest mountain. This, in a nutshell, is what being part of the Award is all about; facing challenges unlike those we had ever faced before and being propelled well out of our comfort zones, fostering within us a new resilience and self-confidence. Back on the mountaintop, the huge grins on our flushed faces showed that each one of us thoroughly enjoyed the outdoor aspect of the Mark Scott experience.

Climbing Ben Nevis (or ‘The Ben’ as the locals call it, but I’m not sure I can quite pull that off) was the culmination of

Phase 1 of the Leadership for Life Award; a teambuilding week of outdoors activities which brought the participants from different schools together for the first time. It was with some trepidation that, stepping off the minibus at the Loch Eil Outward Bound Centre just outside Fort William, I prepared to meet the seven pupils from Holyrood Secondary who would be my team mates for the next ten months. Thankfully, our group’s instructor, Chris, stepped in with some hilarious icebreaker exercises, such as making us all hold hands and tangle ourselves into a ‘human knot’, before untangling ourselves again. This proved extremely effective in promoting team work, as we reached the joint decision that dishonesty was the best policy, so we all distracted Chris and quickly cheated while his back was turned!

The organised team-building activities, such as walking blindfolded in a line through a forest, relying only on the person in front of you for directions, build up a strong trust between group

members, which proved invaluable in tackling the challenges we faced at 1344 metres above sea level...

Morale stayed high as we sang, and laughed, yet I can’t say it helped that about every five minutes, a thermal-clad walking-pole-wielding septagenarian overtook us, looking slightly aghast at our huffing and puffing. We weren’t aiming for the summit on that day, but planned to camp two thirds of the way up, which was lucky, as about three hours into our expedition, a thick fog descended and visibility was reduced to a few metres. As we gained altitude, the gathering dust, falling temperatures and eerie mist made the mountainside atmosphere a little ominous. It was with a flood of relief that Chris announced we were nearing our campsite. Exhaustion made us choose to overlook the fact our every step got a little squelchier, and Chris kept peering through the mist, looking a little blank-faced. But, as our entire boots started to sink into the mud, we could not avoid the truth: we were in the middle of a marsh. And Chris’s words of wisdom?

‘So, yeah, we can just camp here for the night, but don’t pitch your tents too far down because I reckon there’s a loch somewhere...’

He was right. The bright morning mist lifted for a moment to reveal a tranquil, smooth, silver lake, like something out of a VisitScotland advert. Nearing the summit, I remember phoning my mum



(Ben Nevis was the only place with any reception in the Highlands) and gushing that the expedition had been tougher than the Highers. I suspect this was the endorphins talking, but nonetheless it had been quite an ordeal.

Having survived the outdoor rigours, the team felt confident going into the second stage of the Award: Community Project. In order to stay true to the aims of the Mark Scott Foundation (who set up the Award) of combating sectarianism and other prejudices amongst young people, we intended to run anti-sectarian workshops with Primary Sixes from Kingarth Street and Holy Cross Primary, a feeder school for Holyrood. Despite some last minute hiccups, the need for a little compromise and an unexpected amount of paperwork the workshops finally materialised in March, with one day spent with Hutchie Primary Sixes in Kingarth Street, and the next day spent with a mixture of Hutchie and Holyrood First Years over in Holyrood Secondary.

Both workshops were successful. We initially explained to the pupils that the Award was set up by Mark Scott's mother and father following the tragic sectarian murder of their 16-year old son in 1995. Then we split into groups to run art, drama and music sessions, with an anti-sectarian message running throughout. From chatting to both the older and younger pupils about what they had learnt it was clear that they had responded very well, which gave us great satisfaction. Personally, the highlight was when we asked the First Years for 'before and after' adjectives to describe how the workshop had changed their views of one-another (Hutchie stereotypes were predictably 'stuck up' and 'posh'). I'm glad to say the word chosen by both sets of pupils to sum up their new opinions of each other was 'SOUND!'.

I speak for us all in saying that completing the Mark Scott Leadership for Life Award has given us a great sense of satisfaction, and, from climbing

mountains, to controlling thirty 10 year-olds, has really proved what we are capable of if we work together. On top of this, my first thoughts on opening my acceptance letter have been vindicated as (almost) every minute of the project was enjoyable. But it's not over yet; roll on the glitzy award ceremony at the Radisson hotel in June...

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# Charity

*'No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another.'*

*Charles Dickens*

*Natalie Lane reflects on a year's fundraising:*





'Uptown Boys!'

### Can you imagine how difficult it would be to blow up a balloon with a drinking straw?

Probably not something you have ever thought about, but this is the challenge we were faced with during one unforgettable morning assembly at the start of term. After looking a bit silly for a few minutes and going slightly red in the face, we gave up - exhausted, but able to empathise with the sheer effort of every breath for those with severe Cystic Fibrosis. Our speaker that morning was Cara Dolan who is an Expert Patient Advisor with the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, this session's school charity. She is herself a CF sufferer and talked us through a day in the life of someone with the disease, from morning physiotherapy to evening medication. Whilst starkly imparting a sense of what a burden the disease is, she also succeeded in relating to us the resilience and courage of the young sufferers she meets. Each of us left the hall inspired to do our bit in raising funds for this organisation, which does so much to improve the quality of life of the 8,000 people in the UK with CF.

Such was our enthusiasm that fewer people than usual seemed to have strategically timed dentist appointments/sprained ankles on the day of the dreaded Cross Country Run. In fact, more than 850 Primary Seven to Sixth Year pupils splashed through the mud in

Pollok Park last October, raising a magnificent £12,865.80.

The teachers, clearly not wishing to be outdone, organised their own 'Teacher's Mile'. This hilarious event really drew in the crowds thanks to all the teachers who got into the spirit of things by running in fancy dress. Despite a controversial photo-finish Mr McLeod (Computing) and Mr McCulloch (Geography) were announced as joint winners. Congratulations!

As you can imagine, after all this exercise, we were overjoyed at the prospect of raising money by doing nothing more than eating sweets at the annual Second Year Tuckshop. As always this event was a great success, raising £500, allowing the Cystic Fibrosis Trust to buy a new portable nebuliser, which will allow someone to administer medication to themselves or their child much more quickly.

As the term drew on fundraising took a festive turn with First Years setting up a candy-cane delivery service, charging the modest price of £1, with a promise of complete anonymity, if so desired. Not forgetting the annual Carol Service, a traditional celebration which brought together parents, pupils and FPs, whose outstanding generosity raised £1900.

The final days of the Winter Term were particularly memorable for the Third and

Fourth Years who got a chance to don kilts and dresses for the 'Sixty Five Roses Ceilidh'. The dance was named after the title of a book which recalled how the author's 4-year old sister had mispronounced her disease. By all accounts the night was thoroughly enjoyed by all, as one S4 pupil put it, 'Everyone really got into the dancing and the 'mocktail' bar with the rose drinks was a nice touch'.

Refreshed after the holidays the good work continued with the Second Year's 'Spring Fling' ceilidh and an Easter Egg Raffle organised by Mrs Madden and Mr Dewar for the First Years.

At time of writing (March) our grand total is a formidable £23,500, which, knowing the creativity and ingenuity of Hutchie pupils (especially when encouraging people to part with their money), I have every faith will increase further by the end of this session.

But what will be done with this vast amount? Considering the Cystic Fibrosis Trust's reputation for funding groundbreaking medical research (particularly into gene therapy, which could potentially cure the disease) and providing practical, emotional and financial support to those affected by the disease, we can rest assured that it will be put to very good use.

## Talent Show

The talent show this year was yet another smooth event taking place during the Spring term of 2008. As expected, the event was a sold - out success with pupils, teachers and parents attending. A trio of 6th years - Jamie Goldberg, Fraser Black and Andrew Wallace kept the audience entertained with their charisma and humour during the opening of the show and in between acts. All years ranging from S1 to S6 are allowed to participate in the talent show and this year we were fortunate enough to watch a wide variety of acts including senior and junior pupils alike.

Among some of the popular acts included a group of 5th year boys. These were Stuart Dale, Kerr McEwan, Nathan Denholm, Adam McLay and Oliver Krause who gave a strong rendition of Backstreet Boys' "I want it that way" and Westlife's "Uptown Girl" as the finale of the show. This was much appreciated by the audience which could be felt from their loud reaction of cheers and applause. The real surprise though, lay in an unexpected performance from a select group of teachers just as the night was about to end. Their version of "Wannabe" by the Spice Girls was



welcomed with a frenzy of cheers from the excited audience as they prepared to say goodbye to the exhilarating night. The assembly hall was transformed into the Moulin Rouge as Alex Fitzpatrick, Lindsay McNeil, Melanie Chuwen, Sophie Watson and Lisa Donnelly took the stage as they gave a unique performance of "Lady Marmalade". This was accompanied by rehearsed choreography and creative outfits put together by the girls themselves.

A handful of indie bands also captured the audience on the night giving several powerful performances of original and

other popular indie songs before the night came to an end. Singing was only one of the many talents included in the show. Two 4th years girls captivated the audience with their talent of dance and rhythm as they performed to an upbeat track which kept the audience on their feet while Harry Pope wowed the audience with his skills on the drums.

Overall, the night was an immense success which raised an impressive sum of money for the school charity this session.

**Malika Baig**



*Teachers' Mile*





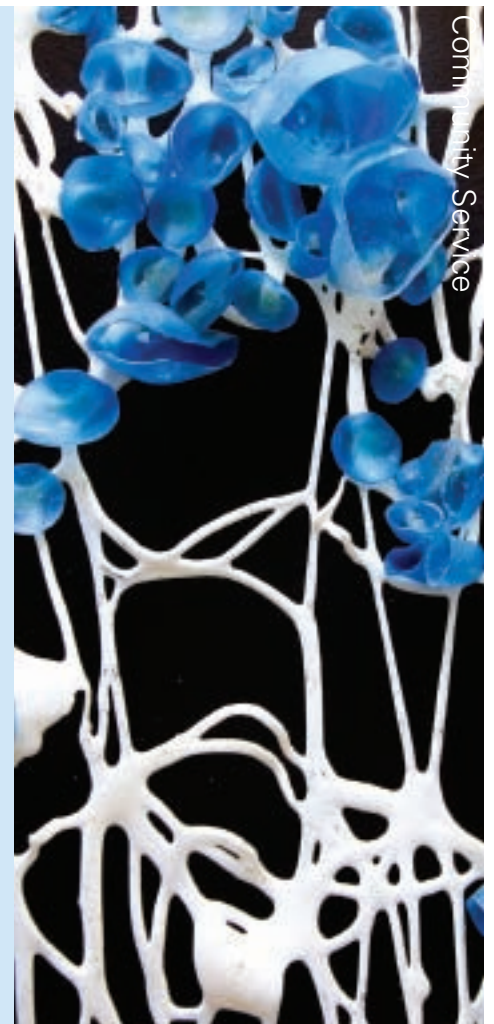
## Community Service

The main focus this year has been on building up links with various voluntary organisations within the community. Adopting the motto, “think global, act local”, we are keen to identify the ways in which pupils at Hutchesons’ can support specific projects and, at the same time, gain valuable experience and skills. Of course, many pupils already take part in some form of community service through the Duke of Edinburgh scheme or other youth groups to which they belong. Several Sixth year pupils are involved in the Mark Scott leadership programme, in which they have carried out several projects such as designing a garden for an old folks home and working with youngsters to tackle sectarianism. We are exploring ways in which we can develop contacts with Lambshill Court, a residential home in Kinning Park, managed by former pupil Arti Poddar. Recently two of our pipers played at the Court’s 12th birthday celebrations. The

school has been involved in discussions with YCSA, a youth outreach organisation, and through that is also participating in the Southside Youth Strategy group. In these ways we are hoping to create an ideal context for our pupils to offer practical support at a time that suits their busy school routine.

Through connections with the Hidden Gardens we aim to provide volunteers on a regular basis to help tend the garden or to become involved in cleaning up the Quad and local parks. Commissioned by Battlefield Community Council, some S2 pupils are devising a podcast version of the Langside Heritage Trail, and will be working alongside the Govan Youth Theatre. In addition, they have invited our EcoSchools committee to make a presentation on ways in which we can help create a pleasant environment in and around the school.

JMcD



Emily Stevenson S6

## The 1957 Group

The 1957 Group has, as its title suggests, been in existence for the last 50 years. This session we have celebrated fifty years of uninterrupted fund raising on behalf of the school.

In the last three years we have raised in the region of £45,000. Our present efforts are directed towards a fighting fund to update the stage at Kingarth Street. We have also purchased safety torches, folding tables and garden benches this session.

Our year’s activities started with the annual Winter Fair, raising over £7,400. We had a record turnout, with many past committee members joining us to celebrate our Golden Jubilee. Our guests were impressed at the size of the event today and delighted to see that we continue to be so well supported. This is an event which is growing in strength with several businesses taking craft stalls. Their range of quality products have added to what is a fun family day with tombola stalls, face painting, raffles, book, bottle and toy stalls and of

course, tea and cakes. We are always grateful to all parents, friends and local businesses who support this event through their donations and attendance.

In January, we held a soiree for 50 helpers which proved to be a lot of fun. This was a sociable gathering for our army of volunteers and we would welcome a few male helpers to our swelling throng. The committee is small and relies heavily on people giving their time and it was enjoyable acknowledging this invaluable contribution.

March saw us kicking up our heels and joining forces with the School Association in hosting a Supper Dance. This was another highly successful and enjoyable evening raising substantial funds, some of which have been used to purchase sheets of fairy lights for use at school functions.

At a very windy Junior sports day we sold ice cream, tuck, hot dogs, balloons, and uniform. This is a day we would like

to see grow and are currently looking into a number of ideas to enhance this family day. Watch this space!

We continue to sell quality second hand uniform and hold our main sale in June which continues to be very popular. Throughout the year we have had a number of smaller sales, mainly from our shop at Beaton Road, but also at parents’ events at Kingarth Street. We intend to hold sales on a more regular basis next session.

Throughout the session we have run a number of raffles with prizes such as cases of champagne, a laptop and a school blazer. Again, thanks to our very generous benefactors for these items. The committee would also like to thank all parents, friends, pupils and members of staff for all their help and support throughout this session. Further information about the 1957 Group can be obtained from the school website or from Lesley Russell (e-mail: russellessley@talk21.com).

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# Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

*Matt McDonald reviews a year of true achievement:*

One of the many opportunities which Hutchesons' offers to its pupils is the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. S4 and S6 pupils have the chance to participate in Silver and Gold courses, respectively.

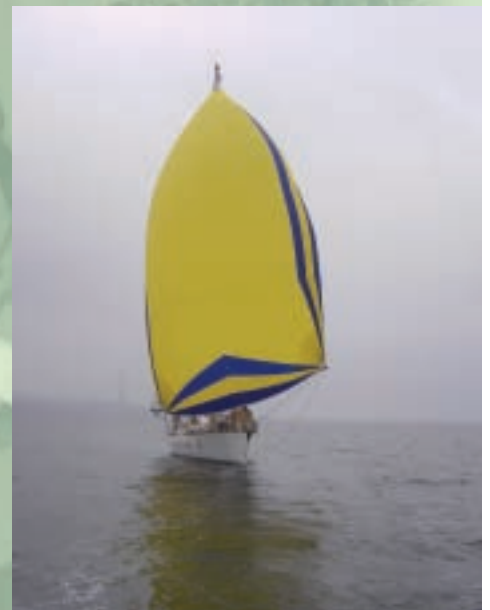
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a way for pupils to get fit, develop self-discipline and make new friends (whilst strengthening old friendships). It also greatly enhances university applications, as it shows that the applicant has determination, good team-working skills and is a talented person outwith examinations. On top of that, it is a difficult and worthwhile challenge, in which the participant is taken out of their comfort zone and (despite often feeling tired, cold and hungry) enjoys a fun and memorable experience.

Last year, some of my friends and I decided to create a group to complete the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. At first, I felt a great sense of optimism, alongside a tingle of unfounded apprehension. This slowly turned into a buzz of excitement, however, when the first training weekend approached.

I stepped onto the bus with my companions, not fully knowing what to expect. On arrival at the Loch Eil training centre, we were told in no uncertain terms of the centre's rules, which were (mostly) followed for the course of the year. We were also told the horror stories of past participants who didn't achieve their award after a year of hard work, because they had failed to adhere to the rules set for them. This created a sense of grit and determination within the year group, who glanced around the room, wondering who, if anyone, would eventually be asked to leave the course, all determined that they themselves would pass. We were told what we had to do.

For the expedition section of the course, a group had to plan and carry out an expedition, lasting three days with two nights camping. Though this does not seem an obviously daunting task, the Scottish climate and wildlife (midges) made it more difficult. There are four means of travelling: cycling, canoeing, walking and kayaking, and one of these was chosen by each group. My group chose to walk, which, though widely considered the most boring and strenuous selection, was incredibly interesting and worthwhile.

To achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Award, each pupil must also learn a skill, engage in a physical activity and help in a community service task. Each of these must be done for an hour a week, for





around six months, and shows the pupil's motivation. These activities also help create more well-rounded individuals. For example, after staying loyal to my selections for half a year, I am now fitter than before, play guitar in a band and enjoying helping out at the local Boys' Brigade. Having said that, it was undoubtedly the expedition which had the greatest impact on my maturity.

We arranged a scenic route throughout the Glencoe area of Scotland, whilst avoiding arduous mountains. Our route took us along clear, fast-flowing rivers, through eerily beautiful forests and over rocky and marshy landscapes. Whilst encountering these landscapes, however, it should be remembered that we were carrying huge, painful backpacks and were cold and bitten. Through these shared hardships, strong friendships were forged, stories and songs were written and exchanged and games were created to pass the time.

Not all of the memorable experiences were had on the expedition, however, as



much of the time was spent in the centre, preparing and teambuilding. There was also time for recreation, however, and I

celebrated a birthday and engaged in some (arranged) cliff jumping. My most memorable experience was when around twenty of us squeezed into a small dormitory to listen to the Scotland-France football match which Scotland surprisingly won 1-0. Though we didn't notice at the time, we had achieved personal victories as well. We had created a fantastic sense of togetherness which we had never experienced before. Whether this was due to Gary Caldwell's goal or to our team building activities, I am not entirely sure.

Achieving the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a hugely worthwhile and fulfilling experience. It may not seem wholly satisfying at the worst times, when the freezing wind is biting harder than the midges, but the lessons learnt and the progress achieved provide a sense of contentment and wealth of stories, which will be cherished for years to come.

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# Young Enterprise

*'Money, Money, Money!'*

*Abba*

*Calum MacDonald looks at the success of this year's Young Enterprise companies:*

This year the Young Enterprise groups have been as diverse as we have come to expect. With names varying from Midas to Synergy to Project Paradise and unavoidable advertising, the firms have certainly been high profile. Moreover, with successful product lines including handmade Christmas cards, ties, cookery books, wallets and bags the budding entrepreneurs stand to make a healthy return on their hard work.

Of course, the skills required to keep a Young Enterprise company running are much more than merely designing eye-catching products. Managing Directors have to formulate business plans, Secretaries must keep up to date minutes and Finance Directors should ensure the company accounts and cash flow are in good order, lest there be another Northern Rock. The firms must also work together to complete a business exam set by Strathclyde University and - to cap the year off - they must give a

presentation to their local area board. Although not quite Dragons' Den, the firms can expect a tough time at the hands of the judges.

Often before large events, such as the Winter Trade Fayre, activity can be frantic with daily meetings and the Bistro quickly coming to resemble a small warehouse or a sweatshop as firms put tremendous effort into organising their stock. Fortunately, all the signs suggest that this hard work is paying off: one company, Acid Cherry, won the Glasgow Area prize for their stall design, while another - Ugreen - was featured in a local newspaper. With the end of year reports looming, it would be no surprise if at least one of the firms emulated last year's success and made it to the national finals.





# Excursions

## Paris, je t'aime

Shopping, patisseries and of course all the famous historical monuments which make Paris unique - we were lucky enough to experience it all, thanks to our accomplished guide, Ms Thomson.

It all began on the 31st January 2008 when our flight departed from Glasgow with ten 6th year Advanced Higher French students onboard along with Ms Thomson, who was invaluable in making this trip a great success. Once landing at Charles de Gaulle airport, we took the metro to "Porte de Clichy" which was where our hotel was situated. The metro would be our mode of transport for the rest of the trip; it was economical and reliable but it did attract a few too many "friendly" Parisians.

Our first language, once there, became French not English. It was our aim to speak as much conversational French as possible. Our knowledge of the French language was essential for navigating Paris. Our first stop in this glamorous city was the Bohemian quarter of Paris, so of course we had to pose for photographs in front of the infamous "Moulin Rouge". During our trip, we visited many other tourist attractions like the Sacré-Cœur, the Eiffel Tower and we also went for an evening boat trip along the river Seine.

The weather may have been inclement but we did not let that stop us from

making the most of our limited time. We visited the Musée de l'Orangerie to see Monet's Les Nymphéas which were remarkable and we also traversed the streets of the old part of Paris, passing by the Pompidou Centre and Victor Hugo's house. During our stay, we successfully integrated ourselves into the French café culture. One of the highlights was drinking our chocolat chaud in Les Deux Moulins which was the café from the film "Amélie".

The main focus of our trip was the E.U. conference which featured many prominent political figures such as Michael Portillo and the "cheeky boy" Lembit Opik who gave a talk on the importance of integrating and communicating with other countries and encouraged us to keep up our modern languages. The creative director for Innocent smoothies, Dan Germain, gave us a motivational talk about good business skills. He was extremely entertaining and was a big success with everyone. After this, we still found time to go to the Champs-Élysées. After all, we could not go to the fashion capital of the world without going shopping. A few of us went to the Cartier shop where we peered in the glass cabinets to look at the dazzling diamonds and afterwards we decided to take in a French movie, which added to this fantastic experience.

We all had an amazing time in this wonderful, cosmopolitan city; it was

great fun but it was also a great opportunity for us to improve our French and it ultimately encouraged us to continue with our modern languages.

**Melissa Thomas**

## Latin Trip to Rome

During the October Midterm Break in 2007, pupils were given the opportunity by the Classics Department to visit Rome for one week. Almost 30 pupils travelled to the beautiful city, home to many of the world's oldest and most fascinating attractions, along with our Classics teachers. Significant landmarks such as the Colosseum and the largest amphitheatre ever built in the Roman Empire were visited alongside the holy and beautiful Vatican and spectacular Roman Forum. Pupils were also given the opportunity to enjoy Rome's renowned shopping experience and also visited the Circus Maximus, a traditional chariot racing arena, where they themselves participated in their own racing! The steep Spanish Steps of the city were climbed by our pupils and teachers while the busy and infamous design of the Trevi Fountain was admired, and no doubt coins were also thrown into the divine fountain! With the beautiful Italian weather, the pupils and teachers truly enjoyed their visit, discovering the wonders of Rome and learning about its culture and history. Another visit to the city is to hopefully take place next year during the Easter break.

**Mithi Ahmed**



## Ski Trip 2008

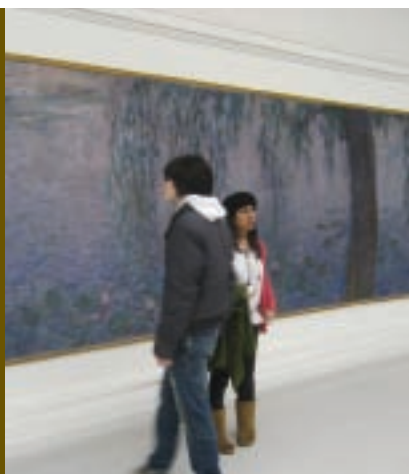
The annual ski trip was once again a great success. On the 3rd April, 41 pupils with 5 members of staff undertook the mega 30 hour journey to Snowbasin, Utah.

The first stop of the trip was the site of the Winter Olympics - which was fascinating! Then a visit to a real American basketball match ensured that we made the best of our first day. The rest of the week was spent skiing and boarding and the fresh, powder snow made for perfect conditions. The evening entertainments proved to be just as fun with ten pin bowling and crazy golf, not forgetting the world famous ski trip quiz!

Snowbasin 08 was a superb experience. A big thank-you must go to Mrs Crichton who was integral in making this a great trip.

## History trip to the Battlefields

It was on Sunday 20th May 07, when a group of 3rd years left Hutchie to retrace the events of WW1. They began their trip at the medieval town of Ypres, in Belgium, which was a site for many major battles – including the Battle of Passchendaele which is considered by many as one of the bloodiest of the First World War. Many of the other highlights of the trip included visiting “The Trench of Death” (a famous memorial site), walking along the front lines and visiting the trenches and of course going shopping. The 3rd years had an unforgettable experience, thanks to the organisation of Dr Gaffney.



## Chemistry Trip to London

In September 07, 50 4th year pupils and 6 members of staff travelled to London for the Chemistry trip. The pupils visited the Science Museum and the Natural History Museum, where they learned many interesting facts that were also relevant to the course they were studying. The Chemistry students were also able to experience the delights of London, taking in the West End show, “The Lion King”, going on the London Eye and visiting Madame Tussauds. Everyone had a fantastic time and we hope the Chemistry department have another trip planned for next year.



London 2007

## Business and Economics trip to London

From making ‘McFlurrys’ in McDonalds to learning about how the U.K.’s economy is run – the Business and Economics trip encompassed it all. As well as a few interesting extras like visiting the Emirates Stadium, which was greeted with awe by the Arsenal fans among them and also a trip on the London Eye and a West End show, all of which made this trip an overall success!

Recycle, recycle, recycle!



# Clubs

*Calum MacDonald reports on a busy year*

## Eco-Schools

This year the Eco-Schools committee has been hard at work reducing Hutchie's elephantine carbon footprint. No mean task but those involved have come up with a host of wide ranging initiatives to make the school more efficient and environmentally friendly.

Few in the school could have missed the two "Green Day" events, large fair like occasions held in the assembly hall - featuring competitions, stalls, recycling projects and perhaps the odd snack or two. As well as simply raising awareness, the events have helped finance the committee to take action across the school. Recycling bins for cans and plastic have sprung up across the school. The prodigious quantities of paper that Hutchie gets through are also being reduced and separated away for future reuse. Liaising with Hidden Gardens at Tramways about community projects along with improving the school's conservation area complete the project's considerable achievements so far. As if that was not enough, plans are already in place to support a week of taking public transport to school during the summer term.



## Fair Trade

This year the school has been increasing its fair trade profile. Several fair trade stalls, held in the Beaton Road foyer, have been very successful. A surprisingly wide selection of products can be found from jewellery and stationery to high quality fair trade chocolate (always a hit with teachers needing an afternoon caffeine boost). Sales are normally strong with the

## Debating

This year the debating society, under Mr. Symington, has continued its strong performance. The senior team made the national final of the ESU Schools Mace and Hutchie has done well in the Law Society and Glasgow University competitions also. The motions this year have ranged from the topical (banning size zero models) to the deeply controversial (assassinating Robert Mugabe) but have always been extremely interesting. Lunchtime debates mean that younger students can hone their speaking skills in front of friends while morning workshops ensure that whatever topic pupils have to be arguing about, they are well prepared. Calum MacDonald won the National Final of the Historical Association's Great Debate - his topic being the most important scientific advancement of the 20th Century. His argument about the integrated circuit was most convincing and was delivered with clarity and passion.



## Film Club

*Jennifer*

*Rieck examines the rules of film club...*

Film Club at Hutchesons' has been running successfully since the beginning of the academic year 2006. The initial aim of the club was to give pupils the opportunity to take part in a social event outside of the academic curriculum which is culturally stimulating and a bit of fun!

The Club runs for 50 minutes on a Thursday lunch time and often attracts up to 20 or more pupils from different year groups. This way there is always a great atmosphere where pupils can mix and intertwine socially whilst enjoying their favourite film.

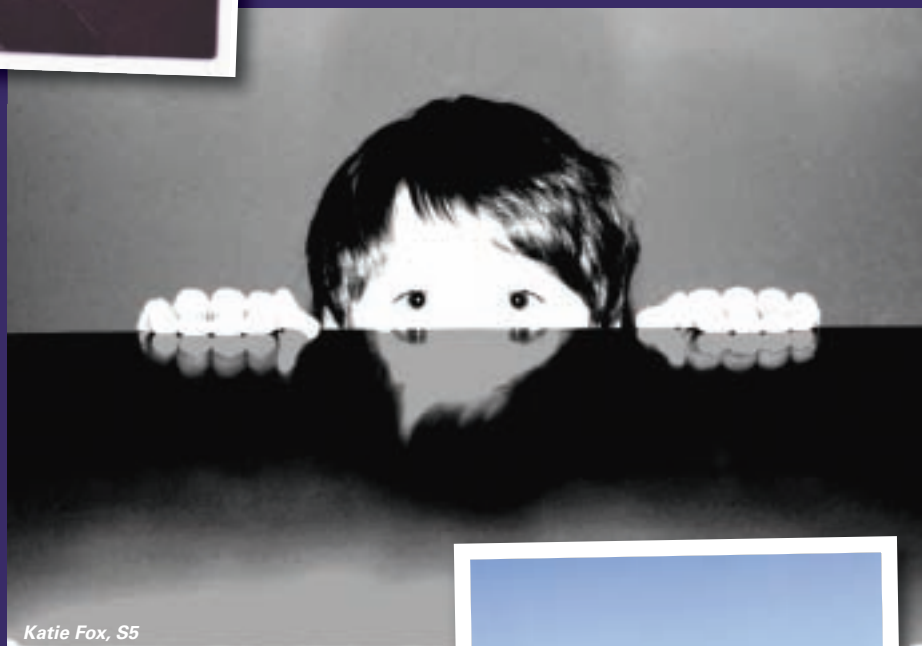
Since the beginning of the school year (2007/2008) the club has enjoyed the likes of Pan's Labyrinth, Spellbound, Belleville Rendezvous, Road to Tyrabithia and Amelie amongst others.

Film club has been a joy for everyone involved. The club recently took a trip to the GFT (Glasgow Film Theatre) to see 'The Kiterunner'. This trip was not only great fun but proved to be of immense educational and cultural value and particularly relevant to today's global climate. "The Kiterunner was amazing, it taught me so much about what really goes on in some parts of the world. Film club has been great fun and insightful" (Anonymous Pupil S4). Due to the popularity of the trip, the Film Club hopes to continue viewings at the GFT.

The Film Club is looking forward to having themed viewing especially German Expressionist Films and Hitchcock's Classics and hopes it'll go down a treat, just like the tasty popcorn provided for your viewing pleasure. All in all it's been a great year for Film Club and I'm sure they'll be many more...



Greg Barnard, S4



Katie Fox, S5

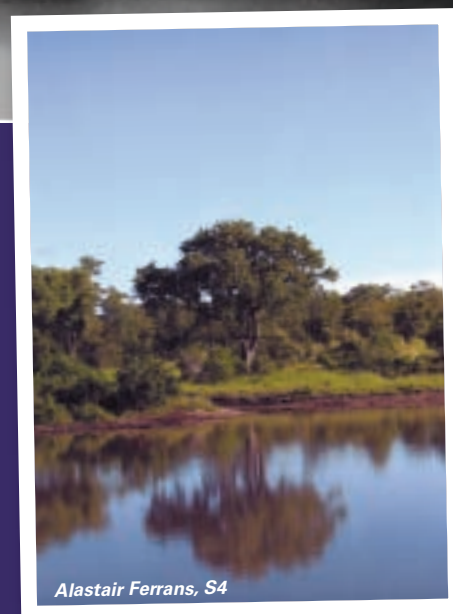
## In the Frame

*Stuart Williams reports:*

Every year, Hutchie pupils benefit from a wide-range of extra-curricular activities: this year has been no exception. Along with the usual favourites, senior pupils snapped up a new activity – Photography Club came to the school this session.

Between 20 and 30 happy-snappers meet up every Tuesday lunch time to take photos, discuss techniques and look for inspiration in photographic journals and magazines. Mrs Hamilton, the teacher responsible for the club, is very happy with everyone's progress: "The pupils have really grasped new techniques and enjoy experimenting with different styles. I have been really impressed by the quality of everyone's photographs".

The PC (as it is known by regular attendees) does not only help aspiring photographers to hone their skills – it is also a lot of fun! Laura Young, of S6, is one of the club's keenest members: "I've enjoyed the opportunity to develop my photography abilities and take part in competitions. I'm especially looking forward to displaying my work at an upcoming exhibition at Langside Library." Ditza Granat, also of S6, added that the club allowed her "to meet many new friends".



Alastair Ferrans, S4

The fun is not restricted to within the school gates: Mrs Hamilton has taken the members on many trips. The group has visited Street Level Photoworks – an organisation based in Glasgow which hosts exhibitions and offers educational outreach programmes – on three occasions. Pupils were given the opportunity to develop their own photographs professionally, as well as viewing established artists' work.

It is clear that Photography Club has enjoyed an incredible first year, establishing a loyal core of members in a *flash*. Whether in sepia, monochrome or colour, the talents of its members and the dedication of Mrs Hamilton shine through. I believe that it is a club that will last for many years to come.



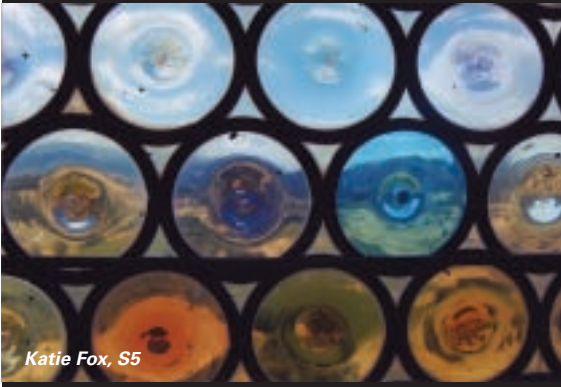
Jamie Turner, S6



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James Gilchrist, S4



Katie Fox, S5



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Calum Strang, 6A



## Creativity

### *Griff Williams finds himself...*

... lost for words. As a writer, that is most certainly not a good thing. The passion and intelligence I have encountered since starting the creative writing club has, quite simply, overwhelmed me.

I am, however, getting ahead of myself. Like all stories, I should start this one at the beginning. It was forty five minutes past noon on November 9th. The weather, as it is so often wont to be in Scotland, was miserable. Come to think of it, I was miserable too. How many people had turned up for the inaugural day of the creative writing club so far?

None.

It was not, I think you would agree, an auspicious start. Ever since the idea had been suggested to me, one nagging worry had been clawing at the back of my mind: how many people in the school are as thrilled by creative writing as I am? At that unhappy moment, as I stared out across the empty classroom, the answer once again appeared to be none.

Then a solitary, timid head poked around the corner of the door and asked if this was the creative writing club. I replied, trying to fake a laconic calm, that it was. Another followed, then another, then another after that, until before I knew what had happened there were six eager students sitting before me.

Thus the creative writing club began. While the number of participants each week fluctuated, never dropping to zero but never rising to double figures, the enthusiasm remained a constant. The class, made up of first and second years, has, from that day to the day I write this report, thrown itself into every task I've set with an energy an old, plodding sixth year such as myself can only remember fondly.

Let's use characterisation as an example. I devoted an entire session to this most crucial of facets. The class and I

discussed a character's motivation, personality and the interplay between the two. I've seen actors struggling to understand a character, but the class eagerly started psycho-analysing characters from Rowling and Horowitz like pros. Harry Potter may not be as complex a character as Hamlet or Othello, but we all have to start somewhere, don't we? To be honest, I wasn't too sure if I was teaching the great authors, or the next great psychologists. The class, however, assured me they were learning something.

As one said:

'It is a fantastic opportunity for us to get better at our English.'

So the lessons carried on: plot, themes, inspiration and the occasional debate on the famous writers of today. As a club, we haven't won any awards, as one might in debating, bridge or chess, but I urge you to give us time. It is my greatest hope that the creative writing club will become a new chapter in the school's history. I've written the opening paragraph, so now it's up to someone else to carry on the tale. This, I have no doubt, is *to be continued...*

## Crest Report 2008

Hutchesons' Grammar has a reputable track record of excellence in CREST.

CREST is open to all primary and secondary students. It covers both scientific and technological areas of the curriculum and encourages success and the development of skills and processes. It gives students an opportunity to pursue a topic of interest to them and is open – ended. Students are expected to undertake real- life open- ended science and technology research projects which involve three elements : creativity, perseverance and application.

Each year a special individual award is made to the team which best captures the spirit of CREST. This is across the whole field of the entry and at every level.

This year, Kevin Xu, Michael Rose and Stephen Rose are the three members of the CREST club which stands for creativity and research in science and technology. Being involved in CREST involves mostly biological lab work. Once this lab work is complete, a report is written and this is submitted to the annual CREST competition.

The annual competition is still to take place and we await the results with much anticipation and wish the team good luck.

Malika Baig



Illustration by Emma Quail S3

# Art



*...pencilled in by  
Rachel Nolan.*

The Art Department was destined to have a great year after the phenomenal success of the 2007 Art Show in June, displaying a massive variety of outstanding art and design work from pupils in S1 to S6. The walls in certain corridors in school were laden with dynamic and colourful paintings of all sorts of wonderful objects in order to greet the eyes of the viewers as Jennifer di Folco, SQA Qualifications Manager for Art and Design, opened the event. The show was generally perceived as delightful and onlookers seemed pleasantly surprised at the broad selection of work; the pupils seemed to have covered everything from hard core metal designs to the delicacy of a fine line feather drawing. The Sixth year studio featured a range of breath taking textiles, sculpture and drawings by Sandra Gifford, Emily Stevenson, Kirsty Fraser and Thomas Clark, all of whom gained places at their selected School of Art.

With all this previous success I suppose the further refurbishment of the Art Department was deserved, now providing four multi-functional, well lit art rooms for the pupils and the teachers to make the most of.

This year the art teachers arranged a number of trips. On the 17th of September the S6 Portfolio and Advanced Higher pupils ventured out to Pollok Park and The Burrell Collection on a location drawing trip with Mr McQueen and Mrs Breckenridge. It was a beautiful day with perfect blue-sky drawing conditions and so the trip was a success. The Advanced Higher has been introduced for the first time into the department curriculum and Mhairead



Connelly, a pupil, could not help but express how happy she was that she was able to study it: "I have always loved art and wanted the subject in my life, but the portfolio course sounded far too intense and I simply didn't have the hours to dedicate to it as Drama is my first priority. I was so relieved to discover that Advanced Higher was available, it has enabled me to continue with my art work without interfering with my other studies. I am really enjoying the course and I'm so glad that I didn't have to miss out on all the fun in the Art department, that school trip was amazing!"

In the following month of October the Glasgow School of Art Open Day was attended by 5th and 6th year pupils followed by a visit to the Gallery of Modern Art to hear a talk given by Dorothy Hodd, Head of the Jewellery Department at Edinburgh College of Art. The talk was extremely insightful and interesting; it was very helpful to see the sketchbooks of art students. Pupils also visited Edinburgh College of Art Open Day accompanied by Miss Lovell and Mr Emonds. "We were split into small groups and guided round the studios, they looked amazing and massive, it made me feel quite small".

There was also the SQA launch at the National Gallery! And most recently pupils in S4 and S5 were given the opportunity to attend the annual Glasgow School of Art Fashion Show featuring the work of 2nd and 3rd year textile students, a pretty amazing and potentially inspirational event. All that and the work is not over yet... So basically it has been a very busy year.





## Hutchesons' Art displayed at the National Gallery

Not long before the end of the summer holidays I was sitting in town with some friends savouring the last few days of freedom and bracing myself for another year of hard work when I received a phone call from my mother. She was informing me that a letter had arrived from the SQA - as you can imagine panic struck. My first thought being that there was an error with my exam results that had to be corrected. But really it was a rather pleasant surprise - they had requested to display my Higher design work in the National Gallery in Edinburgh. It wasn't until I returned to school that I discovered that four other pupils from the class, Jonathon Aird, Caitlin Curran, Laura Young and Natasha Kushi, had also been selected. Five candidates selected, out of the thousands that participated in Higher Art and Design, what an achievement for the school! On the 23rd of October we found our own separate ways to Edinburgh and met at the National Gallery where we heard a rather impressive speech and viewed a particularly interesting display. There was everything; paintings, bags, hats, jewellery, ceramics. The atmosphere was busy yet comfortable as people pored over the glass cabinets, both parents and students alike beaming with satisfaction and pride. A trigger-happy photographer rushed around snapping photos of the candidates with their work and later in the month we each received a commemorative print in order to bring back happy memories of the special day. After viewing the exhibition we collected a goody-bag which included coasters with prints of selected paintings, a fridge magnet, some postcards and, in my opinion, a very lovely pen (everyone was using them). Everyone appeared to have a good time and I think it's fair to say that the SQA went "all out" to encourage young artists. Participant, Natasha Kushi, exclaimed that, "...it was a life changing experience, it truly was inspirational to see the work of so many young Scottish artists." To say the least it was weird seeing my work behind glass in a well established gallery. Hopefully this bodes well for the future.

Rachel Nolan









# Drama

A 'Flash' of this year's session.

**Rebecca Scott** narrates on this year's events:

Drama is a huge part of the school's curriculum both in class and as a part of some exciting and diverse extra-curricular activities. It never fails to be astounding just how much the Drama department can achieve with the fairly limited time they have. The school is already buzzing with excitement for this year's summer show, "*Fiddler on the Roof*" with the rehearsal process well underway. This is the main topic of conversation amongst senior pupils, showing how much enthusiasm they have for drama! Not to forget the successes of our younger pupils as there have been many extremely successful productions throughout the course of the year, such as the junior production of *Joseph* and the S3 Victorian pieces. However, as well as the public performances, there are always a lot of interested pupils who take Drama as a

subject. Drama is becoming a more widely renowned subject with Law faculties actually listing it as one of their preferred subjects, finding students who have studied Drama are among the most confident and dedicated. Higher Drama is a very challenging but rewarding course and the Higher students are currently preparing for their acting exam where they explore Brian Friel's *Lovers* and a variety of different Scottish pieces. Hopefully this year's S4 will follow in their footsteps and produce some excellent results and this is expected judging on their original pantomimes at Christmas time which provided a lot of entertainment for the audience.

Hutchesons' pupils rocked the stage with the annual summer show last session, the West End hit musical, "*We Will Rock You*". Based around the much-loved

songs of Queen, it was written by comedian Ben Elton in collaboration with Queen members Brian May and Roger Taylor. The story follows young rebels who attempt to put a stop to a futuristic world where diversity is shunned. The audience members were jiving in the aisles along to the booming Queen songs performed by the dazzling cast of Bohemian rebels and electric Yuppies.

June 2007 brought yet another masterpiece put together by the Drama and Music departments.

The performance involved masses of enthusiastic pupils as cast, crew, technical team and band members and it was sold out for the entire five night run. The spectacular music, played by our very own rock band and orchestra was a tribute to Queen's music. It certainly isn't simple to play!

Among the stars were Chris Hansell double cast with David Rutherford as the sweetly innocent Galileo and Sophie Clark and Simone Golumb who shared the role of Scaramouche, a wild rebellious rock chick. Rachel Fitzpatrick and Joelle Gerber both played the fiery Killer Queen. Also showcasing their talent were Logan Carlaw and Andrew Watson as Britney and Emily Stevenson and Fiona Scott who played Meat. Also starring in the all-singing, all-dancing cast was Jimmy Mitchell who brilliantly played the hilariously eccentric Kashoggi.

It definitely was not a night to miss. Not only did the show end another incredible year of drama at Hutchie but set the standards extremely high for next year's pupils to follow in their footsteps with



'Joseph'



The cast of 'We will Rock You'

the old classic *Fiddler on the Roof*. There is no doubt that the pupils and staff will put in enormous amounts of effort to create yet another hit!

This year kicked off in technicolour triumph and once again the Drama and Music departments miraculously produced a spectacular show. The junior performance of the well-known hit musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, was sold out for all three evening performances this November.

Although the colourful musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice was first produced almost 40 years ago and has been performed numerous times, it has lost none of its magic and the enthusiastic cast definitely did it justice. The story is based on the biblical tale of Jacob's favourite son, Joseph, and his eleven brothers. The role of Joseph was shared by Scott Meenan and Gregory Clark who lead the audience from the present day back to the ancient times so they could witness his story unfolding. There is no doubt of a promising future in drama ahead for both of these young actors. However, watch out for Adam Hunter and Jordan Roberts-Laverty who blew the audience away with their gyrating hips playing the Elvis impersonating Pharaoh!

Other new talents who shone include; Paul Smith and Graeme Pratt double cast as the powerful millionaire Potiphar and his evil, scheming wife played by Charlotte Sagnay De La Bastida. Not forgetting Laurie Anderson and Connor Benson as Reuben and Andrew Jeffrey who transformed himself into the old, loving father, Jacob. An inspiring twist was added to the story as Joseph's brothers (or sisters!) were played by girls for two of the performances.

As well as the all-singing, all-dancing young cast of nearly 130 on stage, we must acknowledge the massive contribution the lively band made to the performance as it is, after all, a musical. The stage crew and technical team added to making it such an outstanding event after an incredible amount of dedication as shown by the dazzling lighting and sound effects which helped to stage the production in such a professional way, making the audience forget the pupils are as young as S1 and S2.

In December, an audience of parents and friends enjoyed an Evening of Victorian Drama performed by an enthusiastic cast of S3 pupils. It was a night of corsets, cockney accents and Victorian music and certainly not one to forget!

The performance included extracts from three well known and loved Victorian

pieces. The scene from 'Lady Windermere's Fan', by Oscar Wilde, included a small but talented cast who certainly brought out the comedy of the piece extremely well. Lady Windermere was played by Rachel Smith.

The warm, cosy family life of 'Little Women' (adapted from the novel by Louise May Alcott) was portrayed by five girls playing the beloved "Marmee" and her four daughters who were all bubbling with life.

Scenes from the ever popular 'My Fair Lady' made up the majority of the evening. Music, directed by Sarah Stuart, added to making this performance so memorable. The audience were delighted to hear that famous song, "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" The part of the brash, cockney Eliza Doolittle was shared by Lauren Young and Emma Hunter and both girls certainly did this important role justice. Also appearing as the delightfully charming Freddy Eynsford Hill was Drew Hollinshead who managed to win a few laughs! Pupils as cast, crew and technical team, not to forget the Drama Department all worked together to make this special evening such a tremendous success!

Once again the annual Drama Competition was a huge success but this





## National Certificate Drama

*Rachel Nolan reports*

At the beginning of the academic year the S6 National Certificate Drama class was ecstatic to discover that Mrs Alderson, Head of Drama, had selected Oscar Wilde's magnificently witty play, "The Importance of Being Earnest", for us to perform. Every Friday afternoon the class meets in either the lecture theatre or the Georgeson Room for discussion and rehearsal with Mrs Alderson in the position of director and Mrs Sobolewska in charge of stage management (a fairly tough job considering it's an understatement to say that both set and costume are going to be fairly refined - well, we are dealing with Victorian aristocracy!)

Although N/C Drama is hard work, it is an extremely enjoyable experience: "It's been amazing to get the chance to be part of a small cast in a full-length production, we have all become really close and the teachers truly have been inspirational." Far too many cups of tea and Victorian Sponge cakes and muffins down the line and we will be ready for our performance on the 6th and 7th of May: it definitely is a play for the light-hearted and the humorous, just remember, "In matters of grave importance, style, not sincerity is the vital thing."

Bravo, once again, to the Hutchie Drama teachers and our budding Thespians, who continue to wow us with their dedication to produce impressive performances.

time the contest was between S2 and S3. All performers showed more talent and enthusiasm than ever before! Pupils opt to perform in either of the monologue, duologue or group sections with some ambitious and committed stars participating in more than one category.

There is no doubt how much work these pupils put in, however possibly the toughest task of the whole evening went to the very distinguished panel of judges. This year the tricky decisions were left to the much loved and well known Carol Smillie, Mary McCluskey who is the Artistic Director of Scottish Youth Theatre and Carter Ferguson who can be seen on River City. The pieces were all extremely varied but equally enjoyable. They ranged from "The Vicar of Dibley" to "The Importance of Being Ernest."

Although everyone deserves credit, prizes have to be given out. In Monologue, Gemma McLennan won for her performance as Mabel from "An Ideal Husband;" in Duologue, Scott Meenan and Jordan Roberts-Lavery won for their hilarious scene from "Bloodbrothers" and in group, Sarah Cooper, Iona Scott, Kate Galbraith and Kate Cameron won for their interpretation of "The Steamie." This year the Judges' Prize for overall outstanding performance was awarded to

Morven Bremner for her performance in "The Worst Witch" and "Daisy Pulls it off."

The competition was a combined effort with senior pupils in S4, 5 and 6 who showed off their directing skills by helping with the competition pieces. It was a great opportunity to join the senior and junior drama clubs to produce a spectacular event.



# Music

*This year's musical notes orchestrated by  
Ronnie Palchaudhuri and Luke McIntosh.*

## Overture

This academic year has shown great progress for Music at Hutchesons', with successes in the Glasgow Music Festival, the strengthening and expansion of our links with schools from different countries such as Germany and Holland, and most notably the outstanding achievement of the BBC Young Chorister of the Year, Charlotte McKechnie in S4.

## Hutchie takes centre stage

This year's WOSIS Music Weekend held during the 14th-16th of September at Hutchesons' Grammar School was a tremendous success, the event consisting of rehearsals throughout the weekend, culminating in a concert on the final night. The WOSIS Concert Band, Jazz Band and String Orchestra hold two concerts each year, one of these was held on the 16th of September at Hutchie. This event was an excellent opportunity for our school to exhibit the superb music facilities on offer, the pupils across several independent schools all made full use of these and put their full effort into their rehearsals for the duration of the weekend; this clearly showed in the spectacular performance on the Sunday evening.

## New Vistas Composition Project

Three Hutchesons' pupils in S4 are half way through a year long composition project masterminded by Scottish composer John Maxwell Geddes with the Paragon Ensemble, a professional group which develops and plays contemporary music. Along with another 15 pupils from across Scotland, Charlotte McKechnie, Gordon Biggart and Andrew Brown are each composing a trio for instrumentalists – in their case, flute, clarinet and bassoon – based on seascapes. Geddes will also compose a new piece for the Paragon Ensemble to stand along side the pupils' compositions for the grand finale in the autumn.



## Nürnberg Exchange

Our connections with our partner school in Nürnberg, the Hans-Sachs Gymnasium were strengthened by the visit of the students to our school from the 27th of September to the 4th of October, where they stayed with students and gave a superb performance in the Tuesday evening concert, singing pieces from the "Little Shop of Horrors", along with outstanding solos and quartets. The exchange was a successful venture, with students from the Gymnasium building friendships with other students, as well as learning a lot about the different countries and cultures. We hope to continue with our numerous exchanges with the Hans-Sachs Gymnasium and allow our links with Nürnberg to further flourish.

## Music Competition

The Fotheringay Auditorium audience enjoyed a wonderfully varied afternoon of music as 23 pupils performed in the final of the annual Music Competition, sponsored by Biggars Music. Winner of the Grades 4-5 class was classical guitarist Stuart McQuarrie [S1], who played a Study by Matteo Carcassi. Neil Colquhoun [S5] won the Grades 6-8 class, playing the first movement of the Sonata for Alto Saxophone and Piano by Phil Woods. Runners up were Scott Meenan [S1], Piano, and Jennifer Lawrie [S6], Violin. The adjudicator was Steven Pedlar, Precentor of Music at King Edward's School in Witley, Surrey.

## The Netherlands Trip

During the February week, members of the concert band and some vocalists, along with music staff, Edgar Trotter, Joanne Freeland, Rachel Forbes and Simon Brown, took a 20-hour coach trip, travelling through France and Belgium, to reach the coastal town of Noordwijk Aan Zee in the Netherlands. Throughout the trip, the group performed concerts at the British School in Amsterdam, and at a care home, the Willem Van Der Berg Centre in Noordwijk. These contrasting venues provided unforgettable experiences in different ways. The group also visited various attractions and museums in



Amsterdam, Delft, and other towns, as well as pottery, clogs and cheese factories, whilst also engrossing themselves in the Dutch culture. The trip was enjoyed by all, with memorable and amusing moments both on and off stage. On the whole, a 'smashing' experience!

As well as all these special musical occasions, the Music Department runs a full and varied programme of events throughout the year show-casing the musical talents of our pupils. This session alone provided an Orchestral concert, Christmas concert and Carol concert in the autumn and in the Spring, Founders' Day, a Spring concert and the now well established Jazz Concert. In addition to these musical events, the Department collaborated with the Drama Department in producing two musicals. November saw the S1/2 production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. As the magazine goes to press a Senior Production of 'Fiddler on the Roof' is in rehearsal.

This report show-cases only a fraction of an impressive and comprehensive range of activities, none of which would be



possible without the commitment and hard work of pupils and the enthusiasm of the departmental team (especially the peripatetic instrumental tutors) as well as the cooperation and support of colleagues across the School. Our thanks go to all of them!





# School Life

## Senior Christmas Dance 07

Spray-tanned, coiffured and dressed to impress - the Hutchie Seniors were ready for the best Christmas Dance anyone can remember. The lovely ladies and eligible bachelors of Fifth and Sixth Year received the real red carpet treatment, complete with paparazzi and the December weather providing that striking windswept look. Inside in the warmth the night kicked off with a champagne (or in our case *Appletiser*) reception held in the festively decorated lunchroom. After some excited conversation and a few glasses of lightly sparkling fruit juice we were ushered

down the Cloisters Corridor which glittered with fairy lights. Everyone was stunned when we reached the assembly hall and found it transformed beyond recognition with sophisticated silver and white awnings hanging from the high ceiling, and stars and snowflakes sparkling from the walls. In this wonderful setting the ceilidh band struck up a tune and got the dance underway with, as is tradition, the *Gay Gordons*. Much to their credit the band managed to keep us all on our feet for the whole night, no small achievement considering half of us were wearing killer heels and

the other half probably had killer-heel related injuries by the end of the first dance. At one point the band, with the help of the many teachers who helped out at this event, succeeded in setting up a huge *Orcadian Strip the Willow* which involved four lines of dancers stretching the entire length of the hall. To top this we ended the night on a high with an enthusiastic rendition of *Auld Lang Syne*. So, it is without a doubt that we all left Beaton Road that winter night with many good stories, great memories and very sore feet.

Natalie Lane







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# Dreaming

## A decent politician should not be a distant dream:

British politics.

It takes a brave writer to begin a piece with those words. Half the readership will have glazed over and quickly busied to the next page. The remainder will be formulating glib one liners about the current inadequacies and failings of our politicians.

Politicians are cynical, manipulative creatures devoid of ethical compunction, bent solely on gaining votes or, failing that, a greater expenses allowance. Gordon Brown's famous moral compass must be getting so confused that it could be used as a desk fan.

Although this is certainly an exaggeration, it is all too easy to believe. But why has it come to this? British politics is not rotten to the core (although a minority of incidents are highly visible and totally disgraceful) yet the general

public treat it with a level of scorn normally only reserved for war criminals or Heather Mills. The standard justification for this attitude normally invokes politicians' manipulative and sinful (or is that spinful?) ways or the corruption of a few parliamentarians. When politicians promise action we expect nothing, and when we expect action politicians promise nothing.

However, what if the blame, in part, lies with the general public? This might seem a rather unusual view given that many MPs are creating expenses claims as long as the queues at Heathrow Terminal 5. None the less, why are we holding MPs to such a low standard? Having all but abandoned the hope of parliamentary integrity, we now don't even expect ministers to come up with thoughtful new ideas, indeed intelligent MPs (and there must be a few) are scared to stick their heads above the intellectual parapet lest they be caught in a volley of disaffection.

Instead of dreaming of a hard working, law abiding parliament, it should be the reality, the very least that we expect. Too many politicians behave like wily first years, doing what they can get away with. What is needed is a radical change in what the public demands of its representatives. The pressure of national expectations should be almost crushing; ready to squash those who stray. There will be those who rise to the new challenge while others will be revealed to have been totally inadequate.

Why on earth do we hold MPs and political parties to a lower standard? Their expenses make City bosses green, their ideas could be (and frequently are) the scribblings of an undergraduate researcher. Politically, morally and financially, politicians should be the best of the country. If in order to get a decent standard, we need to change the democratic system, raise salaries, let constituents sack their MPs or go even further, we shouldn't hesitate. The bottom line is that it cannot be impossible to find 659 citizens who do their country credit.

Yes there will be much disappointment – and in that sense politics will actually start to resemble real life, where claiming “an incompetence” can't get you off of fraud charges – but surely that would be an improvement on the current situation where nothing a politician does can disappoint us. If the public can have higher expectations of MPs, then perhaps politics will become something to which more young people aspire to, not just the last resort of those who failed to get into Goldman Sachs. Above all, we have to demand that politics becomes a respectable profession and that the term “Rt. Hon. M.P.” is not an oxymoron.

This may all sound impossibly idealistic, and perhaps it is, but we must believe that a better standard can be achieved. For those of you who remain unconvinced, I can only ask: do you really think Wendy Alexander is as good as it gets?

**Calum MacDonald**

*(The views outlined above are not necessarily those held by Hutesons' Educational Trust!)*

# The JC Murray Senior Magazine Prize

## Tread Softly, Because I Paid For This Dream - A Corporate Dystopia

Roast chicken, five pounds. Packet of roast potatoes, three ninety nine. Mixed vegetables, two fifty. Bottle of white wine, seven pounds. Dream of a second honeymoon, twenty three forty nine.

‘Planning a Friday night in, sir?’ I looked up from the counter and straight into my customer’s hostile eyes. The left side of his face tugged upwards, twisting into a sneer.

‘Yes.’ If I hadn’t been used to daily hostility from my customers, that single word would have been a slap across the cheek. It had that accusatory tone to it, that undertone of ‘what business is it of yours?’ Just the sort of thing I’d come to expect from the Consumer Class over the past ten years working at the OmniMart. It’s amazing what the privilege of choice can do to someone’s ego. Take my class, the Vendors, for example: we work, go back to our state furnished apartment, eat a state approved dinner and go to bed with the promise of a state approved breakfast and another seventeen hours of check-out till duty the next day.

The glories of Conglomarchy. Most Vendors nowadays can’t recall what life was like for us in the old days, before the Retailers took over. Back then, even the lowest in society had a choice. Then everything changed in 2009, when the Depression hit. I was a child when the banks started closing, going under and taking the savings of every family in Britain with them. Billions, potentially trillions (I’m not good with numbers), were lost. Families couldn’t afford to pay for anything save the barest necessities; tax bills were left gathering dust on the kitchen counter and government funds quickly dried up. With no money coming in, and more and more people requiring state assistance, Britain as a country had to file for bankruptcy.

So when the largest supermarket chains joined together and offered to buy the British government, the country heaved a sigh of relief. While every other business had shrivelled up during the Depression, supermarkets had flourished. People, after all, still had to eat.

The country totally changed after the sale. Instead of a Labour Party and a Conservative Party, we have a B.O.G.O.F. Party and a Half Price Party. Our votes now come with loyalty points. Every last facet of society has become corporation orientated: the Vending Class operate the checkouts, while the Consumer Class fill the checkouts with the very same products they advertise and market. We’re all company people, part of the brand. Still, I do like the advertising - ‘The People’s Brand’ they call it. And a catchy jingle.

And the hottest product on the shelves at the moment is choose-your-own-dreams. A concentrated hallucinogen injected straight into the bloodstream before falling asleep to create a vision - who’d have guessed it would be a bestseller?

‘Excuse me, could you ring up my dream?’ I realised I’d picked up the Consumer’s injector. My head snapped up and once again those icy blue eyes drilled disapprovingly into the back of my head.

‘Certainly, sir. Sorry, sir.’ I swiped the injector through and shoved it into a plastic bag, suddenly eager to have the Consumer leave. My training-induced servility was wearing thin and unless I rid myself of this abrasive customer I’d probably find myself getting my pay docked. Or worse, I’d be demoted to a post at the leftover recycling facility.

Mercifully, I wasn’t given any time to ponder the prospect of wading through neck-high waste. Only a few moments after the customer had turned and left, the phone under my till began to ring.

‘Checkout two fifty two.’

‘Mark, get down to aisle seventy. Management’s just told us to mark down all the Somnitech products by fifteen percent.’

‘The flying dreams? I’m right on it.’ Hanging up, I stood and switched off the light above my till. None of the Consumers choking the checkouts moved for me, I was after all just a common Vendor, but over the years I’d learned to slip past without getting a trolley or basket in the ribs. When I reached aisle seventy I slipped past the projected barrier that proclaimed the aisle was closed for repricing, then stopped short.

Someone else, in the same navy blue uniform of the Vendor Class, was already working his way down the aisle, a large brown box full of injectors at his feet. ‘Spencer?’ I raised an eyebrow as I recognised my elderly instructor. He was the oldest employee at the OmniMart and accordingly he was given some special dispensations: his hair stretched far beyond the regulation length, down to his shoulders in fact, and a thin, greying stubble covered his chin.

‘Mark?’ He turned his gnarled features to look at me, eyebrows knotted as he tried to distinguish my identity. ‘That you? What’re you doing here?’

‘I’m here to mark down the flyers. What are you doing here?’

‘I... ah... came to restack the shelves. Some dreams are out-of-date, and you know what sort of problems they can cause,’ he muttered, turning away and scratching the back of his neck. As if I was no longer there, Spencer continued along the shelves with aching slowness, replacing the injectors one by one.

‘I wonder why they didn’t get me to restack the shelves as well,’ I mused, more to myself, as I began to work my own way down the aisle.

‘Don’t ask me to make sense of the management. Those men have more buttons on their shirts than cells in their brains.’



Spencer gave a wheezing chuckle. I laughed too, drawing up next to my old colleague. Now I was working right next to him, something didn't seem right. At first, I wasn't sure, but a decade of shelf stacking and repricing had sharpened my sight: Spencer was throwing away perfectly fine injectors.

'Spencer, what's going on?' My hand snapped out and plucked the injector from his own. I turned it over and the date on the back of the cylinder confirmed my suspicions. That particular injector had another three months in it. 'You must be getting senile, Spencer,' I laughed, 'this is perfectly fine.'

'Of course it is, stupid boy.' With an unexpected burst of speed, and strength, he snatched the injector back. 'Use your brain, for once in your life.' He dropped the injector into the box and replaced it with another.

'You... ' Realisation was dawning on me with the harsh light of an unwelcome revelation. 'You're a Freegan.' My voice was a low hiss, filled with accusation and fear. Even fraternising with an anti-consumerist carried a five year sentence. 'You're sabotaging the dreams, aren't you?'

'Give the monkey a banana, the boy's got it,' he grumbled. Even though he'd been caught red handed, he continued replacing the dreams. Replacing them with nightmares.

'But why?'

'Dreams are the biggest product at the moment. You take them down and you bring the retailers crashing down with them. If people suddenly find themselves experiencing nightmares of giant spiders and whatnot, instead of winning the lottery, then customer satisfaction will plummet. Somnitech, Hypnos and all the other dream manufacturing companies will collapse and with them this whole blasted system. Simple domino effect,' he carried on. He reached into his uniform and pulled out a crumpled, dog-eared piece of paper.

'What's this?'

'The Freegan manifesto,' he replied with a grin. 'Go on, it won't bite.'

My hand hovered a few inches from the paper, as if the act of touching it was a crime in itself. In fact, it probably was. Still, curiosity drove my hand forward those fatal centimetres to take Spencer's manifesto. I frowned.

'It's blank.'

'Mark, just turn it over,' Spencer gave me an encouraging nod.

I did as he asked. In a messy scrawl I recognised as Spencer's own handwriting, eight simple words stood out against the faded white of the paper.

'Everyone has a right to their own dreams.'

**Griff Williams S6**



Illustration by Scott Robertson 2D

## The William Murray Prize for Poetry

### Loss

I saw you yesterday,  
Across the street from where we met  
One autumn afternoon...

Before you went away

Funny, now you're gone,  
The winters always seem to be  
Much colder now...

Must have been your touch that kept me warm

That voice I used to know,  
It used to give me strength whenever  
I was lost...

It seems so long ago

Now I see you here,  
I never realised just how much  
I had lost...

Now you're gone, and now I need you near...

**Daniel Brough S6**

... such stuff as dreams are made of

The starry heavens above me and the  
moral law within me

*The sky at night is a vast ribbon of  
emeralds, Sapphires and rubies*

*The path of mystery leads inward*

### A Clear Blue Sky

Ella Watson sat at the back of the class, thoroughly bored and wishing she was anywhere else in the world. She tried to focus on what the teacher was saying, but couldn't; it was as though something had fallen out of her brain or maybe she just wasn't particularly interested in what the teacher was saying about the literary techniques used by Shakespeare while writing 'Romeo and Juliet'.

She slid out of the classroom and into her own daydreams. The white ceiling was replaced by a clear blue sky, exactly the same shade as Ella's own eyes. There was not a cloud in sight. The dark green linoleum floor changed into sparkling white sand, with palm trees sprouting all around. The desks and blackboards in front of her disappeared and in their place materialised a vast, blue ocean, crystal clear and shimmering in the sunlight, stretching out before her like a book waiting to be written.

The waves gently lapped at her toes and the palm trees swayed from side to side in the light summer breeze. She was quite alone and that was how she liked it; no older brother to shadow her, forever winning prizes and coming top of his year; no little sister, always causing trouble then blaming it on Ella. It was tough being the middle of three children; her parents never seemed to have time for her and she never had a moment's peace from the nagging and boasting of her siblings. Nobody could accept her for who she was or take notice of her own, however rare, achievements. She craved peace and tranquillity and her imagination brought her to, what she thought must be, the calmest place on earth. She didn't know exactly where her daydreams took her but she was determined to reach there one day.

And then suddenly, the tide came in and drenched her. She looked around, seemingly soaking wet, as the beautiful beach disappeared and her English classroom fell into place around her with the cruel pinch of reality:

"Ella Watson, when will you learn? I will not tolerate daydreaming in my class! If I have to tell you again you will be leaving this class with a punishment exercise!"

"Oh well, thought Ella, I will reach there someday: a place where people will notice me and appreciate me for who I am. But for now...well it's back to Shakespeare."

**Anna Gaudoin 3C**

### Before the War

The children played in the street  
And cars  
Trundled by.  
The country was calm,  
All was safe and well  
before the war began.  
They bombed apart our cities  
And tore apart our families.  
It ruined  
Our lives forever.

**Anna Gaudoin 3C**



## The World Today

Rubbish rolling on the ground,  
People lost and never found.  
Murder and war seem to be the norm  
Then possessions washed away by a storm.  
This is the world we live in today,  
But dreaming isn't going to make it O.K.

Katie Gilles 3D

## The Tall Oak

A tall oak stood in the centre  
Of the wood, it had many branches.  
The branches were lonely,  
The tall oak was dying.

The tall oak started to timber.  
Small creatures stood at its bark,  
They cut it with large swords.  
The tall oak fell.

The oak crunched to the ground.  
The small creatures surrounded it,  
They took it away in a large moving monster.  
The tall oak had died.

She came. Our Mother of the Forest.  
She blew the wind and rain fell.  
Green sprouted out of the brown earth.  
A new oak was born.

A tall oak stood in the centre  
Of the wood, it had many branches.  
The branches were blooming,  
The tall oak was alive once more.

Victoria Stevenson 3H

## The Not-so Perfect World

Climate change,  
Now the temperature has a high range,  
Ice caps melting,  
In other places, it's sweltering  
Yet there is more rain and less of Sun  
But nearer and nearer the heat does come  
Leaves of the trees are starting to fall  
As the damaged environment is taking its toll.

Colette Pickard 3J

## Hope

I look into the well  
where I've tossed my coin  
I watch the ripples swell  
with my wish there gone.

Nomi Ali 3A

## Dreaming

Swim seas of sky whilst in my bed  
A million worlds within my head  
Yet when awake these worlds are lost  
Back to this place of cash and cost.

My chores I do to school I go  
Not soar the skies or swim below  
To go back there all day I wait  
Calmly sit, anticipate.

It's over now the daily grind  
Finish homework; clear the mind  
Climb into bed and fall asleep  
To stroll the sand and dive the deep.

Back once more to this world of mine  
The place I make, of my design  
Silently I drift away  
Soar all night, forget the day.

Chris Pexton S3

## Box of Dreams

With your head upon the pillow,  
Your brain slowly turns to a brilliant box of dreams.  
Dreams are so important because they keep you sane,  
When you wake up in the morning, you start to rack your brain,  
For a dream that is forgotten,  
A dream as dark as rain.

Katie Gilles 3C

## Dreams-Different things to Different People

Dreams are different things to different people. They can be hopes and ambitions or even fantasies. They can be one person's ambition that motivates them to succeed or they can be the visions of great people that inspire them to change the world.

Martin Luther King gave a famous speech 'I have a dream' in August 1963 on the march in Washington. Dr King's dream in this context was his vision of an America without racism. He inspired millions of oppressed African-American people in the 1960s with his speech outlining that white and black people would live in harmony and as equals in the world. It is amazing how one man's dream changed the attitude to racism so radically even though it took another five years for the law to change.

Jesse Owens was a remarkable athlete in the 1930s, whose desire to succeed drove him to achieve great things in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Owens was from a poor background and was the only coloured athlete in Hitler's 'racially pure' Olympics. He won a total of four gold medals in the 100 metres, 200 metres; long jump and 4x100 metre relay and by doing this demonstrated the lie behind Nazi thinking. I believe what helped Jesse Owens succeed under such pressure was a faith and belief in his ability and the dream that he would stand on the winners' podium.

There is also the mystery of dreams in our sleep. No one really knows or understands why we have dreams. Neural scientists have shown that we dream in a special kind of sleep, Rapid Eye Movement (REM) and that it is the period of our sleep when the most vivid dreams occur and we remember them when we wake. Mystics believe that dreams occur when the soul leaves the body and experiences different perspectives. Throughout history dreams have been given importance thought by some people to be messages from the gods or predictions of the future. Psychologists, on the other hand, think that dreams represent what is going on in our sub-conscious mind and relate to conscious experiences.

What is clear is that dreams are complicated in the sense of what causes them and what they mean. On one level, they are simply the electrical impulses of your brain but on the other, they can be the visions of great people that can change mankind forever.

**Joshua Rutnagur 3H**



*Illustration by Emily Patrick S5*

### A Dream of a Rose

I had a dream, a dream of a rose.  
A rose, which was dying  
A long, green, slithering snake,  
It wrapped around the stem.

I had a dream, a dream of a rose.  
The snake, strangling the stem.  
Petals fell from the flower,  
The flower drooped, awaiting death to strike.

My dream, the dream of a rose.

It was long and painful.  
The flower touched the ground  
And the snake smiled successfully.

I had a dream, a dream of a rose.  
The rose is dead; a new bud bursts.  
The rose lives on in another.  
The snake's smile soured.

My dream, the dream of a rose,  
Ended.

**Victoria Stevenson 3H**



People say we can save the planet,  
 But we can't, we can't turn back time.  
 The climate is changing,  
 But we can't change back.  
 The weather is different,  
 But not for the better.  
 Until we improve our minds  
 Nothing else is going to improve.

**Zoë Edelman 3C**

Something so surreal  
 Something so incredible

Finally held it  
 Finally held my dream

Out there in the limelight  
 Out there filling people's hearts

It won't last forever though  
 It'll slip away

It won't last forever

**Zoë Edelman 3C**

She realises, she dreams and then she knows.  
 Realises what she wants, dreams of how to get it but knows she can't.

She wants a world that's much different, a lot fairer.  
 She dreams of this world, because dreams aren't real.  
 She knows she can't have it, so the dreams will do.  
 For now.

But what if dreams were real, she wonders.  
 And they can be.

She realises co-operation, she dreams of it working and knows it can.

She realises, she dreams and then she knows.

**Caitlin White 3J**

The sunlight gleamed over the usually windy moor  
 The glittering grass a delightful lure  
 The brown even fences standing tall  
 Over and over we throw the bright red ball  
 The darker side dwells near the trees  
 Where common animals are  
 Wasps and bees  
 The quiet laughter as we all play  
 Mixing with the perfect day  
 That was years ago, when the war was first born  
 Now, I've realized  
 The dream's finally gone.

**Sashrika Shetty 3H**



## The JC Murray Junior Magazine Prize

The leafy green trees standing tall  
 Now cut down, stripped, the leaves all fall  
 The bright yellow orb hovering in the sky  
 No longer seen as the days pass by and by  
 The pretty plants, with splashes of vibrant colour  
 Wither and twist and begin to grow duller  
 The clean sweet air, constantly swirling around  
 Grows dark and smoky, right to the level of the ground  
 The factories all around giving out fumes as dark as night  
 The warm sunny days are no longer bright  
 Good days are folded like letters, posted and sent  
 All resulting in a darker environment.

**Sashrika Shetty 3H**







# Kingarth Street

*Compiled by Lauren Tait, Sarah Hamilton and Prabhjot Nijjar*

It's been yet another busy year at Kingarth Street as both the pupils and staff have been kept on their toes with all of the fantastic events that have been going on over the course of the year. From a splendid new library opening to having the opportunity to learn some

basic sign language, it looks like the pupils at Kingarth Street have never seen a dull moment.

To really make them spoilt for choice though, there are numerous societies for pupils to join and these have been

thoroughly active. The Eco School Committee has made tremendous progress whilst pupils have already started to achieve their Junior Duke Awards-all fantastic achievements!





## Eco Schools Committee

Over the past year, the Committee has seen a great amount of progress in making Hutchesons' Grammar more eco friendly.

They decided that the best way to start was to tackle two of the eight topics proposed in the Eco School Initiative- litter and waste minimisation. They started this difficult task by giving a powerpoint presentation to assemblies to spread the message.

As well as this, the Committee at Kingarth Street organised a 'Green Day' fundraiser last February. The pupils were asked to pay £1 so that they could wear green clothes that day. At lunchtime, they were also able to participate in eco-fun activities and buy unwanted toys, books, CDs and games from the 'Bring and Buy' stalls.

This event was a huge success with over £1000 being raised and the monies were used to buy 2 large clear recycling bins for our plastic bottles and 12 large green bins to enable everyone to recycle paper more efficiently.

Following last year's success, plans are already underway to hold another similar event in May, as the Committee recognise that there is still a lot of work to be done around the school to make it a more eco-friendly environment.

## Scripture Union

Scripture Union has had another busy year. Led by Mrs Crawford, the group regularly meets and were lucky enough to head off to Lendrick Muir in January for what was to be an action packed weekend.

There were plenty of activities on offer, with the children enjoying mountain biking, rope courses and disc golf. These activities did prove to be very muddy but there were cleaner options at hand, as the children could also play games in the sports hall, sing songs and watch movies. Whatever they were doing, however, the weekend was a great success and everyone thought it was a great way of learning about God's word.

## Junior Duke

Junior Duke is a new motivational and challenging award scheme that is currently being run for P4-P7 at Kingarth Street. Its Patron, Gordon Bulloch, is a former pupil of Hutchesons'. He not only captained the Scotland Rugby Team and the British Lions but played in the Rugby World Cup in 2003.

The scheme's key aims are to promote self-motivation, develop key life skills and for children to really challenge themselves in order to achieve their goals. There are four different levels- Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. Pupils have been kept very busy with the award; activities have ranged from reciting poetry, baking and writing to swimming, preparing power points and playing musical instruments.

So far many pupils have already managed to complete the award- from Primary four, Heather Stewart and Emily Smith have both obtained the Bronze medal whilst Natasha Khan, from Primary 5, has received her Silver medal.

## Clubs and Societies



*Come to school in pyjamas day!*



## Events

### Scots Verse and Music Competition

Yet again, the annual Scots Verse and Music competition was a brilliant success at Kingarth Street on 1st February. This year, the pupils were judged by sculptor Professor Alexander Scott, who said how hard a decision it was picking a winner out from finalists with such high standards. However, eventually Aidan Bushnell of P7R won the verse category after his fantastic rendition of "Why do we idly waste our prime" by Robert Burns. Lucy McCracken was awarded the winner of the music competition after performing "Lass O' Bon Accord" splendidly. After this impressive showcase of young talent, the Friday was topped off with some more fun by singing a medley of Scottish songs.

The Scottish mood continued into the next week as well, as all Primary one classes took part in a ceilidh organised by Mrs Yeoman on Monday, 4th February. Everyone took part in the dancing, singing, poetry recitals and were joined by Greg Phillips of S6 to pipe them in. To round it all off, everyone enjoyed a feast of haggis, neeps and tatties, followed by shortbread.

### British Sign Language

Five classes were lucky enough to have the opportunity to meet George McGowan earlier in the year and had the unique opportunity to learn some basic sign language.

Before this special visit which the pupils really enjoyed, pupils had raised over £9000 for the BDA (British Deaf Association) by doing a sponsored silence and also holding a 'Learn To Sign' week.

All the pupils really valued what George McGowan taught them as, at the end of the day, they would be able to have a ten minute conversation with a deaf person. They all wish him a quick return!

### Scottish Opera

One the highlights for P6 pupils is when they get the opportunity to partake in the Scottish Opera workshop and production and, yet again, it proved to be a great success among pupils. This year, the opera had an environmental theme and the children went about learning all of the various songs from the music department. The production was about the rainforest being torn down to make room for a theme park but, fortunately, everyone realises this is not a good idea just in time.

The pupils spent a busy day with the team from Scottish Opera and had the chance to play roles from animals, tribes people, tourists or scientists. The dramatic final show was just as much fun for other primary classes to watch as it was for the pupils to perform.

### The Opening of the Library

One of the main events at Kingarth Street this year was obviously the opening of the fantastic new library. To mark the official opening of the library for the pupils, as well as the start of Book Week 2008, Dalmatian Day hit Kingarth Street, making it an action packed day for everyone.

More than 500 pupils, as well as staff, dressed up as Dalmatians on the 27th February and Miss Osler, with P6O, led a fabulous assembly to kick off the day. Instead of 101 Dalmatians, the story was adapted to fit its setting in Kingarth Street and so was rightly called '551 Dalmatians'-the exact number of pupils at the school! The big finale not only saw the arrest of Mrs McKie, playing Cruella De Vil, but also the Rector cutting the black and white spotted tape declaring the library open.

The splendid new library offered the perfect place for the rest of Book Week to take place in, with several authors visiting throughout the week. The author and illustrator Lindsey Gardiner visited Primary 1, whilst storyteller Wendy Woolfson kept Primary 2 and 3 busy. Meanwhile, Vivian French entertained Primary 4 and 5 and Primary 6 and 7 enjoyed their talk from Alan Temperley.

Overall, the new library has already seen its fair share of action and will no doubt see more in the near future!

As the year comes to a close, the pupils at Kingarth Street are most likely exhausted after such an active year, with so many wonderful achievements gained by so many. However, I'm sure it is safe to say they can only expect the same again next year!





## Charity at Kingarth Street

By *Sarah Hamilton*

This session, the youngsters at the Primary School have thrown themselves into charitable events with as much panache as ever. The School charity of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust has greatly benefitted from this enthusiasm. It must be said, however, that the children themselves have had fun in raising the much needed funds. The annual cross country run was a chance for those in the Primary to don their trainers and see the sights of Pollok Park. Whether running competitively or merely for "fun", the efforts of all were greatly appreciated. Indeed, a fantastic total of £2243.70 was raised. A particular mention is due to Sapphire Le Sage and Colin Lowrey who came first in the individual events and clearly went all out for the charity.

Those in the Senior School could learn a lot from the spirited performances of all involved!

It must also be mentioned that, in spite of the many school-organised events, some individuals have taken it upon themselves to raise money in their own time. A big congratulations is owed to Jenna Pexton, who swam 25 lengths of Rutherglen swimming pool, raising £68.25 for Cystic Fibrosis.

While the main school charity of the year is that of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, those at the Primary School are always keen to raise money for other needy causes. For example, Children in Need Day saw the pupils wear wacky

Wellington boots to school! The assembly hall turned into a hive of activity at lunchtime and, as a result of their excitement, the children found focusing on lessons a little difficult in the morning. The children "gave it welly", singing "If it wisnae fir yer wellies" as part of a karaoke competition which was then judged by George McEwan, the composer of the song. The inventive variety of stalls, including "Throw a marble in the welly", meant that there was something for even the most eclectic taste. As a result, a massive sum of £1150.15 was raised!



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## Kingarth Street Dreams ...

Compiled by: *Lauren Tait,*  
*Sarah Hamilton and Prabhjot Nijar*

It is clear the Primary School is always up for a challenge. So when we presented them with the theme of “dreams” they took it with a smile and, with true Hutchie style, have moulded it into something truly unique.

Primary school pupils have a certain something that many senior pupils lack or forget about. That is, their own imagination! When faced with the theme, there have been a range of ideas enthusiastically put forward. Some about ambitions:

*“My dream is to become a fashion editor”*

Primary 2

*“My dream is to become a teacher”*

Primary 3

*Others about world issues:*

*“My dream is to end world hunger”*

Primary 7

Along with this, Kingarth Street has had one of its own dreams come true, a new library. With its rather modern looking glass wall, it adds character to what is already an extremely lively school.



Oh my island.  
I can see the has  
I can see tree.  
I can smell flowers.  
I can see a chocolate.

Megha, 6, 6, 8



on my island  
I can see sun  
I can hear birds  
I can smell flowers  
I can touch legs.



Dreams by Pr.1G Name-APLI Va.



I dream about.....

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- | dream about horses.
- | dream about knights.
- | dream about racing cars.
- | dream about dogs.

Dreams by Pr.1G Name-Discor Markin.



I dream about.....

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- | dream about dog
- | dream about bras
- | dream about cats
- | dream about books
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Dreams by Pr.1G Name-Jasle



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- | dream about ponas.
- | dream about dog
- | dream about prizes
- | dream about qen.



Yasmin Wheeler.

Dreams by Pr.1G Name-yamie



I dream about.....

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- | dream about games.
- | dream about prizes.
- | dream about casinos.
- | dream about qeen



# House Report 2007-2008

## House Overview

*At the conclusion of last year's House activities, when pupils fought hard on the tennis courts, in the athletics arena and on the cricket square, points were tallied and trophies were awarded as follows:*

*In tennis, **Argyll** took the honours with bat and ball, whereas in cricketing terms, the honours went to the weather.*

*Unfortunately, for the second year running, all House cricket was cancelled, which was a major disappointment to all the players.*

*Athletics endeavours resulted in a trophy for **Argyll House**. House captains **Andrew Campbell** and **Stephanie Legrand** collected the Tercentenary Cup on behalf of all their athletes.*

*The WH Macdonald trophy was eventually awarded to **Argyll House** at Prize-Giving, and House Captains **Jimmy Mitchell**, **Adam Brown**, **Stephanie Legrand** and **Joanne Waddell** collected it with great delight.*

*This season has seen the appointment of a new set of sixteen House Captains from sixth year. They have worked very cohesively to organise weekly lunchtime events, and have assisted in the running of large school extravaganzas, taking on responsibilities with younger pupils and staff. The ethos of the School is firmly based on caring for those less fortunate in the world, and the House System is always keen to raise as much as possible in the school charity effort. This year was no exception, with a huge effort from each of 500 pupils and staff, wading through copious amounts of mud at Netherpollok, to raise money for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust. They run, each and every one, because they can!!*

*The Current scores for the Houses are:*

<b>Argyll</b>	254
<b>Lochiel</b>	231
<b>Montrose</b>	225
<b>Stuart</b>	224

*There now follows a report from each House detailing the events and results to date.*

### Argyll House Report

After winning the House Championship last year, we vowed that we wouldn't let any other House take it away from us!

The start of the year brought basketball, one of the most enjoyable sessions to play in and to watch from the sidelines. We had a shaky start to the season with repetitive losses in the games, but the fourth year girls pulled it back for us, coming first in their House basketball. Our little sports star, **Karen Leslie**, pulled it out of the bag with a series of baskets and excellent teamwork – always willing to give her other team-mates a shot of the glory. The S5/6 girls' basketball team also put in a stunning performance, clinching first place yet again, leaving our rivals, Lochiel in last place!

After a slow start to our House championship season, we moved onto the biggest sporting event of the school year, the cross country run. The S2 cross country run was our most successful, with **Lewis Walter** coming first in the boys' race and **Alan Tong** coming third. There were also outstanding performances from **Heather Lang** (S3) who came second in the girls' race and **Michael Clark** (S3) who came third in the boys' race. The senior run was also successful with **Andrew Allan** (S6) coming third. These great performances helped us climb back up the points ladder.

As we moved into the heady handball season, a favourite at Hutchie, the scores went up and up. Argyll proved to be unstoppable at heady handball across all





**House Captains 2007-08**

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the age groups with wins coming from S3 girls, S2 boys and S4 boys. The S4 boys in particular had a fast paced and heated game, putting us for the first time this season to the top of the leader board. We finally went ahead of leaders, Lochiel, and we were determined to keep it that way! With the pressure of being at the top spot, we had to keep up our good performance and our S4 girls' team did not let us down, winning all their games and adding another 10 points to the leader-board. As usual our senior team, led by house captain **Greg Phillips**, came out fighting and Argyll scooped yet another win! So, the heady handball season was crucial for us to regain our rightful top spot but there is still a long way to go!

### Lochiel House Report

Lochiel started of the 2007-2008 session with promise. Although in October, we were coming third and fourth in the house team events, the Tuesday lunch time activities managed to improve our score, as in November we won the S1 and S3 boys' basketball.

Fortunately, thanks to the Charity Cross-Country event, we upped our score incredibly to first place over all, due to the perseverance and amazing talent of **Natalie Sharp, Kristina Greig, Catriona Lockie** and **Morag McLellan**, who came first to fourth respectively, leading to Lochiel winning the senior girls' race overall. In the second year

girls' race, **Abby Duff** came an impressive 4th place. The whole of Lochiel's first and third years seem to be gifted runners, as both year groups came first in the both the girls' and boys' races. A huge well done to everyone involved!

Unfortunately, the other Houses somehow managed to steal our place at the top; however the house game tournaments over the course of the year gained us many more points, leaving us in second place over all. A special mention has to be made to our S3 boys, who managed to gain first place in both the 'A' and 'B' soccer teams, as well as coming second in their house hockey, with an outstanding performance from **Alistair Macluskie**. They further proved their talent in the heady-hand ball lunch time game in which they came first. Keep up the good work guys, and Lochiel will flourish in your senior years!

The boys' soccer teams continued to prove themselves in S1 and S2 by both receiving second place, and with the S3 girls' house netball 'A' team managing to secure first place, our score was pushed up again!

As the term progresses, the enthusiasm slowly seems to have worn off, however us as house captains continue to motivate our troops in order for us to walk away from this session with that trophy! There is a lot still to play for as the summer season is another

opportunity to achieve many points, with athletics and tennis championships, as well as the Mile Cup. We hope that through these events we can work our way up to that top position and that trophy... We can do it Lochiel!!

### Montrose House Report

In complete contrast to last year's results, Montrose House started the first term off very successfully, achieving either 1st or 2nd places in its first four events. However, from there on in, podium places seemed to be a thing of the past and Montrose started to see positions which were unknown to them. Despite this, there have been superb team performances combined with some exceptional individual efforts to brighten up what has been a slightly disappointing year.

**Jamie Jackson** and **Miles McMillan** were key contributors in securing 1st place in the second year boys' basketball tournament, opening the session with a flying start. Our list of achievements was made more impressive when the S2 and S3 girls were placed second and first respectively in their basketball tournaments. In the S3 girls' event, first place was gained thanks to goals from **Robyn Collins**.

Our first disappointing result came when the 4th year girls came to play their basketball. A podium position was not awarded, however the girls still worked

## House Captains 2007-2008

### Argyll

Jenna Alexander  
Peter Cartlidge  
Kirstie Black  
Greg Phillips

### Lochiel

Emma Carr  
Neil Fulton  
Mandy Caplan  
Struan Nisbet

### Montrose

Kimberley Dunlop  
Matthew Gaudoin  
Kate Hamilton  
Gordon Jack

### Stuart

Kate Morgan  
Murray MacOwan  
Katherine Pearson  
Brandon Wamberg

very strongly together and a very plausible effort was made by them, with **Susie Gillman** scoring many of their goals. The second year girls earned their house an honourable six points after gaining second place in basketball, with an impressive performance by **Sarah Ramage**.

The S4s also earned points for their House this year, winning the House Basketball competition thanks to a spectacular three pointer by **Mark Neilly**. Fourth year also produced our best results in the senior cross country championships with **Mark Neilly** coming 5th and **James Wilde** winning the event, a superb performance!

November saw the end of the basketball bonanza and it was closed with a great result from the 1st year boys, earning Montrose ten points having been awarded 1st place. **Johnny Wong** was a key player, as was **Andrew Hobson**, who also plays basketball outside of school for the West of Scotland team. Their enthusiasm and teamwork is to be highly commended.

The New Year however has not brought much luck to Montrose house. Both teams that were selected for 2nd year football came 4th place in their respective tournaments, bringing the overall score down, while other houses took advantage and leapt ahead.

The swimming gala is traditionally Montrose's best event and this year was no exception. Special mention goes to **Johnny Wong** who won the overall junior championship and set a new school record in the 50m back crawl.

All Montrose House Captains have thoroughly enjoyed their tasks throughout the past 10 months. Sincere thanks go to the whole of the P.E. Department for all their support, and especially to **Mr Graham Dunlop** and **Mrs Sheila Lang** who have been responsible for the House Captain Body. It has been a wonderful experience!!

## Stuart House Report

**Strong. Tactical. Unique. Ambitious. Ruthless. Totally determined to win. Just one way of summing up Stuart House.**

This year started off as a successful one for us, as we battled to gain an early lead. With more confidence than ever and our mascot, "Tony" the tiger, behind us, we set off with the House Trophy in our sights. The House Captains were delighted to find that their over-competitiveness was shared amongst the rest of Stuart House and we were confident that this would take us forward into a triumphant season.

Preparation for House events began well, with Brandon and Murray organising the first training sessions for Stuart House basketball. This paid off as we gained first place in the S2 girls' basketball, captained by an enthusiastic **Sarah Burns** who showed off her skills even whilst fouling. We also gained first place in the S5/6 boys' basketball with an experienced team who wanted to achieve victory in their last year. Other successes included second place in the S2 boys' and S4 boys' basketball. It was a great effort overall!

With such talent shown at lunchtime events, we were looking forward to the annual cross country championships. Flair for this was certainly shown, with some excellent individual results being achieved in both the boys' and the girls' events. In the S1 boys' race an impressive third, fourth and fifth place were gained by **Scott Young**, **Douglas Britton** and **George Swankie** respectively. In the S1 girls' race, **Helena McKelvie** came a superb fourth place also. This success continued throughout the year groups as **Anna Black** gained a fantastic first place in the S2 girls' race, seeing off some extremely tough competition and **Emma Hunter** achieving third place in the S3 event.

Despite the effort and individual talent of Stuart House, our overall results did not reflect such achievements as we failed to win any of the cross country house events. However we gained many second places earning valuable points for the House. Within the House Captains' own competition, Katherine, Kate, Murray and Brandon gave their all in the senior races, and went onto beat the other House Captains. Now does that show our ability or what?

With such a great start behind us, we were optimistic about the second half of the year. However this turned out to be disappointing, as we have not gained a first place in any of the heady handball events. Having to adapt to a game made-up by the P.E. teachers has been hard for Stuart House as we thrive on competing in *real* past-times as shown in our other activities.

Stuart are happily anticipating the summer season, as we know we have plenty of talent within the athletics, tennis and mile cup events. Even though we currently sit in third place by nine points, we are confident that this will change if we keep our high spirits and determination right to the end. Good luck for the rest of this season and lets bring home the Trophy to Stuart House!



This year there were a number of senior pupils who were presented with an international shield, upholding the school's successful record.

In the field of athletics, Matthew Kerr (S3) was selected for and won a gold medal in the high jump at the Indoor Celtic International in Cardiff. Natalie Sharpe (S5) has continued to enjoy International success and represented Scotland last summer in the 3000m at the SIAB International in Newport. Catriona Lockie (S5) U17 and Max Lott (S3) U15 were selected to run for Scotland in the Celtic Cross Country Championship at Strathallan School in Perthshire. They both ran extremely well finishing 15th and 23rd respectively. In the team events in Scotland the girls were 2nd and the boys 3rd. These are excellent results and we hope to see these pupils continue with their athletic success.

There has also been notable success in cricket; in March Shreyas Chitnis (S4) went on Tour in South Africa with the Scotland Under 15 Cricket team, playing 8 matches and winning 5. It was a great experience for Shreyas who is now



Catriona Lockie and Natalie Sharpe



## Internationalists 2008

looking forward to a season in the School 1st X1.

Once again, Hutchesons' pupils have shown great skill on the hockey pitch.



After a very successful season for the S3 hockey team which lost only once, in the final of the Scottish Under 16 Championships. Two of the team's members, Robyn Collins and Heather Lang have been selected to represent Scotland Under 16 in International matches in June. Robyn has been selected for matches against Wales, Ireland and Belgium and Heather for Ireland and Belgium. At Under 18 level, Morag McLellan (S6), Nicola Lowrey, Fiona Bruce and Rachel Malcolm (all S5) have been working hard in the training squad and are awaiting details of the final selection in May. Neil Fulton (S6), the boys' captain has been selected for the boys Under 18 team, building on last year's achievement.

Other successful areas include soccer; David Aitken and Scott Lang (both S5) were selected to play for the Scottish

Independent Schools at Tynecastle in the annual international against England. In a very exciting match Scotland unfortunately lost 5 – 0 but the boys relished the experience and thoroughly enjoyed playing on a Premier League ground. The boys are planning their revenge for next year's fixture! Christy MacKinnon (S5) has continued to enjoy her skiing career and has represented Scotland and Britain in skiing championships.

As the tennis season gets in to full swing our successes of last season were recognised by Tennis Scotland and we were awarded the School of the Year 2007 award. The presentation of the plaque was made to Mr Stuart Lang, our Director of Sport, at the recent annual awards ceremony in Stirling.

These are fantastic achievements and as a school, we are very proud of our pupils' dedication and skill.

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# Sport





# Rugby

## Rugby Season 2007/08

Season 2007/08 has been a strange season with a very successful and buoyant first half pre-Christmas and then a second half of the season blighted by the weather. If the experts are to be believed and these weather patterns are because of global warming, this is very worrying and I hope that it is not the case.

The aim of our season was to make all our teams more competitive playing our own “hutchie” style of dynamic and expansive rugby. The emphasis on being much more attack minded and being much more proactive to the winning of possession in tackle situations. Mr Lang’s call “the tackle area is a war zone” was key to what we were about and the forwards were drilled in aggressive and positive rucking! The ball won here would be used to release the ball wide and use our traditional speedy back lines. This high tempo style of play placed much greater demands on the fitness levels of the squads and the stamina work was to the fore pre and early season. The S1 – 3 squads spent three days at Auldhouse in the holidays to both work towards match fitness and to also begin to develop our pattern of play. The 1st and 2nd XV squad followed up their Auldhouse training with our first ever residential training camp at Largs. The boys joined forces with the girls’ 1st and 2nd X1 hockey squad. This was an excellent move forward and a great experience for the

players. In addition to a rigorous training schedule, we attended lectures on diet, sports psychology and team building. The core strength coaching from Steve Frew the Commonwealth Gold winning gymnast – the “lord of the rings”, was a highlight. The camp was professional in every way and a great success. We certainly feel it was key to the success of the senior sides this season. The players greatly appreciated the work all the coaches and staff and particularly of Miss Simpson the organiser and fitness guru. The staff also enjoyed themselves, although the 7.00am run was undoubtedly a shock to their systems as well as to the players.

Plans have already been made for 2008!

In terms of performance we are certain that we have gone along way in being much more competitive at all stages. The changes were probably most apparent in the senior sides where the 1st XV had a very good season and produced the statistics which we should expect from our sides. The defeats they had were by the narrowest of margins and indeed we could have had with a bit of luck had an even better set of results. The pattern achieved was mirrored by the other senior teams who all enjoyed successful seasons. The 2nds and 3rds often playing against other schools’ senior teams. A highlight for me was oddly enough the last day of the season when the 1st, 2nd and 3rd XV’s all played against 1st XV opposition from other schools. A testimony of our strength and depth.

In August our 1st XV are travelling to South Africa on our first rugby trip of this scale. We wish them the very best of luck and look forward to seeing the benefits of this truly exciting experience.

The S3 team had an excellent cup run and defeated Dundee High School, North Berwick High (in a bizarre 0 – 0 draw) and St Aloysius College on their way to a repeat of last years semi final with George Watson’s College. Although the venue this year was different, alas the result was the same and the victors progressed on to win the final at Murrayfield. Bring on next year!

The S2 and S1 teams also enjoyed fine seasons and there is undoubtedly both talent and expectation coming through the ranks. The S1 A XV played 17 matches winning twelve and drawing two, a very impressive record and a significant improvement on their performance in Primary Seven. The team have been awarded the Burnside Trophy in recognition of their achievement. The Primary 7 teams had a much improved season and I was very pleased with their performance at the end of season St Columbas season where we narrowly lost in the final. The Primary 6 teams have worked hard and have improved. I am sure with more games post Christmas their results would have been much better.

This season the school teams have been involved in a total of 208 matches. Endless hours of hard work, grit and



determination have been put in by the players staff, helpers and parents. To all of them we are extremely grateful!

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## 1st XV Report

Let me start off by saying that it truly has been an honour being involved in this year's 1st XV, not only due to our major achievements on the field but also the experiences that it has brought off it.

Rugby in the school this year is different to the years that preceded it. Hutchie 1st XV is now back where it should be right at the very top of school rugby. We are now a team that opposition fear due to the fact that we have developed a style of play that is fast, ferocious and extremely difficult to play against.

It all began this year with the team attending our first ever residential training camp in Largs. Here we participated in a rigorous training programme in addition to attending lectures on sport psychology and nutrition. A highlight was a core flexibility session with Steve Frew, Commonwealth gold medallist. We returned from this fit, ready and with expectations of a successful season.

What followed was more than impressive, 12 wins to 4 losses. One of the best 1st XV records in a significant number of years. Not only this but we achieved our aim of 'the best in the west'. High scoring wins this year included, 78-7 against St Columbas, 47-0 against Queen Victoria and 47-3 against Jordanhill.

The cup run this year was looked back upon with fond memories but yet we wonder what might have been. It started out with a comfortable slaughtering of Trinity 116-0. In the next round reigning champions Bell Baxter lay in wait, and we were confident of a win. That night under the lights of Braidholm, piped onto the park and fuelled by the noise of the crowd we took them on. In a pulsating, eventful game with plenty of twists and turns, one final sting in the tail lay in store for us. In the final minute Bell Baxter crossed the line to take a 15-13 lead and what seemed like the

game. Yet defiantly we never gave up and pushed them right to the end. With the next time the ball went dead the game would be over, we managed to regain possession and use it effectively for Scott Lang to put a delicate little chip through only for us to fail to convert by the narrowest of margins and were faced with the most bitter disappointment. Yet it truly was a case of 'what does not kill me can only make me stronger'. We had tasted the bitterness of defeat and were determined to never let it happen again, and it didn't.

All of this would not have been possible without Mr Lang. A true motivator who has installed a winning mentality a drive and a focus in the team. He has formed a strong bond with the team which has been essential in his quest for success.

To the seniors in the team, who have been immense in their input into the squad. I can only wish them the best for the future whatever lies in store. However, for next year's squad, the gauntlet has been laid down and the bar reset at a very high height, the potential is there and I can only wish you the best of luck next year.

It has been an honour and a privilege to have been involved in a successful squad with a good team spirit and plenty of banter. I am sure all the boys will say the same. Long may this success continue.

S.Blackwood

## 2nd XV Report

Fortunately this year we have had the pleasure of playing more or less the same team week in week out for the whole season due to fewer players being pulled up to the 1st XV and taking part in Duke of Edinburgh. Thus we have had the opportunity to familiarise ourselves with the team's strengths and weaknesses and therefore become an overall more talented team. This season can only be compared to a roller coaster ride. There have been some highs and a few lows.

There have been some great games - in particular against George Heriot's, George Watson's and Strathallan. The Heriot's game was an enjoyable game of

free flowing rugby, which we narrowly but deservedly won 29-28. The result against Strathallan was one that we controlled and dominated, playing well in all departments winning 33-7. Though we have performed well in most of our games we had some tough losses against St Aloysius, High School of Glasgow and Marr College; however, our biggest losing margin this season was only 14 points. The eagerly anticipated match against St Aloysius, certainly lived up to its expectations. The match was hotly contested and in truth could have been won by either side. Unfortunately the game ended in disappointment as we were finally beaten 9-20. The game at Marr College was another huge disappointment as we under-performed in many areas of the game losing 22-30.

The team has produced many talented individuals from all year groups: we have had emerging S4 and S5 stars such as backs, Iain Brown and Lewis Tait (S4), Dougie Kyle and Stephen Mullen (S5) and forwards, James Wilde (S4), Rory Skinner and Andrew Brass (S5), who all consistently preformed very well, and will almost definitely be challenging for a place in the 1st XV next year. The S6 leavers have also made their mark on the team with the ever present Jonny 'Percy Montgomery' Ramsay at full-back, and numerous forwards especially Chris Wong and Douglas Chiah for their scavenging at the breakdown and ferocious tackling, as well as Campbell Stewart who whilst lacking in pace, excelled in his goal kicking duties. A real sense of unity has been felt within the team this year, both on the pitch and in the changing room.

The strength and depth of the team has been emphasised by competing against the 1st XV's from Lomond, Wellington, St Columbus and Jordanhill. Out of the 6 games we played against 1st XV opposition we won 3 and lost 3. In conclusion this season has been a very satisfying one for the 2nd XV, playing 14 games, winning 7 and drawing 1. Due to the poor weather in the second half of the season many games were cancelled and our progression was hampered.

Thanks must go once again to Mr. Wyatt for coaching the team and to all other members of staff involved with the 2nds.

Next season sees 14 of the 20 squad members return, and the departing players wish them the best of luck for the remainder of their playing career.

**C.Wong**

### 3rd & 4th XV's

This season has been a very successful one for the 3rds and 4ths who have won most of their games. Containing a good mix of 4th and 5th and 6th Years, the team has come together well despite numerous changes to personnel due to Duke of Edinburgh commitments. The

Arguably we played our best match in our last outing of the season, and in an excellent match we drew 12 – 12 against Wellington School 1st XV.

Many thanks have to go to Mr Stirling and Mr Brunton for their coaching and support throughout the season.

**C.Home/R.Heelis**

### S3 Rugby Report

The S3 squad this year has had mixed fortunes with some monumental wins and disappointing defeats. The squad

opposition whose handling and pressure kept us pinned in our own twenty two for the majority of the game but a tried and tested defence held fast. A major factor in this game was our fitness which the entire squad had been building up at training alongside our ball work skills. Amongst these additional cup ties, the regular Saturday morning games were proceeding well, with our defence being the shining aspect of these games. A cancellation of the Quarter Final match against local rivals St. Aloysius College built up the tension and desire to win the cup intensified. These emotions led us into arguably to play our most



S3 Squad

results before Christmas involved good wins against Strathallan School and St Columbas for the 3rd XV. There were a number of notable performances from the promising 4th year players including Matthew Lindsay, James Wilde, Douglas Dunlop and Andrew O'Donnell as well as memorable contributions by the 6th Years especially our colossal pie-eating props Richard Soblewski and Fraser Milloy!

Since January there have been very few matches due to the disappointing weather. The team showed great spirit and commitment throughout this time and when we did play we recorded a fine 41 – 0 win over Jordanhill School.

was fired up for the start of a new season having come off terrific form at the end of last season, but early anticipation was crushed by a loss to a strong Marr College side in the first game of the season. This was followed by a disappointing run when we won only two games from six. This was the low in our season before slowly gaining momentum again with a win in the first Scottish Cup game: a 10-0 win over a Dundee High side on their home ground. From here, our confidence grew and with intensive training and commitment, we gained a massive win over a North Berwick High School team. This was our most challenging game of the season in gale force winds against a well-drilled

impressive game of the season, where we dominated the field coming away with a 12-0 win away from home in once more terrible weather conditions. The team went into the Semis with high hopes considering our current form and our "zero tries against" in the Cup run. However the cup was not to be ours as we were outdone 15-0 by a strong George Watson's side that eventually went on to win the cup.

After our good run in the cup, a friendly rugby tour to Ireland was the next task on the agenda. This was the first tour for many boys and a completely new experience for them. This consisted of three games and many fun activities such



as go-carting. On the rugby field, our stout defence showed through as, between both touring teams, only two tries were let in, in a match that was won against a previously undefeated side. Our final match of the tour was against a team who had visited us twice before, Down High School. They introduced us to a new tactic with the opposition fly half and captain kicking in behind our wingers and chasing up quickly to pressure us into making mistakes. Although we won the match, it was by no means a comfortable victory with a final score of 7-6. Many thanks to Mr Lang and the coaches for all their hard work organising this great experience.

Our top class set play performance was a testament to the commitment in training of both forwards and coaches. The backs patterns of play were quickly perfected due to their determination and help of ex- First XV captain Andrew Gillman. The team's strengths include a phenomenal defensive record letting in only four tries in fourteen games, three of which in our cup loss to George Watson's.

It has been a gruelling season and could not have been made as successful as it has been without the coaching of Mr. Dewar and Andrew Gillman. We must also thank Mr. McCulloch and Mr. McDougall for their help in refereeing training games and watching over Saturday morning games. We hope that many boys will stay with rugby through till next year and hopefully will be in the first XV shortly.

**J. Haughney**

## **S2 Rugby Report**

This has been a very successful season for the 'A' team with 12 wins from 17 games. Our success was based on our ability to move the ball wide into open space, our very strong defence which has had to cope with real physical opposition, especially from High School, and the fact that we have more depth in our squad with players that were in the 'B' or 'C' team last year pushing up and really contending for a regular place which makes everyone work harder to play week in and week out. Our big wins have come against George Heriot's, St. Aloysius' College, Kelvinside

Academy and High School. Our defeats have come against very strong opposition in George Watson's and Edinburgh Academy. As our season progressed into the later stages we played our best Rugby which saw us win convincingly against High school and Marr College which boosted our confidence. This year we have improved our line outs, rucking and the back have learned new moves which we hope to build on next season. Thanks must go to Mr Russell and Mr Dewar for tuition, help and support and I would also like to thank the whole team for the time and effort they have put in to help each other become better players and work as a team. This season for the second year 'B' team has been up and down but very enjoyable. The confidence of the team was lifted by great performance against High School and Marr College. The game against High School was not only a brilliant result but also finished in very exciting fashion with a match winning try in the last play of the game from our winger. The team continues to improve and thanks to coaches Mr Uprichard, Mr Sen, Mr Dewar and Mr Russell the future looks very bright for the 'B' team.

**G. MacDonald**

## **S1 Rugby Report**

The S1 rugby squad started well this season with two of the three teams winning their first games against Marr and Wellington. The As captained by Scott Young won their game 12-6 with tries coming from Jonny T, Toby Buchan, Scott Young and Leo Milton. The Cs came away with a convincing win against Marr. Unfortunately the Bs captained by Jacob Bird, lost narrowly 4-3 but proved that there were lots of new potential players in the squad with the likes of George Swankie, Robbie Blackwood, Gordon Campbell and Lewis Kerr.

The squad's next fixture was a midweek game against Douglas Academy. The Bs got a convincing win, but the As drew 15-15. Some players moved up from the Bs due to their excellent performance against Douglas. These players included George, Gordon and Robbie. Gordon made an immediate impact by coming on at half time and making a big hit.

Robbie Blackwood also came on and made a big impact.

The A team then fought two hard games against St Aloysius' and Kelvinside. Winning by a last minute try against St Als and beating Kelvinside by two points.

Hutchie's next game was against the George Watsons. The Bs did very well and were leading at half time, but unfortunately lost by a try. The As were torn to pieces and lost 39-8.

The A team bounced back and won their next game 16-4 against Glasgow Academy.

The A team then continued their good performance by beating George Heriot's 5 tries to nil, the 5 tries coming from 5 different people. Also very good was the rucking from the team with Hutchie turning over a lot of ball.

The next game was against Edinburgh Academy and the Bs did very well in this game losing narrowly, but they deserved a win. The A's result was similar to the Watson's score.

Games against Lomond and Jordanhill followed. Two mixed teams went out and demolished the opposition, with Toby scoring the quickest of the season in 10 seconds against Lomond.

There followed a game against the High School of Glasgow. The Bs won their game convincingly, but the As were not so fortunate and drew 6 all. The As could have lost the game if it was not for a last minute try from Ross Cooper. We may also have lost the game if our Scrum Half Robbie Blackwood had not played well and won Mvp (Most Valued Player).

The As then won their next four games, only conceding one try. George Swankie achieved an impressive achievement by kicking 15 out of 15 against Queen Victoria.

There was then a wet spell in the year where a few games were cancelled. It wasn't until the 2nd of February until we played only our second game after the Christmas break and it was against the mighty Watson's. We went into the game

with a feeling of confidence. We went out there and put the best defensive performance of the season and reduced the point deficit of the last game by 20 points with the score being 19-0.

We took that performance into the Marr game by winning 12-0.

In our penultimate game we played The High School again and we were looking for a win. We went out there and showed them what we were made of and won 27-0 making us one of the best teams in Glasgow.

We are now looking forward in doing well in the Seven's tournament and winning our last game of the season against Kelvinside.

**S.Young**

### Primary 7 Rugby

The Primary 7 rugby squad has had a very enjoyable season and has improved considerably in terms of performance and results. The team has worked very hard to develop a pattern of play using the potential of our dynamic forwards and fast skilful backs. The highlight of the season for us was when we went to St Columbas to play against several other schools for a cup. The first match was Hutchesons' against St Aloysius'

and Hutchie won by a conversion with the score 4-3. We then went on to go against Wellington who we beat 7-0. We waited a while until the final match against the High School of Glasgow. The High School got the first try and the conversion and then went on to score twice more. Sadly Hutchie didn't score so the game ended with 11-0 to High School. In the end, St Aloysius came in third, Hutchie in second and High School in first.

The B team enjoyed mixed feelings during this year's rugby season.

The season started with a disappointing hammering from George Watson's. The a 0-10 loss to our rivals Glasgow Academy set our morale low. However we picked ourselves up and improved massively and beat Jordanhill 22-0. A 0-0 draw to High School of Glasgow was an impressive result, despite the score. The highlight of our season was beating George Watson's 6-0. We rounded up our season with a 12-9 win away at Belmont. Overall a mixed season which was enjoyed by all.

A massive thanks to Mr McCrossan, Mr Lang and Mr Harrow who have coached us this year and to the parents who have supported us in all weathers.

**J.Bingham/A.Lawrence**

### Primary 6 Rugby

This has been a hard season for Primary 6 and we have not won very many games, but we have improved in every one. At the start of the season most of us had not played much rugby but we tried very hard and after a couple of weeks we began to understand the game better. Some of our more experienced players got us through those first few tough weeks. Most of these players had been playing for clubs such as GHA and Cartha.

The season started with some very tough games though a few weeks in, the Bs got their first win with the help of our coaches Mr. West, Mr. Dewar and Mr. Lang. Our main players, Harris Macarthur-Crompton (back), Walker Graham (forward) and Campbell Scott (stand off) were there for the team when we needed them most. We had challenging games and soon saw many players moving from the lower squad to the higher. We believe that the players who made the most progress are Euan Nugent Kirkland and Marc Devanney. We all agreed that our most difficult games were against George Watson's. In these fixtures, the A team benefited from strong runs by Andrew MacFadyen. We have all played in a number of positions and that has helped us to develop for the future. Over the season we had our





chances though we sometimes misused them. We have improved tremendously and are looking forward to our P7 season. We would like to thank Mrs Mungall and Mr West and our parents who have come to our matches to support us.

**M. Johnston, C. McIntyre and A. MacFadyen**

### Rugby Club Trophy Winners 2007/08

**1st XV Rugby Captain**  
Sam Blackwood

**The Philip Noble Trophy**  
Jamie Christine

**Commitment in Rugby**  
Brandon Wamberg

**The Willie Wilson Award**  
Sam Blackwood  
for Leadership in Rugby

**Hutchesons' Grammar School  
Senior Goal Kicking F.P. Trophy**  
Scott Lang S5

**Hutchesons' Grammar School  
Junior Goal Kicking Euan Baillie  
Trophy**  
Callum Shields S2

**Burnside Trophy – Team of the Year  
1st Year A XV Captain**  
Scott Young

### Representatives Glasgow Rugby

**Under 18**  
Sam Blackwood, Jamie Christine,  
Jamie Cameron

**Under 17**  
Sam Bingham, Fraser McLeod,  
Adam Sinclair

**Under 16**  
Lewis Tait

### Rugby Results 2007-08

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A
<b>1st XV</b>	18	13		5	561	142
<b>2nd XV</b>	14	7	1	6	204	194
<b>3rd XV</b>	16	10	1	5	476	188
<b>4th XV</b>	8	5		3	189	179
<b>U16 XV</b>	1	1			58	0
<b>Sen XV</b>	1			1	8	14
<b>Jun XV</b>	1	1			41	0
<b>3rd Yr A</b>	19	11		8	385	216
<b>3rd Yr B</b>	16	11		5	387	224
<b>2nd Yr A</b>	16	10	1	5	214	111
<b>2nd Yr B</b>	12	5	1	6	122	198
<b>2nd Yr C</b>	4	2		2	39	37
<b>2nd Yr A/B</b>	4	2		2	49	31
<b>1st Yr A</b>	17	12	2	3	302	110
<b>1st Yr B</b>	16	9		7	178	91
<b>1st Yr C</b>	4	3	1		63	26
<b>1st Yr A/B</b>	2	2			66	0
<b>P7 A</b>	13	8		5	210	92
<b>P7 B</b>	5	4	1	2	51	67
<b>P6 A</b>	13	2		11	13	55
<b>P6 B</b>	12	4	2	6	33	44



Illustration by Douglas Connell 1T



# Hockey Report 2007-2008

## Overview

August 2007 saw the inaugural pre-season training camp at Inverclyde for the senior hockey and rugby squads and at school for the boys' hockey squad. This venture proved very successful, and gave a great kick-start to the clubs, ensuring a repetition of the event this coming August.

All teams worked hard during the opening weeks of the season, raising fitness levels, improving stick skills and tactical awareness, whilst bonding within their new teams. Stamina sessions, footwork sessions and skills workshops have continued in each age group and both girls (22 teams) and boys (4 teams) have acquitted themselves extremely well, recording some excellent victories and some defeats from which much can be learned.

Commitment from players, parents, former pupils, grounds-men and school staff has been superb, and the PE staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved with the club.

This year, there was an extravaganza tour to both Ballymena and Belfast in Northern Ireland. Three girls' teams descended upon Ballymena Academy and played three matches each in three days. Hutchesons' won three matches, drew three and lost three, whilst rekindling old friendships and firmly establishing new ones. Two boys' teams played a variety of extremely strong opposition in Belfast, and were able to

work on their defensive play and strategies. The journey across the Irish Sea had approximately 150 Hutchesonians on board, with 3 girls' hockey teams, 2 boys' hockey teams and two S3 boys' rugby teams. The journey was not however all 'plain sailing' with many, including the ever resilient Miss Simpson, feeling the effects of seasickness during a very windy crossing!

Another new event this year was a 3rd XI and 4th XI tour weekend to Perth, with Mrs McNeil leading a very excited and intrepid band of girls off to experience the delights of touring. As always, the players were a credit to the school and they 'had a ball'!

The girls 1st XI won the BP Cup in December, thus qualifying them for the Scottish Finals in March. At the finals, the girls displayed an extremely mature and talented game, arriving in the final after beating George Watson's College. Unfortunately, in the final they could not quite convert their superiority over Robert Gordon's into goals, and conceded one, thus winning the silver medals - a magnificent achievement, but not the one they wanted!

The boys 1st XI narrowly lost to Robert Gordon's on strokes in the quarter final of the Scottish Cup, but have won other silverware in the course of the season. With many experienced sixth years leaving, next year's team looks like being a youthful affair.

Every team has had its fair share of triumphs and disaster, and there now follows a report from each year group detailing their progress. There is also a table of results, and a list of those who have achieved district and international honours. The PE department wishes to acknowledge the contribution made by each and every member of the hockey club, from Primary 6 to Secondary 6, and to wish those leaving every happiness in their hockey.

## Girls

### 1st XI Report

American footballer Herschel Walker once said 'If you train hard, you'll not only be hard, you'll be hard to beat' and as we look back on the season, which has been one of the most successful for the girls in recent years, it would be difficult to disagree. The season began with fireworks as the fourth years joining the squad were thrust in at the deepest of ends at the pre-season 'boot camp' in Inverclyde. This experience was, however, a memorable one and the relentless training gave us the best possible kick start into the season.

The theme of hard training was a recurring one throughout the season, with the girls attending sessions on both Mondays and Wednesdays, together with the infamous 'stamina' sessions on a Thursday. Our midweek exertions allowed us to perform to the highest of standards at the weekends, which gave



us a fierce reputation, not to mention an unbeaten record in our Saturday morning games.

Having won the BP cup in December, beating the High School 1-0 in the final, we never looked back, pressing on in search of our ultimate goal. The climax of the season was undoubtedly the Scottish finals and though the Scottish cup, in the end, eluded us (we lost narrowly by a single goal to Robert Gordon's in the final of the event) the team left the stage with no regrets and the reassuring knowledge that we could have given no more.

One of the real highlights of the season was our trip to Ballymena, Northern Ireland. While the choppy crossing threw up some of its own surprises, on the pitch the team returned to its routine best, battling hard against the tough opposition to achieve well earned draws in all three matches.

The season drew to a close with the annual sevens tournaments and the collection of yet more silverware. On the back of the assurance that 'it doesn't always need to be pretty hockey' we fought hard winning both our own Hutchie Sevens and the West District Sevens, to round off a hugely successful year.

Our thanks go to the PE staff for their support but especially to Miss Simpson, for her dedication and encouragement pushing us to train harder and making us ultimately a team that was hard to beat. Thank you.

## 2nd XI Report

This year has been a successful one for the 2nd XI, who have worked extremely hard throughout the season, resulting in many worthwhile performances against different opposition. The effort that we put into training and particularly our Thursday lunchtime stamina sessions has helped us to perform well against many 1st XI sides. The standard of hockey was consistently high throughout the season and it ended well with the much anticipated 2nd XI tournament. We worked well as a team and managed to get to the final however despite our efforts we unfortunately lost to the High School on penalty strokes. This season has been an extremely enjoyable and

successful one for all members of the 2nd XI and I would like to thank our coaches, Miss Simpson and Mrs Lang, for all their help and support throughout the season.

**Kimberley Dunlop**

## 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th XI Report

This year the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th teams have had a very rewarding season. It began with the introduction of stamina, a running session during lunch that was of course seen by the players as the epitome of their lunchtime, who can think of a better way of spending their break doing excruciating sprint drills! However as the weeks went on and the sessions continued the players noticed a great improvement in their game as we were able to play hockey continuously and with great skill.

The 3rd XI started off the season well and as the training sessions continued we progressed together as a team, learning skills from each other, and of course, from the teachers. The most memorable moment of the season was when our team's defender and goalie jointly helped the ball into the goal, but for the other team! After this, however, the team won every match they played.

The 4th, 5th & 6th XIs have played a great year of hockey and have proceeded to every game with great determination and strength. Together they have improved, which is clearly shown in their well-deserved results.

For the first time this year, as well as the introduction of stamina training, the senior players of this division have been asked to represent the school and go on a hockey tour. For this we owe a great thanks to Mrs McNeill, and the other hockey staff members, for giving us this opportunity to represent the school, as most of the players in the 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th teams have never been on a tour before.

Throughout the year the teams have really progressed together. Great thanks are due to Mrs McNeill and Mrs Crichton for all the time and help they have given us to develop our game.

**Anna Hastie**

## S3 Report

This season has once again been both a very enjoyable and extremely successful one. Regularly fielding four S3 teams, often against a mixture of schools, the results speak for themselves. What the results do not tell us is of the enormous enjoyment and team bonding which went on both during training sessions, (yes and that included 'horseshoe running' as well), and on Saturday morning match days. The season has gone so fast, that we are all shell shocked to have reached the end of an era so soon. It just seems like yesterday when we all assembled in first year, ready to take on the world. Now we face the reality that we approach the 'senior club' with a mixture of sadness and excitement: sadness at leaving the comfort of our year group, and excitement at entering the next phase.

The A team this year had a fantastic season, winning the S3 West District Tournament in impressive style, with outstanding performances from Hollie Guttridge in goal, and impressive 'attacking' defending from Katie, Kirsten, Christie and Heather C. The work-rate of the midfield has been good all season with Robyn, Heather L, Ailsa and Elaine always willing to do the leg-work. Tenacious tackling and good leading from Lucy, Eleanor and Colette created many opportunities for the team to score lots of goals. At the West District Tournament, the team was most ably supported by our very unfortunate injured players, Catriona 'speedy' Herbert and Emma 'Irn Bru' Hunter, who had done so much to help us arrive at our peak at this point in the season. The tournament reflected our very successful season and tour, when we travelled to Belfast led by our own Miss Simpson, and played three senior teams, winning all three matches, much to our delight. In winning the District Tournament, the team qualified for The Scottish Championship and the scene was set for our last games of the season. We played very well throughout the day, but unfortunately could not manage our best in the final, and lost the match in 'golden goal'. This was disappointing at the time, but on reflection, we have learned a lot, and still had a great season.

The B team, captained by Laura Campbell has also had a wonderfully successful season, regularly beating other Schools' A teams. As with the other teams, their commitment to training and improving was astonishing and there were good consistent performances from Laura, Rhona, Ayesha and Victoria.

The C and D team squad, captained by Naomi Angus worked just as hard in their skills and fitness sessions and consequently, their results and team morale were truly excellent. The whole S3 squad seems to have been very close, and therefore everyone seemed to get loads out of every session and match.

Throughout the season, S3 have had a lot of support from many different staff. To our initial coach, Miss Williamson, we say thank you not only for her input at the beginning of this session, but for her unfailing support at every stage of our development. We are all sorry to hear she is not well at present. To Miss Simpson, who has encouraged, berated and helped us massively, we say thank you too. To all the PE staff over the years, we acknowledge your help, especially those who have helped the squad at training and matches. A special mention must go however to Mrs Mitchell. We could not have done what we did without her expert coaching and constant encouragement. Thanks a million Mrs. M.

**Heather Lang & Kirsten McIntosh**

## S2 Report

This season the 2nd year hockey 'A' team went on their first tour. We weren't very successful but we learnt a lot about possession and marking. We also had a great experience which we will help us for the rest of our hockey days. From going on tour we have learned that we need to communicate more and trust our other team members.

In March the whole of the 2nd year hockey squad participated in the Hutchesons' Invitational Tournament. All teams played hockey of a great standard but Mary Erskine reigned supreme and came out top to take the trophy. Our 'A' team sadly got knocked

out in the semi-finals by The High School of Glasgow.

This season the whole squad has worked extremely hard on reaching their goals: stronger, faster, tougher. Using these methods, the 'A' team has made excellent progress, playing a much more fluent and skilful game than at the beginning of the season. Their stamina is vastly improved and they should be proud of their progress. They have only lost two of their Saturday matches.

The 'B' team has benefitted from committing themselves to training as a team, and this has paid dividends in their results.

The 'C' and 'D' squads have worked just as hard and have been unlucky to lose several matches to the weather. Their enthusiasm however has not waned.

Thanks must go to all the PE staff and also to Miss Bright for her help. In particular, we would like to thank Mrs Crichton for all her help and patience.

**Kate Cameron and Rebecca Patrick.**

## S1 Report

What fun all the S1 hockey players have had this season. Fun and commitment ensured the season ended with a good set of results, for the 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' teams. The 'B', 'C' and 'D' teams won most of their games and the 'A' team won or drew 75% of their matches.

Our training, primarily under Mrs Lang and Miss Gibson, has helped us improve our skills through the year and this has shown in our results against for example, the Edinburgh teams, like George Watson's, Mary Erskine and George Heriot's, always great rivals.

Our thanks go to the coaches for their help and encouragement and providing the motivation to be at the bus bays early on Saturday mornings through the winter months.

**Jennifer Eadie**

## P7 Report

This year the girls' P7 hockey teams have played lots of games and got good

results on most of them. The teams have been mixed up a lot but we still work together well and have learnt great skills on how to play as a team.

Unfortunately the P7 tournaments this year have been cancelled due to bad weather which is a great disappointment to all as we were looking forward to them. Hopefully we will have a lot more to look forward to in S1.

Some matches have had good weather, but some bad, though altogether we think that the P7 girl hockey teams have highly enjoyed the experience of playing against the other schools. This year we have definitely boosted our confidence in hockey thanks to the P.E staff.

**Caroline Henderson and Mia Cruikshank**

# Boys

## 1st XI Report

Hockey season 2007/8 was a successful one for the Boys' First XI. We won all of our games apart from the penultimate one which we lost by a single goal against Stewart's Melville whom we had previously comprehensively beaten 5-1.

The team, predominately 6th Year pupils, ably assisted by our 4th and 5th year stars, enjoyed success in the High School and George Watson's sevens, lifting the silverware on both occasions. Our own sevens could have been added to that tally but for woeful penalty flicking.

We progressed to the quarter finals of the Scottish Cup where we came up against the only other unbeaten school team in Scotland for this season, Robert Gordon's. The Granite City witnessed our unbeaten run coming to an end allowing them to go forward into the next round. We went two goals down in the first ten minutes but showed great character to level the score and create chances which could have won the game. The draw forced a penalty shoot out which did not go well for us, Andrew Barnet being the only one to score!

The highlight of the season was, as always, the February tour. This year saw





S3 Squad



Hockey on Tour

## 2nd XI Report

After a disappointing start to the season, a heavy loss to Robert Gordon's College, the team displayed great teamwork and determination to bounce back and win back-to-back matches against rivals Glasgow Academy and the High School of Glasgow. The team then performed heroically against the tougher Edinburgh sides. Although dominating these games, the team's failure to convert numerous chances cost us dearly.

Overall, it was a successful season. Through time, the team grew in spirit and work rate and this showed on the pitch. Credit has to go to the 6th year contingent, whose excellent performances were vital to the team's success. In addition, the team comprised of many more highly skilled 4th year boys than usual. A few of these boys, such as Jonathan Leslie, Robin and Daryl Jarvis, displayed great potential for future years. The 2nd XI this year was a stepping stone for many players who will be in the 1st XI next season. These players gained vital experience for their future endeavours. A special mention to Mr Dunlop and Mr Hart for their enthusiasm, time and effort throughout this season.

This season has been full of highs and lows, laughs and memories that none of the boys will ever forget. Well done lads.

**Adnan Ali**

us travelling overseas...to Belfast. We did not have the luck of the Irish on this tour (they reserved this for themselves) but, despite two defeats we had a fantastic time. Much could be brought up about the tour and indeed much was brought up on the tour predominately on the ferry crossings there and back and especially by experienced sailor, Darryl Jarvis, who seemed to have left his sea legs at home that week-end. Thanks to Mr Hart and Mr West for giving of their time to accompany us.

Modesty prevents me naming our top scorer but well done to Johnny McKay who slotted in the second highest number of goals. Congratulations also go to Andrew Allan on his West District selection and to Andrew Scobie who

likewise played for West District and also made it into the preliminary Scotland U18 squad.

It has been a privilege to captain the team in my final year at Hutchesons'. Thanks to one and all for their commitment to the team. My personal thanks are due to Mr Dunlop for the time, encouragement and assistance which he has given to us over the last five years and for all the hard work he has put in with the team to make this such a successful year. His most important match is scheduled for 12th April and we wish him and Ms Forrest well for their future together.

**Neil Fulton**



Senior Boys' Hockey Squad

### Hockey Representative Honours 2007-2008

#### Outdoor International U18

Morag McLellan	(S6)	<i>in Training squad</i>
Rachel Malcolm	(S5)	<i>in Training squad</i>
Nicola Lowrey	(S5)	<i>in Training squad</i>
Fiona Bruce	(S5)	<i>in Training squad</i>
Andrew Scobie	(S6)	<i>in Training squad</i>
Neil Fulton	(S6)	<i>in Scotland squad</i>

#### Outdoor International U16

Robyn Collins	(S3)	<i>in Scotland squad</i>
Heather Lang	(S3)	<i>in Scotland squad</i>
Lucy Lanigan	(S3)	<i>in Training squad</i>

#### Outdoor West District U18

Morag McLellan	© S6
Neil Fulton	S6
Andrew Allan	S6
Andrew Scobie	S6
Rachel Malcolm	S5
Nicola Lowrey	S5
Fiona Bruce	S5

#### Outdoor West District U16

Karen Leslie	S4
Marianne Adams	S4
Susie Gillman	S4
Katie Gardner	S4
Emma Hunter	S3
Lucy Lanigan	S3
Robyn Collins	S3
Heather Lang	S3
Katie Fulton	S3

#### Indoor West District U18

Nicola Lowrey	© S5
Fiona Bruce	S5

### Hockey Results 2007-08

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	OFF
<b>1st XI</b>	18	11	5	2	47	13	
<b>2nd XI</b>	17	7	4	6	32	22	
<b>3rd XI</b>	19	13	3	3	37	10	
<b>4th XI</b>	16	11	2	3	30	12	
<b>5th XI</b>	11	5	1	5	11	13	
<b>6th XI</b>	4	1	1	2	5	6	
<b>3rd Yr 'A'</b>	17	17			86	1	
<b>3rd Yr 'B'</b>	18	14	3	1	57	9	
<b>3rd Yr 'C'</b>	13	8	1	4	19	9	
<b>3rd Yr 'D'</b>	5		1	4	1	8	
<b>2nd Yr 'A'</b>	21	10	9	2	50	11	
<b>2nd Yr 'B'</b>	19	13	2	4	36	11	
<b>2nd Yr 'C'</b>	10	9		1	20	5	
<b>2nd Yr 'D'</b>	8	2	1	5	6	13	
<b>1st Yr 'A'</b>	15	10	1	4	36	12	
<b>1st Yr 'B'</b>	17	7	6	4	29	12	
<b>1st Yr 'C'</b>	13	5	4	4	28	18	
<b>1st Yr 'D'</b>	8	2		6	8	30	
<b>1st Yr 'E'</b>							
<b>P7 'A'</b>	13	8		5	31	15	
<b>P7 'B'</b>	13	9	2	2	29	11	
<b>P7 'C'</b>	7	1		6	2	15	
<b>P7 'D'</b>	6	1	2	3	12	15	
<b>P6 Girls</b>							
<b>Boys 1st XI</b>	14	11	2	1	52	15	3
<b>Boys 2nd XI</b>	8	4	-	4	10	14	4
<b>Boys Junior XI</b>	4	2	-	2	11	5	6
<b>Boys 2nd Yr</b>							
<b>Boys Develop</b>	2	2	-	-	10	1	1
<b>Boys Indoor</b>	4	2		2	19	8	



# Athletics Report 2008

By *Daniel Johnstone*

The 2007 school year proved to be an excellent one for the Hutchesons' Grammar School athletics team. The team recorded several impressive individual and team medals in both the Glasgow and Scottish Schools competitions, as well as breaking some long-standing records in the process. The girls started the season by winning the Auldhouse Cup and the boys retained the Minerva Cup at the Kelvin Hall. In the Independent Schools league, our S2 Boys, S2 Girls and S1 Girls all won their team trophies.

The Glasgow Schools is always a prolific fixture on the athletics calendar, providing the first real stage to exhibit Hutchesons' strength and depth within its athletics department. The school is used to the high standards achieved in this event and the 2007 season proved no exception. In the boys' competition Hutchesons' won gold team medals in the Secondary 2 and 3 events, as well as achieving silver team medals in the Senior and Secondary 1 competitions. In the senior contest the stand out performances were put in by Douglas Campbell, winning the 200m final and by Oliver Krause who was first to finish in the 400m Hurdle final. In the Secondary 3 year group Lewis Tait, James Wilde, Gavin Weir and Andrew Campbell all illustrated profound athletic ability winning gold medals on the day and contributing to their age group gold team medal. In the Secondary 2 contest Michael Dodds won the 400m hurdle final and Matthew Kerr won the high jump final with a very impressive height of 1.45m. The high standards were maintained in the Secondary 1 age group with Andrew Foxworthy, Calum Purdie, Lewis Walter, Darren Tang, Blake Sinclair and Freddie Lusk putting in stalwart performances against opposition from other schools.

The girls contingent of the athletics team also excelled in the Glasgow Schools competition winning three out of four team medals in the team competition. In





the senior events, athletics captain Amy Morrice was very prominent gaining silver in the High Jump, and a noticeable performance was achieved by Rebecca Morrison who came 3rd in the 300m final. The Secondary 3 girl's competition was a very eventful one with a number of exceptional performances achieved. Karen Leslie won the 100m final with a very quick time and Robyn Collins won the javelin with a tremendous throw. However, Catriona Lockie who achieved a championship best performance in the 800m captured the day. The Secondary 2 age group was dominated by Hutchie pupils with Eleanor Quigley winning both the 200m and the Shot Putt. Catriona Herbert came out on top in the Long Jump winning the gold medal and adding even more points towards the team medal. The Secondary 1 Girls maintained the rich vein of form winning more medals with Abi Duff and Sarah Burns both winning gold individual medals.

The Scottish Schools Athletics Championships is the most prestigious and undoubtedly the most challenging competition of the year. However, Hutesons' pupils were not phased by the magnitude of the event or the high standard of competition, in fact, they seemed to thrive on the competition meeting it head-on, and often coming out on top. Natalie Sharp performed exceptionally well winning a silver medal in the U17 3000m, as well as narrowly missing out on a medal in the

1500m final, finishing 4th. In the U15 age group Robyn Collins achieved silver in the Javelin, Catriona Herbert was awarded a bronze medal in both the 75m Hurdles and the Long Jump events, and Michael Dodds won the 400m Hurdles. Matthew Kerr's efforts were also well rewarded with two silver medals in the U14 High Jump and the Triple Jump. Max Lott was also a double medalist winning the gold in the U14 1500m and the silver medal in the U14 800m event. Max's achievements also extend the sphere of the mere medal. Max is now the holder of the School's Age Group and Year Group record for 1500m, a truly remarkable achievement. Taylor Speirs was also a gold medal winner, beating the rest of the competition in the U14 Triple Jump and also coming second to claim the silver medal in the U14 Long Jump. In total the School won 3 gold medals, 6 silver and 2 bronze. It was a terrific performance by all, and a very proud and memorable day for Hutesons' Grammar School.

### Sports Champions

#### Primary 7

Jonathan Wong  
Helena McKelvie

#### S1

Andrew Spowart  
Lucy Patrick

#### S2

Taylor Speirs  
Catriona Herbert

#### S3

Lewis Tait  
Karen Leslie

#### Seniors

Andrew Gillman  
Amy Morrice

# Cross Country

By *Daniel Johnstone*

The Cross Country season began as it always has and most probably always will on the precariously muddy and water-logged pitches of Nether Pollok. The effort exhibited by the pupils, and the sheer number of them on this occasion was definitely a credit to the school and a clear illustration of the high participation and important role that sports play at Hutesons' Grammar School.

The course was typically challenging, with many muddy paths to negotiate, immensely large (and not to mention deep) puddles to cross and of course the unforgiving distance to overcome. The mud and weather were met with sceptical eye-brows by a few, but as the pupils congregated on the line the effort, commitment to finish and enthusiasm was very clearly evident. The intimidating conditions and challenging course proved to be of little consequence as the pupils overcame the course and finished in significant numbers. The school earned a huge amount for the school's charity - £12, 865.80 - a fantastic effort.

The stand out performances on the day in the Primary 6 race were: Dewi Gould (1st), Jamie Cook (2nd), and Campbell Scott (3rd) and in the girls' race: Lucy Davidson (1st), Alex Pope (2nd), and Katie Turnbull (3rd). The Primary 7 boys' race was a very close and entertaining affair with five boys contending for the win. A hard fought



victory was won by Colin Lowrey (1st), closely followed by Fraser O'Rouke (2nd), and then Harry Bremmner (3rd). The winners of the medals in the Primary 7 girls' race were Sapphire Le Sage (1st), Zara Robinson (2nd) and Nicola Wilde (3rd). In the Secondary 1 events the medallists were Jamie Crawford (1st), Jonathan Wong (2nd) and Scott Young (3rd) and for the girls, Vanessa Hogan (1st), Jennifer Eadie (2nd) and Paige Denholm (3rd). The Secondary 2 boys' race was won by Lewis Walter, followed by Elliot Martin and Allan Tong and the girls' race was won by Anna Black followed by Rebecca Patrick and then by her sister Lucy. The Secondary 3 race always proves to be an exciting race due to the abundance of athletic talent. The winner of the 3rd year boys' race was the immensely promising Max Lott, who was closely followed by Sandy Nimmo. Both of these runners have competed at the highest district level and have exhibited real talent and dedication to cross-country. They have also proven to be very useful members of the cross-country team over recent years, as you can imagine. Michael Clark, who also put in a very respectable performance, took 3rd place. In the 3rd year girls' race a stalwart performance was put in by Elaine Eadie (1st), followed by Heather Lang and then by Emma Hunter. The final, and arguably the climax of the

Nether-Pollok races was the senior race, in which 4th, 5th, and 6th year compete in. A memorable victory was achieved in the boys' race when the young runner James Wilde beat Daniel Johnstone (2nd) who was followed by Andrew Allan (3rd). The senior girls' race was won by Natalie Sharp, another very promising athlete, who was then followed by Catriona Lockie and then Kristina Greig.

The cross-country season took a turn towards road running in February with the annual St.Aloysius' Road Relays. The girls did very well by retaining their trophy with another win. The girls' team consisting of Vanessa Hogan, Jennifer Eadie, Elaine Eadie, Rebecca Patrick, Catriona Lockie and Natalie Sharp. The boys put in a very respectable performance coming 4th overall, their team including Scott Young, Jonathan Wong, Max Lott, Sandy Nimmo, Mark Neilly and James Wilde.

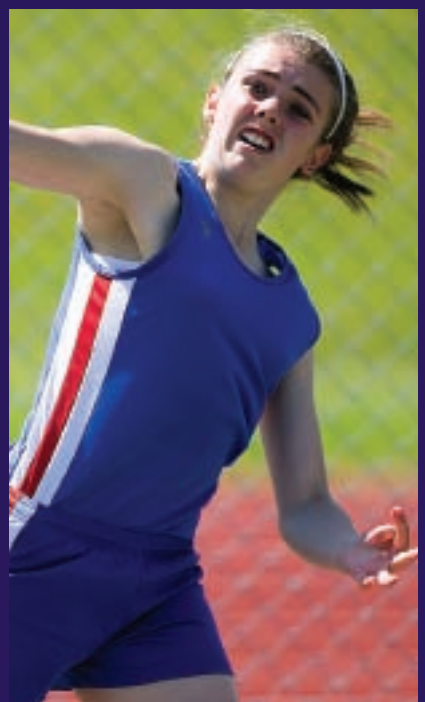
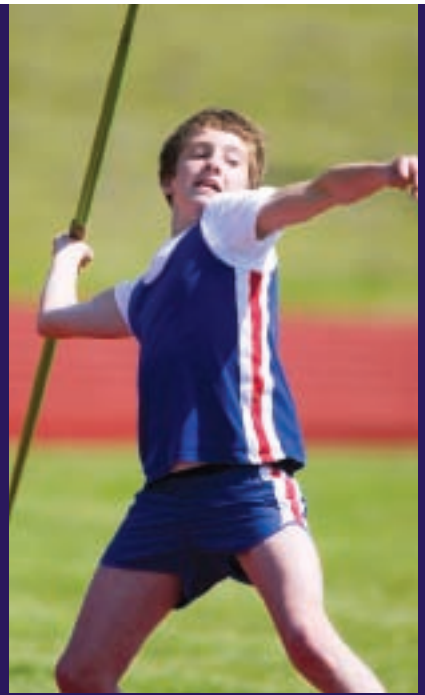
The climax of the cross-country season followed the road running, with the Scottish Schools Cross-Country Championships, held in Irvine. The race is held on the Irvine sea-front and therefore the harsh sea-breeze provides a vital role in the race, adding that extra bit of resistance, helping to create the general opinion that the Irvine course is the hardest in the school cross-country

circuit. However, despite the challenging course Hutchesons' did exceedingly well winning four gold team medals and one silver team medal, truly asserting the school as a cross-country heavy-weight. On the day there were two stand out performances, with Max Lott and Catriona Lockie both being selected to represent the Scottish Schools in the British Schools race. In this event Max and Catriona did their potential justice and ran very well. Max achieved 23rd place overall, coming 5th Scot. Catriona finishing 15th overall, and 4th Scot.

The season finished on a successful note with the Glasgow Schools Cross-Country Championships. The school is used to dominating this event and the year 2007 proved to be no exception. Every Hutchesons' age group won a medal, five achieving a gold medal, another four gaining silver and the last one winning a bronze. Max Lott, James Wilde and Catriona Lockie all won their respective age-groups. The highly successful Glasgow Schools Cross-country Championships pushed the status of the cross-country season of 2007/08 from being a good year to being a great year. Not only judged on the individual merit of few, but by the attitude of many, which was highlighted by the high levels of enthusiasm, determination and participation.



Junior Cross-Country







# Cricket

*By Anish Deshpande*

The 2007 cricket season promised to be an exciting one, building on the experiences gained from the previous season and the range of exceptional talent emerging. The loss of many key players, most notably Under-23 internationalist Zeeshan Bashir, at the end of the 2005/2006 session immediately posed a challenge for the teams. However, under the new management of Mr Dunlop, many familiar faces returned to the cricket scene with renewed enthusiasm.

The First XI began the season with a win in the Andrew Wood Memorial Match against George Heriot's. On a bright day, the team got off to a slow start with some inconsistent fielding, allowing the opposition to build a strong total. However, a change in bowling attack saw Heriot's run rate fall, and soon wickets fell too. With a target of 112 runs, the team opened batting with Anjan Luthra, who managed to achieve the highest score of the match with 49 runs. With ten overs left, the target was reached, capping off a fine batting display.

The next match for the First XI was a derby match against the High School of Glasgow. A muddy pitch made both bowling and batting difficult, but a ruthless total of 68 from Andrew Allan



left the High School with a monumental score to chase. The reliable bowling from Umair Chaudry and Shreyas Chitnis which followed was enough to secure the win and keep team morale high.

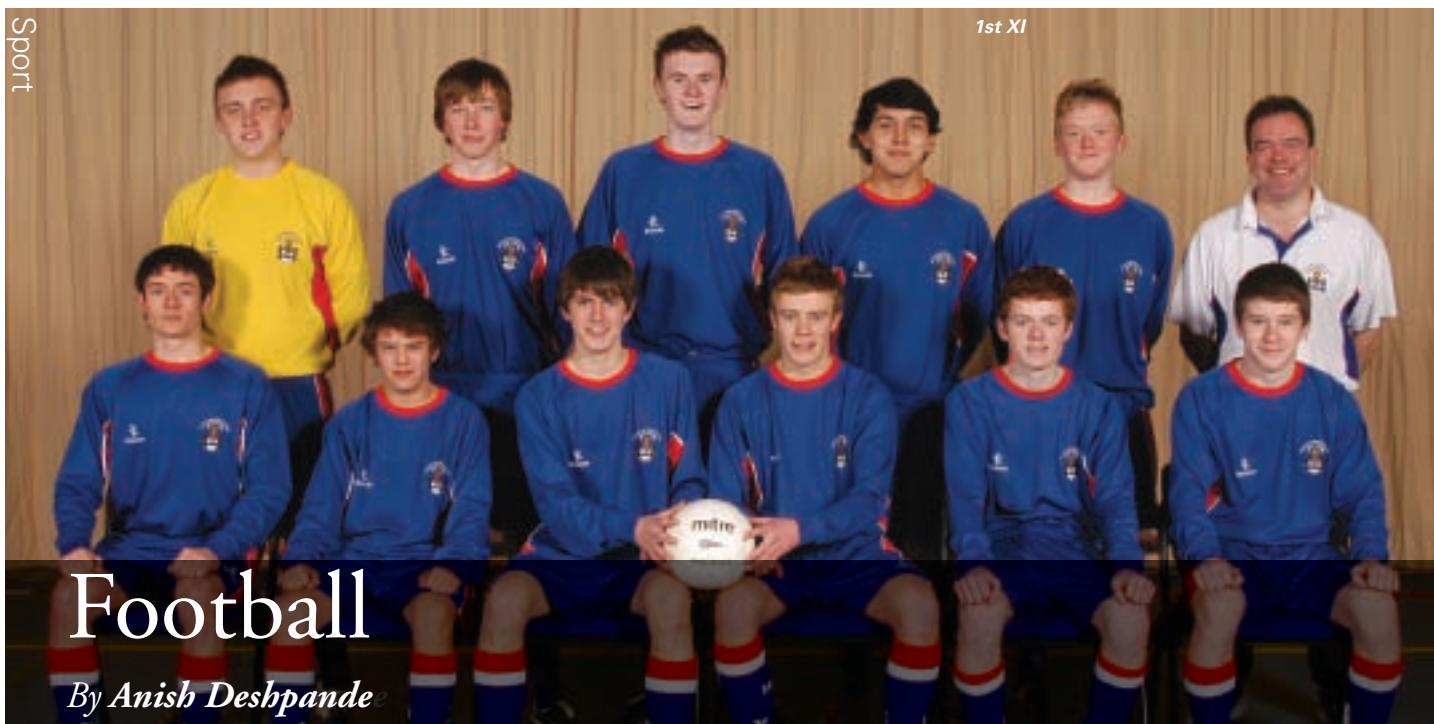
On a windy day, the team went on to play against the MCC. Unfortunately, a dangerous score of over 200 by the opposition proved to be too large a total to chase, and so the team fell to a disappointing defeat. Undeterred, few changes were made to the line-up for the next matches against Kelvinside and Glasgow Academy, and after regaining their form and some fine individual performances from Neil Fulton, the team achieved convincing victories.

The whole squad had many positives to take from this season. The experience of the senior players and the energy of the younger players proved to be an excellent combination. Impressively, both Anjan Luthra and Shreyas Chitnis were awarded Internationalists awards

after travelling to South Africa as part of the Scotland Under-15's team.

Our junior teams have continued to produce excellent performances on the field. In S3, despite losing players to the 1st XI, the squad enjoyed a successful summer with notable performances from Captain Sidarth Sharma, Arun Krishna and Ben Tung. We also witnessed some very big hitting from debutant Ruairidh Carpenter. S1 and S2 have a crop of emerging talent with David Henderson (S2), Joshua Rutnagur (S2) and Saif Ali (S1) all showing promise with both bat and ball. The Primary school has a hugely enthusiastic group of players who have developed their skills through KWIK cricket and pairs, onto the full hard ball game by the end of Primary 7.

Special thanks are made to Mr Dunlop, Mr Wyatt, Mr Dewar and all other staff who have helped the teams and individuals progress, creating a very bright future indeed for cricket at Hutchesons'.



# Football

By Anish Deshpande

This season had both highs and lows in store for the First XI football team. A relatively inexperienced squad lacked consistency, and poor concentration in the latter stages of matches was a recurring theme. In contrast to previous years, much more emphasis was placed on the development of the younger players this season. The team was relying more on players such as Scott Lang, who played alongside sixth year Gavin Weanie in a Scottish Independent Schools match against England in April 2007, and David Aitken.

The season started off in September with a tough game against Mearns Castle High School in the Scottish Cup. Unfortunately, the team were unable to gel and lost 3-1, a consolation goal coming in the form of a penalty. The season's initial enthusiasm was not to be lost however, and just a fortnight later the team achieved a resounding 9-3 win in a friendly against Belmont House. This match showed an excellent team performance and several fine individual performances, most notably Calum Maclean's hat-trick. The team's next match was also a success, beating the High School of Glasgow 2-1.

This successful run was unfortunately short-lived, and of the remaining five matches, one was drawn and four were lost. Credit must be given though to Andrew Scobie, whose solid goalkeeping and outstanding captaincy have kept high hopes for the squad's upcoming matches.

Top goal scorer Scott Lang (10) and David Aitken were selected to play for the Scottish Independent Schools against England at Tynecastle in April. The team unfortunately lost 5-0. Special thanks are given to all the PE staff who have supported the team, in particular Mr Russell whose continued dedication maintains a very positive outlook for football at Hutchie.

David Aitken and Scott Lang

## Curling

This session the school's curling club has experienced a very successful season. On Friday afternoons the junior club meets to get coaching from trained Curltec coaches at Braehead. This has helped the players to improve their game and learn about curling rules and the background of the game. As the season progressed it was evident from the games played that all the players not only enjoyed the games but also had improved immeasurably.

The senior curling club, which meets on Wednesdays during the senior games period, consisted mainly of players who were new to the game. This gave them a chance to learn through playing actual games, not only just with each other, but within the Glasgow Schools' Curling league.

Curling success within Hutchie, however, is not limited to the senior school. Primary 7 pupils experienced a



Senior Curling

taster session of the sport, giving them a chance to learn about the game before giving them the opportunity to join the club in S1.

The school curling team, this year consisted of Karen McQuarrie (Lead, S5), Laura Yule (Second, S4), Luke McIntosh (Third, S6) and Andrew Grieve (Skip, S4). The team successfully played in many matches with schools across Glasgow and central Scotland, our most memorable victory being 12-0 against Merchiston Castle School.

The final match of the year was the Bonspiel competition, where all the players from the Glasgow schools, were randomly assorted into new teams. Where Hutchieson's players, were mixed with their counterparts from Kelvinside and Glasgow Academy, and played exceptionally well.

Luke McIntosh





Senior Squad



Junior Squad

## Swimming

At the Glasgow schools swimming finals this year, held at Whitehall Swimming Pool, the swimming teams did very well winning 6 Gold, 2 Silver and 9 Bronze medals.

In the 14 years and under category, amongst the medal winners were Max Lott (S3) with a bronze in the 100m Breaststroke and Jonathon Wong (S1) also with a bronze in the 100m Backstroke. Declan Molinari (S2) was 3rd in the 50m Backstroke. Just missing out on the medals were Mazam Allam (S1) who finished 4th in the 50m Breaststroke and Jordan Roberts-Lavery (S2) who was also 4th in the 50m Backstroke.

In the under 16 years category, Rachel Smithers (S4) and Robyn Collins (S3) finished 1st and 2nd respectively in the 100m Breaststroke. Rachel then went on to gain a second place in the 100m Backstroke. Chris Pexton's (S3) 50m Butterfly was swum as a straight final on the heats night and he finished in bronze position. The lifesaving teams; Ailysh Cockburn (S2), Stephanie Kerr (S2) and for the boys Chris Pexton (S3) and Peter Aitken (S3) both finished in 3rd place.

Andrew Park (S5) had a very successful evening in the 16 and over age group: he was 1st in the 100m Breaststroke, 1st in the 100m Backstroke and 1st in the 200m Individual Medley.

The Under 14 girls' relay team won a bronze medal, congratulations to Amy Cummings, Ailysh Cockburn, Nancy Haniford and Stephanie Kerr. The boys finished one place behind in their race finishing 4th.

The Under 16 boys' team of Jonathon Lott, Max Lott, Chris Pexton and Peter Aitkin finished in third place.

The Open Girls' team of Rachel Smithers, Lucy Laniganm, Robyn Collins and Katie Sloan finished third. The very young Open boys' team of Scott Young, Jordan Roberts-Lavery, Mazen Allam and Austin McKenzie also finished third.

Both of the Over 16 relay teams finished in 1st place. Well done to Chloe Jackson, Seonaid Hyslop-Parsons and Emma Tomkins all in S6 who have swum in a relay every year since S1. Special congratulations must go to Ross McEwen, Chris Wong, Nathan Denholm and Andrew Park who won the Lewis Polytechnic Trophy.

**TENNIS CHAMPIONS 2007**

**P6 Girls Rally Competition Winners** Kirsty Forgie & Zara Robinson

**P6 Girls Rally Competition Runner-up** Chloe Grabiner & Nicola Wilde

**P7 Rally Competition Winners** Paige Denholm & Carly Jacobs

**P7 Rally Competition Runner-up** Ansley Clark & Emily Barr

**S1 Girls Winner** Caitlin Russell

**S1 Boys Winner** Matthew Stout

**S1 Girls Runner-up** Laurie Anderson

**S1 Boys Runner-up** Finlay Walker

**S2 Girls Winner** Heather Lang

**S2 Boys Winner** Richard Prentice

**S2 Girls Runner-up** Emma Quail

**S2 Boys Runner-up** Calum Forgie

**S3 Girls Winner** Karen Leslie

**S3 Boys Winner** James Wilde

**S3 Girls Runner-up** Emma Laing

**S3 Boys Runner-up** Martin Black

**JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Girls Winner** Heather Lang (S2)

**Girls Runner-up** Karen Leslie (S3)

**Boys Winner** Richard Prentice (S2)

**Boys Runner-up** Matthew Stout (S1)

**SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Girls Winner** Fiona Bruce (S4)

**Girls Runner-up** Kate Hamilton (S4)

**Boys Winner** Alan Conroy (S4)

**Boys Runner-up** Scott Lang (S4)

# Tennis

*By Kate Hamilton*

This year has proved to be another successful one for the school's tennis teams. Players who have represented the school in various events have shown great enthusiasm and talent, standing up in good stead for the forthcoming season.

The senior boys' team, comprising of Alan Conroy (S4), Anjan Luthra (S4), Scott Lang (S4), Richard Prentice (S3) and Robert Robinson (S5) were disappointed last season as they once again missed the Scottish finals day, narrowly going out at the quarter-finals stage. However, the boys made a good start to this season, beating Bearsden Academy 4-0 in the first round and then going on to beat Glasgow Academy 4-1 in the second round, setting up a quarter final match in April against The High School of Glasgow.

Last season the girls' team, comprising of Kate Hamilton (S5), Fiona Bruce (S4), Heather Lang (S2) and Kirsty Black (S5) did exceptionally well to reach the Scottish Finals. After a titanic battle in the semi-final against Robert Gordon's College, Hutchesons' succumbed, but regained their composure in the 3rd/4th place playoff to beat Dunblane High in a tie break shoot out. This year, the same team of girls has progressed to the quarter finals, and will play Jordanhill in the summer term.

The U15 and U13 league teams also had a busy and exciting season. The Boys' U13 team, consisting of Richard Prentice (S2), Matthew Stout (S1), Calum Forgie (S2) and Ross McLeod (S2), won all their section matches and reach the Scottish Final where they beat George Heriot's School in order to progress to the National Quarter Finals of the Nestle Championship. The boys travelled to Sunderland for this event, where they had a great time but unfortunately lost their quarter final match.

For the second year in succession, the girls' U15 team, comprising of Fiona Bruce (S4), Heather Lang (S2), Kate Flannigan (S4) and Nicola Lowrey (S4), played well and reached the Scottish finals where they beat The High School of Glasgow. They then went on to represent Scotland at the National Quarter Finals of the Nestle Championships in Sunderland, where they had a great time, winning their quarter final but losing out in the semi-final.

The Boys' U15 team and Girls' U13 team showed great commitment but unfortunately did not qualify for the finals.

The school has also enjoyed taking part in a number of other tournaments. In the High School Tournament for girls, the



Senior Tennis Squad





team, consisting of Gillian Black and Rebecca Dodds (U13), Karen Leslie and Heather Lang (U15) and Kate Hamilton and Fiona Bruce (O15), came second overall. The Craigholme Invitation Tournament provided another opportunity for a girls' team to compete. In this event, the team came first overall, retaining the trophy for another year. Primary and Secondary pupils have also competed in various inter-school fixtures against High School of Glasgow, Glasgow Academy, Belmont House and St Columbas.

This term, House tennis events will take place in various venues in Glasgow all morning. Good weather is hoped for this sociable event which provides the opportunity for players to have good fun. The eventual winners of this event last year were Argyll House players.

This year, all players and the school should be proud, as the School has been awarded the School Team of the Year award at the Tennis Scotland dinner at Stirling in March. Despite the fact that the school has only two tennis courts, they have played a considerable amount of tennis at both ends of the spectrum, and Mr Lang, Director of Sport, received the award on behalf of all of us.

Finally, the School tennis Championships were held at Newlands and Titwood Tennis Clubs last year and produced the results opposite.

## Recreational Sports:

### *Fitness and Fun by Luke McIntosh*

Hutchie has always been known for the variety of sports it offers its pupils. This cannot only be seen in the competitive sports, in which we achieve so much, but also through the selection of recreational sports, which the senior pupils are given the chance to play in, during their games period. Many thanks must be given to the staff and dedicated coaches who devote their time and expertise to helping the pupils to enjoy and get the most out of a long list of activities, which include sports as diverse as street dancing and karate.

The badminton group is one of the most popular of these activities. The pupils are given the independence to arrange their own matches with each other, choosing

opponents and the type of match (singles, or doubles). The players have great enthusiasm, which can be seen on the courts and it is obvious they enjoy the social aspect of the sport.

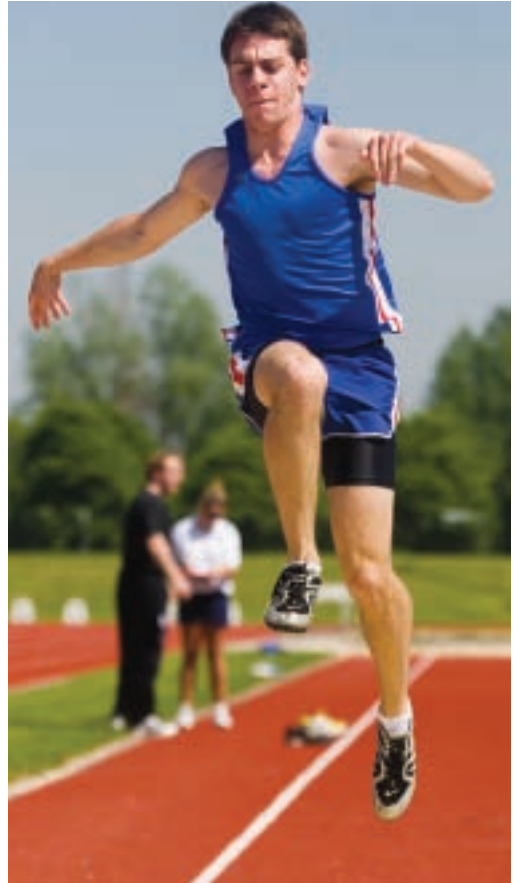
The tennis group play at Titwood Tennis Club, where they have been fortunate enough to benefit from the good weather. The high numbers of people who attend have been an obvious indicator as to the sports popularity.

Recreational sports are a good opportunity for senior pupils to have fun and it allows them to try a variety of sports which otherwise they may not have had the chance to do.



Illustration by Jane MacRae 2D







# Prize List June 2007

## Physical Education

### Athletic Awards

Girls' Primary School Sports Champion  
*The Jean C Bain Trophy*  
**Helena J McKelvie**

Boys' Primary School Sports Champion  
*The Jardine Cup*  
**Jonathon Wong**

First Year Girls' Champion  
*The Kingarth Cup*  
**Lucy Patrick**

First Year Boys' Champion  
*The D B M Charleson Cup*  
**Andrew M Spowart**

Second Year Girls' Champion  
*The Elspeth B Cowan Trophy*  
**Catriona M A Herbert**

Second Year Boys' Champion  
*The John A Braidwood Cup*  
**Taylor J W Speirs**

Third Year Girls' Champion  
*The 1957 Group Quaich*  
**Karen E Leslie**

Third Year Boys' Champion  
*The Alan S Paterson Cup*  
**Lewis R Tait**

Senior Girls' Champion  
*The Eleanor Howie Trophy*  
**Amy C Morrice**

Senior Boys' Champion  
*The Governors' Cup*  
**Andrew M Gillman**

Athletics House Championship

### Junior

The Junior House Cup awarded to **Lochiel House** represented by **Gillian L Wark** and **Sam S Chirrey**

### Senior

The Tercentenary Cup awarded to **Argyll House** represented by **Andrew J Campbell** and **Stéphanie C Legrand**

## Tennis Awards

Junior Girls' Tennis Champion  
*The Kingarth Trophy*  
**Heather S Lang**

Junior Boys' Tennis Champion  
*The Burnside Cup*  
**Richard T Prentice**

Senior Girls' Tennis Champion  
*The Butters Cup*  
**Fiona L Bruce**

Senior Boys' Tennis Champion  
*The School Cup*  
**Alan J Conroy**

## Rugby Football

*The Willie Wilson Memorial Award for Leadership in Rugby*  
**Murray D Houston**

## Hockey

*The Watt Stevens Shield for Leadership in Hockey*  
**Kimberley L Dunlop**



*The Rector and Mrs Greig with Boys' Dux Peter Reader-Harris and Girls' Dux Felicity Louden along with the Chairman of Governors and Mrs Denholm and guests of honour Lord and Lady Gill.*



**Gymnastics**

*The Gymnastics Cup, the 1917 Trophy*  
awarded to the best section in Form I  
awarded to **Class 1 J** represented by  
**T Ruairidh Bottomley**

**House Competition**

*The Junior House Shield*  
Winning House  
**Montrose**

Captains  
**Paige C M Denholm**  
**Roderick McCrea**

*The House Cup, the W H Macdonald Trophy*  
Winning House  
**Argyll**

Captains  
**Adam Brown**  
**Stéphanie C Legrand**  
**James Mitchell**  
**Joanne M Waddell**

**Public Speaking Prizes**

First Year  
*The First Year Trophy*  
**Kate S Galbraith**

Second Year  
*The I G McIver Memorial Trophy*  
**Catriona M A Herbert**

Third Year  
*The John M Hutchison Cup*  
**Bilal Shah**

Senior  
*The 1957 Group Trophy*  
**Victoria E Kerr**

*The Isabel Turnbull Memorial Prize for the  
Speaking of Verse*  
First  
**Ailsa J Doak**

Second  
**Louise Mealyea**

*The Mrs J C Nicol Memorial Prize for Clear  
Speech*  
**Louise Mealyea**

**Music Competition**

Ensemble  
*Leader of The Flute Ensemble*  
**Tina H Jeong**

Intermediate  
**Charlotte L McKechnie**

Senior  
*The Biggars Trophy*  
**Jennifer J S Lawrie**

**Drama Competition**

The Junior Drama Cup awarded jointly to  
**Connor A Benson**  
**Philippa C Haughney**

**Special Prizes for the Junior School**

*The William and Mary Arbuckle Prizes for  
Handwriting*

Primary 5  
**Lucy J Kenwell,**  
**Andrew S MacFadyen,**  
**Euan Nugent-Kirkland,**  
**Katie S Turnbull**

Primary 6  
**Seher R Ackrim,**  
**Caroline J Henderson,**  
**Amelia G Howison,**  
**Gopikrishnan S Nair,**  
**Isabella H McP Ross**

Primary 7  
**Rebecca E Agliolo,**  
**Charlotte A McKelvie,**  
**Helena J McKelvie,**  
**Oyiza Momoh,**  
**Benjamin McP White**

**Primary 7 Awards for General Excellence**

Primary 7L  
**Rebecca Dodds**

Primary 7J  
**Hebba N Benyaghla**

Primary 7M  
**Joshua B Lewis**

Primary 7R  
**Stuart J McQuarrie**

Primary 7D  
**Oyiza Momoh**

*The Terries-Neil Quaich for outstanding  
contribution to the life of the Primary School*  
**Blair J McCarte**

**Special Prizes for Form I**

*The Four Generations Prize for Excellence in  
English and History in S1 awarded jointly to*  
**Cressida R O'Donoghue**  
**Catriona F Reid**

*The Anne Gemmill Memorial Prize for Oral  
French*  
**Hannah R Todd**

*The Millennium Prizes for General Excellence*  
**Matthew J Henson**  
**Holly G Lau**

**Special Prizes for Form II**

*The Marion G MacNeill Prizes for General  
Excellence*  
**Catriona M A Herbert**  
**Sandy Nimmo**

*The Webster Trophy for Citizenship*  
**B Barnes** and **Peter J Aitken** awarded to  
**Form 2J** represented by **Ellie S B Barnes** and  
**Rachel A Smith**

*The Neil MacDonald Medal for the Most  
Promising Mathematics Pupil in Secondary 2*  
**Sandy Nimmo**

**Form III Subject Prizes**

Modern Studies 3rd equal  
**Andrew T O'Donnell**

French 3rd equal  
**Katie F Paul**

Modern Studies 3rd equal  
**Rachel Smithers**

French 2nd  
**Marianne S Adams**

Physics 2nd equal  
**Andrew D Brown**

Business Management 2nd  
**Victoria G Lawton**

Mathematics 2nd equal  
**Varshini Manoharan**

Physics 2nd equal  
**Andrew M Macrae**

Mathematics 2nd equal  
**Neil I Watson**

Drama 2nd  
**Sarah R Wilkie**

Music 1st  
**Gordon A Biggart**

Computing 1st equal  
**Jack Donaghy**

Business Management 1st  
**Stuart Fraser**

Modern Studies 1st equal  
**Lauren Y Halley**

History 1st equal  
**Jocelyn C Hickey**

Drama 1st  
**Gregor C A Hogan**

History 1st equal  
**Alasdair J Lane**

Technology 1st  
**Alan A McKechnie**

Greek 1st  
**Charlotte L McKechnie**

Art and Design 1st equal  
**Lauren A McKelvie**

Economics 1st  
**Jennifer J Plunkett**

Geography 1st equal  
**Bethany J Robertson**

Graphic Communication 1st  
**Luke McB Smith**

English 4th, History 1st equal  
two prizes  
**Karen E Leslie**

Economics 2nd,  
Graphic Communication 1st equal  
two prizes  
**Graeme Wallace**



French 3rd equal,  
Physics 2nd equal,  
Latin 1st  
three prizes  
**Gavin W Grant**

English 3rd,  
Computing 1st equal,  
Spanish 1st  
three prizes  
**Anna J O'Donoghue**

Biology 3rd,  
Chemistry 2nd,  
Mathematics 1st  
three prizes  
**Russell L Park**

Mathematics 2nd equal,  
Spanish 2nd equal,  
Modern Studies 1st equal  
three prizes  
**Katherine A Sloan**

English 2nd,  
Art and Design 1st equal,  
French 1st, German 1st  
four prizes  
**Matilda L Greig**

Biology 2nd,  
Mathematics 2nd equal,  
Physics 2nd equal,  
Geography 1st equal,  
Chemistry 1st,  
five prizes  
**Sidharth Sharma**

Chemistry 3rd,  
Geography 3rd,  
Mathematics 2nd equal,  
Spanish 2nd equal,  
Biology 1st,  
English 1st,  
Physics 1st  
seven prizes  
**Katherine J Gardner**

#### **Donated & Endowed Prizes for Form III**

*1946 Sixth Form Quaich for significant general progress*

**Rebecca H Kondol**

*The Jean Cunningham Smith Prize for Drawing*

**Jacquelyn N Burnside**

*The Sayers Cup for Oral French*

**Hartesh S Battu**

*The Middle School Quaich for Spoken German*

**Matilda L Greig**

*The Low Cup for Oral Spanish*

**Leoni G M Bennett**

*The Helen M McMillan Prize for Excellence in Modern Languages*

**Matilda L Greig**

*The Marco Prize for Excellence in Modern Languages*

**Gregor C A Hogan**

*The Marion G MacNeill Prize for General Excellence and the Whittome Cup*

**Matilda L Greig**

*The Sutherland Prize for General Excellence*

**Sidharth Sharma**

*The Dr John Hutchison Prize for Meritorious Performance in English, Mathematics, Geography, Physics and Chemistry*

**Katherine J Gardner**

#### **Form IV Subject Prizes**

French 3rd equal  
**Fiona L Bruce**

Geography 3rd  
**Calum A Crichton**

Spanish 3rd  
**Kirsten G L MacQuarrie**

Modern Studies 3rd  
**Hannah H Newton**

Physics 3rd equal  
**Kirsty L Wallace**

Business Management 2nd  
**Adam P Beach**

French 2nd  
**Rachel A Malcolm**

Physics 2nd  
**Clifford D H Murray**

Drama 2nd  
**Caroline E Dunlop**

German 2nd  
**Katie H Fox**

History 2nd  
**Rebecca S M Watson**

Home Economics 1st  
**Emily M Patrick**

Fabric Skills 1st  
**Anne E Hastie**

Spanish 1st  
**Melissa N Gordon**

Music 1st  
**Jennifer G Hansell**

Geography 1st equal  
**Douglas W Kyle**

Art and Design 1st equal  
**Ruoxi Lin**

Business Management 1st  
**David MacMillan**

History 1st  
**Andrew G Park**

Computing 1st  
**Euan F Reid**

Graphic Communication 1st  
**Steven Runciman**

German 1st  
**Rebecca A Scott**

French 3rd equal,  
English 2nd  
two prizes  
**Victoria E Kerr**

Spanish 2nd,  
Art and Design 1st equal  
two prizes  
**Nadia B Catena**

Computing 2nd,  
English 1st  
two prizes  
**Sophie R Fox**

Mathematics 4th equal,  
Technology 1st equal  
two prizes  
**Jared E L Lewis**

Technology 1st equal,  
Mathematics 1st  
two prizes  
**Peter A R Malcolm**

Physics 3rd equal,  
Chemistry 2nd,  
Prize for Higher French in Form IV  
three prizes  
**Graeme R Sneddon**

Chemistry 3rd equal,  
Biology 2nd,  
Modern Studies 1st  
three prizes  
**Charlotte Read**

Chemistry 3rd equal,  
Biology 3rd,  
English 3rd,  
Mathematics 3rd  
four prizes  
**Richard S Newman**

English 4th equal,  
Mathematics 4th equal,  
French 1st,  
Latin 1st  
four prizes  
**Rachel Dodds**

English 4th equal,  
Modern Studies 2nd,  
Geography 1st equal,  
Economics 1st  
four prizes  
**Joshua Fields**

Mathematics 2nd,  
Physics 1st,  
Biology 1st,  
Chemistry 1st,  
Drama 1st  
five prizes  
**Stephen M Rose**

#### **Form V Subject Prizes**

Modern Studies 2nd  
**Madeleine Barratt**

Home Economics,  
The Jess F Whyte Prize  
**Kirstie V Black**

Spanish  
2nd

**Mandy L Caplan**

Biology  
2nd

**Niall J Grant**

Geography  
2nd

**Kate L Hamilton**

Business Management  
2nd

**Daniel J Johnstone**

English  
2nd equal

**Gabi L Lewis**

Drama 1st

**Simone A Golumb**

Music 1st

**Jennifer J S Lawrie**

Philosophy 1st equal,

*The Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow Prize awarded jointly to*

**Margaret E McClean**

**Rhea C Wolfson**

Computing 1st,

*The Edinburgh F P Club Prize*

**Keith D Miller**

Art and Design 1st

**Rachel E Nolan**

Modern Studies 1st

**Prabhjot P K Nijjar**

Mathematics 1st equal,

*The Houston Prize and the Edward George Prize*

**Robert W M Robinson**

History 2nd equal,

English 1st,

*The J S Jack Prize*

two prizes

**Natalie L Lane**

History 2nd equal,

Business Management 1st  
two prizes

**Calum C MacDonald**

Physics 2nd equal,

Technology 1st,

*The Weir Prize for Technology*

two prizes

**Jon E Strang**

Biology 1st,

German 1st,

*The Rosalie Harris Prize*

two prizes

**Ronnie Palchaudhuri**

Latin 1st,

The Pringle Prize,

Greek 1st

two prizes

**R Griff Williams**

Chemistry 3rd,

Mathematics 1st equal,

*The Houston Prize and the Edward George Prize,*

Physics 1st

three prizes

**Douglas K K M Chiah**

English 4th,

French 3rd equal,

Economics 1st

three prizes

**Sarah B Hamilton**

Human Biology 1st,

Chemistry 1st,

Mathematics 1st equal,

*The Houston Prize and the Edward George Prize*

three prizes

**Anish P Deshpande**

French 1st,

*The Nancy W McLay Prize,*

Spanish 1st,

History 1st,

*The Margaret Dunbar Memorial Prize*

three prizes

**Stuart L Williams**

French 3rd equal,

Human Biology 2nd equal,

English 2nd equal,

Physics 2nd equal

four prizes

**Morag A McLellan**

Human Biology 2nd equal,

Chemistry 2nd,

French 2nd,

Geography 1st,

*The Margaret Dunbar Memorial Prize,*

Mathematics 1st equal,

*The Houston Prize and the Jessie M Younger Prize*

five prizes

**Ailsa J Doak**

#### **School Prizes, Donated & Endowed Prizes**

*The Rector's Prize awarded to the editors of the S6 Yearbook for their outstanding work this year:*

**Robert W B Murdoch,**

**Emily L Stevenson,**

**Victoria E Edwards,**

**Jennifer M E Martin**

*The Freda Brown Award*

**Felicity M M Loudon**

*The Dr Spence W Alexander Memorial Award for Community Service*

The Mark Scott Group represented by **Arfan**

**Akram and Elaine Cooper**

*The Lesley Anderson Memorial Prize for a*

*pupil, having returned to Form VI, who makes*

*a really significant effort to improve and build*

*upon previous academic results*

**Yvonne M Macintyre**

*The International Rescue Corps Trophy for outstanding charity work*

Awarded this session to **Form 3C** who

organised the Teachers' Mile

represented by **Katherine J Gardner** and

**Stuart Fraser**

*The Fiona C Wood Prize for Meritorious Performance*

**Andrew M Gillman**

*The Peter Howie Memorial Prizes for the playing of the Violin*

Junior Award

Senior Award

**Mark A Houghton**

**Shona A Biggart**

*The Alyssa Bentley Prize for Singing*

**Charlotte L McKechnie**

*The Black and Lizars Prizes for the most imaginative and innovative Projects in the Sciences in Form 6 awarded jointly to*

**David R W MacDonald**

**Catriona L McWhirter**

**James Mitchell**

*The J C Murray Magazine Prizes*

Junior Award

**Michael Dodds**

Senior Award

**Hannah Culfk**

*The Dr J A McCallum Prize for Physical Education and the Matthew Cup for All-Round Excellence in PE*

**Louise M Dale**

*The Magnus Houston Prize for Sports*

**Andrew M Gillman**

*The FP Club London Section 350th*

*Anniversary Cup to be awarded to a group of pupils which has most distinguished itself during a session*

*The Young Enterprise Company Sinful*

represented by

**Fiona Scott**

*The John Marco Memorial Prize for*

*Citizenship*

Junior Award

**Aamina Rafiq**

Senior Award

**Elliot J Gold**

*The School Prize for Accounting and Finance*

**Christopher A Stewart**

*The School Prize for Art*

**Emily L Stevenson**

*The Marjory Blyth Memorial Prize for Biology*

**Sophie G Jackson**

*The School Prize for Business Management*

**Arfan S Akram**

*The School Prize for "Crash" Higher*

*Economics*

**Christopher A Stewart**



*The School Prize for National Certificate  
Drama awarded jointly to*

**Rachel E Fitzpatrick  
Fiona M A MacKenzie**

*The Alexander Stone Foundation Essay Prize*

**Rachel E Hanretty**

*The John M Biggar Memorial Prize for English*

**Iain J Oates**

*The Houston Prize for English*

**Harriet N Clapham**

*The Esther M Legge Prize for English*

**Jennika Virhia**

*The W B Henderson Prize for Greek*

**Hannah Čulík**

*The Bailie Violet Robertson Prize for Oral*

French

**Stéphanie C Legrand**

*The Isabel Turnbull Prize for Oral German*

**Rachel A Morrison**

*The Robert Hillman Memorial Prize for*

Languages

**Christopher J Henderson**

*The Duncan Fletcher Prize for Geography*

**Pamela A Turner**

*The Nan M and Ian B Scott Memorial Essay*

Prize awarded jointly to

**Yvonne M Macintyre**

**Andrew M Watson**

*The Dr J A McCallum Prize for History*

**Heather K Ramsay**

*The School Prize for "Crash" Higher Human  
Biology*

**Alison L Wright**

*The Dr I K Cosgrove Memorial Prize for*

Services to the Jewish Community in School

**Chloe L Jackson**

*The School Prize for A Level Mathematics*

awarded jointly to

**Emile G M Bouaziz**

**Peter J Reader-Harris**

*The School Prize for Further Mathematics*

**David J S Boyle**

*The School Prize for Media Studies*

**Gregory P Manson**

*The School Prize for Modern Studies*

**Emma Williamson**

*The Flora Malvenan Prize for Music*

**Fiona M A MacKenzie**

*The Mary V McGregor Cup for Excellence in*

Academic Work, Artistic Enterprise and

Leadership

**Amy C Morrice**

*The School Prize for Physics*

**Catriona R Gibbs**

*The William W Murray Prize for Poetry*

**Yvonne M Macintyre**

*The Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow*

Prize for Philosophy

awarded jointly to

**Catriona R Gibbs**

**Alexandra J H T M Pittock**

*The School Prizes for Psychology*

First

**Awess T Sawati**

Second

**Lisa A Kenny**

*The Rona McAdam Prize for Science*

**Catriona L McWhirter**

*The André Yacoubian Prize for the best student*

going forward to Engineering

**Calum N J Costello**

*The Alexander Stone Scholarship for the best*

student going forward to Law

**Christopher J Henderson**

*The Peter Whyte Prize for the best student*

going forward to Mathematics and the

Rutherford Medal

**David J S Boyle**

*The J Desmond Milligan Prize for the best*

student going forward to Medicine

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*Proxime Accesserunt to the Girls' Dux*

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to

**Hannah Čulík**

**Catriona R Gibbs**

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**- Christopher Reeve**

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**- Walt Disney**

**"I dream my painting and then paint my dream."**

**- Vincent Van Gogh**

