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Editorial

“These are not books, lumps of lifeless paper, but minds alive on the shelves.”
-Gilbert Highet

Being a pupil at Hutchesons', you can never quite grasp just how much is going on around the school. However, help is at hand! 'The Hutchesonian 2009' has been brought to you by a dedicated and talented team of pupils who have put their blood (focus), sweat (enthusiasm) and tears into making sure that all the school's achievements, vivid creativity and entertaining events over the last year have been encapsulated into this magazine.

After months of endless meetings, continuous labour, strong teamwork and, of course, a little bit of nagging, I would like to think that the Hutchesonian team have produced an edition to be proud of! Organisation was the word of the day, everyday, with our strong team of subeditors collecting what seemed like never-ending articles from our active and committed reporters. However, it was still impossible to escape the deathly hands of panic and frenzy as the summer term approached and deadlines were to be met! I am sure a few grey hairs were sprouted!

This year's theme of Vintage-Present-Future encompasses much of Hutchie's life – commemorating our proud and influential history as a school, continuing to carry the prominent ethos to the present day and going on to achieve even greater things in the future. Long live Hutchesons'!

I have been honoured and grateful to be given such a prestigious role as Editor of this year's Hutchesonian, however, I would not be able to proudly present this magazine without the devoted team behind me. Without them, the following pages would simply be bare and blank, so thank you! Last but certainly not least, a huge thanks is due to Mr Campbell for his patience, support and advice – he is the spine that holds the Hutchesonian Magazine together.

Thank you and enjoy!

Mithi Ahmed

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Mr David Campbell



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From the Rector

Last year I decided to use this article to talk about Sport in Hutchie, and it is pleasing to be able to report that it has been another year of wide ranging sporting excellence in the school. By the time you read this the construction of the Alix Jamieson Stadium at Beaton Road will be well under way – and the next exciting chapter of the sporting story about to unfold. At the fundraising ‘Going for Gold’ ball in late March, I spoke of how pleasing it was to be moving forward with such an ambitious project, one that is built on existing sporting strengths, but which would surely unlock much new individual and team success. It is a project which fits the Hutchie ethos perfectly – bringing together as it does a desire to aim for excellence, with an honesty and integrity based on hard work and shared commitment. Another piece of the Hutchie jigsaw which shares these values is Music, and it is this area of school life that I want to focus on this year.

I hope that if you missed the *Colours of the Clyde* concert in the City Halls in

November you will have read or heard enough about it to understand that it was a truly exceptional school event. For some years now I have felt that the school community does not properly appreciate just how high the quality of performed music is in Hutchesons’, as although the regular concerts in Fotheringay through the year are well attended it tends to be family and friends of the pupils involved who come, and not a wider audience. This is perhaps less true of the musicals we put on – the P7 show at Easter, and the Senior Musical in June are more widely recognised for the extremely impressive events they always are – so *Colours of the Clyde* was partly about letting more people see the standard, and in that sense it was a phenomenal success.

Music is a very large department at Hutchesons’, so large that we have to have two people running it – Edgar Trotter who has responsibility for music as an academic subject, and Ken Walton who is responsible for music performance. There are a further 6 staff who work across Beaton Road and Kingarth Street, and around 25

instrumental teachers. The department is housed in considerable style in the Fotheringay conversion and is very well equipped, with each room having a full set of 20 electronic keyboards plus other instruments. The acoustic of the converted church part of Fotheringay is excellent and this is now the school’s main performance space, holding an audience of around 300.

Pupils in the school have timetabled music as part of the curriculum from P1 through to S2, and are exposed to a wide variety of musical experiences, through theory and performance. On the exam front numbers taking Music in S3 and beyond are relatively small compared to some other subjects but nonetheless significant, and the results are excellent. Over the past four years, 58 pupils have sat Standard Grade, with 91% of them gaining a Grade 1. This is particularly impressive given that many of these pupils have learned the course in ‘twilight’ classes after school, with only half the normal teaching time. In the same period of time 18 pupils have sat Higher Music, and 14 the Advanced Higher. No pupil has gained less than a



B grade, in fact 89% and 64% respectively gained an A, showing the consistently high standard of teaching and learning in the department.

We have a large number of music groups and choirs of various sorts and the number of pupils involved at some level is very impressive – the senior orchestra is over 60 strong, for example. It was lovely to see a full Intermediate orchestra containing many S1, 2 and 3 pupils take the stage at the recent Spring concert, showing that there is considerable strength in depth. I always come away from these concerts marvelling at the sheer numbers and the virtuosity of the pupils involved. This year is perhaps only a typical one, but there are many highly talented individuals playing at or beyond grade 8 level. What also impresses is the range

of musical styles they excel at, from classical to jazz. In this year's Biggarts music competition Neil Colquhoun (S6), playing saxophone, won for the second year running, with Hebba Benyaghla (S2) a close second playing an astoundingly difficult piano piece. A feature of many of our school functions recently has been the beautifully fluent improvised jazz of Adam Gerber and Ben Holloway (both S5) on piano and electric guitar respectively, playing along with Neil Colquhoun.

Our choirs consistently produce a wonderful sound, as anyone who was at Founders' Day in the cathedral this year to hear them sing Chilcott's *Be thou my vision* will surely agree. It is really pleasing to hear strong tenor and bass sections in a school choir, as often it is the girls' voices that are stronger.

Individual singers such as Charlotte McKechnie (who won the BBC girl chorister of the year competition in 2007) and Crawford McNally-Keir, both in S5, are as good as any professional singer and a great delight to hear; they have entertained Hutchie audiences at the London FP Burns Supper and the Glasgow FP dinner this year, as well as in the more usual school contexts. Ken Walton also conducts the Hutchesons' Choral Society (which is open to all adult singers in the local community) which performs regular concerts of choral music and thus extends the reach of the department beyond the school.

Music plays a very important role in any good school. It is one of the few ways pupils and staff can reach out beyond the community and show the general public what standards the school can achieve. Perhaps more importantly it reaches inward in the school community as well, with a memorable concert having the capacity to articulate ethos in a way that words somehow cannot express. Music also touches our emotions, and there are few things more uplifting in a school than hearing pupils excel playing music. I am very proud of what Hutchesons' music contributes to the school, and on your behalf thank everyone involved for another highly enjoyable year.

Dr KM Greig



Pupils who achieved six Highers at Grade 'A' in 2008

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Pupils who achieved five Highers at Grade 'A' in 2008



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Founders' Day 2009

This year's Founders' Day was not only a respectful and decorous service but also an interesting and inspiring talk from a very successful past pupil. Professor Fiona Gilbert, Chair of Radiology and Head of Imaging at the University of Aberdeen, began her talk by describing her early years at Hutchie. She told us of one particular experience when one Hutchie girl was seen on a public bus without her school hat on. In assembly the next day the Headmistress asked who wasn't wearing her hat on the bus, twenty-three girls stood up. After her school years, Gilbert went on to study medicine at Glasgow University, subsequently becoming one of the first female professors at Aberdeen. The rest of Gilbert's speech stressed important moral values, in particular the school motto: "truth", making it an extremely relevant and motivating speech which everyone – staff, pupils and guests – were able to relate to. All in all, the service was a fitting occasion for Hutchie's 368th year.

Conrad Cohen





Head Boy and Head Girl

Veritas

Noun. (Latin) "Truth," goddess of truth and a daughter of Saturn; integrity; sincerity

In Roman mythology, Veritas is the name given to the Roman virtue of truthfulness, a fundamental asset that any good Roman should possess. The significance of our school motto has become ever so transparent this year, as we have come to appreciate its vitality and pertinence to life at Hutchesons'.

Our roles this year have necessitated that we be true to ourselves and true to others as realistic goals have to be set in terms of academia, sport and Prefect duties, and not necessarily in that order. At first, we struggled against the simple law of physics that is time. But, in the midst of an unprecedented financial crisis, a tsunami of bank busts and mortgage mayhem, the continued threat of global terrorism and three unruly Prefects, we

pulled through. Alas, not all was doom and gloom when the epiphany dawned that this was irrefutably the best year of our lives thus far.

Highlights were plentiful and consistent, and with every cloud was a silver lining. The George & Thomas Hutchesons' Awards presented us with the stress of public speaking, but also with the opportunity to meet some wonderful former Hutchesonians. Founders' Day was the result of weeks of planning and fretting, but was accompanied by the euphoria of stepping through the magnificent Glasgow Cathedral to the sound of the unforgettable bugle.

The school dance was a resounding success. The talent show was the 'best in

years.' The Prefect team were extremely hard working, with appearances at Parents' Evenings and Physics Fairs alike. Veritas was instilled in our team - sincerity combined with dedication and integrity coupled with intelligence. Without the Prefects, our utopia that is Hutchesons' would not have been the same, and our newfound love of delegation would have remained undiscovered...

Our special thanks must go to Mr Martin. His passion and zest, sorry zest, along with his expertise in coordination allowed us to maximise the benefits of captaincy. And of course, thank you to the school, for providing us with the wonderful environment in which we blossomed.

Regrets? Not being able to do it all again.

Josh Fields and Rachel Malcolm





Obituary

Liz Williamson, 1956-2008

Liz taught at Hutchesons' for 27 years, from 1981 till 2008. She will be fondly remembered as an outstanding teacher, friend and colleague, truly dedicated to her profession. Liz particularly loved teaching at Kingarth Street in the Primary School and under her guidance our primary P.E. programme flourished. In establishing our primary running club, she sowed the seeds of incredible success in both cross country running and athletics at District and National level. Beyond her departmental teaching her love of life and her commitment to "Hutchie" was evident to all. She led ski trips to Europe and the U.S.A, was actively involved in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and also in a memorable World Challenge trip to Honduras in 2006. Outside school Liz was actively involved in golf and curling and enjoyed eating out and socialising. She lived life to the full and will be missed by all lucky enough to have known her.

*God saw she was getting tired
and a cure was not to be.*

*So he put his arms around her
and whispered*

"Come with me".

The Famous Five

Last summer saw the retirement of five senior members of staff at Beaton Road whose accumulated time at Hutchesons' totals nearly 140 years of service. That is a considerable contribution to the school, and a considerable amount of Hutchieness which is being lost from the system.

Graham MacAllister's (or perhaps more recognisably GWAM's - and for the record the middle names are Watson Armstrong...) connection to Hutchesons' is the stuff of legend. It is rare now in schools to find the sort of lifetime commitment, from pupil through 40 years as a teacher, that



Graham has given, and what a superb career he has had. He rose through many positions of responsibility here, including significant spells as Head of History and as a Depute Rector, and then in recent years served as Interim Rector for two terms in 2005 before becoming Senior Depute Rector. These last three years say a great deal about his character. Very few people could take up the post of Rector and then pass it on to another quite as graciously as Graham has done. Latterly he has been at the very centre of things Hutchie, and from a personal point of view his knowledge, wisdom and loyalty during my short time here have all been indispensable. His long association with the school, and his skill and interest in making friends out of staff, parents and pupils, and more importantly his ability to keep in touch with them through the years, has given him an unmatched position in the wider community of FPs. This encyclopaedic knowledge is worn lightly, but when I ever had occasion to ask Graham about a pupil or parent he would invariably be able to qualify his answer with a wealth of extra background detail about them, and in many cases of course, it was that extra bit which turned out to be the most important. He is a famously brilliant organiser, absolutely meticulous in his planning and his attention to detail. The Hutchesons' calendar contains many important school events - Remembrance, Open day, Parents' evenings, Founders' day - and a bewildering number of equally important smaller ones. Knowing that Graham was in charge of these gave me the luxury of being able to simply turn up - after, of course, having had a very thorough briefing beforehand. With Graham everyone knew exactly where they needed to be on the day, and each occasion would be an enjoyable success. With pupils especially, Graham has been able to inspire a tremendous affection, I know how much he enjoyed working with the senior prefects in recent years for example. He has an impressive way of finding exactly the right tone and working relationship with them - all suffused with his twinkling sense of humour.

Which gives us all the more reason, therefore, to celebrate his elevation to the Board of Governors, where as the new President of the 1641 Society he will have ample scope to continue to play a major role in our community, and his knowledge and understanding of the school will still be put to great use. I am

very pleased he will still be very much part of the Hutchie scene for a long time to come.



Although **Carol Stevenson** was originally a High School girl, her commitment and service to Hutchesons' is just as evident as Graham's. For 36 years during which she has been both a pioneering Head of Biology and one of the senior female teachers in the school, she has played an important role in setting the tone and

substance of what an education at Hutchesons' really means. She played a major role in the follow up to the amalgamation of the girls' and boys' schools in the late seventies, and since then played a vital role in making sure Hutchie was a genuinely co-educational school. Like Graham, she has formed many long-lasting and affectionate relationships with pupils, parents and staff. With Graham she was one of a team of teachers who organised and ran many cultural tours for pupils to all corners of the globe, and did so with apparently effortless style. In recent years she has been a Depute Rector (the Senior Mistress title would not seem right nowadays) with responsibility for a wide range of complex and vital tasks such as organising internal examinations, Prize Giving, entrance exams and the tedious but very necessary paperwork surrounding risk assessment on tours and trips. All of these she accomplished with precision and good humour, and I thank her most warmly for it. She retires at the end of a truly impressive school career as one of Hutchesons' most influential and most respected teachers.



Eileen McLean is another Hutchie FP who came to teach at Beaton Road in 1979, and was for many years Head of Home Economics. Under Eileen's leadership the department was extremely successful, and I can see why. She brings to everything she does a clarity of thought and presentation, and a degree of rigour which inspires

confidence in everyone she deals with. For the last five years she has been Examinations Manager, a very important role with a job title which cannot do justice to the scale and complexity of what she was responsible for in the school. Imagine the amount of detail that she had to collect through the years on every exam entry for every pupil in S4, 5 and 6, for Standard Grades, Int 2s, Highers and Advanced Highers with SQA, not to mention A Levels with three different boards. Every single piece of information given to the exam board has had to be perfectly correct or the consequences for a pupil could be very serious. Perhaps unsurprisingly, due to her skill and dedication, the unthinkable simply never happened. Pupils past and present have a great deal to thank her for. Always willing to speak her mind, Eileen also managed to cajole the Heads of Department through their part of the process with a steely good humour which brought out the best in them as well. Eileen's association with Hutchesons' has been long, through her father as well as through her own career. 'Wee Roy' Smith is often spoken of still with great respect and affection, but I believe that Eileen's character and achievements are equally impressive, and that her reputation stands just as high.

One simple illustration of the calibre of **Al Reid** is that he left Jordanhill in June 1971 to start his first teaching post and within two and a half years he was a Principal Teacher of Physics.

Combining that time with his time as Head of Physics here at Hutchie since 1989 he has been a Principal Teacher for a staggering 34 years, which is

quite an exceptional record of service. I find from his file, that the reasons he gave for wanting to come to Hutchesons' were 'I am attracted by the prospect of teaching some of the brightest youngsters in the city, and also by the prospect of a teaching environment where 'tradition' and 'achievement' are not unfashionable ideals'. I think we would all sign up to that. Al is a man of great integrity and is liked and respected throughout the school. Colleagues will not perhaps know that he initiated the induction programme for new staff and ran it successfully for 10 years, so many have much to thank him for. His enthusiasm for that was just one measure of how he values teaching as a profession and how important he thinks good teachers are to a school. Al was an exemplary teacher himself, and a wonderful leader here at Hutchie and we wish him well for his retirement, hoping that at the very least it will give him more opportunities for exploring Italy. The man with the famous red labcoat will be much missed.



Dr Sue Cowling was appointed from the High School in 1994 to lead an embryonic Careers and Higher Education team and as a Depute Rector she has seen the development of this part of the school grow almost exponentially in scale and complexity. She has helped thousands of Hutchie pupils through one of the most painful

and difficult experiences in their time at school – the completion of their UCAS form and their application to university. I doubt if many people can imagine just how much time and energy Sue devoted to these forms every year, and just how mind-numbingly frustrating it was for her, trying to get some pupils to fill in their bit of it on time, in proper English, and with some sort of coherent message in their personal statement. But Sue was always prepared to give more time and effort in order to help pupils make the best possible application, and that shows in the extraordinary number who through the years have succeeded in getting their first choice of course at their chosen university. Sue has also been a brilliant chemistry teacher, and great value to SMT and latterly ASMT, speaking her mind with wisdom and intelligence, and I thank her warmly for that. She has had a superb academic and teaching career and played a major role in influencing the way Hutchesons' operates now. I had hoped she would look back on her time here with affection during a long, relaxed and UCAS-free retirement. Perhaps typically of her, and with what seems like the perfect ironic twist, she has instead opted to do some more learning herself, at the International Christian College here in Glasgow. I'm sure she will enjoy being a student once again after having paved the way for so many pupils, and I know that doing her own application for the course gave her great satisfaction!



KMG

Departures



Miss Alison Chapman

Alison first walked along Kingarth Street and into Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School in 1952 to attend the afternoon session of Primary 1 in the Garden School. She continued to arrive here most days of her life since (apart from her teacher training and teaching in Burnside for 2 years).

She joined the Primary Department in 1970 and began her Hutchesons' Career by teaching Primaries 2 and 3 on alternate years.

Her experience ranged over several stages and many Hutchesons' pupils over the years will remember her with gratitude and affection; some were delighted when she was still here to teach their children.

Alison's organisational skills were second to none. She was always thoroughly prepared for each new class and each new day and her classroom ran like a well-oiled machine. Before school (she was always first to arrive) and most lunch hours she would be seen helping a child with a problem or getting ready for the day/afternoon ahead. Her recording was a work of art!

In 1989 she became one of the original Housemistresses and undertook this task with zeal. No one was in any doubt that Argyll would

flourish in her care. She attended all the house activities and events to support "her" children, all of whom she knew.

Throughout her years here Alison was concerned that every child in her class should fulfil his/her potential and gave generously of her time to ensure it. She was also aware that part of a teacher's job was to involve herself in extra-curricular activities. She has, over the years, helped with the Philately Club, the Ornithology Club, The Scripture Union and took groups of children to London, York and Raasay.

With Alison, one always knew where one was; she spoke her mind, especially in support of a child in her class or house.

Many Hutchesonians and members of staff are grateful for her service here and we wish her a long and happy retirement.

LMcK



Mrs Angela Laing

Angela was appointed to the Home Economics Department in August 1990 and took responsibility for the teaching of craft in Kingarth Street. Her displays of the children's completed work were an annual treat for us all, children, parents and staff alike.

When she had to teach boys for the first time, her innovation with them was a driving licence for the sewing machine and everyone was astounded by the quality of their end products. Angela was a thorough, committed teacher, very highly valued by pupils and colleagues.

She has many hobbies and a lovely family and we know she will enjoy a full and happy retirement.

LMcK



Mrs Barbara Jarvie

Barbara came originally in October 2000 to Kingarth Street to do some supply teaching. This was the beginning of a happy association both here and in Lilybank Terrace until her retirement in June of last year.

She brought with her many years experience and was comfortable and competent with all age groups. As a teacher she was thoroughly sound and efficient, demanding much of her pupils and of herself. She is enthusiastic and gave willingly of her time in extra-curricular activities.

We wish her well in her retirement; she will have time to enjoy her many interests and, of course, her grandchildren. No doubt we will see her again, when we have some supply teaching available.

LMcK



Doreen McCarthy

Mrs. Doreen McCarthy taught English in the school for five years, having spent most of her career overseas. Returning to Scotland with a wealth of experience, she brought to everything she did the professionalism and personal gifts of an expert teacher and valued colleague. Doreen excelled at bringing people together, and her positive and pleasant presence helped colleagues and pupils feel relaxed and comfortable, eager to work for and with her. She pursued many innovative and interesting activities within the Department and her classes flourished under her guidance. In the wider life of the school Doreen played an active role, notably as an S6 Form teacher who contributed generously to careers work and extra-curricular activities.

She now returns to the International School in Jakarta, as Head of Department, and with the best wishes of all who knew her. She leaves behind many good friends who will remember her with warmth and affection.

A.D.

Dr Philip Holmes

Dr Philip Holmes joined the staff at Hutchesons' in 1994 as Assistant Teacher of Chemistry and in the time he spent with us Philip became a key member of the team and a real enthusiast with a deep love of Chemistry.

He taught from S1 to S6 but there is no mistaking his forte



was in nurturing and enabling senior pupils to fulfil their potential. For Philip education was much more than securing a good set of exam results; he was an educationalist that recognised the important role school plays in developing the character of the child and so he was extensively involved in co - curricular activities, in particular, he made a significant contribution to the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and the Climbing Club, both of which he believed developed not only fitness but a staying power that pupils would need to draw on later in their adult life. He was also a keen environmentalist and initiated paper recycling in the school.

During the development of the school ICT systems he was an asset to those of us less IT aware as he was often called upon to provide support and this was offered willingly and with kindness.

A gifted analytical thinker with a clear methodical approach he could always be relied upon to contribute to the development of new and innovative course material and internal exam questions. He was keen to challenge and build in pupils a knowledge and understanding of the subject that stretched far wider than any curriculum and encouraged pupils to read wider and take responsibility for their own learning.

Prior to meeting his wife Sophie, he travelled extensively therefore it came as no surprise to learn that he was leaving Hutchie to take a teaching post with a school in

Holland; Sophie's native country. He could often be heard practising his adopted language in the staff base and there were occasions when he enjoyed being accused of talking double Dutch again!

We wish Philip and his family every happiness in their new life in Holland but recognise that his move has been a significant loss for the department.

PU



Eddie Maurer

Eddie joined Hutchesons' in December 1999 as one of the founding members of the Computing Services support department. His new role as Depute Computing Services Manager was a bold departure from a successful career in secondary education, latterly as Principal Teacher of Chemistry at Queen Margaret Academy for almost 25 years. Eddie's background as a practising educator ensured that he never lost focus on what ICT in schools was about. He was responsible for the rollout and ongoing administration of the school's first MIS system, Phoenix Gold. As ever spotting an opportunity to employ ICT to ease the teacher's workload he also developed an electronic academic reporting system which is still used across the secondary school. In all, Eddie has been a key person in the transformation of IT at Hutchesons' from the confines of the initiated few to the ubiquitous tool it is today.

As Depute Computing Services manager Eddie had responsibility for day-to-day operations, and his attention to detail and meticulous organisation ensured that nothing was overlooked. His enthusiasm for incorporating health and fitness into his role is legendary: the punishing summer desktop deployment programme had us struggling to keep up with his enthusiasm to shift hundreds of computers in record time. Both within the department and around the school Eddie sought to make his job more than simply getting the work done: he encouraged and valued the lunchtime and coffee break moments to get together with staff. His strong principles and towering stature belied a caring and supportive character as many staff will testify: to our amusement, Eddie once reported that a P1 pupil had cowered as she misheard his name as "Mr Horror".

It came as no huge surprise when Eddie announced his retiral. Being a perennial outdoor enthusiast with a new interest in motorbikes it was only a matter of time before he responded to the call of the wild! There is no doubt that Eddie's retiral will be full of new pastimes and ventures, alongside the curatorship of his very own "Prestwick Museum of Computers". There is also no question of him being missed in the department. We wish him all the very best.

JC

Ewan Mulhern

Ewan started his full time working career in the Computing Services Department in December 2004, after graduating from Glasgow Caledonian with BSc Honours in Multimedia Technology while also being



an elite Triathlete representing GB and Scotland. His official post as IT Support Officer was secondary to that which he quickly established as "Best Looking IT Officer". Ewan quickly became a popular member of the Hutchesons' staff, where his assistance in other areas of the school, such as Duke of Edinburgh was (and still is!) much appreciated. Ever eager to support the IT needs of staff and pupils, he was also renowned for remaining calm in all situations: indeed, the departmental prize for getting Ewan stressed was never claimed!

Ewan left Hutchesons' in September 2008 to take up a more senior IT role at the Institute of Photonics at the University of Strathclyde. Whether he can remain stress-free in this post remains to be seen. However, we are sure he will be a huge success and wish him all the very best.

JC

Jeremy Hall

Every time during the last three years that I saw Jeremy's name in my appointments diary for the week I got an awful hollow feeling in the pit of my stomach. The reason was twofold: I knew that sooner or later he would be coming to tell me he had been offered another job, and I knew that it would be impossible to replace him. No other one person could handle such a diverse portfolio of responsibilities within the



school and remain sane. Philosophers are fairly rare beasts in schools, ones that actually know what they are talking about and edit international journals very rare. One who also can calmly organise an ethics conference for over 300 pupils throughout Scotland, and put together a genuinely exciting programme of sixth year lectures by outside speakers that runs on time, on budget and has all the speakers turn up (well, Charles Kennedy was asking a bit much perhaps) rarer still. Add to that a willingness to teach PSE... well of course, the whole thing becomes impossible. Jeremy has looked hard for the right move from Hutchesons' and found a really exciting prospect in Sydney at Newington College, where he will be leading a Religious Studies department that is moving, like many others, towards a broader philosophical approach. Many at Hutchie will miss his intelligent thoughtfulness and wise contributions to meetings, and also his collection of very expensive looking ties, which I very much envy. I'm sure he has a great future ahead and I hope we will hear of him back in the UK in a yet more senior post in the years ahead.

KMG

Joy Weightman Retired: June 2007

On one famous occasion the Roman orator Cicero, who was usually fulsome in his style of delivery, produced a speech of just one word, but



that one word encapsulated everything. If he had been around to do the same for Joy Weightman at the time of her retirement, that one word would have been 'docuit': "she taught". For that one phrase contains everything about Joy which was so admirable: a delightful colleague with a gentle sense of humour expressed in her euphonious Welsh accent; a very knowledgeable individual herself but able to communicate the most complex of concepts to pupils with simplicity and utter clarity. And possessing a patience which revealed her desire, her mission in life almost, to help in whatever way possible all whom she encountered. Consequently, Joy's lessons were filled with ingenious ideas how to illustrate and convey key points; her lessons were inventive and innovative, and at the heart of them the wish to draw out the best in her pupils. In this she succeeded admirably.

But 'docuit' is Perfect Tense and may also be rendered "she has taught". We miss her, in her retirement, but at the same time wish her well, and wish her enjoyment in the extra time to spend with her children (through whom as pupils at Hutchie she first made her acquaintance with the School) and grandchildren. Also, she has commenced a course in bereavement counselling, and so in retirement as in teaching Joy is seeking further opportunities for helping people. This is so typical of Joy.

SB

Foreign Language Assistants

Once again we have been extremely fortunate to have had four very motivated and enthusiastic Foreign Language Assistants and our pupils have benefited greatly from their input.



Victoria Peña Jaenes has been our Spanish Assistant this year. She comes from the South of Spain, from a town called Jaén close to Granada, where she studied Translation and Interpreting at the University of Granada over a period of five years. She lived in Portsmouth

for a year following the Socrates-Erasmus programme and she has also worked in France.

Victoria has always loved languages and foreign cultures. During her stay in Portsmouth she travelled to Scotland and she was so impressed that she decided to come back and spend a year here, hence her year at Hutchie. Victoria has enjoyed this year very much, she has a very high opinion of Scottish people, who are very friendly and always willing to help. However, the Scottish weather has always been a real test for her!

During her stay, she went to an "amazing party on Robert Burns' Day and enjoyed the taste of vegetarian haggis." She has travelled widely around Scotland and discovered the beauty of the Scottish scenery.

Victoria has enjoyed working at Hutchie and teaching Spanish. This experience has encouraged her to become a teacher and she now returns to Spain for teacher-training.

Sandra Franke, our German assistant, from Berlin contributed much to lessons in Kingarth Street and Beaton Road. Unfortunately she was forced to return to Germany just before Easter for family reasons. She has gone on to a research post at the Humboldt-Universität in Berlin.

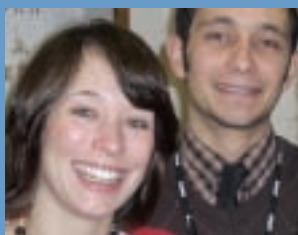
Sylvain Ytier has been one half of a dynamic duo representing France this session. From Toulouse, in southwestern France, he studied Psychology then English at the University of Toulouse for 6 years. He enjoys travelling a lot and having lived in Oslo and Montreal, he can safely say that Glasgow is his new favourite city in the world. For now.

Sylvain has had an extremely interesting year at Hutchie. From the terrifying first ten minutes of the Senior Ball, to the great fun he had at the assemblies at Kingarth Street, playing amongst other things the Very Hungry Caterpillar, from playing basketball with the few pupils who were foolish enough to play with him, to of course the time he spent with the pupils in class, he says the whole year has been an utter pleasure.

He recently performed with the NC drama group in Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband", taking on the very considerable role of Sir Robert Chiltern with the unforgettable line, "You have lived so long abroad, Mrs Cheveley, that you seem unable to realize that you are talking to an English gentleman!" Sylvain was delighted by the experience and very impressed, as were audiences, with the talent of the entire cast.

He is looking forward to spending the summer back home in France but is equally looking forward to coming back to Scotland as soon as possible.

Back again for another year was **Annelise Jouannin** our French Assistant from last session. She had enjoyed both Scotland and Hutchie so much that she decided to repeat the experience; more haggis for her this year, more ceilidh-dancing and more Scottish Country Dancing and more Scottish scenery, too, as she loves travelling. A lover now of all things Scottish, Annelise is finding that her accent is changing slightly and as the months go by she is sounding more and more like a native. She has been delighted with her teaching experience at Hutchie over these two years, feeling "deeply integrated in a great team." She has been involved in a variety of events at Kingarth Street (European Day of Languages, the Hungry Caterpillar...), acted as Joan of Arc for 6th year and helped create a Karaoke "Directed Writing" penned by Mrs Anne Jack of the Modern Languages Department and sung to the tune of "Super Trouper" for her Higher candidates. "An experience which is never to be forgotten", she says.



Annelise wishes her Advanced Higher pupils good luck in their future studies and hopes to see her S3, S4 and S5 again next year maybe...

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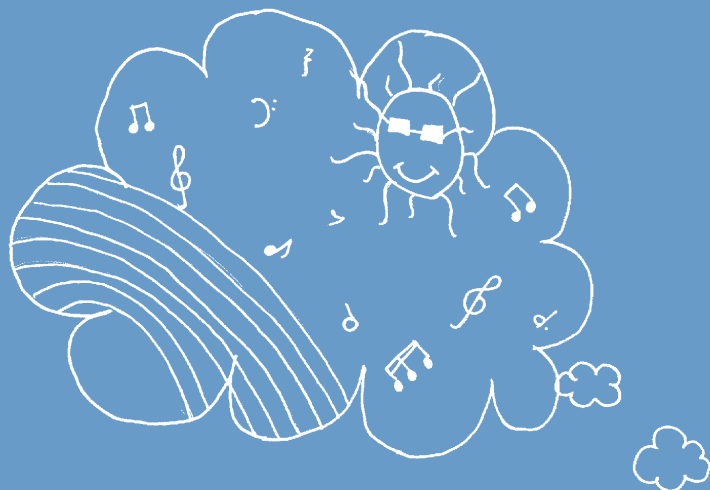


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Arrivals



Mike Martin

Senior Depute Rector

Born and raised in sunny Dumfries and Galloway, as a child of the sixties, Mike attended Dumfries Academy, rising to the heady heights of Head Boy. Sanctuary was found in the Maths department where an interest in numbers, formulae, theorems, analysis and even computer programming was nurtured. Half way through S6 the school got a computer – a Commodore Pet. Once a new computer language was learned he remembers carefully writing a programme to sort out five numbers into order- smallest to largest. Unusually, at the time, the school had a rowing club and it was there that a new passion bloomed.

He enjoyed a short stint working with the Clydesdale Bank before deciding to study Maths with Education at Heriot Watt University with a view, from the outset, to become a teacher of mathematics.

A first teaching post was taken at George Heriots' School in Edinburgh, teaching maths and helping coach the school rowing crews. Next came a position at Abingdon School in Oxfordshire. The chance to teach to his subject to GCSE, A-Level and Further Maths levels combined with the lure of taking over the running of the major school sport of rowing proved too great.

Working in an ancient, traditional, boys-only, boarding school in the depths of the Thames Valley took Mike some time to adjust to, but it turned out to be a very rewarding and enjoyable experience. Having the responsibility within the school as Middle Master (Head of the Middle Years), the challenge of organising a major school sport for the 120 boys, 6 days a week for 2/3 terms per year, including the coaching of the senior crews and the first eight, alongside the day-to-day teaching of maths allowed for a very balanced, if busy, working environment. He became involved with the GB Junior Rowing squads as a coach and administrator and attended the Junior World Championships on a number of occasions in that capacity.

While in Abingdon, Mike married his wife Alison, a fellow Scot, and they now have three 'delightful' children, Ailsa, Lucy and Isobel (all now part of the Hutchie family at Kingarth Street).

In 2003, Mike had the great privilege of watching a new timber-framed boathouse completed. He felt immensely proud to be a part of that project as it was the culmination of a huge team effort involving parents, pupils, the school and the Governors at Abingdon.

A desire for challenge and an eye for an opportunity brought him back to Scotland to work in, arguably, Scotland's most successful school. Mike expects that it will take time to get back in the groove but his wife and family are starting to find their feet back in Scotland and at Hutchie in particular. He has enjoyed his involvement thus far and can only see that continuing.



Alison Martin

*(Support For Learning-
Kingarth Street)*

Alison was born and bred in Edinburgh, a former pupil of George Watson's College. She moved south in 1987 to study at Warwick University, gaining an honours degree in Biology and Geography and a teaching qualification. She taught in various Oxfordshire Primary Schools as a class teacher and a Special Educational Needs Coordinator. Her final post before returning north was as Head of Learning Enrichment at Headington Prep School. (Girls only!)

Alison is now settled working in the Support For Learning Department at Kingarth Street. She is married to Mike (Senior School) and mother to Ailsa, Lucy and Isobel (Junior School). Alison spends her free time supervising homework, travelling to children's parties and exploring Glasgow.



Dr Sandra Lonie

Physics

Sandra has travelled south to join the staff of Hutchesons' in her new role as Head of Physics. Born in Aberdeen, Sandra was educated at Mackie Academy, Stonehaven and then attended Aberdeen University where she gained BSc (Hons), MSc and PhD. It was during her post-graduate studies, running tutorials for undergraduate physics, engineering and mathematics students, that she developed her interest in teaching. She completed her PGCE in Physics and Mathematics at Northern College of Education in 1997.

Sandra started her teaching career at Robert Gordon's College in Aberdeen, where she remained for eleven happy years, teaching both Physics and Applied Mathematics. In 2006, she was seconded to Aberdeen University as a temporary, part-time Teaching Fellow (Physics Education).

Outside the classroom, Sandra enjoys reading, cinema/theatre and aerobics. She also spends time running, though has attempted nothing more adventurous than the Balmoral 5k! She can also be found on the driving range with her 7-iron attempting to make a 45 gram white ball follow a perfect trajectory.



Dr George Hill

Chemistry

Born in Ayr, George attended Belmont Academy and then studied Chemistry at the University of Strathclyde. He obtained a BSc (Hons) in Applied Chemistry and during this time spent a colourful year working for Ciba Specialty Chemicals in Paisley.

The lure of Chemistry research saw a further stint at Strathclyde studying semiconductor photocatalysis. After four published papers and a memorable thesis titled - Development, characterisation and application of novel thick film photocatalytic materials, based on titania; he completed a PGDE in Chemistry with Science at Jordanhill.

His teaching career began at Williamwood High School, he then worked at St Andrew's High School in Clydebank followed by brief spells at Eastwood High School, Paisley Grammar and Jordanhill School before moving to Woodfarm High School till summer 2008.

Summer 2008 was a very happy period for George as he was offered the post of Teacher of Chemistry at Hutchesons' and got married in July.

George enjoys walking, cycling and making and breaking computers. He is

keen on music and recently he has gone from playing 'Guitar Hero' to trying to learn the real thing.



Graeme Scott

Music

Graeme was educated at Lanark Grammar School before gaining a BA Hons in Applied Music from Strathclyde University in 2001. He attended the Scottish National Jazz Institute on a part time basis between the years 1995-98 under the tutelage of saxophonist Tommy Smith. He was a finalist in the 1999 BBC Scottish Young Jazz Musician of the year competition and won the Johnny Dankworth award for 'Most Promising Young Musician' in the 2000 BBC Big Band competition, when he performed with Chethams Music School big band in Pebble Mill Studios in Birmingham.

He then gained an MMus degree from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in classical guitar performance in 2003. Since then he has been performing professionally with the Scottish National Jazz Orchestra and giving recitals in a variety of genres.

Graeme worked as a freelance peripatetic music teacher at Wellington School in Ayr, Hutchesons' Grammar (2006-07) and also taught Fretboard Harmony and Jazz Theory at the RSAMD. He was also the guitar teacher on Strathclyde University's BA

Applied Music course from 2004-2007.

During this time Graeme developed an interest in the processes of teaching music and in 2008 completed a PGDE in Music at Edinburgh University Moray House. Graeme is delighted to be joining the staff at Hutchesons' for his first teaching post.



Sam McArthur

Modern Languages

Raised in the Orkneys, Samantha attended Kirkwall Grammar School as a boarder – returning once a month by ferry to her parent's home on one of the remote outer islands. Perhaps it was these journeys, which sometimes lasted four hours in winter storms, that left her with the urge to travel. She graduated from Bristol University with a BA Honours in French and German, having spent a year studying in Berlin and Strasbourg. She then joined Reuters news agency as a trainee foreign correspondent. Her postings took her to Zurich, where she reported on everything from the Swiss bond market to chocolate-making, and to Lisbon where she made a career move to broadcasting, becoming the BBC World Service correspondent. Returning to the UK, she worked in London as a television producer for BBC Newsnight, for ITN and in documentaries until a long overdue return to Scotland and a new career beckoned.

After obtaining her PGDE in Modern Languages at Jordanhill, she taught at Knightswood Secondary School. Samantha is passionate about languages and the possibilities they create. She is currently completing a Spanish Degree at Strathclyde University and learns Gaelic on Saturday mornings. Samantha has two young children but she still manages to find a little time to indulge her interests in photography, cinema and hill-walking.



Helen McNaught

Miss Helen McNaught joined the PE Department in August 2008. Educated at St. Aloysius College, she gained a BSc(Hons) in Sport, Recreation and Physical Education combined with Psychology at Liverpool Hope University. She then spent time coaching in New Jersey, USA and at Kings' College, Auckland, New Zealand. Thereafter she completed her PGDE Secondary in PE at the University of Strathclyde. She spent her probationary year at St. Ninian's High School, Giffnock. She currently represents Glasgow Western Ladies Hockey Club having previously been university 1st XI captain and a Lancashire County player. Prior to joining Hutchesons' Grammar she taught at St. Aloysius College, The High School of Glasgow and Craigholme.



Fiona Ross

Modern Studies

Raised in East Renfrewshire, Fiona was educated at Mearns Castle High School, before completing BA(Hons) in Social Sciences, majoring in Politics. Part of her degree included a year in an exchange programme in Ontario, Canada - an invaluable experience which nurtured her interest in North American politics.

After spending two years in various positions with Strathclyde Police, Fiona completed her PGDE teaching qualification in 2006 at Strathclyde University. She also obtained her Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) certificate.

Fiona is no stranger to Hutchesons' as she spent two placements in the Modern Studies department as a student teacher in 2006, accompanying S3 on their Belgium trip and numerous visits to the Scottish Parliament.

Her previous schools include Irvine Royal Academy and Holyrood RC Secondary in Glasgow.

Fiona has been a Guide Leader in Busby Parish Church since 2003. In her spare time she enjoys skiing, playing badminton, cycling and cooking.



Sarah Stuart

Music

Sarah Stuart was born and bred in Edinburgh, spending her formative years at George Heriot's School and latterly attended St Mary's Music School. After completing her BA and Masters in Music at Christ Church, Oxford University, she spent two years as a postgraduate student at the Royal College of Music, London. There she studied violin with Professor Dona Lee Croft and subsequently freelanced as a professional violinist with many orchestras, including the Northern Sinfonia, the Orchestra of Scottish Opera and the R.S.N.O.

Sarah developed a passion for teaching and education when freelancing, teaching both violin and piano to private pupils and at St Mary's Music School on a Saturday morning, which she continues to do. She completed her PGDE at Edinburgh University in 2006 and spent her probation year at Lasswade High School in Midlothian. Sarah moved west to be with her husband who she married in October 2007, joining the Hutchesons' music department in August of the same year. In her spare time, Sarah enjoys playing her violin, running, skiing, travelling and is currently trying to learn to cook and play the drum-kit. Sarah and her husband, Wesley, are expecting their first baby in May 2008.



Shirley Harkness

Spanish

An Ayrshire lass, Shirley attended St. Joseph's Academy in Kilmarnock before graduating from Glasgow University with an MA Hons in French and Hispanic Studies. As part of her degree, Shirley taught at a school in the Clermont-Ferrand region of France and spent time studying in Lisbon. She also attended the School of Translation and Interpreting at the University of Granada in southern Spain. One abiding memory is having to attend Maths lectures conducted in Spanish (an interesting experience according to Shirley, who says she finds Maths challenging enough in English).

Thereafter, Shirley completed a PGCE at St. Andrew's in Bearsden, before moving to Stirlingshire to take up a post in Falkirk High School. After thirteen years there, as a French and Spanish teacher and Guidance teacher, Shirley and her family took the decision to relocate to Ayrshire.

Most of Shirley's spare time revolves around her young family. A self-confessed film buff, Shirley cites "Local Hero" as her favourite film but says she is more used to viewing the likes of "Thomas the Tank Engine" these days. Shirley enjoys singing and is also hoping to find the time to learn the saxophone. She also has a

keen interest in interior design, having just completed the renovation of her house and says her ideal would be to renovate and live in an Art Deco house.



Hannah Wildman

Philosophy

Hannah's career in Philosophy began in 1998 when she moved to Scotland to study at the University of Glasgow. She graduated in 2002 with an honours degree in Philosophy, subsequently continuing into postgraduate study, at Glasgow (for a Masters) and then Edinburgh University (for PhD study). During her six years of postgraduate study, Hannah taught philosophy at both Glasgow and Stirling University obtaining a Masters degree, with a particular focus on Moral Philosophy and the Scottish Enlightenment.



Katherine Bergin

Learning Support KS

Katherine qualified as a teacher in 1990 at Bristol and her initial career was spent gaining experience in two schools in the south of the city. She met her future husband, Matt, whilst qualifying and they decided

to 'up sticks' and move to Madrid, Spain in the summer of 1994. She spent four years teaching in St. Anne's School where she very much enjoyed both the challenge of teaching what was a largely Spanish group of children and also indulging in the life of a true Madrilenia. In 1998, Katherine and her husband returned to the not so sunny UK and the not so warm city of Edinburgh. She worked at George Watson's College before moving to Clifton Hall School, firstly as a class teacher and latterly in Learning Support. Katherine has always had an interest in helping children with specific learning difficulties and in order to move her career in this direction, completed a diploma in SpLD (Dyslexia) followed by the Edinburgh City Support for Learning course. Katherine enjoys reading, walking and above all travelling. Aside from her teaching experience in Spain, she worked for a year in Budapest after finishing school. One of her greatest achievements was the completion of the famous pilgrims way, the Camino de Santiago, a walk of over 500 miles across Spain. Katherine has two children, Alexander (aged 6) is currently in P2, and Eve (aged 2). When the opportunity to work at HGS arose last summer, Katherine decided that her life and career were to be moved westward. Now she faces the greatest challenge of all, working in the same school as her husband!

Jill Galloway

HR Manager

Jill graduated in 2002 with a 2:1 BA (Hons) Degree in Human Resource Management from Strathclyde University.

From university she took up a post as an HR Manager with Learning Teaching Scotland and then moved to the Aberlour Child Care Trust as an HR Business Partner where she provided support for around 200 staff in the West of Scotland.

Thomas Ward

Finance Manager

Thomas graduated in 2005 with a 1st Class Honours degree from Glasgow Caledonian University.

From university he took up a position as a trainee accountant with a London firm of Chartered Accountants where he opted to take the Scottish CA qualification.

He qualified with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland in 2008 and was also awarded the Institute's prize for the best dissertation.

He returned home to Glasgow and took a temporary position with Scottish Power before joining Hutchesons'.



Beyond Hutchie

Nitte Project

The Nitte project was founded in 2005, creating a link between Hutchesons' Grammar and Dr. N.S.M.A. English-Medium High School in Nitte, south India, which is funded by the British Council. The main idea behind the Nitte project is to make pupils and staff both at Hutchesons' and N.S.M.A. more aware of the differences and similarities between their culture and traditions. Mr Clarke (Geography) and Mrs Jheeta (Biology) visited the school in Karnataka, just north of Kerala in February 2008. The whole experience opened their eyes to the various

struggles that affect the pupils on that side of the globe.

Mr Clarke described the school as being more 'disciplined' than most schools in Scotland. He also went on to say how the education facilities were very basic and the class rooms out-dated in comparison to classrooms here. The school curriculum was similar to Scottish education, having almost identical subjects to ours. The pupils in N.S.M.A. prove to be very well mannered, enthusiastic and keen to learn, whereas pupils in Scotland often take school for

granted. Mr Clarke commented that, 'the school's pupils welcomed us greatly with kindness and care. It was also inspirational to witness the distances travelled by certain pupils in order to get to school, in comparison to jumping on the train or travelling by car in Scotland.'

Teachers from the school in Nitte recently visited Hutchesons' Grammar and were impressed by the standard of living in Scotland. They were also overwhelmed by the grand scale of Hutchie and the use of technology within the school. The Nitte project hopes to take two pupils to N.S.M.A. in September so that they will be able to experience, first hand, a new culture and discover a different way of life. Similarly, it is hoped that pupils from N.S.M.A. will be able to visit Hutchie in the near future. Mr Clarke and Mrs Jheeta greatly enjoyed their time in Nitte and it is hoped that the link between both the schools continues and will be of mutual benefit far into the future.

Indeed Mrs Jheeta and Dr McCarthy (Biology) visited Nitte in April 2009 to further strengthen the partnership. It was a highly successful visit and once again projects of mutual interest were exchanged. These included posters on Biodiversity, food webs, 'Hutchie Skeletons' and letters from Primary Six pupils in Kingarth Street. Information on Hutchesons' Grammar School is displayed with pride in the foyer of Nitte School. The Indians are very proud of their link with our school and they hope to continue the friendship in years to come.



It is very interesting to note that the children of Nitte have the same aspirations and hopes as children in Hutchie – the same enthusiasm and sparkle – and the teachers in Nitte show the same dedication, care and passion for teaching as do the staff in Hutchie. The only difference is the culture and the weather!

Ambreen Rafiq and Sehyr Zahoor
Advised by Mrs Jheeta.

'Best Young Dentist in the UK 2008'

Being a school pupil there are often times when we wonder if the skills that we learn inside the classroom will ever be of use to us beyond Hutchie. After our recent meeting with a former pupil of Hutchesons', Dr Mike Gow, we have witnessed first hand how the skills we learn at Hutchesons' Grammar will most definitely pay us benefit in the future.

Michael A. Gow BDS (GLA) MSc HYP (LON) (known as Michael Simpson when at Hutchesons' Grammar) was voted 66th most influential dentist in the UK by readers of 'Dentistry' magazine in 2008. His practice involves the techniques of hypnosis which Dr Gow uses to help his patients with the anxieties usually associated with dental procedures. He has a great reputation for his strong dentist-patient relationship. Commenting on Dr Gow, a patient wrote, "*Mike's reassurances and patience made me feel so at ease*" and another patient saying, "*Dr Gow instantly made me feel very welcome and relaxed. He took the time to talk through every area of my fears and concerns*"

Dr Gow joined Hutchesons' Grammar School in first year, and his fond memories started from the first time he set foot in the school. Whilst sitting his entrance exam he remembered that he was expecting an essay question, but instead he saw a picture that he was asked to describe. So Mike wrote down a list of adjectives. His memories expand to him sitting at the very back of the Chemistry class in order to see Rangers football club training at Clydesdale,



which, at the time, was their training ground.

In fourth year, he took part in the Duke of Edinburgh award, which turned out to be his favourite extra curricular activity. Mike's year group was the first year Duke of Edinburgh was tried at the school, a programme which is now in its 16th year of running.

Dr Gow knew he wanted to study Dentistry from a very young age; the only problem was the required 'B' in his least favourite subject, Chemistry. However, due to extra tutorials from Mike's favourite teacher, Mr Uprichard (now Head of Chemistry), he did indeed achieve his goal.

Dr M.Gow left the school over fifteen years ago, but when asked back to answer some questions and be shown around the school, he simply could not resist. Whilst walking through the corridors he had walked through many years previously, all the memories of being a Hutchie boy returned. All the times he was told to tuck his shirt in and

fix his tie were remembered. A funny story relating to his school uniform was that he walked into his Maths class with his shirt tucked in and top button done. He was convinced that his teacher would not give him a punishment for his uniform. However, he was given a punishment almost instantly without the teacher even looking at him! When Dr Gow asked why he had been given the punishment, his teacher replied that he saw him in the school ground -through the window- and had taken note of his previously untucked shirt. At the time, he did not appreciate this discipline, like most pupils. However, he now looks back and says that this lesson/punishment had proven to become one of the most useful skills he was taught whilst at Hutchie, which he has used everyday of his life since he left school. He has this anonymous Maths teacher to thank for his smart appearance at his Dentist Surgery!

Although he left many years ago, Dr Gow continues to play an active part within the Hutchesons' community, donating money to the school bursary fund and charity.

Having met him and discussed his life at Hutchie and beyond, we could easily sense his pride at being a former and successful pupil. Dr Gow left us inspired and motivated to utilise the unique skills that we gain at Hutchesons' and one day, become one of many successful former pupils, such as he.

Sehyr Zahoor



Illustration by Tamara Harvey S2

Spending hours trekking with heavy packs, limited food supplies, water that tasted like a swimming pool, being attacked by mosquitoes and other insects, no showers, no beds and sleeping in tents for a month might not be your idea of a dream holiday. But for six Hutchie pupils, three from Airdrie and three teachers, it was for this that we had spent a year and a half fundraising.

After a ceilidh, an autumn fair, a group abseil off the Falkirk Wheel, a 10 km run, three raffles at school shows, multiple rounds of car-washing, and months of babysitting, as well as two training weekends (one of which was in



World Challenge

the snow), we finally set off on our month-long trip to Zambia and Malawi in June 2008.

It felt unbelievably surreal. It took over 24 hours to travel from Glasgow to London, to Johannesburg, and finally to Livingstone in Zambia. We had one day to spend sightseeing in Livingstone, so we didn't waste any time. On the morning after we arrived, we kayaked along the Zambezi River, complete with crocs and hippos. The afternoon was spent at the Victoria Falls, and in the evening we went on the Sunset River Cruise.

We spent the bulk of our trip trekking. Our first trek took us near to the border with Mozambique, where we spent three days walking along the Lusemfwu River, camping on sandy beaches, washing and swimming in the cool waters of the river, and cooking our meals over proper camp

fires. Although we didn't walk far each day, it took us a while to get used to the heat and this completely different lifestyle. The most memorable thing was sleeping on a beach in the open air, under the stars, and next morning waking up to see a crocodile on the opposite bank!

The capital, Lusaka, was our next stop, where we only had a few days to relax and prepare for our main trek. We spent a record 1,000,000 kwacha on food, and got a free spoon for our cooking pot! Although this sounds like a lot of money it was really less than £120 – which wasn't very much considering we bought enough food for twelve people for twelve days (that's less than £1 a day per person). After this we faced a daunting 12-hour bus journey, without the comfort of air conditioning or, in some parts, smooth tarmac roads. Then there was a 25 km trip in the back of a truck, in the middle of the night, to get to our base camp in Northern Zambia, just south of the South Luangwa National Park. Our trek took us over an escarpment and the views were stunning, especially looking down at the sunset over the valley. It was tough going in the heat with big packs, but we did have a few lazy afternoons to swim and then lie in the shade playing card games and reading. At the end of the trek, we took a safari van through the park where we saw lots of different animals including zebras, elephants, hippos, crocodiles and antelope. The

next evening, after a day of luxury at a campsite with running water, showers and, best of all, a laundry service, we got to experience the exciting, but at times slightly scary, night safari. Our team was split into two, and when we reunited, one group boasted that they had seen a leopard, and the other, a hyena. We never did resolve the argument of which was best!

Then we crossed the border into Malawi for our project. Five days were spent at Selengo Feeding Centre where we played with the orphaned children ('Duck, Duck, Chicken' was a favourite game), moved bricks for a new toilet block and bought supplies for the centre, including blankets, toothbrushes, toothpaste, buckets, spades and footballs. All of the team found it a really enjoyable but humbling experience. Despite having almost nothing, the children were so friendly, and the smiles on their faces made all the hard work worthwhile.

We spent our last couple of days on the shores of Lake Malawi! It was great to chill out after such an energetic month. We camped out directly under the stars both nights, not only because our tents stank but also to watch the sunrise across the lake. When we finally got home after a full day of travelling, it was sad for the team to part but there was also a feeling of great relief to have our home comforts again – everything from cheese to hair straighteners, to our own beds felt like a real novelty!

As we had raised all the money for the trip ourselves, and organised almost





everything about it, we felt a real sense of achievement. We made new friendships and reinforced old ones. We experienced life in a completely different culture, camped every night, cooked mainly on open fires, trekked and did project work, so it certainly wasn't an average school trip. However, as well as being hard work it was also great fun, and it was an experience we'll certainly remember forever. It was, most of us would say, the best month of our lives so far. Never before had we experienced so

many new things – from the culture and the climate, right down to the small issue of only having three pairs of pants for an entire month! There were so many funny, different or frankly bizarre moments that we will remember for a long time to come – like successfully organising a surprise birthday party for one of our team, complete with balloons, party hats, pasta and popcorn, whilst we were in a Malawian village.

Obviously, an experience like this would not have been possible without the help of lots of people. We are especially indebted to Mr. McCormick, Miss Birch and Miss Drysdale who came on the trip with us – thank you very much!

There is a newly-formed team planning a trip to Borneo in 2010. We wish them all the best and hope that their trip is as successful as ours was. We are so jealous!

Megan Hall



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Talking Points

Conrad Cohen muses on some of the most memorable lectures of the series.



Maxton Lecture 2008/09

The James Maxton Memorial Lecture has always been a fantastic event on the school calendar, and this year was no different. James Maxton (1885-1946) was a former pupil of Hutchesons' Grammar School; he was a Scholarship pupil, and attended from 1898 to 1901. After his life at Hutchie, he went on to become an incredibly influential politician - he was elected the Labour MP for Glasgow in 1922, and went on to become the Chairman of the Labour Party in 1926.

The lecture this year was delivered by the leader of Glasgow City Council, Councillor Steven Purcell. Purcell first joined the Labour Party in 1986 and was first elected onto Glasgow City Council in 1995 as the ward of Blairdardie. In 1999 he became the Convener of Development & regeneration Services for the Council, and was elected its leader in 2003. During his time in office Purcell has so far helped to refurbish or even rebuild Glasgow's secondary schools, has developed a number of primary schools, nurseries and special needs facilities, and has helped low income families with various social and economic plans.

The main subject of the lecture this year was the 2014 Commonwealth Games which Glasgow is hosting, and which Purcell is helping to organise and run on behalf of the City's council. He talked about several exciting and innovative schemes which will not only prepare Glasgow for the Games, but will also improve the city itself incredibly. For example, there are plans to build a brand new National Indoor Sports Arena and an Olympic sized swimming pool. Purcell also answered many questions very well, and gave a superb impression of what the Commonwealth Games will be like, and how they will greatly benefit Glasgow.

The Rector, Lady Stone, Mr Philip Rodney and Josh Fields (Head Boy).



Harry the piano



Sir Alexander Stone Memorial Lecture 2009

Philip Rodney

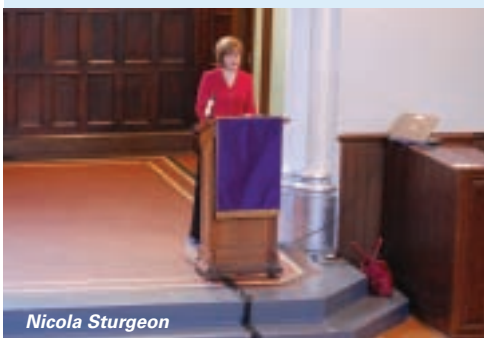
Philip Rodney, chairman of the law firm Burness LLP, delivered this year's esteemed Sir Alexander Stone Memorial Lecture on the subject of "Leading a Professional Services Firm". This talk gave the audience a small insight into how leadership is one of the most important qualities in the successful running of a modern day business, especially in such a volatile and tense economic climate. All in all, Rodney provided a superb and very useful presentation which kept both the future leaders in the audience and the older guests fascinated, and perhaps a little more adept at leading as well.

Friday 12th December 2008 Harry the Piano

Music pupils and S6 were given a real musical treat on Friday 12th December in the shape of "Harry the Piano", a man considered to be, in the words of Jonathan Ross, the "best damned pianist in the civilised world". From a very young age Paul "Harry" Harris has set out to prove that he can play "absolutely anything" on the piano and he certainly lived up to his promise. From classical to jazz, from film tunes to mobile phone ringtones, we named it and Harry played it effortlessly. No request daunted him; when asked to play the piano backwards he obliged without a hint of protest! Harry also managed to capture the audience with his wit as he described his early interest in a musical career which took him from a classical music degree



Tom Thomson



Nicola Sturgeon



John Carnachan

at Sheffield University to becoming the resident pianist at Soho's Groucho Club; one of the most exclusive venues in London. From someone who can play the piano (albeit not too well these days!) the words of concert pianist Martin Roscoe accurately sum up Harry's uncanny abilities at the piano 'You practise all your life and you think you can play the piano and then you hear Harry'.

6th February Nicola Sturgeon

One of the most awaited and exciting talks of this year was by the MSP and Depute Leader of the SNP, Nicola Sturgeon. The talk consisted of an explanation of the SNP policies, and a thrilling round of questions from the 6th year. Nicola was asked about almost every political issue from all angles, from Europe to the Middle East, and from the economy to the issue of low voter turnouts. Despite a grilling on the issue of Scottish independence, and having to answer some gruelling questions courtesy of our own Head Boy, this talk was received very well by both the staff, and by Hutchie's own future voters.

27th February DCS John Carnachan

This week's Talking Points saw Detective Chief Superintendent John Carnachan giving a talk on violence in Glasgow. The DCS is head of the Violence Reduction Unit for Central Scotland, and as such has made presentations to a huge variety of people, from head teachers to the cabinet itself. From the very beginning of his speech, the DCS made it very clear that he and his unit do not deal simply with violent crime, but with violence on the whole, and stressed that it was everyone's issue, not just for those who live in the more 'dangerous' areas of Glasgow. According to the DCS, the prevention of violence altogether is the key issue. In some areas in Glasgow, murder is in fact the highest cause of death in young males. The volume of murders costs the Scottish taxpayers up to £517 million pounds a year, which includes policemen, lawyers, court officials and many others. This figure does not of course account for the costs of assaults, attempted murders or other violent acts. In the past few years the causes of murders have changed

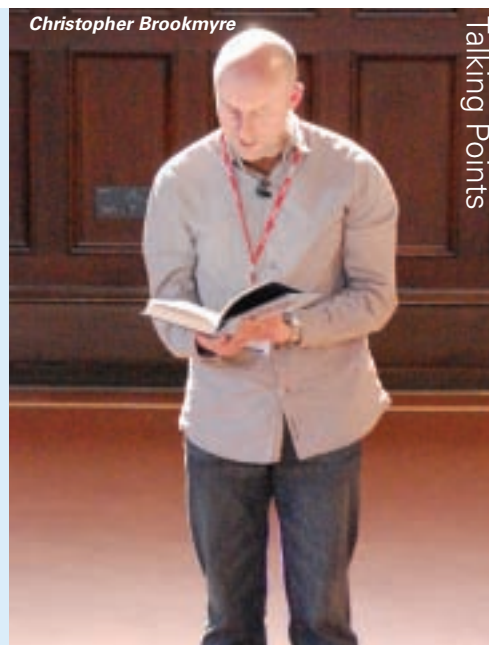
somewhat, with the vast majority of them being unintentional, i.e. assaults or fights that have gone wrong. One of the primary causes of these acts of violence, according to the DCS, is upbringing. It is a proven fact among those who study early education and childcare that the first four years of a child's life are the most important. Therefore, the most important goal to aim for in preventing violence is to create a happier and safer environment for young children to grow up in. The most drastic and vital type of violence which we must strive to prevent is domestic abuse, just as the DCS said: "Domestic abuse is at the very heart of things...If we don't resolve domestic abuse, we won't resolve violence." The DCS then went on to talk about alcohol and gangs in both East Glasgow and in Glasgow as a whole, explaining that alcohol comes leaps and bounds before any illegal drugs in the cause of violence. The DCS's talk on violence in Glasgow was both considerably informative and enjoyable, increasing both the teachers' and pupils' awareness of Scotland's violence levels.

6th March Lord McGowan Memorial Lecture 2009 Tom Thomson OBE

The Lord McGowan Lecture is one of Hutchie's oldest memorial lectures and this year it was given by Tom Thomson, who delivered a very intriguing talk on the World of News. He began by explaining about the main tiers of media, which starts with large international organizations such as the BBC, and goes right through national media, regional media, to local media. However he explained how this is drastically changing due to the influence of the internet. For example, the circulation of newspapers is decreasing greatly, which in turn causes a fall in the number of adverts going out which continues as a downward spiral as papers are finding it harder and harder to make money from advertising. This is down to a number of reasons. The first and most prominent of these, according to Tom Thomson, is the fact that people are able to get their news in so many other ways, such as the internet or from the television. The economic climate has also affected this, as fewer properties and cars being sold



Commodore Sandford



Christopher Brookmyre

leads to a reduction in the number of adverts from those industries. Additionally, competition from businesses who don't receive profits from advertising – such as the BBC (TV licenses) and the Guardian (Scott Trust) – pose quite a large problem. Nonetheless, Tom Thomson finished by highlighting that there still is a future for the media industry through new technologies such as blackberries and internet phones which could allow people to view newspapers online for the 'price' of looking at some adverts.

27th March Martin Taylor, Hypnotism without Hypnosis

This Talking Points lecture was one of, if not the most entertaining of the year. Martin Taylor began his presentation by explaining how he does what he does. He explains that hypnosis does not exist – it's a complete farce. What actually happens is that the illusion of a trance is created.

This is done using three things: suggestion, peer pressure and obedience. Suggestion is the practice of putting an idea or image into someone's head. Martin Taylor conveyed this by telling the audience not to swallow, and then vividly describing saliva. Naturally, we all felt our mouths becoming wetter and wetter as the saliva consciously built up. Social pressure exists especially when one is on stage, surrounded by his or her peers and doesn't want to be the one to 'let the side down'. When you are surrounded by your friends who are doing something, you subconsciously wish to do the same. The third technique

– obedience – exists on an even deeper level; we have all grown up doing what we have been told to do, by our friends, family and colleagues. And we usually listen and obey because usually, listening and doing what someone tells you to do results in a good thing.

Martin Taylor explained that will has a great deal to do with what he does. He makes his 'volunteers' want to do what he tells them so much that they simply do. He compared it to waking up and not wanting to get out of bed; there is nothing physically stopping someone from getting out of bed, but the psychological will to stay in bed is (very often) far too great. This type of trickery can create both mental and physical illusions. For example, when Martin



Martin Taylor



Jamie Andrew

Taylor had his volunteers up on stage he made them unable to say their name. He took this one step further with volunteer, Sam Bingham, who he made completely unable to even speak at one point.

After his very entertaining speech, many volunteers came up onto the stage who were subjected to some fantastic arrays of 'not hypnosis'. These included things like laughing at a maths textbook, having an itch when a horn was sounded, taking part in a horse race, not being able to separate their hands, tasting their favourite drink when they taste water and everyone's favourite: seeing a large elephant waddle into the auditorium. So all in all, an extremely successful and hilarious conclusion to the Talking Points lectures that will be remembered by all.

Special thanks to Mr David Campbell, Year Tutor for S6, who has taken over the arrangements for Talking Points this session.

The Sir Alexander Stone Essay Prize

“I am bound by my own definition of criticism: a disinterested endeavour to learn and propagate the best that is known and thought in the world.”

- **Matthew Arnold**

Explain why you believe a book or books you have read deserves to be recognised as amongst “the best that is known and thought”.

Winner: Michael Strain S6

For a piece of literature to be recognised as amongst ‘the best that is known and thought’, its value must not solely stem from its success as an entertaining story. Any truly great book must contain a certain level of depth in its expression and meaning, through which the author can express a viewpoint on themes key to common human experiences.

For few works is this more true than Joseph Conrad’s ‘Heart of Darkness’. Originally published in 1899 as a three part series in the British ‘Blackwood’s Magazine’, the text then went on to be published as a full novella in 1902. Since then it has been praised as one of the classic works of English literature, its deeply symbolic and thought provoking nature sparking a great deal of debate over its true meaning.

On the surface, Heart of Darkness is a story told through a narrative frame by Marlow, an old sailor, as he details his journey along the Congo River in the service of a French trading company. On this journey, he experiences first hand the horrors of European colonisation in Africa, as well as those of the wild and savage Congo jungle. Marlow is shocked as a result of the company’s brutal and inhumane treatment of the natives, in addition to their blatant incompetence and moral confusion. Later, Marlow encounters Kurtz, the openly malevolent and brutal chief of the Inner Station. Before long he finds himself torn between loyalty to the oppressive and violent Kurtz and the manipulative and greed-driven company. While Heart of Darkness is an excellent and well-written story in its own right, the true value of this book becomes apparent when considering its varied interpretations.

In one respect, ‘Heart of Darkness’ can be seen as a protest against colonialism, as well as the arrogance of the ‘civilised’ world, in its attempts to impose its values upon other cultures, as well as the mistreatment of the natives. Throughout the novella, the symbol of darkness is constantly apparent. This darkness is often contrasted with ‘the light of civilisation’, representing the conventional ideals associated with colonialism. In the eyes of the Europeans, it was a way to educate and improve the lives of less civilised people: ‘weaning those ignorant millions from their horrid ways’, as Marlow’s aunt describes it. However, the ‘light of civilisation’ appears extinguished. Instead of a light representing understanding, progress and co-operation, the setting of the novella is

dominated by ‘an immense darkness’.

Symbolising an inability to see, the darkness can be seen to represent a lack of understanding or ignorance, this darkness is present not only in Africa, then known as the ‘dark’ continent, but in the civilised world as well. Both Brussels and London are described as ‘dark’ in many respects. This use of symbolism allows Conrad to draw a connection between the civilised and uncivilised world. This causes the reader to question whether one side is truly right. Is it simply the result of a lack of understanding and moral confusion?

This ‘light of civilisation’ seems almost non-existent in Marlow’s experiences. The benevolent ideals of colonialism appear to have been irreversibly corrupted by the greed of the company. The ivory in this novella represents wealth and, as a result, greed. Marlow often comments on the uncanny obsession that the European colonisers have with the collection of ivory: “The word ‘ivory’ rang in the air, was whispered, was sighed. You would think they were praying to it”. So deeply rooted is the corruption, that morality appears to have been cast aside: “You show them you have in hand something that is really profitable, and then there will be no limits to the recognition of your ability...Of course you must take care of the motives – right motives – always.”.

This corruption is most apparent in Kurtz, the greatly admired Chief of the Inner Station. Kurtz is frequently referred to throughout the novella, to the point where it seems almost as if the purpose of Marlow’s journey along the Congo River is to meet him. While undoubtedly his characterisation is a crucial aspect of the novella, the true nature of Kurtz is very much open to the reader’s interpretation. Kurtz appears to be an extremely gifted and respected man, even being described as a ‘prodigy’ and a ‘universal genius’.

On his return to Europe, Marlow meets with Kurtz’s fiancée intending to deliver to her a set of letters which Kurtz had entrusted to him shortly before his death. Overwrought with grief, she describes Kurtz’s death as “a loss to me – to us!...To the world.”. To her, Kurtz was nothing less than a personification of virtue: “Men looked up to him – his goodness shone in his every act.”. However, this idealistic and selfless Kurtz, not unlike the European view of colonialism, is far from reality.

As Marlow arrives at the Inner Station, he quickly becomes aware of the barbaric and cruel nature of Kurtz. The author of a pamphlet on the civilisation of the natives, it is reasonable to expect Kurtz to be very understanding towards them. However, this is certainly not the case. After a seemingly dramatic change of heart, he writes at the bottom of the pamphlet ‘exterminate the brutes!’. Kurtz’s brutality can also be seen in his savage ‘ornamentation’ outside the Inner Station. There, the heads of the enemies of Kurtz are impaled on stakes, a constant reminder of his cruel and tyrannical nature. In a way, it seems that Kurtz, in a similar manner to the ideal of colonialism itself, has been corrupted through greed and the savage surroundings of the Congo jungle. This is even more apparent considering the sharp contrast between the Kurtz seen by Marlow in the Congo, and the Kurtz described by his fiancée and cousin. Even Marlow seems to be aware of this drastic change: “But his soul was mad. Being alone in the wilderness, it had looked within itself, and, by heavens! I tell you, it had gone mad.”

In his last moments, Kurtz appears to experience a moment of clarity. Marlow looks on in wonder, asking himself: “Did he live his life again in every detail of desire, temptation, and surrender during that supreme moment of complete knowledge?”. Yet, in his final reflection, Kurtz simply cries out “The horror! The horror!”. Looking deep within himself, Kurtz can only find darkness and horror: “He had summed up – he had judged. ‘The horror!’”

‘Heart of Darkness’ can be interpreted from a psychological perspective, through which Conrad explores the nature of civilisation and, in a broader sense, the human condition itself. This aspect of the novella can be seen best through Marlow himself. As the narrator of the story, we are able to see the thoughts and feelings of Marlow first hand, in far greater detail than in other characters such as Kurtz.

To fully understand the significance of Marlow, it is important to be aware of the distinct similarities between himself and Kurtz. While not nearly as gifted, Marlow is nonetheless a very talented sailor and is placed in a similar position of responsibility. Also like Kurtz, Marlow is placed into a constant struggle between the restraint of civilisation, and the savage and brutal nature of the jungle. Marlow refers to this struggle as his ‘choice of nightmares’. He is forced to choose between the hypocritical lie of the civilisation’s restraint, as demonstrated by the austere but deluded Manager who supervises Marlow’s journey, or the cruel and savage (though seemingly very human) reality that is shown through Kurtz. Marlow claims that he ‘cannot abide a lie’, and this is likely the reasoning behind his decision to follow Kurtz: “I had turned to the wilderness really, not to Mr Kurtz, who, I was ready to admit, was as good as buried.”

Morally, we can see a steady decline in Marlow as the story progresses. He becomes gradually more accepting of the terrible acts of the colonisers, eventually being unable to be anything more than surprised by horrors such as the impaled heads: “The start back I had given was really nothing but a movement of surprise. I had expected to see a knob of wood there, you know.” As a result, both Marlow and Kurtz, previously genuinely good people, soon give themselves up to what

Conrad believes to be the true, brutal nature of the human condition. In the end, Kurtz dies of jungle fever, a result of his exposure to the savage nature of the jungle, symbolic of his exposure to the savage nature of man. Marlow also contracts the same illness soon after, showing that he is walking the same path that Kurtz did, and ultimately approaching the same end. However, Marlow is saved from this fate.

After Kurtz’s death Marlow leaves the Congo River, choosing to return to Brussels. However, he is completely unable to adapt to an ordinary, civilised life. He is completely unable to accept the ordinary lives of the people of Brussels: “They trespassed upon my thoughts. They were intruders whose knowledge of life was to me an irritating pretence, because I felt so sure they could not possibly know the things I knew. “ Here Marlow is referring to his grim realisation of the true nature of humanity. Having experienced the lie of civilisation, the savage jungle and the equally savage Kurtz, Marlow is unable to accept the lives of these people as anything more than an ignorant lie.

Finally, ‘Heart of Darkness’ can be seen as an autobiographical work. It can be seen as documenting Conrad’s six month journey up the Congo River during which he commanded a steamboat in the service of a Brussels trading company. Clearly, this is very similar to Marlow’s journey in the novella, suggesting that Marlow is intended to represent Conrad himself.

Georges Antoine Klein (Klein meaning small in German while Kurtz means short) may also have been an inspiration for Kurtz’s character. He too was an employee of the same Brussels based trading company, and died on Conrad’s steamboat, in a manner similar to Kurtz’s death.

In addition, both the ‘Central Station’ and the ‘Inner Station’ are based on locations which Conrad visited on his journey up the Congo River (Matadi and Kinshasa, respectively).

When seen as a autobiographical work, the focus changes from humanity itself to criticism regarding the actions of King Leopold II, who declared ownership of the Congo Free State and subsequently permitted Belgian traders to take any rubber they wished, without having to trade with the natives. This resulted in many atrocities, which Conrad is likely to have experienced in his travels.

In conclusion, the true value of ‘Heart of Darkness’ as a great piece of twentieth century fiction is in the sheer depth and adaptability of its meaning. Its impact could be felt, not only in the literary world, but society as a whole. Conrad’s novella was a major factor in greatly raising awareness of atrocities in the Congo Free State, ultimately resulting in the removal of the state from Leopold II’s possession. Today, the themes explored in the novella still have great relevance in modern lives. The 1979 film ‘Apocalypse Now’, an adaptation of Heart of Darkness, relocates the context of the story to Vietnam and Cambodia, its message still very much relevant in a more modern setting. For this reason, ‘Heart of Darkness’ continues to be among the most studied and debated literary works of the twentieth century. Its message continues to resonate with successive generations and so remains one of the truly great and influential works of English literature.



The Mark Scott Leadership for Life Award Scheme

Rebecca Scott reports:

After faithfully meeting once a week after school for several months, our group are currently in the middle of what has proved, to date, to be an extremely successful project.

To achieve this, we had spent hours on careful planning, exchanging opinions and exploring ideas. Most importantly, it was always an essential duty for one group member to be in charge of providing the snacks during these meetings!

As well as collaborating with the other Mark Scott group in fundraising at the S1 disco at Holyrood and our non-uniform day, we also held a raffle over three nights at the S1 and S2 drama show. Through all of these events, we managed to raise an overwhelming sum of money which we are glad will benefit other people's lives in various ways.

Our project involves spending time in Crosshill Sheltered Housing Complex, which is a well-established retirement residence for the elderly who may no longer be completely capable of looking after themselves. This consists of three



days - the first was extremely enjoyable as we attempted to build bridges between our generation and theirs. We learnt a great deal about the residents and their generation, as they did with us. We held a games day where we created a quiz for the residents and the highlight was definitely buying a Wii and teaching them how to use it! They were just as good, if not, better than us at many of the games! The next part of the project was a jazz tea dance where we managed to include three members of our school's fantastic jazz band to play for the residents and members of our group sang

with them. The residents took great pleasure in hearing some of the old classics! Finally, we plan to take those more able on a mystery bus tour to Troon for a stroll along the beach. They are all eager for a fish supper!!

The Mark Scott experience has truly been a rewarding and beneficial experience. Meeting and working with a variety of people enhanced our communication skills and we made many friends along the way, young and old!



Charity

Katy Hill and Scott Greaves review another wonderful full school charity effort.....

A children's hospice offers professional care, practical help and emotional support to a whole family who are caring for a young, terminally-ill child and this is exactly what our chosen charity, CHAS (Children's Hospice Association}, provides everyday.

The association is a Scottish charity which was set up to provide hospice services throughout Scotland for children and young people who are faced with life-limiting conditions. CHAS has two locations in Scotland, Rachel House in Kinross and Robin House in Balloch and both of these houses offer a home from home with on-going support for up to 200 families across Scotland each year.

Event	Total ***
Sponsored Run	£12,335.13
Non Uniform Day	£1,978.41
Talent Show	£2,516.00
Biscs/Fudge/Xmas Cards (sold at Parent's Nights)	£947.56
S1 Burns	£760.46
Carol Service	£693.43
Teachers' Mile	£436.68
Curry Karaoke	£876.40
S1/S2 Halloween Disco	£551.50
S3/S4 Ceilidh	£748.50
S5 Snacks n Tracks	£147.68
Tuck Shops - Total	£1,096.06
Last Man Standing	£155.16
Barber Shop Quartet	£139.32

***Some totals are BEFORE DEDUCTIONS

After being given an insightful presentation into the aims and daily running of the two locations CHAS offers, the pupils at Hutchesons' were clearly left both moved and inspired to do their bit in raising money for this organisation.

The enthusiasm was clearly evident in our first effort to raise money where more than 850 pupils from Primary Seven through to Sixth Year participated in the Cross Country Run in Pollok Park.

Clearly feeling a little left out from getting sweaty and muddy, the Hutchesons' teachers decided to take part in their own way, through the "Teachers' Mile." Their dignity was clearly left at the doors of the school as many pupils paid to gather round and jeer at their teachers as they slugged



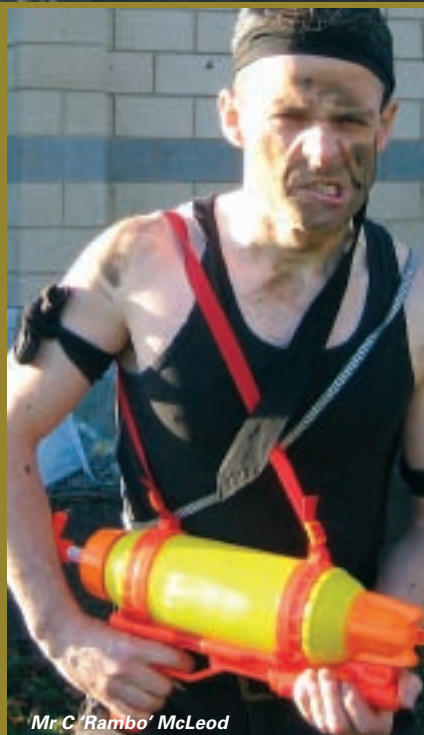
The Teachers' Mile

their way round the school playing fields, some rising to the occasion with great spirit and dressing up.

Ironically so, our next event completely contradicted our previous efforts and allowed us to, much deservedly so, consume once again the calories that were lost during our run. Yes, you guessed it, our annual Second Year Tuck-shop.

To get the school into the Valentine's spirit and to remind the single pupils of what they are missing, a quartet of ambitious Sixth-year singers, complete with fake moustaches, humiliated or, as they claimed "serenaded," undeserving Senior school pupils and teachers in order to raise cash for CHAS. "We had a day completely filled with bookings," said the group, who included Euan Greer, Douglas Kyle, Adam Sinclair and Michael Smith.

Another incredibly successfully event was the newly introduced Sixth year Curry Karaoke night which took place in the lunch hall. Mrs Marie Windows, Assistant Year Tutor for S6, organized a most successful event. Many members of staff got involved in the curry element of the evening before drifting towards the door. However, Mr Campbell, Mr MacDougall and Mr Thomson certainly 'wowed' the crowd later! Pupils in S6 threw caution to the wind and performed



Mr C 'Rambo' McLeod

with gusto and enthusiasm (whether they could sing or not!).

As the year draws to a close we will continue to put our best efforts into raising even more funds for CHAS. We can all be confident that the funds raised by the school this year will be used in the most effective and helpful way to try and bring as much relief to families and their children. Undoubtedly, this has been another successful and generous year by Hutchesons' and I'm sure you will all agree we have enjoyed raising as much money as possible!

Presently the school total, including both Beaton Road and Kingarth Street efforts, stands at £31,321.95!



The Talent Show - 2009

Another school year begins and another talent show beckons. So here I stand, talking my way into the judging area for the auditions, expecting what would surely be a talent filled session to brighten up a dreary, overcast winter's day.

The first act performing was an enthusiastic group of senior boys with a hilarious cover of a Romanian dance classic. What a start! The glamorous act performing next was similarly memorable, if for different reasons. Several following acts proved that one song was in great demand, making the judges' lives somewhat difficult, but the day definitely ended on a high, with an acoustic version of, 'She will be loved' rivaling Maroon 5's original. The band auditions the following day got off to a thundering start with a heavy, if somewhat half-hearted, rendition of Kelly Clarkson's *timeless classic* 'Since you've been gone'. The acts that followed were varied both in style and size, with the smallest being a three piece, and several four and five piece bands performing various covers of rock classics such as 'By the way' by the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Whatever decisions the judges made, the HGS talent show 2009 was sure to be one to remember.

Monday the 9th of February came along a great deal faster than any of us had expected. The night began with an impressive introduction from our hosts, a



humorous way of showing that no expenses were spared, this led onto the traditional barrage of jokery and eventually onto the first act. This was an intriguing dance routine, a contemporary take on Rihanna's 'Disturbia', and it started the evening with a flurry. The next few acts all took the audience through a rollercoaster of emotions, amongst them was a thoroughly touching cover of 'Knocking on Heaven's door'. The acts continued and the amount of talent on show was staggering. Laurie Anderson and Sarah Cooper in S3 did their year proud as they executed a memorable rendition of 'She will be loved', to perfection. Many other singers and dancers performed to their best ability and really shone on the night, with sparkling performances of modern classics such as 'Hot and cold', 'By the way' and Paramore's 'Misery business'. As the finale of the show came closer the pressure stacked up and performances from bands like 'My Pet Dinosaur' answered the call, with explosive results. As the rugby boys brought the night to a close, all performers took to the stage. The amount of talent on stage was truly immeasurable, the school is lucky to have so many skilled entertainers, and there is no better way of flaunting it than our annual talent show. As I've had to explain to many people recently, it's a show, not a competition. It could never be a competition, simply because everyone would win.

Rasheeq Syed





CommunityAction

Community action has proven to be an important aspect to the Hutchesons' Community as a wide range of Hutchesons' pupils, from S3 to S6, have been involved in a number of different projects this year. The projects ranged from visiting an elderly care home, to organising a massive project to send computers to a school in Uganda. Depute Rector, Mr McDougall, had an overview of all of the Community Action schemes and he has been determined to further the connection that Hutchesons' has with the local community. In order to explore this he has joined the Glasgow Community Council which is examining the idea of a Glasgow wide pupil forum.

Sixth formers have arranged to go to different locations such as elderly care homes and schools. Fifth and Sixth formers: Mark Neilly [S5], Darrelle Coccozza [S6], Pamela Gann [S6], Lorna Clark [S6], Katie Fox [S6], Sophie Fox [S6] and Rasheeq Syed [S6] have been visiting the local elderly care homes Sherbrooke Lodge and Crossmyloof Home. When visiting, the pupils talk with the residents, play cards with them and are involved in a range of activities such as planting flowers, arts and crafts and a good old game of Bingo. Another Sixth former, Neil Colquhoun has been working in the local community at Hazelwood school for children with sensory impairment.

Hutchesons' have also made connections with Langside, Battlefield and Strathbungo community council to discuss community issues. Our school is embarking on a project in association with Shawlands Academy to map green areas within the council's boundaries, so that the pupils from both schools can work together to plot gardens and other green spaces on an electronic map. Umair Ali in S6 has liaised with Bob

Marshall of Langside Community council over the green issues.

However, not only Hutchesons' pupils have been involved with the school's Community Action schemes as many families have supported our appeal to give clothing and toiletries to St Rollox asylum seekers centre in Springburn. Freddie Lusk [S3] and Giulio Coccozza [S3] delivered the items to St Rollox. The clothing and toiletries are very useful to this centre as they are desperately needed for the Asylum seekers who are mostly from Eastern Europe and Asia. Fifth Formers Alex Barnes, Marrya Bashir and Aysha Anwar represented the school in the inaugural meeting of a proposed interfaith group for Glasgow south side.

Sehry Zahoor, Umair Ali, Faiz Moughal, Ambreen Rafiq, Ayesha Bains and Komel Waqar, all S6, have been working with Reverend Jupp and the YCSA organisation on a project to deliver second hand computers to a school in Jinja, Uganda. The group of Sixth years have planned the entire project from start to finish. There have also been an ongoing number of pupils helping and working with the local community in order to carry out the transaction. The group have learned many things whilst carrying out this project such as knowledge about moving goods from one part of the world to another.

Many Hutchesons' pupils participated in the Community Action projects unaware of the learning experiences it would provide them with – the most important being the personal satisfaction of making a difference, to other people's lives, for the better.

Pamela Gann and Darrelle Coccozza

1957 Group Report

The 1957 group has had another very successful year.

In June we held our annual Uniform Exchange and we are now also opening our uniform shop after school on the first Tuesday in every month in the Portakabin at Beaton Road.

Once again we supported the school at its annual sports day where we sold hot dogs, ice cream and uniform, ran a tuck shop and face painted. Thanks to the beautiful weather the ice cream sales rocketed, helping to boost school funds.

September saw our inaugural Quiz Night. This was great fun and we are planning to run another one at the start of the next school year. The light-hearted competition among staff, parents and friends culminated in the 'highly desirable' trophy being presented to the winning team 'Nae Mair Brains'.

Our annual Winter Fair, which took place in November, incorporated a Craft Fair and was a resounding success thanks to the many generous donations.

Another highlight was the ceilidh held in January, where guests enjoyed a lovely meal, superbly catered by Raymond Stewart and his staff. During the year we also held raffles at various school events.

We have agreed to fund the refurbishment of the stage at Kingarth Street, which is almost complete and will cost in the region of £32500. During the year we supported the school's environmental policy by purchasing recycling bins.

This session we were delighted to welcome Fiona Bain, Karen Gourlay, Christine Bingham and Donna Corrigan to the committee.

Thank you to staff, parents, pupils and friends who have helped us throughout the year and have supported our functions. We hope you have enjoyed the social aspect of our activities as well as helping us to fundraise.

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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

by *Louise Millar and Amy Scott*

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is one of the many opportunities which Hutchesons' Grammar School offers. It is certainly worth-while. It takes participants out of their comfort zone, testing both their leadership skills and their ability to work as a team. This fun and memorable experience can be undertaken at two levels: the Silver award is offered to 4th Year pupils and the Gold Award to both 5th and 6th Years.

Canoeing into tree stumps, capsizing kayaks, falling into rivers or accidental bog snorkelling- you have to be wonderfully skilled to succeed in the expedition section of the award! These may be some of the more challenging moments, but just imagine the achievement and exhilaration felt when you reach the top of the mountain and survey the picturesque panorama before you, when you canoe and kayak in breath-taking areas of Scotland, only accessible by water, or when you are able to cover astonishing distances by mountain bike. After choosing a sport and joining a group of up to eight people, training and preparation is undertaken in the Highlands, based at Newtonmore, during weekends throughout the year. The final expedition, which takes place in the

summer months, tests self sufficiency, self-reliance, decision making and problem-solving skills. Each group camps and works together with a common purpose for 3-4 consecutive days. This means enjoying an experience designed to cultivate a spirit of adventure.

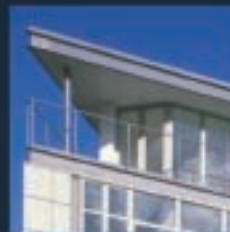
To achieve the final award, participants must also undertake community service, a physical activity and a skill for at least an hour a week, for up to twelve months. The award therefore encourages the individual to take part in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities outside of school. Inevitably, this benefits them, helping them gain skills and attributes that make them an overall, well-rounded person. Getting involved in a community



activity, helps the participant gain a sense of responsibility. You might decide to volunteer as a young leader at a local Rainbow or Cub group or work in a charity shop. The skill section of the award also builds confidence and strengthens the ability to communicate and interact with others, whilst participation in a physical activity offers the opportunity to take up a new hobby and fosters an appreciation of physical recreation and the importance of a healthy lifestyle. For all these reasons the Awards are highly regarded by universities and future employers.

The most fulfilling and satisfying aspect of the Duke of Edinburgh award, is the vital life skills which are learned. These are never forgotten and will help you through the years ahead.

Is the Duke of Edinburgh Award for you? There is simply nothing to lose and everything to gain. Although at the worst times it may seem like it's a constant uphill battle, that the midges will not stop biting and that you've not washed in what seems like an eternity but the fun, progress and overall sense of achievement outweigh any uncomfortable experiences. The award is all about challenging yourself...reach your potential!



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Young Enterprise

Once again, Young Enterprise enjoyed a great deal of popularity this year. The scheme allows S6 pupils to gain first-hand experience of real-life business and enterprise as well as all the pressures and challenges that go with it. This year five individual Young Enterprise companies were created; 'Just', 'Alibi', 'Magnet', 'Eclipse' and 'The Best Company'.

Of course, there is a lot more to a company than simply selling products. Roles must be allocated to individual members of a company; such as Managing Director, Secretary or advertising. The successful running of a company requires a wide range of different skills, so teamwork and communication between the members is essential. Company cash flow must be closely monitored, up to date minutes must be kept of each meeting, and most of all the company must adopt a strong business plan.

Publicity is also a key element in the success of a company, and this has certainly been a strong point of this year's companies. The five companies employed a number of tactics in order to gain the notice of those both within and outside the school. Methods ranged from simple posters to slideshows on the bulletin screens around the school.

In the case of 'Just', shares were sold not only to raise funds for the company, but also to boost publicity and interest around the school.

This year, companies had a particularly diverse range of products. 'Just' chose to specialise in clothing, with custom design T-shirts and 'hoodies' being the most popular. 'Eclipse' chose to sell canvas designs and customised stationery. 'Alibi' and 'Magnet', (who later merged) sold a wide range of items, ranging from refreshments at school events to slogan T-shirts. 'The Best Company' chose to sell imported

Pashmina scarves within the school, which was particularly popular among staff.

Throughout the year, the companies have faced a number of challenges and opportunities. For the five companies, there was no greater opportunity than the Glasgow Trade Fair at the Royal Concert Hall where companies were able to present their products to a much wider market, and gain valuable experience in trading with the public. Companies were graded on several criteria such as stall design, products and entrepreneurship. Unfortunately, no school company won any prizes, but it was a valuable experience in its own right.

The Strathclyde University Business exam was duly sat – with the largest number of pupils from any one school in Scotland.

All in all, this year's Young Enterprise has been a fantastic experience. Our thanks go to Mr Ferguson and the other staff members involved without whom such a rewarding and unique experience wouldn't have been possible.



Vintage, Present and Future

'- tomorrow we will run faster, stretch out our arms farther... And one fine morning –'

The Great Gatsby
F Scott Fitzgerald

It is interesting to look back at how the school based pitches appeared in the 1960's – in fact very similar to how they appeared up until some weeks ago! Now the diggers have rolled in and work is underway to ensure that the building of the new sports track is on schedule. The vision of the future track is quite breathtaking and the school waits, with anticipation, for the new state of the art facility.





Eco - schools 'Green Day'



Fair Trade

Clubs and Societies

Aneesa Malik reports on this year's schedule.

Film Club

Lights, Camera, Action! Action has most certainly been the case. Since its establishment in 2006 the popularity of film club has greatly increased as more films from different countries and genre have been shown. The club meets in B17 at Thursday lunchtimes where its members escape to the intriguing world of cinema where anything is possible. As well as watching films in the classroom there have been various excursions, including one to the Glasgow Film Theatre (GFT) to see the very thought provoking, 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. The film club has viewed some home favourites such as the Scottish classic 'Gregory's Girl' in their recently completed British film season but also enjoyed Japanese Anime movies. There is a lot more to film club than meets the eye. Yes watching and enjoying fits the description but in addition, there are many discussions

about the genres being viewed. The last film of the term will be 'La Vite e Belle' but hopefully not of 2009.....

Debating Society

Throughout the academic year under the watchful eye of Mr Symington the debating society has debated many topical issues such as euthanasia and the election of police chiefs. With the usual format of morning workshops taking place most days, there have been competitions for both senior and junior members. The senior team composed of Aneesa Malik and Anna O' Donoghue, both in S5, reached the second round of the Donald Dewar Law Society Debating Competition where the motions were, firstly, favouring nuclear weapons and, secondly, legalising euthanasia. The senior team also performed well in the Glasgow University Union Debating Competition earlier in the year. The junior teams have also highlighted their

skills in debating. The team of Hebba Benyaghla and Lena McRae enjoyed success in reaching the final of the Glasgow Bar Association debating competition at Glasgow Sheriff Court. The team of Rebecca Agliolo and Lena McRae, did well in the ESU junior debating competition. Hebba, Lena, Rebecca and Eilidh Nicol also represented the school with great credit at ICYD young debater's competition at Dundee University in January. The public speaking element of debating has been successful this year with Aneesa Malik reaching the final of the Glasgow Speakers' Club Public Speaking Competition at the City Chambers. Her topic was "Money- the Credit Crunch". With Mr Symington's further hard work and patience the debating society is destined for success in the years to come.

Photography Club

A snapshot of Photography Club in 2009: it takes place at Friday lunchtimes and has developed immensely since it began. Many different year groups are welcome at photography club ranging from S2 to S6. The S6 pupils use the club as a chance to widen their knowledge of photography whilst helping the S2 pupils perfect their skills. The club boasts photographers for the Hutchesonian, the Hutchie Herald and the school website. Mrs Hamilton as well as providing support for the members has also helped introduce the school to the successful photography competition where pupils have been commended for their talents at photography. The current project of the club is to document the development of the Conservation Area as part of the Eco-Schools movement. Pictures are not just taken in school but there has been a trip to use the dark room to print pictures at Street Level Photoworks and to see an exhibition which created intense discussion of issues like litter and the recycling of mobile phones.

Fair Trade

Within our Hutchie community Fair Trade is known for a lot more than just the chocolate! Open to many year groups and overseen by Mrs McIntosh who is a firm believer in fair trade being the



Sophie Fox, S6
Portrait: Winner



Sarah Thomson, S3
Nature: Winner



Hannah Jassemi, S1
Landscape: Winner

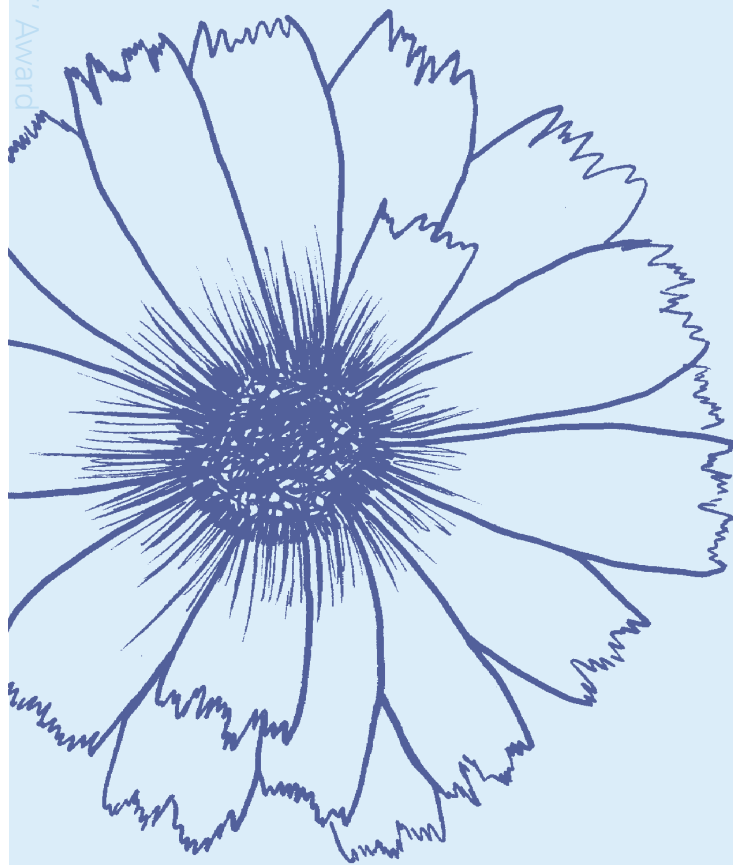


Olivia Legrand, S6
My Environment: Winner

driver for change in countries like Malawi, where she visited last year. Fair Trade worked in conjunction with Eco-Schools at the annual Green Day where they had a big presence campaigning and selling Fair Trade products. As well as food items there are also craft pieces like jewellery being sold at events like the Valentines Day sale and the “Go Bananas” fortnight. The Fair Trade group at school is working hard with Eco-Schools to get the school a green flag (green status) and there have been various meetings with the Holyrood Fair Trade group who were invited to the Green Day at school. There are many goals still to achieve for Fair Trade in school looking towards spring/summer projects and even plans for organising a fashion show. Mrs McIntosh recently said, “Fair Trade events are always supported well by the pupils and staff at Hutchie” and she is hopeful of many more good things.

Chemistry Club

Bubbling and fizzing away at Wednesday lunchtimes with Mrs Chambers, the Chemistry Club meet, a mixture of boys and girls from S1 who all share a common love of Chemistry. Throughout the year there is a range of themed activities in which to take part. In November, the Chemistry Club made Roman candles and fireworks for Guy Fawkes Night. At Christmas time crystals were grown to look like snowflakes that were hung from an impressive Christmas tree made of clamp stands representing branches and test tube cleaners for the traditional candles. At Easter, Mrs Chambers is hoping to teach the club to make pigments to turn into paints to decorate hard boiled eggs. The club is looking forward to taking part in the 15th annual Salters Festival where 800 schools take part nationally – but Hutchie is entered for the West of Scotland segment of course! There are many keen members in the club like Annabel Scott, S1, “It’s really cool and has encouraged me to take chemistry further”. The club is indebted to the help of the technicians Mrs Docherty and Mrs Cooper as many experiments are made possible because they ensure the apparatus and solutions for the experiments are there.



‘CREST’ Award

This year the CREST club at Hutchesons’ has continued to grow with more new members keen to try their hand at some scientific investigation work. CREST (Creativity in Science and Technology) is an award scheme run by the British Science Association which encourages secondary pupils to complete science projects by investigating a scientific problem beyond the confines of the classroom. There are three levels of award; Bronze, Silver and Gold. Bronze is the least demanding (and normally taken in S1/2) whilst Gold is the most challenging (and usually taken in S5/6). Normally these projects are carried out after school. However in recent years a lunchtime CREST session has been established allowing S1 pupils to get a flavour of working in a more scientifically rigorous context and giving them a springboard for carrying out a Bronze award project. This year six enthusiastic S1 pupils have been carrying out a variety of different Bronze award projects. This has ranged from an investigation into the effect of UV light on Vitamin C content of oranges to an examination of maggot biology! Our Silver CREST groups have also been hard at work on their projects. One group has been investigating the antibacterial properties of various deodorants; the results proved to be surprising and worrying in equal measure! Another group has been investigating lie detection which has involved designing their own machine and experiments and wiring hapless subjects up to intimidating looking machines! Another Silver CREST group has also been examining psychology and learning. This year’s Gold CREST project, carried out by Douglas Oates (S3), has been examining the antibacterial properties of different honeys.

Illustration by Gauri Mahendra S3

This year the Silver and Gold CREST groups have been fortunate to have links with scientists from academia and medicine. Dr Walt Adamson, a Research Virologist with the Medical Research Council (MRC) came to Hutchie to dispense some valuable scientific advice to the Silver and Gold projects and view some presentations created by the Bronze Award pupils. Dr Adamson was very impressed by the variety and the standard of the projects he viewed. The Silver and Gold groups were invited to visit the MRC Virology Laboratory by Dr Adamson to gain an insight into working in a research environment. This year’s Gold project (which requires a link to scientific/medical academia or industry) has also been receiving help and advice from Dr Valerie Oates who works as a palliative care consultant at the Southern General Hospital and the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. She uses honey as a wound dressing in the treatment of patients and her knowledge of current applications of honey proved very useful for Douglas’ project.

As part of the CREST scheme students can be invited to display their work at the Scottish Regional Final. The best projects win the chance to present their work at the National CREST Final which is usually held in London. More prizes are on offer for the best projects. This year I and the “Super Soaps” group (Richard Newman and Stephen Rose – both S6) presented our projects at the Big Bang: UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair 2009. After 2 days of rigorous judging I won the Research Council’s UK (RCUK) Laboratory Experience Prize for my project investigating the gene behind a protein which is a potential drug target in the development of new anti-malarials. I carried out this project during a Nuffield Science Bursary placement at the Wellcome Centre for Molecular Parasitology at the University of Glasgow last summer. The prize is the chance to visit Rothamsted Research – a plant and agricultural research facility run by RCUK – in July to view some of their work in pest and disease management, crop genetics and climate change.

Mr J Di Mambro, the Biology teacher in charge of CREST at Hutchesons’, commented that, “the CREST scheme has provided a superb platform for students over the years to gain valuable skills. Not only has it afforded some with a head start in terms of practical competence in the lab but the students gain transferable skills such as scientific communication and teamwork. These skills are very attractive to universities and employers in later life. Furthermore our track record in CREST regionally and nationally has been outstanding and has been strengthened with the recent RCUK prize win at the Big Bang Fair.”

As this magazine goes to press the Bronze, Silver and Gold groups are preparing their presentations for this year’s Scottish Regional Final in June. My time with CREST has given me a sense of achievement and equipped me with the skills necessary for a future career in science. The current economic climate means that science and technology are essential for our future; hopefully CREST at Hutchesons’ will continue to play an important role in training future scientists.

Graeme Sneddon, S6

2009: The year of prosperity or the year of administration?

As Britain bears the brunt of the 'Credit Crunch,' in many ways we are starting to put the British economic forecast into perspective. The 'Credit Crunch' has been thought of as a crisis, which even has its own dictionary definition! Of course, the 'Credit Crunch' is now not always seen as John Prescott's favourite cereal. With old favourites such as Woolworths and Barratts closing down, the high street has a new face; the red "50% off" sticker plastered everywhere. With consumers entering retail hell as opposed to retail heaven, where is the British public to look to next, our excellent banking institutions?

With the crumbling of Northern Rock in 2007, Britain's banking institutions have faced a "hard time" to put it lightly. Thereafter, rumours circulated about our Chancellor, Alistair Darling who was said to be considering nationalising banks that were in the worst state, in a bid to take control of the disastrous situation. In 2008, Gordon Brown was actually in favour of Alistair Darling's plan because he wanted to shore Britain's banking sector with a £50bn part-nationalisation scheme aimed at averting a financial meltdown. He then stated that this was "comprehensive" and "breaks new ground". Surely it is ironic that recently Gordon Brown, subtly in response to Mervyn King's sweeping statement emphasising that we as a nation have hardly any money left, has stood alongside the UN Secretary-General in saying that it is urgent that the G-20 needs to take action to help the world's poorest nations through this global financial crisis. How can such countries, Britain for example, help poorer countries if they can hardly help

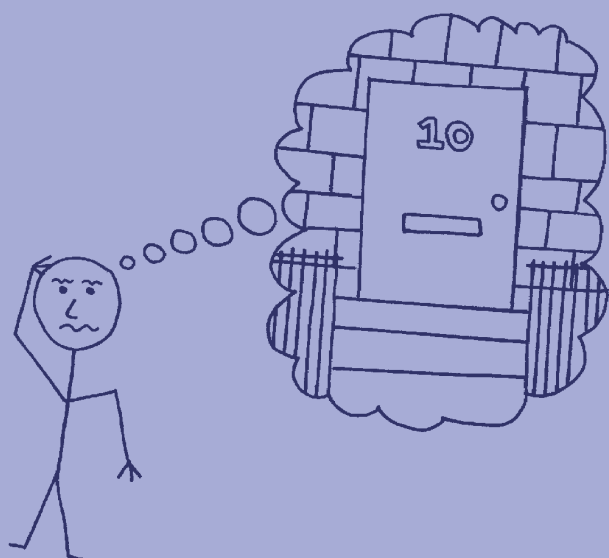


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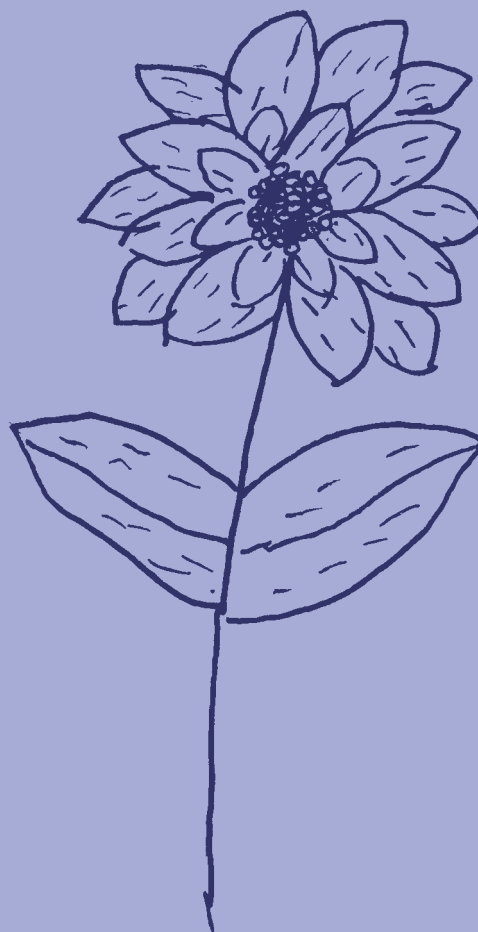


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themselves! It is all fair and well to contribute aid to the humanitarian situation in Sudan but can we really join with the world's richest countries in doing so, if the money of the people is not safe anymore in our so called sophisticated financial schemes?

With our very own 600 year old Bank of Scotland facing major job losses and the collapse of Lehman Brothers, the level of unemployment in Britain has drastically risen. According to the Office for National Statistics British unemployment has hit a 12 year high and claims that two million people are claiming jobless benefits for the first time since the Labour government came to power in 1997. The statistics suggest the full brunt of the great British recession but also show some of the situations average families will be placed in. These situations could include anything from being made redundant, claiming as many benefits as possible, taking steps to avoid your home being repossessed to doing some extensive budgeting. There is also help available to homeowners who are struggling to pay their utility bills whilst trying to keep up with the rising food prices at local supermarkets.

In conclusion, there are many indications of the decline in our global economic forecast which has had a negative effect on our country as a whole. Unemployment being amongst the main reasons for the economic disaster we are finding ourselves in. There are many other factors, but as to how badly these are to develop, only time can tell during our predicted five year recession. This situation is a far cry from economist Adam Smith's "The Wealth of Nations".

Aneesa Malik S5

Be Creative

Harry Plotter and the Radius of the Lost Arc

A mathematical fable

Harry awoke early on the morning of the text message that was to send him on an adventure of unparalleled exportation to the ends of the multiplicative inverse. He seized his slide-rule from under his matrix, the one with magical power series that was guaranteed enantiomorphic, and jumped onto the saddle point of his cycloid for the short trip to the loxodrome and the Cartesian plane that would take him to the limit of integration. For a bending moment, Harry had forgotten about the acnode on his face, the abscissa on his neck and the damped oscillation caused by sitting on a stationary point for such a long period of time.

On landing at the Gaussian field and despite the indiscrete topology, Harry lost no time in using a linear mapping and made for the point of contact by passing through the Euclidean vector space. His progress was improved by taking the transversal pathways which converged at the stem and leaf forest. He knew by the drop in temperature and the boundary conditions that he was very close to the polar coordinates that he had seen in the directrix. However, due to a discontinuity in his exterior angle, Harry had not seen the annihilator's Geometric progression towards him and was immediately caught in the creature's eccentric Coriolis force. It was a monster group whose iterative technique and skewness proved too much for Harry and he became sinusoidal, experienced a rotating frame of reference which resulted in quasiperiodic motion and he finally collapsed onto a falling point of inflexion.

When Harry regained his conjunctive normal form he tried to determine iff his antipodal points were collinear and found that he was now in a clamped boundary condition.

"Infimal, infimal!" he screamed in frustration, "They've all got it infimal."

Harry became tensor and tensor as he tried to extrapolate himself from the geodesic bands that were rounding him up. He thought about getting help from the Laird of the Rings, but soon changed his mind. He had done this several times before and did not want to make a hobbit of doing so. His duodecimal was giving his insides an endecadic reaction and Harry knew that he had better resolve the problem. He found a first derivative and used his shear stress and a circulating decimal to cut the concentric circles that circumscribed his body.

By this time, the beast had departed. Harry was now regaining more of his usual self-conjugate manner although he felt only a partial fraction of himself. It might, he thought, be common, improper, indeed even vulgar, to feel this way. Harry convinced himself that he was just being a little fractal. However, Harry had an imaginary part that gave him the inclination that he was now part of an ordered pair. He surveyed the surface area around him and found an independent variable sitting at a log table.

"Polly Nomial!" he expanded, "cosh, how singular to find you here."

As she became perpendicular, Harry noticed how curvilinear she had become. Polly certainly knew how to let her body torque. What a transformation. She now had a definite integral and her modular form and simple harmonic motion had Harry quite orthogonal.

"Hello Harry," replied Polly, "it's been a long time. Are you still singular? I always thought that you were a bit of a cissoid, an outlier, had no place value, indeed I thought you were a right pyramid. What a rate of change! You look nearly binormal. The sun seems to have given you a Golden Ratio. I am sure that you're a real tangent now. I beta that you are completely homogeneous."

"You are 100% correct. I am a very clever man!" retorted Harry. "But more to the point Polly, how did you end up here in the fourth quadrant?"

As they turned through a reflex angle and were tessellating on both sides of the contour lines, Harry began to interpolate what she was telling him. Polly began by saying that she had been strolling through a field of vectors with their complex elements when she suddenly felt asymptotic and started to run. Polly soon stumbled over a large antilog. She then tripped over a square root projecting out of the erf and plunged concave down a steep gradient. By the time Polly had become irrotational, she had fallen a large increment in a short division and she found herself semicontinuous on the floor of a room that seemed to be clopen at both ends. The room appeared to be set out for a birthday paradox with a ham sandwich theorem, Burgers' equation, blancmange function and plenty of cokernel to drink. Polly soon came to the conjecture that things were more complex, probably just the purely imaginary part of an Argand diagram.

What Polly did not initially know was that she was being watched. That smooth operator Curly Pi was lurking inner product and his eyes had a deviatoric declination as he triangulated the cusp of her alethic frame. He considered her to be in an absorbing state and a singular expression crossed his face. Polly could see at once by his dividend and degenerate state that he couldn't weight to evaluate her mean square deviation.

"Come, come" said Curly, "let's off to a decimal place I know that's within my interquartile range and we'll solve Fermat's last theorem together."

"Never!" cried Polly Nomial, "go away and decompose yourself. I don't allow synthetic division. We are mutually exclusive, and will always have a negative correlation."

By this time Curly was in a state of flux and he quickly became elliptical and could not see the exterior point of her logical axioms. He could not comprehend phi she did not want to square the circle with him. He quickly became asymptotic, picked her up and subtended her off back to the origin. Due to

the relative frequency of his strides they quickly found themselves at the place where Harry was being held captive by the annihilator. No one knows why, but Curly had a change of variables and immediately subtracted himself from Polly, caught the monster in a triangle of forces and dragged it all the way to infinity (and beyond) where they had a toriod time and never returned.

And what of Polly Nomial and Harry Plotter? They became attractor to each other, found their highest common factor with few divergences, developed an equivalence relationship and became a superharmonic ordered pair. By equating coefficients and looking at all the alternate angles, Polly used her discriminant and soon found out about Harry's Achilles paradox with its periodic linear eccentricity. She decided to use an algorithmic approach. Harry was allowed to tinker with the cylindroids of the difference engine from his Turing machine (provided he put graph paper down in order not to get any Euler

on the critical path that Polly had analysed). As a result, Harry became quite decile and eventually ended up making subsets of mathematical tables for a living. It would have been incommensurable and completely absurd if they had not married and found an astring with a perfect pandiagonal magic square house and a box plot of land for a garden.

Despite their common differences, Harry and Polly had a complex relationship with few arguments. It was after Polly had begun to exhibit uniform rotundity that Harry became a dyad, the couple eventually becoming multinomial, producing a perfect number of like terms which they happily simplified for ever after.

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Illustration by Rebecca Dodds S2



From Time to Time ...

Hutchie 1908

I'm walking down a dark, narrow corridor. My first day at Hutchie August 1908. A horrible ringing hurts my ears and a small boy looks at me strangely and explains that it is the school bell. I hurry to my class. The room is musty with dark brown desks which are neatly laid out. A tall figure comes into the room slamming the door behind them. Silence spreads amongst the children. The boy next to me is trembling nervously. I would have comforted him but felt terrified to move. A sudden screeching noise snatched my attention. My teacher, Miss Sutton, was dragging a thin slice of chalk along the blackboard. She was tall, slender and looked as though she would snap with a click of her finger. Pale, pursed lips, scraped back hair in a tight bun and a long black dress completed the picture. Over her dress she wore a dark robe with the Hutchesons' emblem emblazoned on top. 'Veritas' would clearly be enforced upon us!

'Pay attention Howison! Detention on your first day is certainly not impressive!'

Miss Sutton glared at me with piercing blue eyes. I looked up at her in a way that demonstrated that I would not be spoken to like that. I got back to my work but still felt her eyes upon me, watching my every movement. After what seemed a very long day I arrived home to the warmth of the fire at home. I lay wondering about the rest of my time at school and what lay ahead of me!

Amelia Howison S1

Scattered in the Wind

The full moon gradually rises in the horizon. The tattered fabric of my threadbare blanket sways in the harsh November wind, like the delicate feathers on a bird, bristling with the promise of hope, warmth and freedom. I wrap my only possession around me defensively as passers-by stride on purposefully, their destinations and futures as definite as the stars in the sky. The nights of London are certainly merciless for those like us. *Should I stay, lingering in this world that has no desire to have me, welcome me or acknowledge my presence? Or should I pass onto that which lies ahead.* I fear it - that world the living dare only speak about in whispers. 'Tis a strange concept to grasp, 'death.' I must be a pitiful sight to those few who see me, this pale silhouette of a girl who once was - huddling in a doorway, cautious of every sudden movement? As a scoundrel of a man scurries by, unaware of presence, a sigh emerges from my lips, and as if in response, the solitary tree on this London road moans in torment as the wind batters its frail branches. I take one final look at the bustling city, thriving with life. I lie down on my pillow of stone, and slowly fade away, my memories scattering in the chaos of the wind.

Rebecca Agliolo S2

A True Dream

November 2008

That night I reflected on the day's events.

"Lewis Hamilton- world champion". What a moment! The McLaren Driver standing on the podium with his trophy, spraying champagne. Hamilton may not have clinched the title had he not overtaken Toyota Driver, Timo Glock. I thought, I wondered what I could do in a Formula 1 car.

10 years later

November 2018

"Now to the sport and McLaren Driver Rory McArthur could make history by becoming the youngest Formula 1 winner. He has a tough job though as he needs to win the final race in Abu Dhabi because Marcus Lee is leading the drivers' championship by one point. Unfortunately McArthur is starting sixth with Lee on pole. It is a tough task but everybody is behind him even Lewis Hamilton has praised the 18- year old's driving".

"The Abu Dhabi Grand - Prix is due to start in half an hour" said the commentator.

Don't panic, I said to myself. Just drive like you have been doing during the championship. I knew that there were a few tricky turns on the track where overtaking would be possible. There was no room for mistakes I thought. I turned round and saw the cameras and people pointing microphones at me. Oh no! It was the dreaded media. That was the last thing I needed, reporters pestering and annoying me. I needed to concentrate if I had a hope in winning this race.

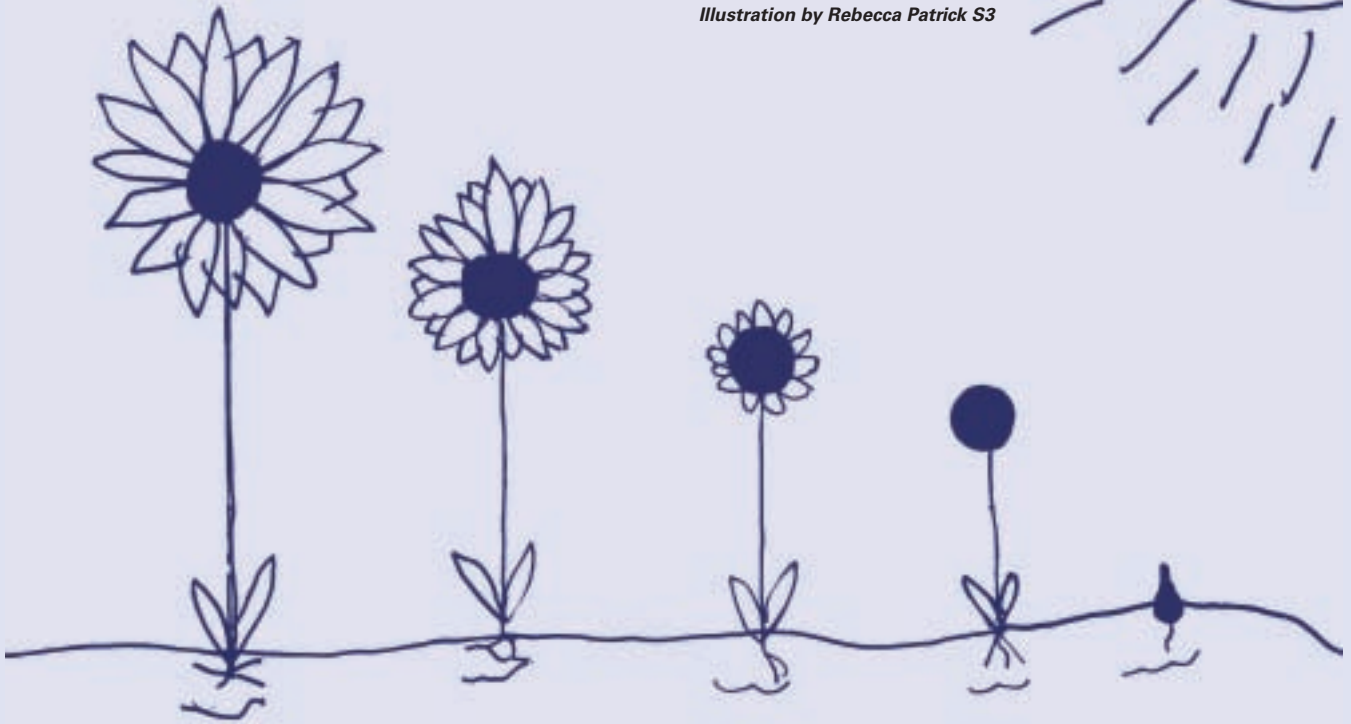
"Rory, do you think you can win this race?"

"I think I have every chance if I drive well and concentrate"

I turned round and walked away into the meeting room to have the final team talk before the race.

I was going with a two-stop strategy to not carry too much fuel and be heavy and not go as fast as the other cars. That would mean only one stop but going with light fuel means that I would have to stop three times and slow my progress. So I went in between knowing that I wouldn't be carrying too much fuel and not pitting too much. The mechanics had finished fixing the car and it was time for me to get into the car. The McLaren boss, Mr. Daxton was approaching me to give me advice:

"Rory, remember this was your dream when you were a kid, fight for it. If you have any overtaking opportunities take them and whatever you do always stick to your strategy. Good luck!"



“Thanks”, I replied.

It was time to do a lap to warm up the tyres as it was five minutes to go until the race. I could see the BMW of Kumans in front of me swaying from side to side to warm the tyres up. As everybody got back to their starting positions I focused at the first corner a quarter of a mile away. Suddenly the red lights started to flash and I waited anxiously for the bright green light to flicker.

“The green light flashes in Abu Dhabi and Lee pulls away from the rest of the field as they go into the first corner and DISASTER! Slayman crashes into the side of McArthur who spins and crashes into the bumpers at the side of the track. I think it is game over for Rory as his front wing and spoiler have gone and he has a punctured tyre”.

I thought I had blown my chances of winning the title. If I had a chance of resuming the race I would have to limp back to the pits to quickly repair the damage. Two minutes later I crawled into the pits and left the job to the mechanics. After many seconds of impatient waiting my car was fixed to my relief. I was stone dead last and the top two had already lapped me. I had to get a move on and I quickly overtook Neved and Tims as they collided – that made me sixteenth overall. I decided to put my foot down hard and get that title. In the next fifteen laps I had overtaken Bellshaw, Vincent and Bulo which left me thirteenth. Thirty-seven laps to go and I made my second and last stop of the afternoon knowing that I didn’t carry that heavy a fuel load but just enough to last me the race. I moved down to fifteenth because of the stop but I had an advantage over the other drivers as most of them had to stop again but I didn’t need to stop again. After another ten laps I had gone round the outside of Fraser and Vincent and on the inside of McDonald and Lenin was out of the race as he lost control of the car and crashed into the bumpers like me but at a much faster pace. I was at eleventh and the good thing was that cars were going into the pit lane to take their stops. I thrived on the opportunity that had been given to me and started bombing it down the track and I did five of my fastest laps. With ten laps to go I was lying back where I started – sixth – but Lee was still leading and twenty seconds ahead of me. The drivers in front of me were

Lee, Mason, Alves, Kumans and Roberts. Five out of the ten laps gone and I was still sixth and I was beginning to believe that it was all over. Suddenly on the long straight I saw something in the distance. It was Roberts! His car had stopped because of engine failure. I moved up to fifth and was catching Kumans fast. I was right behind him. Kumans was desperate to overtake Alves and on the fourth last lap turn one; I sneaked round the inside of both of them. What a move! It was the final lap of the race and I was still behind Lee and Mason. Now, where was Mason? Then I saw a Ferrari at the side of the road and the driver got out. It was Fergal Mason! I didn’t know what had happened to his car but I knew he was out. I turned round the second last corner and still no sign of Lee. There he was still running unfortunately but I was gaining on him and here was the last corner and this was it. WOW! I turned far too fast but I kept the car on the road. I was blind for a second. Where was Lee? Has he won? All I knew was that I had to sprint to the finish line and see if I had won.

“Rory McArthur sees the checkered flag in Abu Dhabi. WHAT A COMEBACK! We thought that he would be out of the race without a lap done but he miraculously fought back. What a valiant effort. Rory has won the Abu Dhabi Grands-Prix. He has made history by becoming the youngest world champion”.

I had this feeling that I had won as the crowds were cheering and my team ran over to me and lifted me out of the car and pretended to throw me. When Mr. Daxton told me I had won, I was flabbergasted and elated but with all those great feelings came exhaustion and relief. I rushed over to hug my family and friends and I stepped onto the podium and sprayed the champagne all over my team and the other drivers. I lifted up the trophy and waved to the crowds of people. “I want to thank my team, my family and my friends for supporting me in every race. I didn’t think I was going to win it but when it happened it was the best moment of my life.”

I fulfilled my dream that I thought about when I was an eight year old kid.

Crawford Lang S2

Hutchie of old!

The ink spills slowly.
I gasp with fear and look up.
The cane waits for me!

The ink spills slowly.
The light dapples its surface.
A deep pool of black.

The boy's cap slips off.
It is ground into the dusty earth
And lies in tatters.

Catherine Sutherland S1

Another New York Day

As the good old folk boarded their plane
On yet another New York day
They hadn't a clue of the troubles to come
Or that they would feel such dismay!

They had not been airborne very long
No more than four minutes or five
When a flock of geese flew out of the blue
And made the folk fear for their lives.

As the geese hit the left wing engine
In all directions red flames flew
And it did not take very long at all
For the right wing to go out too!

But little did those New Yorkers know
They had their own hero aboard
As their brave pilot plucked up his courage
He knew that the plane must be lowered.

The Hudson River came into view
As if that moment had been planned
And that hero pilot began to shout
'It's a miracle! We can land!'

But their troubles weren't over yet
For they said it couldn't be done
And the chances of a perfect landing
Well, the chances, were slim to none.

A precise landing had to be made
The river was approaching fast
And as the pilot shot the plane straight down
He wondered if his life would last.

The river and airbus collided
And no-one could believe their eyes
For the airbus was gently floating
The pilot had saved their lives.

A great cheer rose from around the world
To celebrate that one great day
And to congratulate that beloved man
The one who kept danger at bay.

Anilah Sadiq S1

The Clicking Clock

"Tick, tock, tick, tock," went the clock at ten minutes past five in the morning on the sixth day of the ninth month of the two thousandth and eighth year. It had kept me up all night and making a strange clicking noise every so often. The date hadn't changed on it for about three weeks. It was an old clock, given to me on my birthday by one of my father's friends who told me to be very careful with it. I had never understood why he said that.

Eventually, I fell asleep. When I woke up when the clock has gone forward by three hours, it had also gone back sixty years in time. "Click, click, click, click," went the clock. I decided to get up and take the battery out of the clock because it was beginning to annoy me. As I touched the clock it began to click more and more quickly.

Suddenly, my room turned into a whole city. I heard a noise above my head. Looking up I saw an aeroplane with 'Luftwaffe' written across it and I realized immediately that it was a German bomber. I heard people shouting and screaming and saw them running away as fast as bolts of lightning.

The clock had disappeared but I could still hear a clicking noise. I felt scared as I saw the bomber landing just yards away from me. I felt the vibrations and ran to a place that had the words 'Bomb Shelter' above it. Inside there were hundreds of others all taking shelter but I immediately recognized the man and woman standing in front of me as my grandparents. I recognized them from the picture above the fireplace at home.

"That was close, Tom," said my grandma, Caroline.

"Hello..." I said hesitantly. They didn't respond. They obviously couldn't hear me or see me. I touched my grandma's arm but she did not take any notice of me.

"Click, click, click, click, click" came the sound from nowhere. The clicking noise continued until a man in an orange jacket announced "It is safe now." Cheers of relief and delight came from around the shelter. My grandfather gave my grandma a hug.

I was confused but realized that the clock must be magic. As soon as I touched it I travelled through time. And I was invisible. I decided to find the clock, touch it again in the hope that it would take me back to my room and the present time.

As I stepped out of the shelter, I didn't have any idea where to look for the clock. It was nowhere in sight. In the distance I saw a woman bend down and pick up a clock-shaped object. It was my clock; my magic clock. As soon as she touched it the date began to move forward again and again and as I ran towards her I could feel myself turning over and over.

Alex Peters S1

All things are possible

Lucy sat nervously by the gymnastics special sprung floor, in the hot stuffy hall. Only one more exercise to do – the floor routine. In the previous exercises – bars, beam and vault – she had gained good points and was just waiting for her final performance. Her name was called out. She stood up, walked elegantly, her head held high, onto the vast floor, hands in a curved position and thumbs tucked in. Silently the head of the judges' panel raised her hand to signal that the judges were ready. Her moment had come.

Confidently stepping forward, both hands raised and the routine started. A complicated back flip into splits started her routine off quickly, progressing on to trickier moves – double front somersault, triple front twist and an elegant split leap to finish it off. She had completed her routine, raised her hands again to show she had finished and walked off the floor. Relief.

The next half an hour was tense for Lucy as she had been second to perform all her routines and there were still many more girls to finish. Once the long half hour had ended the scores were put up on to the notice board. She had come in first for her age group. She was thrilled and felt like she was on cloud nine. Proudly she collected her medal and flowers amidst great applause then ran over to see her Mum who was also thrilled for her. But Lucy was not the sort to sit back smugly. When she arrived home, she had dinner and went to bed because there was going to be an early start the next day for her training.

“Well done Lucy, you did really well yesterday.” She felt on top of the world. That was when it happened. Practising her beam, about to do a no-handed cartwheel, someone shouted to one of the teachers. Lucy lost her concentration and fell off the beam. She could not move her leg. The pain shot through it like an ice-bolt. She fainted. This was the first faint in thirteen years of her life. The next thing she remembered was her Mum sitting beside her, her leg covered in something very heavy.

“It is not good news Lucy. We think you have broken your leg very badly and you may not be able to do gymnastics again for a long time.” She was devastated.

A few weeks later, frustrated and still in crutches, she received some good news. Her plaster would be removed, although her leg would still be very weak. Daisy, Lucy's friend, was pleased for her and as always, every Tuesday, came over to her house. She had been helping Lucy to strengthen her arm muscles, even if she could not do anything with her legs at the moment. Daisy carefully lifted her up on to a bar across her bedroom door and Lucy pulled herself up. One, two, three, four – twenty pull ups. Just as she came down on the final stretch, her hand slipped slightly. Daisy rushed forward and caught her just before she landed heavily on her foot.

“That was close,” exclaimed a relieved Daisy.
“I know, I think I will settle for watching gymnastics practices even if I can't join in for a while.”

It was lucky she went along because she heard that there was to be another competition in a few months. ‘Just long enough for me to practise in secret and a good thing my plaster is going to be coming off tomorrow,’ Lucy thought to herself. Two weeks later Lucy could walk again, in four weeks she could do a cartwheel without being in too much pain and by six weeks Lucy felt her strength had completely returned. She was counting the days until the competition and conscientiously Lucy carried on practicing until the big day arrived.

She woke up bright and breezy, feeling as if she could take on the world. Excited, she hid her gymnastics leotard in the big pocket of her baggy coat. Lucy arrived at the gymnasium in the usual smell of sweaty feet and bodies filing her nostrils. ‘Home sweet home,’ she muttered to herself. More like home smelly home. Quietly she slipped away from her Mum and signed up for the competition. Nobody saw her sign up, but everybody did see her when her name was called to perform. A gasp went around the gymnasium. Unphased, Lucy walked boldly on to the gymnastics floor and confidently carried out her floor routine. The performance was a high standard, technically good. Tension filled the air as the results were announced.

“In fifth place Sarah Carr, in fourth place Lucy Bell”.

Lucy smiled and a mixture of happiness and relief on her face, at coming fourth out of twenty five girls. At bedtime that night Lucy's mum came up to talk to her.

“You did well Lucy but perhaps next time you could let me know what is happening.”

“Sorry Mum but I didn't really decide until the last minute. I didn't gain a medal, but at least I can still do my gymnastics and that wasn't looking bright for a while.”

“I am so proud of you, no matter what place you come,” her Mum said kindly. “And I certainly prefer it when all your limbs are working. Do you fancy a safe game of Cluedo?”

Eilidh Steel S1

The lonely man

One lonely man trundled along a deserted, windswept road.
Hungry, thirsty, every step bringing him pain
His head pounding in the heat;
He trudged slowly but surely to his death.

As the sun beat down on him;
Every ray burning like a thousand needles
The ground nipping and scraping at every step.
He trudged slowly but surely to his death.

The bleak desolate landscape mocking his every effort.
Every drop of water sucked from existence
Mocking his determination to endure.
Now so thirsty, so thirsty, he couldn't go on
He trudged slowly but surely to his death.

He trudged slowly but surely to his death.

Scott Young S2

The most exciting moment, of my life

When my parents told me we were going Ziptrekking I thought it sounded amazing, I mean, five huge wires to fly along with only a harness to support you! Brilliant! I used to love the feeling of adrenaline pumping round my body and the excitement from it. Now however I'm not so sure.

I'm standing at the top of a platform. My heart pounding. I'm not sure if I can bring myself to walk off the edge with only a harness attaching me to the wire that is 2000 feet long. My heart pounds harder and louder, I can vaguely hear words of encouragement from my family:

"Go on! You can do it, just don't look down!"

So, stupidly what is the next thing I do? I look down. My eyes are filled with the image of the dense forest below. It looks so far, if I fell it would be the end of me for sure. No, I can't think like that, I have a harness but still anything could happen... suddenly I can hardly hear my terrified mutterings because my heart is pounding so quickly. I start to feel woozy and clammy. I think to myself above the intense pounding, *'This is meant to be fun? Whoever thinks this is a fun way to spend an afternoon needs to get checked by a doctor!'* I very quickly become aware of my dad telling me not to worry and he will go first. I gladly unclip myself from the wire and step back off the edge. But as I step back I am filled with a sense of disappointment and failure that I can't even begin to understand. I am overwhelmed with emotions telling me to push my dad out the way and clip my harness back onto the wire. *'Wait!'* I say to myself *'Think rationally, you haven't failed you can still go, it doesn't matter if you don't jump first.'*

My train of thought is abruptly interrupted by a voice shouting to me.

"Go on its your turn now!" What? No, it can't be, surely dad can't have jumped already? I can feel all of my rational thinking slipping away once again as my heart starts beating at an incredible pace. Hesitantly I walk back towards the platform and once I reach it I immediately attach my harness to the wire. I think to myself, *'Come on, you can do this, just close your eyes and walk off the edge'*. But before I even realize what I have done I am whizzing along the wire with my screams of pure terror filling all of the surrounding area. I am flying along the wire at an incredible pace. I can feel the wind in my face and blood pumping around my body. Except all too soon I seem to have reached the other side. I unclip my harness and step up onto the platform. My legs feel like jelly and I am gasping for breath but the adrenaline rush is taking over, I am overwhelmed with a feeling of self achievement. That was the best experience ever...only another four to go!

Maybe I was wrong about having changed after all...

Eilidh Nicol S2

Finance

Antonio, Bassanio and Shylock

Antonio, with your ships 'n' all,
You have no money to give at all.
Not even Bassanio, your most dearest friend,
Nothing, to give nor lend.

But even so,
You agree to help,
For him to take advantage,
Of your power, and your wealth.

So off to Shylock,
You both address.
For three thousand ducats,
No more, no less.

With Antonio bound,
And for a pound of his flesh.
Both he and Shylock agree,
To what shall become, indeed, a mess.

Then to Bassanio's house,
Lancelot and Gobbo arrive.
To ask for a job there,
As he is no longer deprived.

Gratiano then comes,
To ask to go to Belmont.
Bassanio agrees,
As long as he acts 'savant'.

Lancelot and Jessica,
Say their goodbyes.
She gives him a letter for Lorenzo,
Not for her father's eyes.

The letter is given,
Shylock's then asked to dine.
With Lancelot's new master Bassanio,
To eat and drink wine.

He has no intentions of going,
But does nonetheless.
Then Jessica elopes with Lorenzo,
Something she cannot redress.

When Shylock comes home,
To find his daughter gone.
Along with his many ducats,
He shan't see anon.

And all the while,
Two men do deride.
Salerio and Solanio,
Oh Shylock, do they snide!

Tina Lin S2

Portia's story

Portia, you must obey your father's will,
The one he made, after he fell ill.
Because, no matter what, no matter who,
There is someone out there, just right for you.

But maybe not this Moroccan man,
Who is not bold enough to risk for lead.
Nor bold enough to know what he deserves,
Yet greedy enough to desire what every man will, and that is,
your fair head.

Nor this grumpy Aragon lad,
One too proud, too arrogant, too mad.
He who think he deserves all on earth,
Unveiling a "blinking idiot" not even a penny's worth.

But fear not my friend,
For this suitor is gone.
And in comes another,
Though the wait was not long.

Even so,
I'm sure you'll agree.
And hope at the same time,
That Bassanio awaits thee.

Tina Lin S2

Marie's Money Matters

A long time ago a ruling was made
The rich French queen desired to eat cake
That would be the last decision she'd make
Her head and body spilt by a blade
And not one nobleman came to her aid
To the woes of money she ne'er did wake
All poverty in France was her mistake
So for that tragedy her life did fade.

The French peasants knew that money to get
A government coup there would need to be
All to be brothers with equality
Slain aristocracy their best plan yet
The root of all evil it's plain to see
Money should not be mixed with morality.

Lena McCrae S2



Illustration by Katie Ireland S3

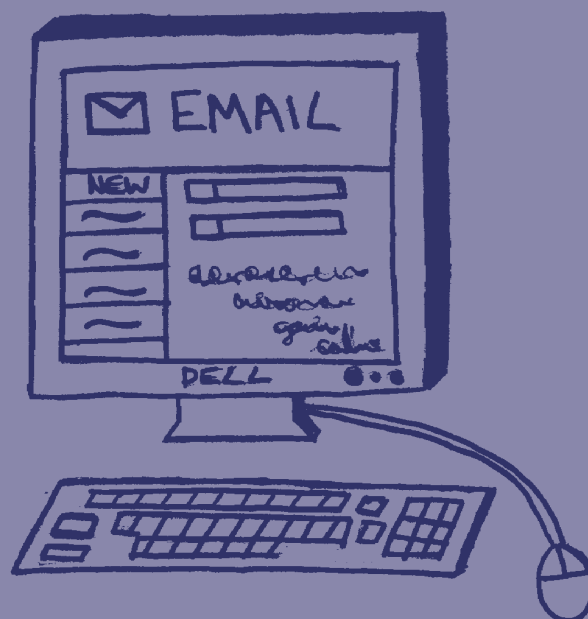


Illustration by Katie Ireland S3

The Wonder of Woolies

'Twas o'er a hundred years ago,
With ne'er a claim tae fame.
A young man thought to found a store,
Frank Woolworth was his name.

He set sail from America
And landed at Liverpool Pier
'I think a good penny and sixpence store
Would be a sensation here.'

The stores went on from strength to strength
Their lollies got big licks
Easter eggs were excellent
But the star was 'Pick 'n mix'.

Every year the sales were great,
The staff enjoyed good pay.
Decades came and went until that fateful day!

Banks that once stood proud and tall,
Supporting all these stores,
Collapsed before our very eyes.
'Woolies' closed its doors.

And so the High Street lost a gem,
With stock from pens to pulleys.
But memories will aye remain,
For 'That's the Wonder of Woolies!'

Jamie Fleming S1

I'm a casket get me outta here!

Game show adapted from the Shakespearean play
"The Merchant of Venice"

Written By **Grace Cheah, 2B** and
Rebecca Agliolo, 2A

The Presenters are Antonio and his friend Declan (Ant and Dec) and the contestants are Prince of Morocco and Aragon who are here to have the chance of winning fair Portia's heart.

Ant – Hello and welcome to today's final of "I'm a casket get me outta here!"

Dec – Not to be confused with "I'm a celebrity get me outta here."

Ant – Okay! He's Ant and I'm Dec and we are your presenters for today!

Dec – Anyway, today's contestants are the pompous prince of Morocco and the arrogant Aragon!

Dec – Today, as it's the final we have a very special bush tucker trial. The contestants will pick a casket; gold, silver or lead and inside will be something disgusting! Portia's picture is present in one of these boxes and the contestant will have 30 seconds to search for it!

Ant – They can only pick one casket, so they must choose wisely!

Dec – The Prince of Morocco shall go first so step forth.

<Morocco chooses the gold casket>

Ant – Ah! A wise choice. But all that glitters is not gold, your thirty seconds start NOW!

<Morocco searches but with no luck>
<Awww>

Dec - Hard luck! Maybe Aragon will win Portia's hand in marriage.

<Aragon steps forth and chooses the silver casket>

Ant – Silver casket. So you think you deserve Portia? Your thirty seconds start NOW!

<Aragon searches for the full time but no luck>
<Aww>

Dec – Unfortunately none of today's finalists won Portia's hand in marriage, but we'll be back next week with two more dashing hopefuls! In the mean time though, it's goodbye from us!

<Credits roll>

The Hunt

The smell was getting stronger, I could smell it, but where was it coming from? I see something in the distance, it's a seal. It is floating in the water like a sitting duck! My hunger is overpowering me, I am getting lightheaded. It's only a few metres away. It's mine! I get closer and closer. I've got it! My massive jaws sink into its thick blubber and the strong smell of blood burns my nostrils. I swim away from my most recent killing feeling full. The blood turns the sparkling blue water bright red.

I am a most savage shark!

Sarah Johnstone and Alison Eadie S2

In the deep waters of the sparkling sea I could see the small fish darting over the rocks. I can see them gazing at me take no further action. I drift over them and they realise how much stronger I am than they are. My sheer size frightens them and they scatter under the dark rocks. A small group of them are still swimming through the stringy weeds. They don't seem bothered by me. Another shark, much bigger and more fearsome than I am appears. He shakes his head and swishes his enormous tail at me. In fear of being struck by him I back off. Seeing me disappear the helpless fish reappear but the other shark dives for the kill. His huge jaws and shining teeth crash together. It's a battle for survival. The scent of raw blood drifts towards the more peaceful shimmering surface. I could practically taste their blood. The remaining fish scatter down towards the sea bed where they are able to find shelter. Satisfied, the other predator swims away, blocking off the rays of sunlight and plunging us into darkness. I look at the fish. They are far too alert for me to catch now. I must find my prey somewhere else.....

Rosie Bembom S2

The lion was staring at the zebra with desperation in his eyes. He slowly and carefully started to creep forwards to the bush nearest his target. As the zebra moved anxiously it saw the look of hunger in the lion's eyes. Full of fear the prey started to run away, but the lion was in close pursuit. It quietly stopped, thinking that the lion was gone but when he turned his head he saw him with saliva dripping from his mouth and ready to pounce. He was starving, he had not eaten for three days and his stomach was moaning and groaning with hunger. He then pounced at his target who was standing helplessly in front of him. He ripped the zebra open with his long sharp claws. The blood started streaming out as the zebra tried desperately to escape. It was too late, the lion was devouring him. The gut and flesh were gone and the zebra was a pile of bones and a puddle of blood.

Olivia O'Reilly and Laura MacKie S2

To Swine Flu

(To the tune of 'Bear Necessities')

Oh it was,
Starting in Mexico,
Not being very flexible,
Swine flu began, I said.

It started
First with a cough,
Then a sore head,
It's advised to quickly get to bed!

Swine flu,
Swine flu,
What will it
Do to you?

Swine flu, dear swine flu,
Having it is not too good!

Rest for a while,
Drive for a mile,
Ask the doctor "What's wrong?"
"Oh no!" he says.

"Catastrophe!
You are not going to live for long."
"Won't live for long..."
"Won't live for long..."

Swine flu,
Swine flu,
What will it
Do to you?

Swine flu, oh swine flu,
Having it is not too good!

"What do you mean?
I'll stay in quarantine?
I hope that I will be okay!

It's lucky I
Came to see you,
Otherwise I'd have
Died today!"

"Have died today!"
"Have died today!"

Josh Lewis S2

Volcano

The volcanic eruption flew high in the sky
The heat of its breath instantly spelt death,
The magma turns to lava as it surges from below
Bellowing its anger like one hard blow.

As the ash hits home we run at full pace
The falling rocks start to whack us in the face,
The blockages on the road, stop us in our track
As it dawns on us, there's no going back.

The trembling and rumbling starts to slow
Were on a hilltop looking down below,
The trembling stops, all is still
The new land is made beside the hill.

Conor Forgie S2

No coolness of water can ease the pain
Nor will the land be the same again
The rivers will turn a bright blood red
Because of the Mountain ominous with dread.

Where will you be when the wind blows
Ashes and dust over your death throes?
When the sky turns dark and the fields go black
And the fire rages through river and track?

Unstable and shaking the Mountain explodes
The lava and flames your skin they corrode.
Shouts and screams echo in the rough
Where they are cut off and turned to dust.....

Stephen Thomson S2

I can hear the volcano rumbling
Then an explosion of lava
bursts out of the volcano
the ground rumbles.

The lava flows down the mountain
It comes towards me
I see colours of red, orange, yellow
I can't look any more.

I see people running around me
in different directions
The lava comes closer.
As I make to leave.

All I hear is screaming and shouting
a grey mist covers the city
I couldn't breathe
The last thing I saw was sparks of
red, orange and yellow.

Simmy Matharu S2

Art

Nadia Catena and Lindsey McNeill review the world of Art at Hutchesons'.

In June 2008 the Art Department held its first ever fashion show, which brought a whole new dimension to the Annual Art Show. We were extremely privileged to have the show opened by the lecturer in the Sculpture Department at the Edinburgh College of Art, Anne Bevan. The fashion show was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

June also saw visits from former pupils, Jade Stoller and Thomas Clarke, who are both studying at Edinburgh College of Art, giving talks on Jewellery and Landscape Architecture. Rachel Mimiec from The Hidden Gardens at Tramway also gave pupils an insight to her involvement in community based art projects since graduating from Glasgow School of Art in 1991.

August 2008 saw the completion of the Art Department's refurbishment. This included a brand new S6 studio space and additional printmaking equipment including the intaglio printing press. These additional facilities have greatly benefitted the portfolio candidates as it has given them access to more advanced equipment which many others do not have.

The Advanced Higher and Portfolio classes embarked on a 'Location, Drawing and Photography' trip during a cold, wet September day, led by Mr. McQueen and Mrs. Breckenridge. The mini bus took us to locations such as Newark Castle, the Shoreline of Port Glasgow and Bowling. All of these derelict industrial areas of The Clyde were very visually interesting and allowed the pupils to produce very loose, quick and lively sketches.

In October the pupils took a trip to Street Level Photoworks following a workshop given by Rachel Thibbotumunu. We looked at the work of young photographers as part of the Jerwood



Photography Awards. This is the first time the department has worked collaboratively with the gallery and it is hoped that future projects can be planned integrating lens based media, film and digital photography.

A small group of senior pupils attended a talk by the newly graduated product designer, Scott Jarvie at the Gallery of Modern Art. Pupils were given the opportunity to participate in a full day workshop experimenting with chair design and prototypes.

In November, SQA held its annual art exhibition, displaying the best Higher Art and Design work throughout Scotland. Ruoxi Linn, Callum McKie and Nadia Catena were among the 180 candidates chosen to have their pieces put on display. The exhibition opened for the first time in the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh. In December, the artwork was moved to the People's Palace, where our three pupils were asked to wear their pieces for the opening on the 1st of December. To their surprise, they were not only requested to model their pieces, but strut down the catwalk which had been set up for them. They managed to pluck up their courage and in the end had an enjoyable afternoon at the opening. Luckily for Callum, Lindsey McNeill was happy to wear his lavish neckpiece, leaving him to photograph the event. Among the special guests invited was Robin Barr, chairman of Barrs Inn Bru who sponsored the event. Will Emonds from our Art Department played a main role in curating and installing the exhibition for SQA and those who attended would agree that it was of a very high standard with beautiful catalogues displaying pupil work.

In December, the Art Department produced a calendar which showcased the very best work from June's Art and Fashion Show. There were dazzling examples of textiles, head pieces and jewellery, some of which had been modelled in the fashion show. The calendar was sold at various events during the Christmas period. For Hutchesons' annual Christmas card, a photographic submission was chosen for the design. Mrs Hamilton's photography club were shortlisted as possible winners

but it was Michael Flett's imaginative photograph of Christmas baubles which was selected.

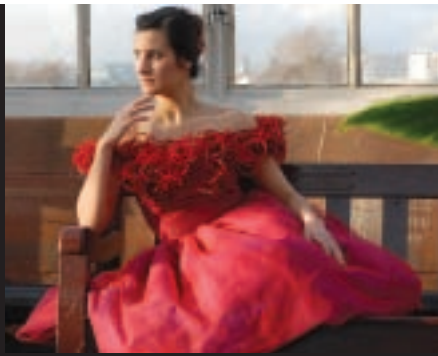
Senior pupils from 5th and 6th year attended the Glasgow School of Art fashion show in March. The annual event included work from both 2nd and 3rd year Textile students and included all four textile techniques; print, weave, knit and embroidery. The show gave pupils an insight into the exciting work produced by the talented students at GSA and also showed them the high standard of fashion designs created. It was an enjoyable event, which perhaps inspired the pupils in making their choices for the university career they wish to pursue.

Another exhibition held this year, which included artwork from our department, was The Wee Art Show, held at Wilson Davis Fine Art from the 24th-26th April. Postcard sized art was produced by both pupils and staff from the art department which was then donated to the gallery. This was part of a fund raising appeal in aid of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. We were delighted to be part of this light-hearted, fun event which showcased artwork created by both professional and amateur artists.

The Art Department has had yet another jam-packed year of activities and projects, all of which were successful and exciting. For more information about some of this year's projects, please visit:

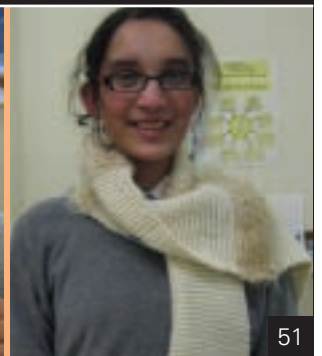
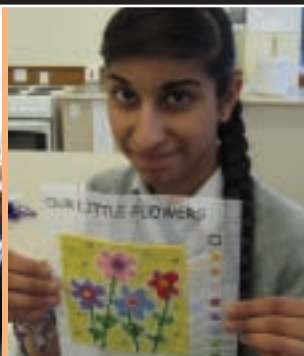
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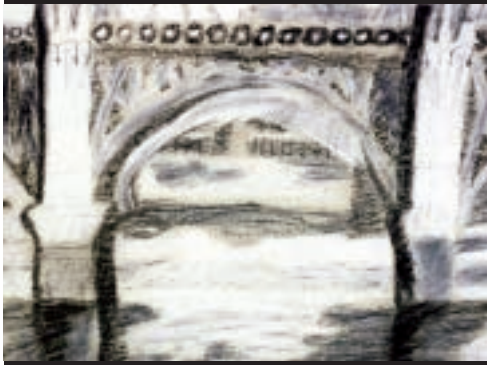
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Fabric Skills

These pictures display the work produced by 4th Year girls as part of the Intermediate 1 Fabric Skills Unit – Developing Craft Skills. Pupils featured are Sashrika Shetty, Manderi Matharu and Rosy Thomas.





Colours of the Clyde Art Exhibition

Pupils from Primary 6 up to S2 created a series of fantastic artworks in response to Ken Walton's 'Colours of The Clyde' composition which was performed at The City Halls on Monday 24th November 2008.

Encompassing Glasgow Green, past the Broomielaw to Pacific Quay and

beyond, the artwork in the exhibition captured the mood of renewal and regeneration. The Squinty Bridge and the Finnieston Crane were favourites amongst pupils and the dramatic sunsets with the silhouettes of cranes are one of the many reminders of the Clyde's industrial past.

These vibrant and beautifully executed artworks capture the essence of the river's rich history and have given pupils the insight and experience of using the visual imagery brought to life in the musical composition.

Music

Graeme Sneddon reports.

Prelude

Hutchie's Music Department can argue, with fairly good evidence, that this year has been one of its best yet. This year has seen the Music Department compose and orchestrate one of its most ambitious concerts to date – the Colours of the Clyde.

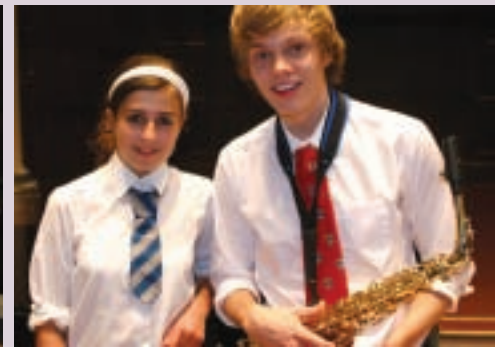
Participation in outside musical activities such as WOSIS Music Weekends and the Glasgow Music Festival has continued to be strong with many pupils walking away with prizes from the Festival.

This year has also seen some new faces in the department with the introduction of 3 new ensembles.



Music Competition – 28th October 2008

After a series of heats the crème de la crème of Hutchesons' musicians gathered to perform at the Biggars' Music Competition on 28th October 2008, held in the Fotheringay Centre. This year's adjudicator was Susan Hamilton, Artistic Director of the Dunedin Consort which is one of Scotland's most critically acclaimed choral ensembles. The standard was very high and the music programme varied from traditional music to jazz music; Mrs Hamilton had a difficult task in choosing winners from such a small group of talented performers and such a wide range of pieces. The Grade 4-5 class was won by Seonaid Eadie (S1) for her performance of Schumann's *Fantasiestücke* no. 1. Seonaid's performance was excellent given the difficulty of the piece. Runner up was Andrew McPhee (S1) for his performance of *Highland Cathedral* – a particularly unusual performance given that it was played on the euphonium! The Grade 6-8 class was won by Neil Colquhoun (S6) for the second year running for his performance of *Flamenco Jazz* by Paul Harvey. Runner up was Hebba Benyaghla (S2) with her performance of Rory Boyle's *The Piper at the Gates of Dawn*. The ensemble class was won by Connor Going (S5), Crawford McNally-Keir (S5), Gordon Biggart (S5) and Adam Gerber (S5) (pictured with the adjudicator Susan Hamilton) for their performance of *Shenandoah*, a traditional American folk song.



The Paragon Ensemble

It was reported in last year's *Hutchesonian* that a group of pupils were involved in a composition project led by the Scottish composer John Maxwell Geddes. The 10-month project, *New Vistas*, was backed by an award from Creative Scotland which allowed Maxwell Geddes to work with talented young composers from across Scotland. The three pupils, Charlotte McKechnie (S5), Gordon Biggart (S5) and Andrew Brown (S5) composed pieces for a trio of instruments (flute, clarinet and bassoon) based around the

theme of *Seascapes*. Their work was premiered by the Paragon Ensemble at Glasgow University's G12 Gilmorehill venue on November 30th.

Recordings of their compositions can be heard on the Hutchie website (<http://www.hutchesons.org/life/secondary/curriculum/music/listen-to-pupil-compositions>) and a review of the performance can be seen at http://www.theherald.co.uk/search/display.var.2472154.0.new_vistas_gilmorehill_g12_glasgow.php.

Individual Successes

This year some of Hutchesons' musicians received accolades for their commitment, dedication and excellence in music. At this year's Glasgow Music Festival several pupils picked up prizes for instrumental excellence and brilliant singing. These were as follows:

Hebba Benyaghla (S2)

The Hugh S Robertson Trophy for Outstanding Performance (under 14), The Glasgow Orpheus Choir Trust Award, 2nd place Open Piano Solos Competition.

Connor Going (S5)

Winner Intermediate Vocal Duets (with Charlotte McKechnie), Winner Vocal Duets – Open.

Charlotte McKechnie (S5)

Winner Intermediate Vocal Duets (with Connor Going), Winner Girls' Vocal Solos (15 & 16).

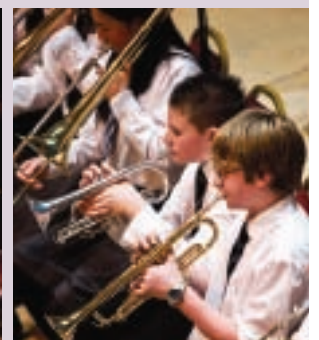
Charlotte McKechnie also pulled off some more impressive singing to win both the Howard de Walden Trophy (Best vocal performance) in March and The Ayr Intimate Opera Company Trophy (Best in Open Opera and Oratorio Class) at the Ayrshire Music Festival.

Along with these exceptional awards pupils also continue to represent the school in high-level national ensembles. Connor Going (S5) is a member of NYCOS – the National Youth Choir of Scotland. Catriona Biggart (S5) is a member of NYOS – the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland. Charlotte McKechnie (S5) also attends the RSAMD's Junior Academy along with Adam Gerber (S5). Adam Gerber's piece "Journey of the Falls" was also performed recently at the RSAMD with the composer conducting the RSAMD orchestra.



Colours of the Clyde Concert

For this year's November concert Hutchesons' Music Department pulled out all the stops to produce a fantastic and varied programme; the Colours of the Clyde concert was held in the City Halls (home of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra) on the 24th November. The concert involved pupils from across the Junior and Senior Schools and from the Music and Art departments; all came together to produce some vivid images and sounds on the theme of Glasgow and the River Clyde. The music touched on various aspects of Glasgow and the river which is synonymous with the great city. As the concert opened the ceilidh band entertained arriving guests with some Scottish dances and guests were invited to view an art exhibition showcasing the artworks created by pupils on the theme of the Clyde. Musical highlights included the opening Fanfare for the Common Man (A. Copland) – an emotive start to the concert which told of both the shaping of Glasgow's history by the working class (and the composer's own admission that his name was changed from Kaplan to Copland when being transported via Glasgow to the USA!). Some Glasgow Songs performed by the Junior Choir told of Glasgow's history and the beauty of the river. Jazz pieces Dizzy Atmosphere and A Night in Tunisia (featuring solos by Senior pupils) reflected to the days when big band music was all the rage and the Barrowlands was one of Glasgow's (and indeed Scotland's) most popular venues. The main highlight, however, for this



writer (and participant!) was Colours of the Clyde; a massive choral suite written especially for the occasion by Mr Walton. The gripping Prelude began our musical journey along the twists and turns of the Clyde; from Source to Estuary. A vibrant scherzo brought many features of the Clyde to life with the words of Primary 6 dotted through the song – "A silver armadillo rests on the shore"; "a tall grey crane". A ballad movement (Dark Waters) captured the more sinister aspects of the Clyde; this was inspired by the novel "The Riverman" by crime novelist Alex Grey

(C1968). A tenor sax solo by Neil Colquhoun (S6) captured the eerie mood perfectly. The finale (Behold the Sea!), inspired by the view of the Clyde Estuary from the M8 near Bishopton, was an expression of the awesome power of the Clyde as it headed to open water. This was reflected by the full choir coming together with the Sinfonia to produce a thrilling end to the Colours of the Clyde. The concert was rounded off with a rousing Intercontinental Gathering; a march for pipes, drums and orchestra composed by George McIlwham (C1944).



Paris Tour

During the February mid-term holiday Music pupils braved the comatose delights of an 11 hour coach trip to enjoy a tour of Paris. The School Concert Band, accompanied by various talented soloists and music staff, played various concerts including Disneyland Paris, Le Chateau de Lormoy (a retirement home) and the German Evangelical Christus Kirche at Place de Clichy. Our audiences were blown away by the tremendous standard of both our soloists and Concert Band; a particular highlight was the performance of "Glasgow Kiss" by Ben Holloway (S5), Neil Watson (S5) and Calum Blair (S2) which proved to be just as aggressive as its namesake! The concert programme also included a sword dance performed by Catriona Reid (S3) which was a unique addition to our usual vocalists and instrumental soloists. During our time we managed to include some sightseeing; varying from the dizzying heights of the top of the Eiffel Tower to soaking up some quintessential French culture at the Louvre! Despite an eye-watering exchange rate we also managed to spend time and money shopping at Les Halles (the French equivalent of Silverburn!) and St Germain des Pres, although Cartier and Louis Vuitton on the Champs Elysées were a bit out of reach! A relaxing boat cruise along the Seine also proved to be a highlight. Overall a fantastic experience with plenty of amusing moments between performing and shopping!



Spring Concert 25th March 2009

This year's Spring Concert was an extravaganza to pay tribute to the immense amount of work done this year in Music.

The programme was a true reflection of the mix of music being made every day in the department. The Pipes and Drums and the Ceilidh band both provided some traditional Scottish music to get things started. The Intermediate Wind Band continued on this theme with "By Loch and Mountain". The Senior Choir sang some choral favourites – Pie Jesu and Razzle Dazzle (from the musical Chicago). The Jazz Band provided with Shuffling Time and Mambo Hot. Solos were performed by Ben Holloway (S5), Neil Colquhoun (S6), Logan Carlaw (S6), Lewis McLellan (S5), Adam Gerber (S5) and Graeme Sneddon (S6).

The Senior Concert Band provided some highlights from their programme from the recent tour to Paris. The Sinfonia brought the concert to a close with some blockbuster movie music - the Themes from the 'Dambusters' and the 'Magnificent Seven'.

This concert was the first to feature an original composition by a pupil. Connor Going (S5) performed the song "Die Kranken Sohn und die Mutter" by Logan Carlaw (S6). This composition forms part of Logan's inventing folio for his Advanced Higher Music course and was inspired by a 19th century German poem. Other vocal solos included a performance of the Flower Duet by Charlotte McKechnie (S5) and Harriet Paterson (S6).



Ensemble Music - All Together Now!

Despite the Music Department's reputation for putting on a great show whatever the occasion this reputation would not be sustainable without the diverse range of ensembles rehearsing every day of the week. There is always sweet music being made every day in the Music Department; ranging from the classical delights of our Sinfonia (Senior Orchestra) to the rock tones of our guitarists. This year the vast variety of our music ensembles has been widened by our newest recruit, Mr Scott, who has been eager to share his expertise on the guitar with pupils. The new Guitar Ensemble, the first of its kind at Hutchie, has already proved popular with beginners and accomplished guitarists alike. The ensemble performed "The Music Box", a piece penned by Mr Scott and premiered at the Spring Concert. Mr Scott commented, "The piece, which centres on the theme of the construction of a music box in three movements, has proved to be an enjoyable work to rehearse for the concert. The piece was tailored to suit individual needs within the ensemble which made it accessible for beginners whilst giving a challenge to the more advanced guitarists."

This year Mr Scott has also been keen to be involved in Hutchie's jazz scene. His original idea to set up a jazz workshop on Tuesday afternoons has evolved into Hutchie's newest jazz sensation: the 7/8ths. They are Adam Gerber (S5), Crawford McInally-Keir (S5), Logan Carlaw (S6), Lewis McLellan (S5), Andrew Brown (S5), Neil Colquhoun



(S6), Ben Holloway (S5), Michael Clapham (S3), and Alistair Anderson (S3) (a little bit more than 7 people but close enough!!). They performed Cantaloupe Island and the classic Gershwin hits Summertime and The Way You Look Tonight at the Spring Concert but they have also made their mark performing at major school events such as the Going for Gold Ball and the fundraising dinner for next year's Hockey Tour to Australia at Ibrox. We look forward to seeing them perform at more events next year.

A new Intermediate Orchestra has also been rehearsing hard this year. This ensemble, for instrumentalists in S1-3, has given younger pupils experience of performing orchestral music and of group performing itself. Their leader, Mrs Stuart, commented "This new orchestra has been meeting for half an hour's rehearsal on Friday mornings. Despite the relatively short rehearsal time compared to other ensembles within the school I have been very impressed by the progress made by the pupils towards

the Spring Concert. The help of senior pupils in the orchestra has also been invaluable and I appreciate their support with the younger pupils." Judging by the orchestra's elegant performances of Fossils (from Carnival of the Animals) by Saint-Saëns and the iconic Blue Danube by J. Strauss at the Spring Concert we will be seeing many of the players progressing to the Sinfonia before too long!

Chamber music at Hutchie has also played a pivotal role in other school events. The Brass Ensemble and the School Chamber Choir provided the musical backdrop to Founders' Day, accompanied by Hutchie's Pipe Band. Head of Music Mr Trotter commented, "The Chamber Choir performed a moving rendition of Be Thou My Vision by Bob Chilcott with Charlotte McKechnie performing a solo. We were also fortunate to have the services of David Murray, our guest organist at Founder's Day. The Pipes and Drums provided a lovely exit into an unusually sunny spring day."

Finale

This year has clearly been both an incredibly successful and fun year for all those involved in music. The rehearsals haven't even stopped yet; as this magazine goes to press the Music Department is gearing up for the senior school production "The Hot Mikado" in June. Many senior pupils are looking forward to playing in the band; this jazzy version of Gilbert and Sullivan's The Mikado is sure to be a hit and another successful collaboration with the Drama Department.

The huge range of activities going on in Music would not be as successful without the tremendous amount of work that the pupils put in. However, I and the other pupils involved in music would like to thank Mr Trotter and all the music staff involved in the various ensembles



(including the instrumental tutors whose expertise on their own instrument is invaluable) for giving their time to run the activities and the staff who

accompanied us on the Paris tour, especially Ms Freeland for organising it all. We look forward to next year with great anticipation!

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Drama

A review of the year.

*Report by **Sophie Watson** and **Lisa Donnelly***

Drama



Drama continues to play a huge part in our lives at Hutchesons'. Our Drama Department has an unrivalled reputation for outstanding productions and a wide range of opportunities for all students to be involved in.

It is only through the drive, energy and dedication of the staff of the department that we are able to achieve the standard of work which is performed to our loyal supporters and enthusiastic audiences. We are taught commitment, team-work and how to aspire to a very high level of achievement.

We have always felt supported and encouraged to take risks to try things we would never otherwise dare. We find we can reach new heights of personal growth and confidence; and all the while we are having so much fun! How can so much come out of one small department, and be enjoyed by so many?

As usual the year kicks off with the S1 and S2 junior show; the S3 Drama competition is the highlight of the spring term; while in the summer term, the S6 National Certificate students perform their full- scale text-based productions. Completing the year is the senior summer show.

November welcomed the first show of the school year, in the well- loved musical "Oliver". It was performed by more than 90 students from the S1 and S2 Drama Clubs. The younger pupils are not to be underestimated as they pushed their limits to the max with a gruelling rehearsal schedule which consisted of lunchtime, after school and weekend commitment. The musical unfolded the spectacular and sharply contrasting backgrounds of both the poor and the elegant in 19th century London. Robbie Jessiman and Paul Smith, who played Oliver Twist, portrayed the role of a pious and innocent boy whilst Josh Lewis gave a believable performance as the conniving career criminal, Fagin. Other budding stage stars in the impressive production included: Ilan Selby, Grace Chea, Rebecca Dodds and Crawford Laing. Outstanding performances were given by Abby Watt and Christie Knight who played the young woman Nancy, one of Fagin's former child pickpockets. The energy,





enthusiasm and commitment of our young performers was clear to see and this huge cast did not fail to leave an impression on the audience. Watch out, because the senior pupils do not know the rival talent that has been blessed upon these young dramatists.

Spring brought the annual S3 Drama competition. This is open to any 3rd Year student wishing to take part in this event. There are three categories: monologue, duologue and group. The pieces were chosen by the students themselves and their directors. Senior Drama students had the opportunity of working with the 3rd Years as directors; they met regularly and had a very productive few months bringing their pieces up to performance level.

The evening's work was judged by Angela Schneeberger, a Drama teacher at Kelvinside Academy, Bruce Young, editor of BBC Radio Drama, and Julia Butt, Head of Talent for BBC Children's television. They had a very difficult task in selecting winners from each category and an overall best performance of the evening. The monologue section was won by Laurie Anderson who performed "Martha" from "The Letter Box", by Rona Munro; the duologue section was awarded to Jordan Roberts-Laverty and Scott Meenan for "The Argument Clinic", by Monty Python; while the group award went to Connor Benson, Adam Hunter, Gregory Clark and Abid Chaudhry for "Slab Boys", by John Byrne. The overall best performance award was shared between Adam Hunter and Laurie Anderson. The standard of performance was very high, and it truly was an evening of laughter.

Of course, knowing Hutchie, the sky's the limit and there are further productions in late April and early May. This is by the S6 pupils who are given the option to participate in National Certificate drama. They meet for a two-hour session per week on a Monday or Friday afternoon. The Sixth years never fail to perform with utmost professionalism. It is becoming increasingly popular amongst the pupils and it allows those who have never previously taken an active role in Drama, to give it a shot. This year two first-class productions took place over two nights

in the Studio Theatre. They were of 'Private Lives' by Noel Coward and 'An Ideal Husband' by Oscar Wilde.

'Private Lives' is a 1930's comedy of manners by Noel Coward. It focuses on a divorced couple who discover that they are honeymooning with their new spouses in the same hotel. The cast is made up of five Sixth years- Lisa Donnelly as Sibyl, Vanessa Kennedy as Amanda, Conrad Cohen (who also appears in 'An Ideal Husband' and Rasheeq Syed double cast as Elyot) and Calum Crichton as Victor. The play presented challenges to the cast, as those involved had little experience in the farce acting style, yet it was a spectacular performance on the night.

'An Ideal Husband' is an 1895 comedic stage play by Oscar Wilde which revolves around blackmail, political corruption and touches on the themes of public and private honour. This year we had one of our French classroom assistants, Silvan, who played the lead role of Sir Robert Chiltern, which was challenging for him to master the strong English dialect! Alex Fitzpatrick starred opposite him as his wife, Lady Chiltern, Caroline Dunlop as Mrs Chievley, Matt McDonald as role of Lord Goring, and Hannah Newton and Julia Stevenson were double cast as Mabel Chiltern. In addition, congratulations to Chris McLean who played Viscount de Nanjac, Conrad Cohen plays Sir Lord Caversham and Ruairidh Angus, Natalie Sharp and Chris Mclean took on the role of butler.

As well as the public performances, there are an increasing number of students studying the subject on the curriculum. They can do this at Standard Grade, Higher and Advanced Higher levels. Drama has been recognised as helping students maximise personal performance and potential, and this is both important and critical for a variety of situations we may face, from a university interview to a first job. This is because communication skills and confidence determine more and more how we are rated in today's challenging working world. Drama contributes heavily to that. Additionally, some Law faculties have listed Drama as a preferred subject, and potential medical students are being asked to take part in



role-play in their interview process. These are situations which our students, who have studied Drama, find they are well-equipped for.

Our talented Higher students performed their exam pieces to an invited audience and the SQA examiner. Brian Friel's "Lovers", is the set text from which students must perform one extract, along with a variety of contemporary Scottish pieces ranging from Liz Lochhead's "Mary Queen of Scots Got Her Head Chopped Off," to the hilarious "Writers Cramp," by John Byrne. Amongst the audience were our S4 Standard Grade students who get an insight into the level to which they must aspire.

As we write, the excitement surrounds this year's summer production, "The Hot Mikado." This is not your traditional Gilbert and Sullivan offering, but where East meets West head on! It is a hilarious 1940's style updating of the G&S classic, with the score transmuted into blues, swing, hot gospel and scorching torch songs. This zoot- suited, tap dancing, lindy- hopping, jitterbugging all singing all dancing show lives or dies on the verve, energy and enthusiasm of the cast.

We started auditions and rehearsals after Christmas, meeting twice-weekly after school. We have been dancing, singing and blocking; 45 students from S4-S6 working together as a company, all determined to make this the most memorable show.

We have plenty to live up to: there is a growing and awesome tradition at Hutchie for each summer production to be better than the last. We are hoping we continue the legacy!

The bar is being placed continually higher: last year's production of "Fiddler on the Roof," was a return to a traditional form of musical theatre, which posed new challenges for actors, musicians and our set and costume designers. It was performed over four nights, in front of packed houses. There were huge numbers of senior students taking part, on stage and behind the scenes as the skilled crew and technical operators, as well as the gifted band members. We all came together to ensure that this major production was a memorable and exciting experience for us all.

Among the stars were Conrad Cohen and Logan Carlaw as the milkman Tevye and Sarah Innes-Hayes and Vanessa Kennedy as Golde, his wife. There were also outstanding performances from Lisa Donnelly, Grace Lennox, Shona Boyle, Rachel Dodds, Joddie McKenna, Alex Fitzpatrick, Alex Miller, Beth Robertson, Sarah Wilkie and Leonie Bennet, who were double-cast as the couple's daughters. Mention must also go to Russell Park who brought the house down with his nightly portrayal of the hilarious and always wise Rabbi. There were many other brilliant performances coming together as a very convincing close-knit and caring Jewish community.

As the curtain comes down on another spectacular and inspiring year in the life of the Drama Department at Hutchesons', we never cease to be amazed at the quantity and quality of work which is produced. But keep it up ladies; there are so many of us who will work as hard for you as you work for us, as we love what we do, and are so grateful you give us the opportunity to come together to achieve great things – memories that we will take with us, long after we have left Hutchesons', and stories we will remember for the rest of our lives.



London Drama Trip 2008

Emerald green witches, quaint tea-rooms, buxom (tight) corsets and wacky sword fights...

Just what the drama students needed on their September break to London!

Our weekend was bursting with theatre, some modern-day tourism and plenty of culture to please the teachers, and of course, us enthusiastic drama students!

The unfortunate souls setting off for their business trips did not anticipate what they were letting themselves in for on the early morning train to London. Luckily our throngs filled the carriage but never underestimate the power of drama students' singing.

For many, the highlight of the trip, what we had worked towards for months, and built up to with a precise count-down of hours and minutes was the ultimate musical theatre experience. We gazed in awe as the elaborate stage came to life to present 'Wicked'. Mrs Alderson summed it up: "It was a good old-fashioned musical!" It definitely was as it left us on a high, buzzing for days, forever singing on the coach for the rest of the weekend. Despite their headaches, I think the teachers thoroughly enjoyed our interpretations of the songs!

School Life



Senior Dance

Glitz, Glam and dressed to impress – and that was just Mr Campbell! The gents smartly dressed in a wide array of kilts and tuxedos, whilst the ‘ladyez’ were dressed to kill in a wide variety of sumptuous dresses. Pupils and teachers travelled from all over, through a typical Scottish night of rain and freezing temperatures to attend the annual Senior Dance that is the highlight of the year for the Senior pupils.

When entering the school gates, it was clear that, what was our school that morning had been transformed into a glamorous venue worthy of the Oscars. A red carpet met the pupils at the entrance of the building that led them to a perfect festive setting with atmospheric surroundings.

The musical performance came from the ceildh band “*Blaze in the Bothy*” which immediately set a lively mood with the *Gay Gordons*. Pupils and teachers alike continued to dance the night away and many left their killer heels strewn at the side of the dance floor. When party fatigue proved too much, expert cocktail shakers (the 4th year boys) provided the fruit refreshments.

Halfway through the night we helped ourselves to a delicious range of foods provided by the kitchen staff. Whilst we were whetting our appetites, the dulcet tones of YMCA could be heard from the assembly hall, encouraging many eager dancers to return to the hall and strut their stuff.

The night ended with a boisterous rendition of *Auld Lang Syne*, during which many were hurt but none were hospitalised. There are many memories which will stay in the minds of those who attended and an unforgettable experience was had by all.

Sincere thanks go to Mr Dewar and the Senior Dance Committee.

Pamela Gann





Kingarth Street

*A full account of life at Kingarth Street can be read within the pages of the 'Kingarth Street News' magazine which is published periodically throughout the year. Here **Rachel Taggart** examines some of the highlights of the session.*

It has been six years since I left the reassuring walls of Kingarth Street. When I returned this year as an S6 Primary School helper a number of changes were brought to my attention; not only did the school seem considerably less daunting and huge but there were a variety of new faces amongst those of whom I had grown accustomed to. Perhaps the most startling change was the whole host of new opportunities available to the pupils. There are extra curricular activities ranging from the ever popular table-tennis club, scripture union, badminton, the Internet and Computer club and chess club to choir, orchestra and wind band for the more musically minded. Newly acquired activities include mini-bridge club, musical theatre club and the fantasy football league. Mini-bridge was set up by Mr DiMambro and a former pupil, Ronald Gaffin, who is himself a distinguished Junior Internationalist. The group meets on Tuesdays to learn the art of this wonderful game and recently competed in the Stirling Bridge Tournament. The Musical Theatre Club has had 'Hutchie Bugs' singing and dancing every Friday and it has been such a success that there is a waiting list for next year! P5,6 and 7 will have their first performance for their parents in June. The recently thought of Fantasy Football League has been as popular as ever with a great number of P6 and 7 pupils, parents and teachers signing up to take their pick of 11 players from the English Premier League. Managers gain points by their players even scoring or assisting in a goal and for their defenders or goalie gaining a clean sheet. However

points are lost if their players concede goals. The manager at the end of the season with the most points receives a certificate. The pupils have loved learning to analyse data and managing a budget as well as beating the teachers!

This year also saw the introduction of Shakespeare to the curriculum with Primary 7 reading 'Twelfth Night'. The pupils loved dressing up as a Shakespearian character whilst they acted out a scene from the play and performed a court dance at Beaton Road. Mrs Davis has continued to expand the children's knowledge of French, Spanish and German with the help of the much loved bi-lingual Superbär. In April all the Sixth years taking Further Maths, along with the Senior Maths Department, organised a Pirate Maths Day for Primary Six. They created treasure chests with maths problems in them and the older pupils were responsible for helping the groups when they were having trouble getting the solution. Everyone who took part got into the spirit of things by dressing up in striped shorts, eye patches and the occasional parrot was even spotted!

A variety of school trips were organised to give the pupils a deeper understanding into the topics they had been learning about in class. It is safe to say that they don't waste any time at Kingarth St. Primary 1 visited the Zoolab at the Senior School. They listened attentively and found out that Oscar the Snail had hundreds of little teeth on his tongue! They also met Larry the hissing cockroach and some brave youngsters

even summoned the courage to hold Jake the corn snake. Early in the year the Primary 2s visited Kelvingrove Park for an Adventure Sensory Walk where they listened for squirrels rustling in the leaves and smelt the fresh lavender. Primary 4 went on the annual trip to visit Stirling Castle and this year they added a stop off at Bannockburn on the way there. They learnt about the gruesome goings on in the dungeons and saw the spectacular Great Hall. A lucky few tried on chain-mail, the King's crown and various items of armour to help them imagine what it would feel like to be a soldier. Primary 6 took a trip to New Lanark in October to experience the



Victorian lifestyle. They visited the mills, traditional village store and discovered the cramped living conditions. The Primary 7s are due to head off to Comrie Croft in April to take part in outdoor activities and team building exercises. Unfortunately they were unable to return to Raasay House as planned this year due to the unfortunate fire which severely damaged the building. I am certain that they will have just as memorable a time in Comrie Croft.

The school has been busy raising money for this year's charity, CHAS. The charity provides hospice services for Scottish children and young people with life-limiting conditions as well as offering support for the whole family. The children were eager to think up new and exciting ideas for raising money. Primary 2 decided on creating a calendar with them featuring in their birthday months. They used their enterprising skills to publish their calendar and through some persuasive phone-calls they managed to secure a sponsorship from McKeever Hotels who covered printing costs. It was a huge success with all of the £855 raised going to CHAS. The Primary 5s set about creating a joke book called 'Hilarious Hutchie' which would be distributed in December to parents and pupils. This outstanding effort raised just short of a thousand pounds. It was important that the children enjoyed raising the money and they certainly did so when Primary 7 donned feather boas and flares for their 1960's day. Some famous faces gracing the halls of Kingarth Street that day included Elvis Presley, Jimi Hendrix, Audrey Hepburn and Fidel Castro. They also had a twist-off competition where the P7s discovered it was harder than it looked. As well as the newer fundraising ideas the classics were not forgotten. The sale of Hutchie Bugs remained hugely worthwhile and totalled £367. Primary Sevens also organised a craft fair called 'Super Sewers' which sold out in minutes and made a total of £597 towards this year's charity. All in all the total sum raised by Kingarth Street pupils at the time of print is approximately £8000!

Anna Heywoods (P7R) had a fabulous 'green' idea of selling Hyacinth bulbs to the school to raise money and awareness



for the Eco Fund to go towards the Eco Schools scheme. This raised a staggering £225 and led to a competition of who had produced the best bulbs. Due to its success the Spring term will see a potato growing competition taking place.

Following the success of last year's Primary 7 show, rehearsals for 'Guys and Dolls' are in full swing. This show follows two couples, gamblers and mission-workers as they try to save the mission from being closed down. The children approached this challenge full of enthusiasm and it has definitely paid off as the product of their efforts is acting talent beyond their years. At one of their rehearsals they were surprised to be visited by Lisa Stokke, a highly sought after West-End actress who has played a lead role in an earlier production of 'Guys and Dolls'. The Primary Fours performed Roald Dahl's 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs', a more modern approach to a much loved classic. This play saw Snow White stealing the magic mirror so the dwarfs could fix the Grand National and finally become rich beyond their wildest dreams. The children enjoyed taking part in this play to such an extent that one child said, "I wish we could do it all over again." (Emma Corfield P4G)

The Primary 1 children performed their Nativity Play to an audience of dotting parents and grandparents and, as this goes to press, are in rehearsal for their annual show in May. This year it is Robin Hood, first performed 12 years ago by the present S6.

Kingarth Street has welcomed a number of guests this year. At the start of the year Primary 1s were visited by a number of safety experts. The first visit involved a Community Road Safety Officer explaining the importance of walking on pavements and covered The Green Cross Code. The children were then visited by Polmadie Fire Fighters. Some were lucky enough to try on a helmet and all were shown the different apparatus inside the engine. They were even allowed to sit inside the engine itself while others squirted the hose across the playground. They were also visited by a local GP and a dental hygienist who taught them the importance of keeping a healthy body. They had the chance to partake in some

hands on activities such as making vegetable soup and fruit smoothies. Kingarth St. was more than happy to welcome in Primary 2 grandmothers for the Granny Afternoon Tea. There was a grand concert where the children performed Scottish songs and encouraged the grannies to join in. They also performed a play called 'Katie Morag and the Two Grandmothers'. The grannies had dressed up in their best hats and fanciest frocks and had such a wonderful afternoon that they wrote to thank the children and to ask if they could come again soon.

The sports teams at the Primary School have been making good progress and there have been many successes to boast. On the rugby pitch, Edinburgh teams have proved tough competition once again. At the end of the season they were able to beat George Watsons and the Edinburgh team's coach said it was "the hardest game they had played all year". The Primary 6 'A' team followed in this success by beating all the Glasgow teams. This will certainly be a hard record to follow next year for the team. The P7 girls' 'A' team had a great season winning seven out of the eleven games they played with a total of 21 goals. Their achievements were matched on the running track as at the Glasgow Schools' Junior Cross Country Competition the P7 boys and girls as well as the P6 girls all came first as a team.

The uptake of the Junior Duke Award Scheme has remained high this year and the hard work of many pupils has paid off with 24 children getting an award, three of which achieved the prestigious platinum award which is only available to those in Primary 7. Junior Duke involves the pupils taking up activities such as learning about a country or performing a music recital, in order to complete a level and once a certain number of these levels have been finished they will receive the award.

Kingarth St. has once again had a very prosperous year in sport, academic achievements and school productions. The introduction of new clubs and trips has ensured the children have many new, fulfilling opportunities. There is something on offer to suit every little Hutchie Bug and this guarantees that there is never a dull day in the Primary School.



What the Other Half Reads

In P6W we were set a task to read a book aimed at the opposite gender. The boys were shown a selection of girls' books and vice versa. We picked one of them to read and wrote a review on it. Here are some comments:

"It was actually quite good but I still prefer girls' books."

Emma Dool, reading *Battle of Britain*.

"Terrible. It was a waste of time and I didn't even know what was happening."

Zidane Waqar, reading *Jane Blonde*.

"It was quite interesting but some points were very boring."

Kara Gilchrist, reading *U-Boat Hunter*.

"After reading something by Jacqueline Wilson I will not do it again."

Michael Barnett, reading *The Worry Website*.

Authors are also concerned about the effect their book covers are having on children. Cathy Cassidy has started a 'Boys as Well' competition where you nominate a boy and send in his review on one of Cathy's books. Caroline Lawrence thinks that *The Princess Diaries* by Meg Cabot is a fabulous series and is suitable for both genders. Even JK Rowling agreed not to call herself Joanne in case it put male readers off.

Publishers are deciding what children should read by guiding them by the colour of the cover and P6W share an opinion that this narrows children's horizons and can hold them back and take away opportunities.

We think that the pink on girls' books is misleading and so are the dark, scary book covers for boys. Even though some girls still would not pick up a book by Darren Shan or Anthony Horowitz and some boys remain steering clear of Jacqueline Wilson and Cathy Cassidy, we have found this task a valuable learning experience and now know that it doesn't pay to judge a book by its cover.

Emily Lobb, Kelly MacInnes and Jack Leslie



Trees

Trees just stand still all day,
Some grow up and down the bay,
Children come to play and climb,
Squeal and shout and forget the time.

Some trees have bells on them,
Like lovely gleaming Christmas trees.

Olivia Campbell P3D

When I grow up!

Oscar Lonergan - Black P.1M
When I grow up I want to be a.....



swimmer. I want to be a swimmer because I can swim under water without goggles.

Molly-Jean Wilson P.1M
When I grow up I want to be a.....



singer. I want to be a singer because i like singing. I will be on the stage. I will have a microphone.

Ben Dickson P.1M
When I grow up I want to be a.....



doctor I want to be because I can help people if they are unwell. I can look inside there bodys. I can see what are harts peee look like.

When I grow up I want to be a...
Kate P.1G



I want to be a vet because I want to look after the animals like dogs.

My Granny's Special Because

She lets me stay up,
she is soft. She puts a
DVD on. She talks to
me. She hugs me. She
comes about me. She
loves me. She looks
after me. She makes
popcorn.
I Love My Granny

Rory McLachlan P2W

At The Steamie



My granny would have
pushed the pram to the
steamie. She would wear a pinnet
and a head wrap. She would put
the clothes on the washboard with
soap and scrubbed it. Then she would
squeeze it. She would put it in the
ringer. Then go home. Then
she would put it on the pulley
or clothes horse or greenal
I would like to go to the steamie

Rania Khan P2W

My Gran

My gran is cute
and she is old. She
is very pretty. My gran's
favourite hobby is reading.
She likes to watch
comedy shows. My gran
likes to make
biscuits and pay. She is
so special because she
gives lots of hugs.

Sofia Kirkpatrick P2W

My Granny
My Granny is pretty cuddly
and funny.
She likes to do gardening and
cross-stitch.
Her favourite TV programme is
Murder She Wrote.
My Granny loves to bake Chicken Dinner.
She is loving, she is mine.
My Granny plays games with me
and my brother.
She gives me lots of kisses
and hugs.
She writes lots of cards to me,
my brother, Alpha and
Beatrice.
I love her very much!
By Darcey

Darcey Palmer P2H



Emily Lobb P6W

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House Report 2008-2009

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, **Stuart** took the honours with bat and ball, whereas in cricketing terms, the honours went to Argyll. All cricketers were delighted that the competition went ahead, as the event has been cancelled for the last two years.*

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

*The WH Macdonald trophy was eventually awarded to **Argyll** at Prize-Giving, and House Captains **Jenna Alexander, Kirstie Black, Peter Cartlidge** and **Greg Phillips** 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 Netherpolllok, to raise money for CHAS. They run, each and every one, because they can.

The current scores for the Houses are:

Argyll	220
Lochiel	230
Montrose	256
Stuart	272

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

Argyll House Report

House Captains

Fiona Bruce, Charlie Read, Scott Lang, Adam Sinclair

This year Argyll House have enjoyed mixed success in our various sporting fields. Having had a dire start to our campaign last September, things were looking up as a series of great team performances boosted us into 2nd place. Unfortunately, this success was not prolonged, as we currently lie in 4th, but these notable displays of sporting prowess cannot be overlooked.

The first House sport this year was basketball. In 1st year, our girls were exceptional, exploiting their height advantage, and scoring a number of points for Argyll.

In S2, **Rebecca Dodds** deserves a mention, as she was the only member of her team to turn up, and in S3, **Iona Scott** starred for the girls. However, it has to be said, the true hero of Argyll basketball this year was **Michael Carr** of 3rd year. In a flawless performance, he dribbled and dodged past entire teams, capturing the attention of everyone in the room, and securing our first basketball win of the year!

Heady Handball proved to be a barrel of laughs this term, and so it was disappointing that we only had four full teams turn out! Our Senior Boys were the stars of the show, winning with ease, and brushing aside any challengers. Our Senior Girls finished a commendable 3rd place, as did our S1 Boys, who displayed a valiant performance.

Argyll were also relatively successful in this year's gruelling cross country, with a special mention going to **Lewis Walter** and **Alan Tong** of S3, who came 2nd and 3rd respectively, and to **Sapphire Le Sage** of 1st year, who won her race in convincing fashion. In addition, we would like to say a huge thank you to all those that took part in the cross country events (Argyll House or not!) as they were a great success, and raised a vast amount of money for this year's school charity, CHAS.

The House hockey and rugby tournaments provided Argyll with a chance to catch up with the current leaders. However, we feel we may have missed this opportunity, as we achieved a string of 3rd places. Congratulations are in order, though, for the S1 Boys' Rugby Argyll team, as they won their House event – the only team to do so. In hockey, the Senior Girls battled long and hard, with notable displays of talent from **Jenny Black** and **Julia Stevenson**, and concluded the day by securing third place, by beating Montrose at running penalties!

All in all, Argyll have been relatively successful in most fields, and it has been our disqualifications that have led to our lack of House points. These activities are great fun and so we highly recommend you to come along and join in!

Whilst all of the achievements listed are highly commendable, Argyll do still lie in 4th, and so we urge the House to display the courage and pride necessary to lift us out of last place! The year is not over yet! Argyll still have many chances to regain their status as the top House team: tennis, athletics, and cricket are still to come, and so there are numerous points up for grabs! Good luck!

Lochiel House Report

House Captains

Katie Fox, Megan Hall, Hugo Lough, Alan Conroy

By far the most important thing that we must say is how proud we are of the hard work that our house has put in this year – the fact that we are the only house that has had a full team for every event makes clear just how dedicated you all are.

Lochiel had a string of successes in the cross country runs this year. We managed to win the second year boys' and girls' events, the senior girls' and all the primary school's events. We came second in the S3 girls and third in the S3 boys. The senior boys and the S1 teams came in fourth in their competitions. Lochiel had some outstanding runners in all the teams: In S3, **Kirsty Gray** won bronze and **Fraser Watt** and **Kate Galbraith** both came in fourth. In S2 **Ross Cooper** was third in his race; **Jenny Eadie** won the girls' race and **Rachel Campbell** came in fourth. In S1, **Josh Hyde** came in third and our highest finishing girl was **Claire McBride**. In the senior races, **Natalie Sharp** came in first, with **Elaine Eadie** following closely behind in second. Well done not only to our top runners but to everyone who ran!

Away from success at Nether Pollok, we have fought hard at Tuesday lunch house activities. In basketball, both S2 teams, the S1 boys and the S6 girls won their competitions. S3 boys, S4 girls, S1 girls and S6 boys all gained seconds and the remaining teams – S3 boys and S4 boys – came third in their competitions. The standard of basketball was consistently high – the S1 boys in particular prove to be an excellent team, scoring what was undeniably the best basket of all the tournaments. In S2 **Jennifer** and **Alison Eadie** both played exceptionally well and **Jesse Otoo** wowed all the house captains with his display of skill.

In Heady Handball, Lochiel's best performance came from the S4 boys who won their competition with **Gareth Hall** scoring five times. The S1 girls also performed well coming in a closely contested second with outstanding performances from **Seonaid Eadie** and **Rebecca Power**. Like their girls' team, the S1 boys also played well to come in second. This competition was especially exciting to watch with great displays from all the boys who took part.

Lochiel house continued to bring points home with wins in S2 house rugby, a second in both S2 badminton and hockey and winning the senior girls' cross country. We also managed to come in second in the especially competitive house hockey, losing out on the top spot only in our final match – congratulations must go in particular to **Katie Fulton** who had a fantastic goalkeeping debut.

Lochiel currently lies in third place but with so many events left to play that we are certain that we can rival the top spot. So keep up the hard work and dedication and let's bring the silverware back to Lochiel!

Montrose House Report

House Captains

Anna Hastie, Alexandra Fitzpatrick, Conrad Cohen, Sam Burrowes

At the time of writing, Montrose House is sitting in second position, ready to pounce on any weakness shown by the leaders - Stuart House. Competition has been fierce, but good natured in a range of activities, starting with the basketball block in September. Although none of our performances set the heather on fire, we did steadily pick up points with our S2 Boys and girls, and our S3 girls all coming second. Special mention for sterling performances go to **Chloe Fleming** and **Oyiza Momoh** for the S2 girls' team, and **Blair McCarte** and **Andrew Hobson** of the S2 boys' team. In the S4 boys' competition, worthy of mention are **Duncan McBride**, **Joshua Rutnagur** and **Mitchell Fairley**, all of whom helped Montrose to another runner-up spot.

In the Cross Country event, talented runners slog it out for individual glory, but still work hard to help their House. Just as important, however, are the middle and tail runners, who gain invaluable House points wherever they finish. Outstanding team efforts from our senior boys and third year girls, gave us our first victories of the season. Well done to everyone who ran! Individual mention must go to **Sandy Nimo** (3rd) and **Robyn Collins** (4th), both of S4, in the senior event, **Elliot Martin**, **Rebecca Patrick** and **Lucy Patrick**, for finishing 1st, 1st and 2nd respectively in the S3 event, **Jonathon Wong** (1st) **Vanessa Hogan** (2nd) and **Paige Denholm** (3rd) in the S2 event, and **Ross Grant** (1st) and **Nicola Wilde** (2nd) in the S1 event. We applaud you all.

There then ensued a series of events, including S3 badminton and netball, junior soccer, year group rugby and hockey. Montrose picked up good points in the S3 girls' netball, winning both competitions, and continued to do well in the heady-handball and hockey competitions. Heady handball is a fast and exciting game, requiring vision and coordination, and our senior and S1 girls demonstrated both, winning their respective events in style.

With many activities scheduled for the summer term, Montrose need to maintain concentration and focus. Trophies are at stake, and it is time the name of MONTROSE was again engraved on the silverware.

Stuart House Report

House Captains

Graeme Sneddon, Oliver Lombardi, Nicola Lowrey, Rebecca Morrison

Stuart House has enjoyed a very good year and we have had considerable success so far. Our enthusiastic and clearly well

organised House Captain team has been working very hard this year to organise (and even play in) teams and this has clearly paid off in terms of results.

The first term saw a strong start to the year for Stuart House. We started with a few good performances, coming third in both the S2 basketball tournaments despite an impressive performance by **Helena McKelvie** in the S2 Girls' tournament. However as the term progressed our luck improved as we started to rack up some solid wins, taking 1st place in the S3 Girls', S4 Girls' and S1 Girls' basketball tournaments. An enthusiastic pairing of **Kate Cameron** and **Sarah Burns** proved unstoppable against our rivals in the S3. Our S1 Girls' team were also superb: our congratulations go to **Caroline Henderson, Juliet Ramage, Jessica Willis, Lucy McCracken, Eilidh Gilchrist** and **Gurpreet Atwal** for pulling off some stunning match victories over Lochiel and Montrose to clinch the win. Sadly the Stuart House "men" (!) could not match the astonishing performance of our Girls but we managed 3rd place in both the S2 and S3 Boys' Basketball.

In the cross country competitions Stuart performed solidly. We scored consistently in the overall house point tables, including an overall win in the Senior boys' race. Individual successes came with **Douglas Britton** winning the S2 Boys race and **Scott Young** finishing in a respectable 5th place. In the S1 Boys' race **Colin Lowrey** put in a fantastic performance to finish 2nd and in the S1 Girls' race **Lucy McCracken** came 5th. For the Seniors, **Andrew Park (S6)** came 5th and **Katie Gardner (S5)** came third. Well done to all our top performers!

With the spring term came heady handball and Stuart showed itself to be well up to the task. We had an early success with a

win in the S2 Boys' tournament with **Tom McMurtrie** and **Scott Young** scoring some great goals. We were close to repeating this success with the S2 Girls' Heady Handball but a close run contest led to 2nd place. However, we were boosted by a convincing win over the other houses in the S4 Girls' tournament. **Emma Hunter** and **Ailsa Doig** in particular performed very well. As the term progressed it appeared that our difficulties with adapting to the game last year had evaporated: our star S1 and S3 girls did not fail to disappoint taking wins in their Heady Handball tournaments. Other House events included the House Badminton, Netball and Football in which we scored well. Our S1 "A" team and S3 teams were victorious in both tournaments taking more valuable House points. Not to be outdone, our S3 Girls yet again triumphed with the S3 "A" Netball team and S3 "A" Badminton team winning yet more House points. In Hockey our S3 and Senior boys both finished second in their respective tournaments to gain a valuable points bonus to Stuart. However, our hockey success didn't stop there with wins in both the S2 Boys and Senior Girls tournaments. Our House Captains and 1st and 2nd XI players Nicola and Rebecca led the way as Stuart stormed to yet another hockey victory – result!

As we move into the summer term we currently stand in the lead with 272 points and hope to continue to build on our successes. As this article goes to press the Mile Cups are taking place and the House Cricket, Athletics and Tennis tournaments are on the horizon. We have some very talented performers in these areas and hope that they go on to victory. The House Trophy is within our grasp and we hope to bring it back home (after a long and undeserved absence!) to Stuart House this year.



House Captains 2008-2009

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Internationalists 2009

This year has been an extremely busy and successful one for those pupils who have represented Scotland in a variety of sporting fields. As Mr Lang, Director of Sport at Hutchesons', has said, "The international competitors deserve warm congratulations for their dedication and ability, and as a school we should be very proud of their achievements."

In indoor athletics, Matthew Kerr and Max Lott (both S4), represented Scotland in the Under 16 age group, with successful performances in triple jump and middle distance running events. Matthew also competed in the high jump event in the U16 age group of Scottish Schools.

Cross Country has also put Hutchesons' into the international spotlight with three representatives at various age groups. Max Lott ran in the Scottish Under 17 Cross Country Team in 2008, and Jennifer Eadie (S2) and Natalie Sharp (S6) competed in the Home Internationals in March 2009.

Shreyas Chitnis has represented Scotland in the Under 15 cricket squad, and Anjan Luthra has also achieved international selection for the Under 17 Scottish cricket squad.

Continuing the school's international prowess, the hockey club has produced an outstanding number of representatives. Robyn Collins and Heather Lang (both S4) played at Under 16 level in the year 2008, with Heather being joined by Emma Hunter and Kirsten McIntosh in the U16 squad for the present season. The 2008 season saw three current Sixth year pupils, Fiona Bruce, Rachel Malcolm and Nicola Lowrey, along with former head girl, Morag McLellan – who captained the team – represented Scotland in the U18 category, successfully winning the Four Nations Tournament in Cardiff. Fiona, Rachel and Nicola are involved in the 2009 U18 training squad, along with Katie Gardner and Robyn Collins, working towards the European Trophy in Madrid this coming summer.

On the football pitch, Scott Lang and David Aitken represented their country in the Scotland Independent Schools Soccer Team in both the 2008 and 2009 seasons, with Michael Smith also earning a place in the 2009 squad.

Christy MacKinnon has had a highly successful year, competing in the Scotland Junior Ski Team in 2008 and 2009, as well as achieving selection for the British Under 17 Ski Team, a truly remarkable accomplishment.

Hutchesons' international acclaim also extended to the pool as Andrew Park, currently in Sixth year, represented Scotland in the Under 17 category in the 2008 season.

In all, the 2008 and 2009 seasons have undoubtedly been outstanding in terms of international selection for Hutchesons' pupils. This has been a true reflection of the hard work put in by all the individuals involved, as well as the support and commitment of the PE department and parents.

Sport



Rugby

Season 2008/09

This season in a move to make rugby more exciting and attacking the IRB introduced new Experimental Law Variations (ELV's). Initially these changes looked fairly radical and there was concern at how these would be refereed and how the players would react to the changes. I attended a referees and coaches seminar at the National Sports Centre in Inverclyde where the details were discussed and healthy debate took place. Fears that it would change the game beyond recognition were unfounded and to be honest after a season, I might suggest that at senior level the changes are not radical enough. I, for one, would be delighted to see the end of aimless punting of the ball back and forward like a game of ping pong. This in my opinion does nothing to develop the skills we at school level are trying to encourage. It's a different game!

The role of school sport here at Hutchesons' is very important and we pride ourselves on promoting a high level of skill and positivity in our teams.

This has been reflected in many of our teams' performances this year, with the emphasis on attacking with pace and excitement. I was most reassured by comments made at the end of this season's exciting Six Nations rugby competition when **Declan Kidney**, the victorious Irish coach, was interviewed and pointedly thanked the Irish schools for all their hard work in developing players and the excellent structure they have in place.

Perhaps we in Scotland should reflect on his comments.

The School rugby has again flourished this year and we can be rightly proud of the efforts of our players and coaches who work relentlessly to improve their performances. The Senior and S3 sides have particularly good records but we are well aware that some of our younger teams will have to work extremely hard to reach the standards we pursue. I am strong in our belief that the way ahead is in developing our brand of rugby based on positivity, not size or having Primary

age school boys playing a version of adult rugby based on kicking and chasing. At a recent match I overheard a Primary 6 coach discussing how well his rush defence has done – oh dear - what is this about! These are short term measures and ignore the principles we are trying to promote.

This year our senior rugby players have once again benefitted hugely from a pre-season boot camp at Largs and also, this year, a weekly session taken by our weights coach. The S3 boys will benefit from this additional session this summer.

The 1st XV had an excellent season playing some very attractive and committed rugby and enjoyed a good cup run until losing in the Quarter finals to Stewarts Melville College at Inverleith. The 2nd and 3rd XV's have mirrored this success and are looking forward already to next season and the hope of playing in the top side. The Under 15/ S3 team also had a very good cup run before losing out in the Semi final to George Watson's College at Myreside. The S2 XV's had a mixed season and despite being extremely skilful, were often up against much bigger and more physical sides. Likewise the S1 teams have found that success is not easy and despite their valiant efforts they have often been outsized. At Primary level the P7's have

1st XV



worked extremely hard and have made great steps forward and the P6's have done very well and have developed nicely.

As I write this article we are awaiting results from an SRU Consultation process which has been driven by the desire to make rugby safer. This is something which we at Hutchesons' applaud. The proposed changes, if implemented, will be introduced for the start of next season and I will advise all parents accordingly.

We have been fortunate this year to have on board, to assist with coaching, two Former pupils - Andrew Gillman (GHA) and Calum Forrest (Glasgow Warriors) along with our New Zealand import Jamie Pinder (GHA). It has been great to have these men involved and they have been very popular and a terrific help to the boys.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Saibal Sen from the Maths Department. Saibal has been a great servant to the rugby club over the years and we wish him well on his retirement.

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1st XV Report

In Hutchesons' Grammar School, there is an endeavour to allow all pupils to leave the school as well rounded individuals. In this spirit, sport is ranked very highly within the school's ethos, with rugby at the forefront of this aspiration.

The 2008/09 season promised to be a successful season and, in the most part, it delivered on this. With an outstanding set of results, I feel very proud and privileged to have been given the opportunity to captain the 1st XV.

After almost two years of precise planning and organising, the long anticipated tour to South Africa kicked off the school year in style. We spent ten days of fun and frivolity in Cape Town, on the south coast of the country. For the majority of our time, we were based in a *luxury* hotel in the heart of the city, and trained at the local rugby club, Milerton. Numerous famous landmarks were on hand to visit, including Table Mountain

Rugby Results 2008-09

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XV	19	13	1	5	509	200
2nd XV	14	10		4	215	159
3rd XV	15	9		6	391	274
4th XV	1			1	14	31
3rd Yr A	17	14	1	2	374	156
3rd Yr B	8	3	1	4	137	260
3rd A/B	1			1	12	17
4/3 mix	1			1	28	54
2nd Yr A	14	8		7	232	199
2nd Yr B	11	4		7	83	146
2nd Yr C	1			1	0	35
1st Yr A	15	3		12	131	219
1st Yr B	13	3		10	91	139
P7 A	14	7	1	6	170	157
P7 B	11	4		7	108	169
P6 A	15	7	2	6	39	34
P6 B	11	3	1	7	22	47

and Robyn island – were the 25 boys and 4 adults on tour were given a glimpse of the horrors and travesties that took place there. In retrospect, the most interesting and insightful aspect of the tour was staying with the families of the schools we played. Firstly in the picturesque town of Langerbaan, then in the predominantly white suburb, Parel Valei. After the 1995 rugby world cup the world started to obtain the image of South Africa as a "rainbow" nation, yet with only our brief spell with the Africans, we became aware that racism and a feeling of superiority was still rife and part and parcel of their lives.

In total, three games were played. And although we only won one, we began to develop as individuals and as units throughout. The physical hits and contact on show were impressive. Yet Geography took the biggest hit of all, as one of the squad thought they could see Zimbabwe from the hotel.

As we returned from our gallivanting, we had little time to relax before we were off jet setting again, this time to Inverclyde, for an intense weekend of training. A truly professional touch for a school that always aims for the top.

Highlights included breakfast, were a bean and a sausage were served. Although, the ice baths did give many of the boys a chance to impress the ladies.

There was pressure on this group of players, to raise the standard even higher than that set last season. But with pressure comes performance, and all players can hold their heads high at their achievements. The strength in depth at our school was evident, with the large number of boys meeting the standard to play in the 1st XV.

Every match played held some importance, yet our match versus George Heriot's was of huge significance, not in the score line, but in what it showed to the players. We had had a convincing victory, yet after the match, there were no hi-5s, hugs or slaps on the rear, well apart from Euan Greer. We had won, but we were angry and disappointed at our performance even though, only a year before we had lost 15-13 to the same team and we accepted it, as we had come close to beating one of the top Edinburgh teams. Thus indicating the giant strides we had taken in only a year. Although much of the season was dictated by the weather, we managed to build sustained

Rugby Club Trophy Winners 2008/09

1st XV Rugby Captain
Sam Bingham

The Philip Noble Trophy
Adam McLay

Commitment in Rugby
Scott Lang

The Willie Wilson Award
Oliver Lombardi
for Leadership in Rugby

Hutchesons' Grammar School
Senior Goal Kicking F.P. Trophy
Douglas Dunlop

Hutchesons' Grammar School
Jonathan Thomson S2
Junior Goal Kicking Euan Baillie
Trophy

Burnside Trophy – Team of the Year
3rd Year 'A' XV Captain
Grant MacDonald

momentum, with impressive successes against Glasgow Academy, High School of Glasgow and North Berwick. Although we had a setback versus our old rivals St. Aloysius, this was only a minor blip. As the season progressed, different aspects of our play and team continued to gel and work in cohesion. The 10, 12 axes of Scott Lang and Adam McLay were increasingly effective. Along with the dynamic work in the lineout and from the base of the scrum, from Hugo Lough and Stephen Mullen: who became top try scorer.

Everything was going near enough to plan as we entered the Cup Season. Our dream of reaching the final in Murrayfield was within our grasp. After a comfortable slaughtering of Linlithgow, we were next up against Bell Baxter High school – past winner's and the team who put us out only a year before. After six cancellations we finally played them, on the Madras pitches in St. Andrews. After a slow start, we eventually put in an impressive performance and became deserved winners. The unknown quantity of Morrison's Academy next lay in wake.

Although strong and physical, our class saw us through the tough encounter, although the performance was nothing to write home about.

We had reached the quarter-final, an achievement in itself. Drawn against Stewart's Melville, the feeling in our camp was positive. However, our dream was crushed by an athletic and drilled team, whose home advantage became more and more significant as play wore on. We did not achieve our main aim, but all players can say that they gave it their all, and were drained when they left the field.

Although the battle had been lost, the war had not. There was plenty left to play for, with the prestigious school sevens tournament just around the corner. Sixteen teams participate from all over the nation making this one of the highest quality events on the rugby calendar. Through grit, determination and precision we managed to do what no Hutchie team had done for over 10 years, and win the tournament, beating St. Aloysius in the final. The day was perfect, until we heard the girls had won the hockey.

And so, the 08-09 rugby season ended. For the 6th years, we have ended our school rugby careers on a high and I am proud to have played with them all. For the 4th and 5th years, I wish you all the best for next year. This season would not have been such a success, if not for the tireless work from Dan Wyatt and Callum Forester, whose help and input has been priceless. But the biggest thanks has to go to Mr. Stuart Lang, who on behalf of all the players has been hugely inspirational. His desire for all players to achieve their potential, is the back bone of why Hutchesons' Grammar School is back at the head of Scottish Schools' rugby.

Sam Bingham

2nd XV Report

We find ourselves at the end of a very successful season winning ten out of our fourteen matches this season. Undoubtedly the highlight of our season was doing the double over our Edinburgh rivals George Watson's.

Throughout the season there have been several star performers with many threatening to break into the first XV squad. The squad was made up of 4th years through to 6th years and everyone who played was proud to wear the Hutchie top. The commitment of the boys was brilliant but thanks should go to Mr Wyatt who throughout the season gave us the belief we could win and gave the younger players a chance to show their worth.

We would also like to thank everyone that gave up their time on a Saturday morning to come and support us.

Oliver Lombardi

S3 Rugby

This has been a very successful season for the "A" team with 14 wins from 17 games. Our big wins this year have come against George Heriot's, Stewarts Melville, High School of Glasgow and Robert Gordon's. We also have had a 24-24 draw against Edinburgh Academy which was a really exciting game, our only losses have come against George Watson's.

This year we have focused on our defence which has come on a lot. In six of our games we did not concede a single point. This year we also competed in a sevens tournament at Kelvinside where we lost to Glasgow Academy in the semi-final by a try. This year the forwards have also come a long way with our line-outs and our scrummaging as we have been learning new moves and techniques which we now use week in week out. The backs have improved a great deal this year as well as learning new moves and have worked on their passing which has been very effective and consistent throughout this season. The U15 cup squad also had a very good run where we got to the semi-final of the Bell Lawrie cup where we lost to a very strong Watson's side but beat a lot of top quality teams along the way including Robert Gordon's 19-0 and High School 15-0.

A variety of circumstances have seen a disjointed season for the "B" team who have managed to play only 8 games. They have, however, continued to work hard in practice and their attitude and

determination has always been first class.

All thanks must go to Mr Dewar, Mr Pinder, Mr McDougall and Mr Gillman for all their encouragement and support to enable us to play this high standard of rugby.

Grant Macdonald

S2 Rugby

This season had its up and downs. The first game of the season was Marr College. Scott Young captained this game. The team was confident playing them as we had beaten them last season. We played very well and managed to beat them. Unfortunately, we lost to the 2nd and 3rd year team that Kelvinside put out against us and were defeated by St Aloysius by one try. The first half of the season was average as we lost six out of nine games but picked up wins against Jordanhill, Strathallan and Lomond.

In the second half of the season many games early on in the year were cancelled but we managed to play Down High and Foyle High, two Northern Irish touring teams. We beat Down High four tries to one but Foyle crushed us using their sheer size to batter our team into submission. For the penultimate game of the season we put an A/B mix out

against Wellington and had an easy win against them. The final game of the season was against Glasgow Academy. We easily beat them as well, managing to score eight tries and not concede any. Three of these tries came from Douglas Connell and Sheryar Awan got his one and only try of the season. Our scrum-half, Robbie Blackwood, was unbelievably annoyed that his try was held up.

All thanks must go to Mr Russell, Mr Uprichard and Mr Sen for all their encouragement and support to enable us to play this high standard of rugby.

Blair McCarte

S1 Rugby

We moved from P7 to S1 with anticipation and enthusiasm. Our core number of players had significantly increased and this provided competition for places in the team. Making their Hutchesons' debut Scott Plumridge & Michael Risi proved great assets to the team over the whole season.

After the first few weeks the new players settled into the team and with the benefit of Mr MacLeod's coaching we started to produce some good rugby. This year's S1 team is physically small in comparison to most opposition and the

arrival of Declan (Lofty) McLaughlin after the October break was a welcome addition in the lineout.

We approached the season with good team spirit and although the final results were not as we would have liked - the scores often did not reflect our performance on the pitch.

The end of the season proved disappointing as a number of our key players were sidelined due to injury.

We competed in the annual sevens competition at Auldhouse in March. A spirited performance was produced but we failed to progress in the competition. A mention should go to the winners, George Watson's College, who entertained us in the final with some outstanding rugby and were comfortable winners.

The S1 team thank Mr Macleod for his coaching and enthusiastic support at matches and look forward to next season with hopefully, improving results.

Max MacFarlane

Primary 7 Rugby

It has been a mixed but very enjoyable season for the Primary 7 rugby players. There have been many hard fought



victories and considerable improvements made against tougher opponents throughout the season. The squad has tried hard to become more organised in attack and defence, play at pace and improve their overall fitness. Parents and members of staff from other schools have been complimentary about the progress the squad has made and the players should be proud of their overall efforts during the season. The players have worked hard on Thursday mornings and during Wednesday lunch intervals and have been rewarded with notable victories over schools from Glasgow, Edinburgh and Ayrshire. The squad should go into next season in high spirits and, with the potential of new players joining the squad, competition for places should be as fierce as ever.

Mr J.McCrossan

Primary 6 Rugby

The 'A' rugby team can claim to be the best P6 team in Glasgow after beating all of their opponents from the city. We haven't beaten any Edinburgh teams YET but one of our best performances was against George Watson's College. We lost 4-1 but we played a lot better than the scoreline suggests. Our biggest win was against Belmont House School who we beat 14 tries to nil. The 'A' Team squad players are: J.Leslie, G.Cockburn, E.Devanney, A.Scott, T.Grewar, A.Waddell, J.Nairn, D.Ewing, L.Lott, R. Margiotta, C.MacFarlane, H Akhtar and A.Purewal. We have had 7 wins and 5 losses, at time of writing. Overall we have had a great season.

The 'B' team players have enjoyed their season although they didn't win as many

matches as the 'A' team. They have performed very well and have made tremendous progress. Despite defeat, their favourite match was against George Watson's College because the team tackled so well. The 'B' team squad players are: D.Wilkie, C.Hurst, M.Barnett, S.Edwards, R.Boyle, J.Toma, S.Molanari, G.Hurst, C.Boyd, S.Kakar, M.Slater, J.Wigg, N.MacLeod and J.Maillie. At time of writing, they have lost 6 and won 2 and drawn 1. They have had a good season.

We would like to thank Mr Dewar, Mr Lang, Mrs Mungall, Mr West and Graham Adam (F.P.) for coaching us, as well as family and friends who have cheered us on throughout the season.

Jack Leslie, James Nairn, Jacob Toma, Sol Edwards and Robbie Boyle.

SA Rugby Tour 2008

3 o'clock, Wednesday 6th August 2008. Having been in the pipeline for almost two years, twenty-four pupils, three members of staff and Doctor John Maclay arrived at Glasgow Airport full of excitement mixed with trepidation. Having checked in, we headed for London before catching the long-haul flight to Cape Town, South Africa.

Twelve hours and a couple of bouts of travel sickness later, the 28 bleary-eyed members of our tour party made their way to Milnerton Rugby Club, just outside of Cape Town for our first of four consecutive training sessions. For our first three nights in South Africa, we stayed at the waterfront of the Cape, where we would return again for the final leg of our tour. Despite the heavy rugby schedule, we found time to take in some of the well-known sites of the area, starting with a trip up Table Mountain. However, due to some unfortunate conditions, the view from the top was minimal to say the least! Thankfully Mother Nature was on our side when we took a trip over to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for eighteen years, and we were given an insightful and enjoyable tour, picking up some native language as we went.

We then moved north to the small town of Hopefield where local families acted as our hosts for two nights. Some boys were luckier than others; some having to put up with no cutlery or a proper bed, whilst others enjoyed swimming pools and a bar. It was against Hopefield High School that we played our opening match. Prior to the match, the school presented Hopefield with £3000 of new kit for those who wish to play rugby but do not have the funding to do so. Although supposedly winter in South Africa, soaring temperatures began to take their toll and despite our very impressive performance, Hopefield ran out winners, nineteen points to three, making our second night there a little less pleasant!

From Hopefield, we returned south to Somerset West where we stayed with our second set of hosts, with everybody feeling a little more relaxed about the concept having experienced a relatively trouble-free stay in Hopefield. Prior to our second match, against Parel Vallei High School, a school similar to our own, we visited a cheetah reserve and the Huguenot town of Franschoek. Despite a scrappy performance, we managed to win our first game of the tour, beating Parel Vallei nineteen points to three.

The culmination of our tour was a visit to the Langa Township in Cape Town, an eye-opening experience for us all; houses made from nothing more than corrugated iron and rags, children as young as five out begging in the streets. We were therefore delighted that we had been able to contribute £2000 to the Friends of Warmth charity whose work involves improving these people's lives. It was here that we played our final game against Tygerberg Rugby Club where I'm afraid to say we had to concede defeat once more, losing 38 points to 26. It was, however, a fantastic match in which the Hutchie squad rose to the occasion against a fast, free flowing and talented rugby side who sealed their victory with a breakaway try in the closing moments of the match. On our final night in Cape Town, the whole tour party, staff included, enjoyed a selection of typical African food in a local restaurant. At the end of the evening and our tour it was agreed by all the team members that it had been a wonderful experience for us all, with our sincere thanks going to Mr. Dewar, Mr, Wyatt and Mr. Russell who made the trip possible.

On returning to Glasgow, and after a much needed and well deserved rest, it was agreed that the remainder of our funds, £1000, be donated to the school's chosen charity for this year, the Children's Hospice Association Scotland.

Douglas Kyle



1st XI

Hockey Report 2008-2009

Overview

This season started in agonising fashion for the Senior hockey and rugby squads at Inverclyde. A tough regime put them through their paces, physically, mentally and tactically, and a close bond was immediately formed both within and between the playing groups. As these intrepid players were adjusting to their new season, so too were the hockey boys. Their pre-season medicine was administered under the watchful eye of Mr. Graham Dunlop, as he started building a new young team here at the school.

All teams worked hard during the opening weeks of the season raising fitness levels, improving stick skills and tactical awareness, whilst adjusting to the new players around them. 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 and who support the club.

This year, an ambitious tour is planned to Australia with a Senior girls' squad. The Sixth year girls involved have included an article in this report about the exciting plans, and the school is delighted with the support for this venture.

Another recent new event is a Sixth year visit to Perth. Mrs McNeill led a very excited and intrepid band of girls off to experience the delights of touring including a trip go-karting. As always, the players were a credit to the school and they 'had a ball'!

The girls' 1st XI narrowly lost the BP Cup Final in February on sudden death penalty strokes, but players conducted themselves in a truly dignified manner, despite their bitter disappointment. They did go on however to win both the Hutchesons' 7's and the West District 7's tournaments in an exemplary manner and were, as always, a credit to the school.

The Boys' 1st XI lost to Robert Gordon's in the Scottish Cup, but have won other silverware in the course of the season. With many experienced Sixth years leaving last year, there is definitely a youthful look about this year's teams.

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 at Under 16 and Under 18. 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' Reports

1st XI Report

Looking back on my final hockey season at Hutchie I feel it has been a successful and enjoyable year, making it all the more difficult to leave a team boasting so many talented players. Rarely beaten in Saturday morning matches, we were undoubtedly the team to beat this year.

However this reputation didn't come without hard work.

The annual pre-season training camp at Inverclyde set the tone for the rest of the season. With morning runs and multiple fitness and pitch sessions it became clear to everyone, in particular the new fourth years, that hard work would be a necessity if we were to succeed this season. Fortunately no one failed to impress, with the squad training every Monday and Wednesday after school, as well as footwork training on Wednesday lunchtimes and of course the dreaded "stamina" sessions on Thursday lunchtimes.

Our hard work was clear as we reached the final of our first tournament, the West District Cup. However we narrowly missed out on penalties despite a solid team performance. Our standards continued to improve winning a total of 20 matches. Furthermore the team went on to win the Indoor West District Tournament for the first time in years, and as a result qualified for the Scottish Indoor finals.

The climax to our season, however, was the BP cup final, which finished 0-0 after normal time, with the High School goalie in inspired form. Unfortunately we lost in penalty flicks, in spite of thinking we had won: the last penalty had to be retaken.

Following the defeat the team bounced back, immediately winning the first of four seven a side tournaments, our own Hutchie sevens, in convincing fashion, beating Kelvinside in the final. The second of the seven-a-side tournaments was the West District Sevens. After a somewhat shaky start, we came into some tremendous form and progressed to the semi-finals to meet our BP cup opponents High School, who we demolished 3-0. In the final we played Craigholme in a close-fought match - Hutchie came out on top - adding to our impressive collection of silverware.

Towards the end of the season the team competed in our annual match against the Northern Irish team, Ballymena, for the Reid-McNeill trophy. After a highly enjoyable match we emerged as the winning side, retaking the trophy, having drawn last year.

Looking forward, the team is working towards what promises to be the highlight of our hockey year, and a spectacular finish to our 6th Year school hockey career – our upcoming tour to Australia. Huge thanks for this must go to Miss Simpson, our coach, who has put in a tireless effort and given much enthusiasm to make our trip to Australia as unforgettable as possible. In addition I would like to thank Miss Simpson and the entire PE staff on behalf of the whole squad for all their help and support in what has been a most memorable and successful season.

Rachel Malcolm

2nd XI Report

Winning 8 out of our 12 matches and drawing two, I can proudly say that the 2nd XI was again a team to fear this

year. Our hard work and dedication are reflected by the strength of our performances and our growth as a team. This was highlighted by our outstanding achievements in the end of season tournaments; West Districts 2nd XI and West District 2nd 7's tournaments. After gliding through our group sections and semi-finals due to Lucy's polite tackles, Katie Fulton's bulls-eye hits, Catriona's Olympic falls and Becca's one hand wonders, we found ourselves in the final of both tournaments against our fierce opponents, The High School of Glasgow. This however did not effect the dynamic and versatile play of our team; we went on to win an honourable 3-0 in both matches.

Congratulations are therefore indeed required: well done to all the 2nd XI players and thank you for making it such a privilege to be Captain. Especially well



Representative Honours 2008-2009

Outdoor International U18

Rachel Malcolm	(S6) in Training squad
Nicola Lowrey	(S6) in Training squad
Fiona Bruce	(S6) in Training squad
Katie Gardner	(S5) in Training Squad
Robyn Collins	(S4) in Training Squad

Outdoor International U16

Lucy Lanigan	(S4) in Training squad
Emma Hunter	(S4) in Training squad
Heather Lang	(S4) in Training squad
Kirsten McIntosh	(S4) in Training squad
Katie Fulton	(S4) in Training squad

Outdoor West District U18

Rachel Malcolm	S6
Nicola Lowrey	S6

Fiona Bruce	S6
Karen Leslie	S5
Susie Gillman	S5
Katie Gardner	S5
Robyn Collins	S4

Outdoor West District U16

Heather Lang	S4
Emma Hunter	S4
Kirsten McIntosh	S4
Holly Guttridge	S4
Katie Fulton	S4

Indoor West District U18

Laura Simpson	S5
Susie Gillman	S5
Katie Gardner	S5

done in the 7's tournaments as fitness levels were remarkable - looks like Miss Simpson's nagging and boot-camp stamina sessions have paid off. To the 4th years that have moved up to Senior hockey this year and the 5th years who have worked very hard, you have all made a valuable contribution. To the 6th years - we will miss you and we are sad to see you go. Nonetheless, we do wish you all the best for the future.

Special thanks must go to our coaches Miss Simpson, Mrs Lang and Miss Marshall. Many thanks also to the parents who have supported us from the beginning. I hope that next year's 2nd XI has as much fun and success as we did.

Laura Simpson

3rd, 4th and 5th XI Reports

Each team has benefitted from a large squad due to the vast number of girls

involved in Senior hockey. Despite the bad weather the teams recorded a fantastic set of results.

The 3d XI, captained by Lindsey McNeill, were defeated once and this was by a first eleven team. The 4th XI, captained by Ava Howison, excelled themselves by being undefeated throughout the season. The 5th XI, captained by Hazel Frier, also had an excellent set of results only losing two games.

We finished off the season with a trip to Perth for the sixth years which was enjoyed by all. This was a very successful season, thanks to Mrs. McNeill and the other P.E staff.

Lindsay McNeill

S3 Report

The hockey season this year has been very successful for all three teams, with the majority of games resulting in wins for Hutchie. All three teams have shown enthusiasm and commitment throughout the season.

The 'A' team have improved immensely since the start of the season. For us the most pleasing part of our play for me has been our teamwork. Working together for each other, better communication, and making the ball do the work, have been the main reasons we have been so successful.

We have definitely grown more confident as a team knowing that as we have increased the pace of our game, we have the ability to do well against any team we play. Even in the games we have lost we know that we can take note of our mistakes and improve our play for the next time.

The report wouldn't be complete without mentioning some of our team off the pitch banter. Such as our back of the bus "Since You've Been Gone" sing-a-longs, and post game analysis of the funniest falls, most skinned knees and most aggressive behaviour from an opponent are all memories, I am sure, none of us will forget.

I've really enjoyed being part of such a great team and would like to thank everyone for such a great season.

The 'B' and 'C' teams have also had a great season, and the captains (B-Claire McCormick and C-Hannah Lough respectively) have commented on the progress within their teams.

The third year 'B' team started off the hockey season with many away games, in which, despite the hard matches, we managed to win the majority of games. With regular hockey practices the B team has worked hard together as a team and progressed in their skills and stamina.

The C team had a fun and successful season. Our top goal scorer was Sarah Ramage, who scored many of our winning goals. The team has worked together and we have improved our hockey skills throughout the year. Go C team!

I'd just like to add a big thanks to the coaching team, especially Mrs. Lang, for all their hard work and great coaching. We wouldn't have done as well as we have without them.

Unfortunately, this is the last year that our teams will be playing together, as we will be splitting up into the senior teams for next season. This is both sad and exciting for us, as many bonds have been formed within the teams, but we look forward to moving on and joining other year groups.

So as a last hurrah and goodbye to our team mates - **1,2,3, Go Hutchie!**

Iona Scott and Sarah Cooper

S2 Hockey Report

Another great season has come to an end for the second year hockey teams. As expected, all our players have been very committed - not just turning up and playing to the best of our ability on a Saturday morning, but also to improving our game during match practices. This season saw us compete in the Hutchesons' S2 Tournament. This was won by George Watson's College - to whom we lost in running penalties at the semi-final stage.

A very frosty winter meant that for a full two months we were unable to play at the weekend and, in fact, between the 15th of December and the 28th of February the 'A' team only managed to play twice on a Saturday.

The 'B' team, led by Gillian Wark, has also had a good set of results. Many of their fixtures were against other schools' 'A' teams and they have had to fight hard for some of these well-deserved results. The 'C' team has been captained by Chloe Fleming and the 'D' team by Joanna Klienglass. These two teams have had slightly fewer matches, yet, this has not stopped them having a good set of results and early starts on Saturday mornings.

We would like to thank the PE staff for all their help and in particular Miss McNaught who in her first year teaching at Hutchie has brought some new ideas and enthusiasm to our coaching sessions.

Alison Eadie

S1 Hockey Report

The S1 girls' hockey season had a promising start with matches every Saturday for each of the four teams. Many goals were scored in victories against Craigholme, St. Columba's and St Aloysius with some narrow defeats against our Edinburgh rivals. From November to January several matches were cancelled due to bad weather and we experienced mixed results in the

games which were played. Nonetheless we all trained hard and really enjoyed ourselves.

The highlight of our year was the West District Tournament on 21st March. Having won our section and defeated Lomond 2-0 in the semi-final, we met The High School of Glasgow in the final. After twenty minutes of tough play the score was 0-0 and we had to decide the tournament winners with running penalties. Still drawn after 5 penalties each it went to 'sudden death'. High School missed and, with all the Hutchesons' players biting their nails, our player scored to seal victory for us. We were all so happy!

We would like to thank Mrs Crichton and Miss Gibson for all their help and encouragement throughout the season. A special thanks must go to Miss Simpson for shouting herself hoarse at the West District Final.

Rosa McMillan

Primary 7 Report

This year the Primary seven girls have been very successful in all of the matches they have played against other schools and in the rare times they have lost they fought back with gusto. The A team has played exceptionally well and have only lost one game. Quite a few matches have been cancelled due to adverse weather and so the teams did not play as much as they might have hoped. Our most challenging matches have definitely been against Edinburgh schools.

We played Craigholme as one of our first matches with a great effort by everyone with the A team winning 4-0. The B team had a challenging game against Wellington School in Ayr. Our next match was against George Watson's and this was one excellent hockey game! The A team defeated them by scoring in the last few minutes resulting in 2-1 win for Hutchesons'.

All teams won their matches against the High School of Glasgow and the Mary Erskine Schools – a superb exertion by everyone. Kelvinside Academy was the next match for the A and B teams and both teams performed well, with the A

Hockey Results 2008-09

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	OFF
Girls							
1st XI	19	15	1	3	75	20	
2nd XI	12	8	2	2	36	9	4
3rd XI	14	7	6	1	22	7	4
4th XI	10	8	2		25	5	5
5th XI	7	4	1	2	15	4	3
3rd Yr 'A'	15	8	2	5	26	22	1
3rd Yr 'B'	14	9	4	1	29	5	2
3rd Yr 'C'	9	2	2	5	5	12	3
2nd Yr 'A'	15	11	2	2	35	13	1
2nd Yr 'B'	13	7	4	1	28	5	5
2nd Yr 'C'	10	5	1	4	17	16	4
2nd Yr 'D'	3		1	2	2	12	2
1st Yr 'A'	16	7	1	8	33	18	2
1st Yr 'B'	14	6	2	6	26	15	4
1st Yr 'C'	11	2	2	7	6	19	4
1st Yr 'D'	6	1		5	4	15	6
P.7 'A'	11	8	2	1	23	7	3
P.7 'B'	12	8	1	3	26	14	3
P7 'C'	6	1		5	6	26	2
P7 'D'	5	2		3	9	14	2
Boys							
1st XI	17	10	1	6	50	43	5
2nd XI	9	3	2	4	23	21	5
Junior XI	10	5	-	5	22	26	3
Develop	4	1		3	1	28	
Indoor	4	2		2	10	13	
Junior Indoor	6	2	1	3	26	38	

team leaving with a 2-1 win. Meanwhile the C and D teams were playing Craigholme. The C team won after a smashing effort by everyone.

The new year began with the A team and B team taking a long trip to St. Columba's School. The B team did once again very well and left with a win. In the intervening time the C and D teams played against the High School. Both teams played exceptionally. Our teams also played exceptionally well against Dollar, Lomand and Glasgow Academy.

Suddenly things became very busy indeed – coming third, then second and then winning a tournament! So all in all the Primary seven girls' hockey has been terrific and we are all looking forward to even tougher matches in Secondary 1 and greater success!

The pinnacle of our performance to date was our victorious March trip to George Watson's College - our biggest rivals this season!

Lara Tomkins P7R



Australia Tour Report

Summer 2009 promises to be simply unforgettable as the hockey tour squad eagerly await their trip 'down under'. The forthcoming tour to Australia in August is set to be both exhilarating and challenging as we travel across Australia, covering an extensive list of destinations.

The first stop on this long-awaited tour is the beautiful city of Perth. Trips to Caversham Wildlife Park and Fremantle Market, as well as matches against three teams of a high standard, will set the tone for our busy and diverse tour.

Our next destination is Australia's hockey capital, Melbourne, also home to 'Ramsay Street' - a definite must see on our travels! Furthermore, we look forward to visiting the Melbourne Cricket Ground and Rod Laver Tennis Centre, both of which are world renowned sporting facilities. Continuing

on our demanding playing schedule, we have two matches awaiting us in this city, one of which will take place in the Commonwealth Games venue in Parkville!

We then head to Sydney where we have the once in a lifetime opportunity to play our sixth match of the tour in the Olympic Stadium. The Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb provides a further chance to soak up the city's atmosphere, before visiting the Blue Mountains and 'enjoying' a ride on the world's steepest railway!

Brisbane is also set to be an exciting destination, as it is home to Australia Zoo, the legacy of the late Steve Irwin. We plan to spend a full day exploring this fantastic landmark, as well as encountering the thrills and spills of Dreamworld Theme Park. It is in Brisbane that we face the regional U18 women's team, a match which could

prove to be one of our most valuable and competitive.

Rounding off our tour, we journey to Singapore to play the National Ladies U21 Team, in a match that will undoubtedly prove to be both a mental battle and a learning curve! In our final few days, we plan to relax and recover on a day trip to Sentosa Island where we will swim with dolphins, and then spend our last morning at the prestigious Raffles Hotel.

All in all, the Australia 2009 hockey tour looks to be a truly amazing and inspiring experience, and will certainly be the highlight of the hockey calendar at Hutchesons'.

Thanks to everyone who has helped and supported the fundraising events.

Nicola Lowrey and Fiona Bruce

Boys' Hockey

1st XI Report

Although the hockey squad suffered heavily from a mass exodus of good players from the previous year, we have had a successful season, and thanks must go to Mr. Dunlop for coping with this loss of players. With so many new and young faces having so little time to gel as a squad it was unsurprising that our season started poorly, with the opening game against Watsons resulting in an 8-0 loss though the score line did not reflect our performance... perhaps 15-0 would have been more appropriate. However, it is pleasing to report that despite our confidence-puncturing opener, we improved dramatically. The team proceeded to embark upon an unstoppable seven match winning streak leaving in their wake a host of well-established hockey teams such as Glasgow Academy and Stuarts Melville. Yet, perhaps the highlight of the season was our match against Edinburgh Academy, a ferocious opponent. Before the match squad morale was low, with the team suffering from a disappointing exit from the Scottish cup as we were narrowly thumped 7-0 by an impressive Robert Gordon's squad. With only ten minutes remaining, Hutchesons' found themselves staring defeat in the face, losing two goals to one. The team then showed immense drive and determination, the likes of which have never been seen before, coming back to win 3-2, with crucial goals coming from Adam 'Albatross' Sinclair. In fact, Adam went on to win the 'golden stick' award scoring fifteen goals, with Alan Conroy and Douglas Kyle hot on his tail with thirteen...and zero respectively. Praise must also go to Jonny Leslie for his sterling performance, not only in this match but throughout the whole season.

Our fine form continued as we picked up several more victories, both on the road and at Clydesdale, including a superb performance against a Clydesdale Men's team with the undoubted highlight of the game a fine solo goal from Michael Smith, his first of two for the season. However our unbeaten streak was

brought to a crushing end in the semi-final of the Scottish plate. In the highly regarded and anticipated Hutchie sevens, the home side put in a blinding performance and managed to snatch a draw from the jaws of victory in the closing stages of the final. In spite of an inspiring effort from Andrew 'keeper' Brown, Greenock Academy took victory, with Hutchie more than content with the silver. However, even greater success was to follow at the High School eleven-a-side tournament, where Hutchie stole the glory and bagged the gold, retaining the title from last year. Credit for this victory must go to Richard Newman who led the defensive line in sublime fashion and helped to secure two shut-outs.

From what had started out as looking as though it was going to be a turbulent year and not one to write home about, the excellent team spirit and drive helped to deliver perhaps the most successful season the school has ever witnessed, with captain Alan Conroy leading from the front...or wherever else his meandering dribbles happened to take him. At the close of play, we were left with statistics any team would crave, finishing with a total of ten victories and fifty-three goals scored. Let us hope this feat can be repeated next year, with more new faces arriving on the scene.

Michael Smith and Douglas Kyle

2nd XI Report

This season has seen results matching the weather with mixed performances for the 2nd XI. There have been good wins particularly against Glasgow Academy and Edinburgh Academy. The most memorable game was against Edinburgh Academy as we faced the prospect of a hard fight against some very attractive opposition: the Academy team lined up fielding some ladies!

One of the highlights of the season however must be the Hutchesons' 7's

tournament where we finished a very creditable 3rd. An unlucky defeat by the Hutchie 'A' team prevented us from upsetting the apple cart and reaching the final.

Specific mention is due to a few of the lads who have performed with excellence this season, with Sean Friel's dribbling and Gordon Biggart's goal scoring exploits aiding the teams cause. These moments, along with Christian 'The Cat' McFarlane's performances in goal have resulted in the team enjoying many fine moments in sport.

A special mention must go to Mr Hart who has spent many hours this season teaching the squad how to achieve the high standards they have set themselves.

Christian McFarlane

Junior XI Report

This season has been a mixture of ups and downs for the Hutchie Junior Boys' Hockey team. Early in the season, we had some disappointing results against some very strong teams: George Watson's and Stuarts Melville College showing us how things can be done. Then however, form picked up and the squad had some fantastic victories over Edinburgh Academy and the Clydesdale Under 15 squad.

There was a large squad for the staff to select from, all performing well each week, but special mention must go to Hasan Sharif in goal for his numerous outstanding saves, to Finlay Walker and Andrew Jeffrey of S3 and to the stars of tomorrow Calum McIntosh S2 and Murray Collins S1.

We have all had a very enjoyable and successful season, which was only possible due to the huge time and effort from both Mr Dunlop and Mr Hart: gentlemen, thank you very much.

Hasan Sharif S3



Inverclyde Pre – training

There are numerous words which could sum up Inverclyde. The teachers might say, ‘character building, a mental battle, a learning curve’, or even ‘fun!’ Whereas, for the pupils who endure this mind-boggling regime, just one word comes to mind: ‘hell’.

For those of you who don’t know, Inverclyde is Hutchie’s pre-season boot camp for the top senior hockey and rugby teams in the school. It takes place just a week before the start of a new term, which for many, is not nearly enough time to recover! The training lasts for three, intensive days, and by the end, every ‘macho’ 1st XV boy is exhausted! And last summer’s Inverclyde training was no exception.

Due to a number of difficulties, we were unable to arrive at Inverclyde until the Friday afternoon. However, this did not restrain the wrath of Miss Simpson (Head of Hockey at Hutchie, and world-famous for her grueling fitness regimes). Everyone arrived at the school bright and early to begin our, believe it or not,

pre-pre-season run. After a vast amount of suffering, and just a few minor casualties, we were finally allowed to break to have our lunch. The day’s training continued in a similar fashion at Inverclyde, where we even had an hour-and-a-half session after dinner. For those who had not previously endured the brutality of Miss Simpson’s regime, the first day came as quite a shock.

Day two began with a torrent of complaints from the boys, who were either ‘injured’, fatigued, or simply destroyed. However, the girls revealed their superior mental strength, and were all present for the morning run before breakfast. This day also included intense training, but a team-building exercise after lunch provided some light relief and lifted the mood of the group. It must be said that although Inverclyde is both challenging and demanding, the suffering is much easier to cope with when you are surrounded by friends.

On our final day, Miss Simpson unleashed the monster of all runs. Told

that we would be doing a simple sprints session, we launched into this run at a highly commendable speed. We remained oblivious to the fact that she planned to keep this up for the next 55 minutes! By the end of the session, with corpses dotted about the hockey pitch, no-one was able to even utter a word. We then proceeded to train for a further two hours...

Whilst our weekend at Inverclyde sounds like a living nightmare, I am very grateful for its existence. The intensity of the programme sets the tone for the school year to follow, and is a crucial factor as to why Hutchie are such a significant and successful school in the regions of both hockey and rugby. Nonetheless, knowing that it is something that I will never again endure does come as a relief and, to all those who will endure it in the future, best of luck and remember: ‘IT’S A MENTAL BATTLE!’

Fiona Bruce

Athletics Report

The 2008 Athletics season was again very successful for the school – the Glasgow and Scottish events went very well and a few records tumbled in the process.

The girls started the season by finishing runners-up in the Auldhouse Cup and the boys retained the Minerva Cup at the Kelvin Hall. In the 2008 Scottish Schools Indoor Championships, Catriona Lockie won gold in the 800m, and silver medals were won by Max Lott, Drew Hollinshead and Matthew Kerr.

In the Independent Schools' League, our S1 Boys, S2 Boys, S3 Boys, S1 Girls and S3 Girls all won their team trophies on a fine night at the senior school playing fields.

The Glasgow Schools is always a high profile date on the athletics calendar and the pupils again performed extremely well. Thirty gold medals, thirty-five silver medals and twenty-six bronze medals were won in the individual events. In the team competitions, Hutchesons' won gold medals in the S1 Boys, S1 Girls, S2 Girls, S3 Boys, S3 Girls and Senior Boys events, as well as achieving silver team medals in the Senior Girls' and S2 Boys' competitions. In the Senior contest the stand out performances were put in by Hugo Lough in the Shot, Kate Morgan in the High Jump and Michael Thomson in the Triple Jump. In the Secondary Three year group Taylor Speirs, Michael Dodds, Matthew Kerr, Alastair MacMahon, Elaine Eadie, Eleanor Quigley and Robyn Collins all won gold medals on the day, contributing to their age group's gold team medals. In the S2 contest, Andrew Spowart, Allan Tong, Lucy Patrick and Rebecca Patrick all won two individual medals – an excellent achievement. The high standards were maintained in the

Secondary One age group with Helena McKelvie winning three golds and Scott Young breaking yet another school record. Glasgow Schools' records were set by Elaine Eadie, Robyn Collins, Matthew Kerr and Michael Dodds.

The Scottish Schools' Athletics Championships is the top level of competition available to our pupils and once again they rose to the occasion. At the Relay Championships, our Primary Seven Boys and Girls both won silver. Our U14 Girls' team of Kelsey Millar, Helena McKelvie, Paige Denholm and Vanessa Hogan, and our U15 Boys' team of Taylor Speirs, Matthew Kerr, Sam Krause and Andrew Spowart both won gold. In the individual championships, bronze medals went to Douglas MacLeod and Matthew Kerr, and silver medals were won by Taylor Speirs, Max Lott and Drew Hollinshead. Our Scottish Schools Champions for 2008 were Natalie Sharp (1500m), Drew Hollinshead (Pole Vault), Matthew Kerr (Triple Jump) and Blair McCarte (Hammer Throw). As a result of his win in the Under 15 Triple Jump, Matthew was selected to represent Scottish Schools in the Under 17 international in Bedford!

Fifteen of our Under 15 pupils also represented Glasgow Schools in the annual inter-area match. Glasgow won the overall trophy for the first time, with the boys also winning their trophy. Special mention should go to Matthew Kerr (3 wins) and Taylor Speirs (2 wins and a second).

We are delighted to be able to report that Matthew Kerr won two golds in the 2009 Scottish Schools' Indoor Championships, and Natalie Sharp and Max Lott both won bronze medals. Matthew and Max were both selected for the U16 International in Cardiff.

Thanks are due to all the staff who assisted with the athletics matches but in particular to Mrs Crichton, Mrs Robertson, Mrs McNeill and Mr Russell for the selection of all the teams.

As we prepare to start the 2009 outdoor season, it is with great pleasure that we are able to mention the winning of the two annual indoor trophies for 2009...the Girls' Auldhouse Cup and the Boys' Minerva Cup are both in the trophy cupboard at the senior school!

Athletics Champions for 2008

Senior Girls: Champion

Eleanor Howie Cup
Natalie Sharp

Senior Boys: Champion

Govenors' Cup
Scott Lang

S3 Girls: Champion

1957 Group Quaich
Robyn Collins

S3 Boys: Champion

Alan S Paterson Cup
Matthew Kerr

S2 Girls: Champion

Elspeith B Cowan Trophy
Rebecca Patrick

S2 Boys: Champion

John A Braidwood Cup
Andrew Spowart

S1 Girls: Champion

Kingarth Cup
Helena McKelvie

S1 Boys: Champion

D B M Charleson Cup
Blair McCarte

P7 Girls: Champion

Jean Bain Trophy
Sapphire Le Sage

P7 Boys: Champion

Jardine Cup
Adam Divers

Cross Country

Cross country was a real success story with both the girls and boys achieving team and individual medals at Glasgow School and Scottish School levels.

The season began as it always does with the annual school charity and championship run. A week of unusually sunny weather saw pupils from Primary seven to Senior six take part. Tremendous effort and skill was displayed which gave a positive encouragement for the upcoming season.

In the Primary seven championship, Dewi Gould put on a fine performance to clinch the gold medal ahead of Jamie Cook (2nd) and Campbell Scott (3rd). In the girls' race, Lucy Davidson came out on top with Katie Turnbull and Alex Pope closely following behind. In the S1 results, Ross Grant finished 1st, Colin Lowery 2nd and Josh Hyde 3rd. Sapphire Le Sage won the girls' race with Nicola Wilde winning silver and Caitlin Judd winning bronze. The S2 boys' championship was won by Douglas Britton with Jonathan Wong coming in 2nd and Ross Cooper 3rd. The girls' race was convincingly won by Jennifer Eadie with Vanessa Hogan and Paige Denholm taking silver and bronze. In the S3 boys' race, the gold went to Elliot Martin, the silver was taken by Lewis Walter and the bronze went to Allan Tong. In the girls' race the gold medal was secured by Rebecca Patrick. Her twin Lucy Patrick was close behind in second place and Kirsty Gray took the bronze medal. The senior championship which was comprised of 4th, 5th and 6th years displayed some more fine performances. Miles Hollinshead (S6) took the boys' title ahead of Max Lott (S4) in second and Sandy Nimmo (S4) in third. In the girls' championship Natalie Sharp (S6) managed to defend her title. She was followed home by Elaine Eadie (S4) and Katie Gardner (S5). The whole series of championships demonstrated a high level of effort and determination and reflects the high standard of long distance running within the school.



After running through deep puddles and muddy tracks our thoughts turned to running on the roads. We had great success at both the Scottish Senior Road Relays and Scottish Primary Road Relays. In the senior races, the S1 Girls' team of Sapphire Le Sage, Zara Robinson and Nicola Wilde manage to secure a silver medal. This 2nd place accomplishment was then repeated by Douglas Britton, Scott Young, Max Lott and Miles Hollinshead in the Senior Boys' Race. Both the Senior Girls' team which comprised of Jennifer Eadie, Vanessa Hogan, Elaine Eadie and Natalie Sharp and the S1 Boys' team of Ross Grant, Josh Hyde and Colin



Lowrey achieved bronze medals in their relays. The success was continued in the primary relays. They captured three out of the four team prizes. The golds came from the primary seven girls, Primary six girls and Primary seven boys. Despite not achieving the Primary six boys' title, the team still managed to achieve a bronze medal.



At the Glasgow Schools' Senior Championships, the cross country team did particularly well. Throughout the course of the day the school won 8 team medals out of 10 events. The S3 Girls, the S4 Boys and the Senior Girls won team gold; the S2 Girls and S4 Girls won team silver; and the S1 Girls, S2 Boys and S3 Boys won team bronze. In the individual championships the school came away with a total of 7 medals. Jennifer Eadie, Rebecca Patrick, Elaine Eadie and Natalie Sharp all won gold;



Max Lott won silver; and Katie Gardener and Sandy Nimmo won bronze. It was an excellent day that the school squad was very proud of. The school continued to dominate at the Glasgow Schools' Primary Cross Country Championships. Achieving three out of the four team titles, it was an amazing accomplishment. In the individual events, a tremendous effort was shown by Charlotte Manson who achieved first place in the Primary six girls' race and was closely followed by her team mate Jessica Boyle who took the silver medal.

The season concluded with the Scottish Schools' cross country at Irvine. Despite the harsh sea breeze which proved to be extremely challenging, the team managed to continue their success by capturing three out of the eight team prizes. However, one of the stand-out performances of the day came from Jennifer Eadie. She not only led her team to gold by finishing 5th overall, she earned her first international selection representing Scotland at the British Schools, an event held in Bangor, Wales. Jennifer was also joined by Natalie Sharp who also earned International selection by securing the bronze medal in her respective age group.

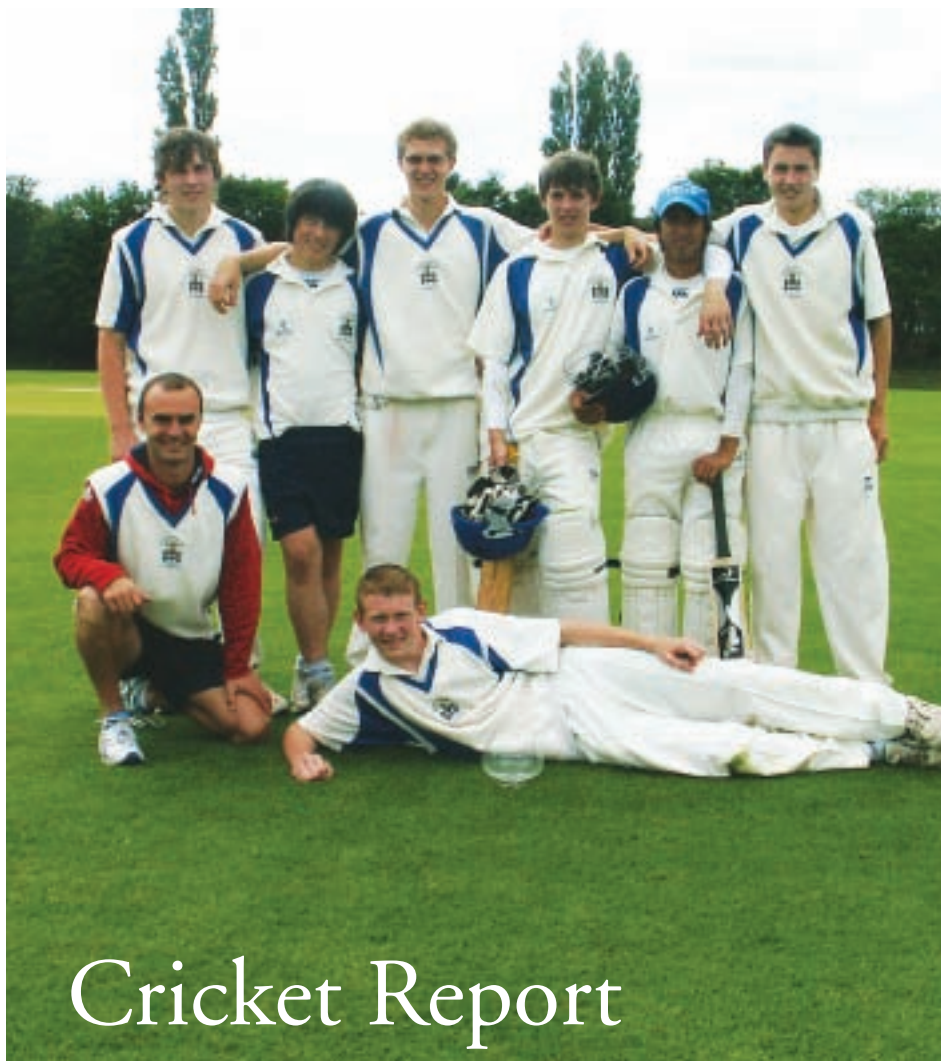
However, the success of all these races could only be made possible by everyone who participated in cross country this year. The combination of hard work, determination and enthusiasm shared by all proved to be the key formula to the winning success.

It has been a privilege to captain the cross country teams this year and we wish everyone the best of luck in the future – we hope that you work hard to continue our winning streak! In particular we would like to give our personal thanks to Mr. Russell for all his and hard work throughout the season; to Mr. Lang for his support at our races; to Miss McNaught for training our youngest athletes – the primary school children; and to Mrs. Munro, Miss Drysdale and Mr. Martin for taking the running clubs every week.

Natalie Sharp
Girls' Cross-Country Captain

Michael Thomson
Boys' Cross-Country Captain





Cricket Report

Last year's cricket season was an excellent example of the progress made by Hutchie cricket. Although missing out on matches due to our regular dosage of Scottish rain, those that were played portrayed the potential of all our teams and the strength of the squad as a whole.

Again we proved that we had the top cricket squad in Glasgow with 1st XI victories over Glasgow Academy, Glasgow High School and Kelvinside Academy. Although there was a loss to the MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club) it proved to be a great learning curve for all of the players. The annual Andrew Wood memorial match versus George Heriot's from Edinburgh saw the team retain the trophy. The highlight of the season was the Glasgow Academy 6-a-side-tournament. Both A and B teams reached the final, in which an exciting match ended in the A team winning and retaining the trophy for the third year running.

A strong S6 squad was supported through the season by the likes of Shreyas Chitnis (All S4), Umair

Chaudhry, Arun Krishna and Ben Tung (S5). Last year's squad was exceptional, lifting the bench mark for other years to come and hopefully setting an example for the development of Scottish cricket.

The Junior teams from P6 through to S3 also enjoyed excellent seasons with matches enjoyed against opposition from schools in Glasgow and Edinburgh. A few S3 players stepped up to the First XI last year, Josh Rutnagur and Raphael Selby being most prominent. Players to watch out for in S1 and S2 are Ian McDermott (S2), Saif Ali (S2), Ilan Selby (S1) and Sheryar Awan (S1).

Thanks must go to all staff and coaches who have helped out through the season. Mr West and Mr McCrossan in the Primary school have inspired our younger players and help to keep the strength of our junior sides. Mr Gall and Mr Sen add valuable experience to the S1 and S2 squads. Mr MacIntyre is an exceptional coach who has worked with just about every cricketer in the school. Without these staff, there would be no game.



Curling

The Curling Club has experienced a successful season! The Junior club met on Friday afternoons after school to be coached by the Curltec team at Braehead Arena. This allowed all the players to learn more about the sport whilst helping to improve their skills. Towards the end of the season games were played in this slot and it was evident that the players not only enjoyed the competition but had also made real progress with their skill levels.

The Senior club met on a Wednesday during the Games period and consisted of both new players to the sport as well as seasoned players. Everyone had the chance to play in the Glasgow Schools' Curling League. Each school was permitted two teams in the league and one of ours managed to finish in third place overall.

Teams also participated in the Miller Drummond Independent Schools' League and after some very close matches Hutchesons' emerged as victors in the Low Road competition. The team consisted of Trudi Davis (lead S5), Karen McQuarrie (second S6), Laura Yuill (third, S5), Andrew Grieve (skip, S5) and David Haughney (alternate, S6.). The most memorable victory of the season was a 13 – 0 victory against Glasgow Academy.

The season finished with the Bonspiel competition where all players in the Glasgow Schools' competition are randomly selected into different teams. Hutchesons' players were mixed with players from Kelvinside and Glasgow Academy and had an extremely successful competition.

Primary seven pupils have enjoyed a taster session in order to understand the nature of the game before joining S1. We hope, that as a result, the club will go from strength to strength!

Karen McQuarrie



Primary Swimming Teams

Swimming

This year was one of the school's most successful years for swimming. At the Glasgow Secondary Schools' Swimming Finals this year, held at Whitehill Swimming Pool, the swimming teams did very well winning 6 Gold, 7 Silver and 5 Bronze medals.

In the 14 years and under age group Jonathon Wong (S2) had one of his most successful Glasgow School finals winning gold in the 100m Backstroke, 200m Individual Medley and silver in 50m Freestyle. Jacob Bird (S2) and Mazen Allam (S2) just missed out on the medals finishing 4th in both of their events. In the under 16 years category, Rachel Smithers (S5) came back from a bout of illness to gain two silver medals; one in the 100m Breaststroke and another in the 100m Backstroke. Lucy Lanigan (S4) recovered from a bad start in the 50m Fly to finish in 4th place.

There were also excellent results in the 16 and over age group. Andrew Park (S6) won two gold medals in 100m Breaststroke and 100m Backstroke, and silver in the 200m Individual Medley. Rebecca Kondol (S5) also picked up two gold medals in the 100m Breaststroke, 100m Backstroke and a silver medal in the 200m Individual Medley.

The lifesaving team of Aylish Cockburn (S3) and Stephanie Kerr (S3) won a bronze medal and the boys' team of Chris Pexton (S4) and Peter Aitken (S4) won a silver medal.

The 14 years and under age group relay teams were some of the most competitive events of the evening; the girls' team won a bronze medal, congratulations to Jenna Pexton, Holly Beth Gourlay, Isi Ross and Nancy Haniford. They were matched by the boys who also gained bronze, well done to Mazen Allam, Jonathon Wong, Murray Collins and Kevin Carr.

Both under 16 teams also finished with bronze medals. The Girls' team was made up of; Amy Cummings, Stephanie Kerr, Lucy Lanigan and Rachel Smithers. The boys were Max Lott, Peter Aitken, Jordan Roberts-Laverty and Chris Pexton.

Both Open relay teams were made up of young pupils and were swimming for experience for following years to come, both teams finished in 4th place.

The last two events of the night, the girls and boys over 16 years age group picked up two silver medals. Congratulations to Rebecca Kondol, Robyn Collins, Katie Sloan and Jenny Reid. For the boys

Nathan Denholm, Lewis Tait, Oliver Krause and Andrew Park.

Earlier this year there was also a number of swimmers that represented the school at the Scottish Schools' event which was held at Tollcross Leisure Centre. It was one of the most exciting Scottish Schools' events that the school has participated in. Rachel Smithers narrowly missed out on two top ten places finishing in 11th and 12th in two individual events. Jonathon Wong who had a very successful Glasgow Schools' continued his form by just missing out on a medal finishing 4th in the 100m backstroke. Rebecca Kondol also maintained her form coming into the Scottish Schools' and was very unlucky by finishing 4th in the 200m Backstroke and 100m Backstroke in a closely contested race. Andrew Park won the only medal for the school in the 200m Breaststroke where he finished 3rd, but narrowly missed out on a second medal in the 200m Backstroke finishing in 4th. Andrew Park also represented the school last year in the UK school games in the 200m Breaststroke where he finished 5th.

At the Glasgow Schools' Primary Swimming Finals, held at Whitehill Swimming Pool, our swimming teams did extremely well winning 3 Gold, 8 Silver and 7 Bronze medals.

In the 10 and under age group, David Brown had a good night; he was third in both the 25m Freestyle and the 25m Backstroke. Ross Overijking won a bronze in the 25m Breaststroke. The Hutchesons' girls dominated the 25m Breaststroke with a clean sweep, 3rd place was Fiona McLean, 2nd place Gabrielle Crompton-McArthur and in 1st place winning the Alastair Short Trophy was Jodie Knight. Rory Dickson and Beth Barbour both finished in 4th place.

In the 11 and under age group, Hutchesons' had three finalist in the girls' Freestyle; Kelly McInnes finished 6th, Jessica Boyle won bronze and Ailsa Ramage won silver. Ailsa also went on to win silver in the 25m Breaststroke; Jenny Anderson pipped her to the post and won the gold medal. In the Backstroke Jessica Boyle swam well to finish in silver position and Jenny Anderson finished 4th. Graham Hurst did well to reach the final of the 25m Backstroke where he finished 6th.

In the 12 and over age group Hutchesons' again had three finalists Lara Tomkins finished 6th, Kate Rockcliff 5th and Chloe Wong a bronze medal in a very fast race. In the 50m Breaststroke, Kate finished in 2nd and Chloe Wong was 4th. Rachel Carson finished 4th on the Open Butterfly and then she went onto win silver in the Backstroke with Lara Tomkins finishing 5th. For the boys Charles Wagner was unlucky and finish in 4th just outside the medals.

The Primary 5 girls finished with a bronze, however the boys relay team gained silver, congratulations to them. The primary 6 girls and boys swam well with the boys just missing out on a medal they finished 4th and the girls won gold in a very strong swim. The Primary 7 boys finished 6th and girls swam well to gain a silver medal.

It was a great year in the swimming pool. In the Glasgow Primary School Finals the Primary school won 5 more medals than last year and we had 11 more boys and girls reaching finals.

Andrew Park



Hutchesons' Grammar School 1st XI Football report 08/09

This season has been an historical breakthrough year for football at Hutchesons' with, for the first time ever, the school football squad embarking on a trip to Rotterdam. This tour gave the players an opportunity to learn how to play football "the Dutch way" and gain some insight into coaching, training and playing at the top level. Despite searching, no hills could be located in Holland although the team created enough highs and lows throughout the season to substitute for this.

Mr McCulloch has been a new addition to school football this year and his people management skills and football knowledge have been a revelation. The extra Monday lunchtime sessions, run by

Mr McCulloch, balanced with gaffer Mr Russell's tactical and managerial prowess definitely contributed to much of our success this year. The season kicked off with a 7-1 win over old rivals St Aloysius' College and Mr McCulloch, who took up refereeing duties, was lucky to escape unscathed. This win propelled the team into an impressive 5 game winning run that included victories over Dollar and Glasgow Academy, a good and promising start to the season.

Our good start was followed up by an excellent run in the Scottish cup. First up was an away draw at Barrhead High School, where a well deserved 4-1 victory saw us through to the next round. We next earned a momentous victory as

we travelled to Whitehill secondary, walking away 5-3 winners. We were rewarded with a home draw, played at lesser Hampden, against Jordanhill Secondary. In arguably our best performance of the season we dispatched Jordanhill, whom the school have markedly struggled against in previous seasons, 4-1. Unfortunately we were defeated by an extremely strong Holyrood Secondary team, who have won the competition on a number of occasions, in the 5th round. However reaching the 5th round is a major achievement in itself, as Hutchie have rarely progressed thus far since they won the competition in 1911.

The Scottish cup exit clearly had a mental effect on the players as the rest of season went downhill. It appeared we had peaked too early in the season. With a string of not only poor results, but poor performances we suffered defeats in the League to the previously beaten St Aloysius and Jordanhill. In addition we had to endure a somewhat embarrassing loss to The High School of Glasgow, a team that didn't have half the skill or footballing ability that we had. With this final loss we squandered our big chance of silverware in the Independent Schools' Scottish Cup by failing to qualify from our district West of Scotland league. It was a cruel and disappointing end to the season as it was the general consensus that the squad had a realistic chance of doing very well in the competition for the first time in a considerable number of years.

This season has undoubtedly shown a massive improvement in the standard of play and results at the school. It was an undeserved fate to be eliminated from the Independent schools' competition so early but the strides taken forward this year have been noticeable. It has been an honour to captain such a talented squad of players and I am sure I speak for all the S6 leavers when I wish next year's squad the best of luck for next season and urge them to keep up the good work. I would also like to thank both Mr. Russell and Mr. McCulloch for all their hard work and support this season – it has been hugely appreciated by the entire team.

Scott Lang
1st XI Football Captain



Rotterdam Report

In February 2009 the Hutchesons' Grammar School Football team embarked on a tour to Rotterdam, Holland. The tour departed on Friday the 13th of February, which was certainly not unlucky as the tour turned out to be a massive success, with the touring party arriving in Rotterdam early on Saturday morning after boarding the ferry from Hull.

The squad was transported promptly to the Feyenoord training ground which was barely a stones throw away from the prestigious 51,100 seater De Kuip stadium where many legends past and present ply their trade. Little did the Hutchesons' boys know that one of these legends would be our coach for the tour, Dutch defender Ben Wijnstekers accumulated 352 appearances for Feyenoord and 36 appearances for the Dutch national team some of those as captain. Having played at the highest level in world football it was obvious that he had much to offer to all involved on the tour, but it was only after the first training session we realised the extent of this man's ability technically and tactically. After two difficult but extremely insightful training sessions the team made their way to the Maritime hotel in Rotterdam which would be our base for the tour. That evening the squad made their way to an unconventional 'sports club' which let's say would not worry David Lloyd.

The following day the team had another training session in the morning before going to watch the fierce rivals of Feyenoord, Sparta Rotterdam take on Vitesse Arnheim. A thrilling encounter, edge of the seat stuff that kept the pulse racing, end to end football, leaving the players *and* the fans gasping for breath. Shots! Slide tackles! Corners! Free kicks! Fouls! Final score: Sparta Rotterdam 0, Vitesse Arnheim 0. Fortunately, we fared far better in our match against local side DHZ Rotterdam with Hutchesons' grabbing a 6-2 victory. The undoubted man of the match was Andy Fraser, scoring a hat-trick and even finding the time to set up a goal for Stephen Mullen, who scored two. Honourable mentions must also go to David Aitken for a superb solo goal and Michael Smith for his marauding runs down the left.

Monday started as usual with a training session but we were pleasantly surprised to meet many of the Feyenoord team on the training pitch, such as current Holland captain Gio Van Bronckhorst and rising talent Georinio Wijnaldum. With a trip to the club shop and a tour of the De Kuip stadium concluding our tour we made our way back to the port for our overnight ferry home upholding the school's reputation and the football team's 100% European winning record.

Michael Smith, Douglas Kyle and Clifford Murray.

Recreational Sports:

Every year there are more and more opportunities to take part in 'other' sports. The aims of these clubs is for fun and recreation, however as the year has progressed some have become increasingly competitive as performances have improved.

The netball group has met regularly on a Tuesday after school. They have had a dedicated core group who have been supported by guest appearances by other pupils. Mary Pearson and Eleanor Quigley have worked hard throughout the season; they both stood out as dynamic players in the annual match versus The High School of Glasgow. The present S3 squad of players are showing great promise and the future looks bright.

Cricket, basketball and table tennis are just examples of the lunchtime clubs on offer in the P.E. Dept. The clubs are predominantly supported by the boys in the school; however there is plenty of room for the girls. So come on girls let's see you joining in at lunchtime.

Also, after school on a Tuesday, there is a hard working senior weight training club. These sessions are run by Mr Martin Finnerty, a weight training specialist. The boys work up quite a sweat during his hard, demanding programmes.

The Senior Games slot on a Wednesday afternoon offers lots of opportunities for pupils to be involved in recreational sports. Mr McIntyre has been very pleased with the standard and enthusiasm within his basketball lessons. The badminton group with Mr Sen, has comprised a select few, and they have enjoyed the use of the facilities at Bellahouston. In contrast the climbing group has yet again proved very popular. In total 41 pupils have had the opportunity this year to face the challenges set at the Ibrox Climbing Centre. This year some of the pupils have braved the elements on the tennis court; they only had to brush the snow off once! The group has progressed well under the supervision of Stuart Clarke, the Titwood Tennis Coach. Outside on the Senior School playing fields, Mr Furness and Mr Harrow organised the recreational football group. The fitness group have made good use of the facilities in the Fitness Room with Mr Dewar encouraging the group to plan and carry out individual programmes.

There were two aesthetic activities available to the seniors this year, both very popular with the girls. The aerobics group has worked hard in the martial arts based programme, set to very loud music. In the gym a much smaller group has focussed on more technical dance moves, culminating on producing their own Street Dance routine.

It goes without saying that for all of these activities to run, the help and the support provided by all the staff is invaluable.



Ski Trip 2009

We had been excited about the trip since before Christmas and when the time finally came to leave we didn't even mind the fact that it was an eleven hour flight! Our experience began with a sight-seeing tour of San Francisco. The top attractions being the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz and, of course, 'Abercrombie and Fitch'! To top everything off the weather was amazing. It seemed far too hot and balmy to believe that we would actually be skiing the next day.

The coach journey to the resort made us no less confused – with no snow in sight and pupils getting sun burn in Sacramento. Nevertheless, we found the mountains and spent five amazing days on the slopes which were packed with moggles, jumps, black diamond runs, purple hats and of course ample opportunity for snowball fights! Most importantly everyone made it home with all bones intact!

Hannah Newton



Tennis Report

The tennis season 2007-2008 has been highly successful, with fantastic individual and team performances.

Last season, in the senior event, the boys' team narrowly missed out on a place in the finals day, after a tightly contested quarter final match. In the girls' event, the team of Kate Hamilton and Kirsty Black (both S6), Fiona Bruce (S5) and Heather Lang (S3), advanced to the Scottish Finals, with some impressive match results. However, after a titanic battle against St George's School in the semi-final, the team had to concede due to injury, and were also forced to pull out of the play-off for third and fourth position.

The league teams also had mixed success, with the U13 Boys' Team not qualifying despite playing well, and the U15 Boys' Team of Richard Prentice, Calum Forgie, Dale Cromar (all S3) and Matthew Stout (S2) losing to Merchiston in the semi-final, after winning their section. The Girls' U13 team shone through, winning their section but losing narrowly in the Scottish Final, with the victory coming for St George's only after a games count back. In the Girls' U15 event, the team played very well but unfortunately did not qualify.

Hutchesons' has also played in various tournaments throughout the season, with The High School Tournament for Girls proving to be an excellent event, even though the team did not win. At the Craigholme Invitation Tournament, the Hutchesons' team successfully defended the trophy with exceptional

performances from the girls' couples in Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Primary age groups.

The inter-school tennis matches also demonstrated the high standard of tennis at Hutchesons'. Various matches against teams such as The High School, Glasgow Academy, Belmont House and St Columbas' provided an opportunity for the talent and ability of the players, both in the Primary and Secondary Schools, to be seen.

The school tennis championships were tightly contested in the 2008-2009 season, with the eventual winners Fiona Bruce and Alan Conroy putting in brilliant performances to clinch the titles.

This tennis season of 2008-2009 is set to be another highly competitive and prosperous one, captained by Fiona Bruce and Alan Conroy. The Senior Girls' team, comprising of Fiona Bruce, Heather Lang, Kate Flannigan and Paige Denholm, have progressed to the quarter-final stage, and look forward to playing Lomond in the summer term. The boys' team of Alan Conroy, Scott Lang, Richard Prentice and Matthew Stout passed through the first round after a walk over against Marr College, and then beat Boclair Academy 4-2 in the second round, securing their place in the quarter final match in April. They went on to beat Dollar and are now heading for finals day on the 18th June.

All things considered, tennis at Hutchesons' has been both exciting and successful in the 2007-2008 season, and with such excellent staff and players, the coming season promises to be something to look forward to.

Tennis Champions 2008

P6 Girls: Rally Competition Winners
Flora Walker & Lara Tomkins

P6 Girls: Rally Competition Runner-up
Hollie Hamilton & Emma Ross

P7 Rally: Competition Winners
Zara Robinson & Nicola Wilde

P7 Rally: Competition Runner-up
Mia Cruikshanks & Kirsty Forgie

S1 Girls: Winner
Paige Denholm

S1 Boys: Winner
Robbie Blackwood

S1 Girls: Runner-up
Iona Campbell

S1 Boys: Runner-up
Gregor Davidson

S2 Girls: Winner
Tamsin Russell

S2 Boys: Winner
Matthew Stout

S2 Girls: Runner-up
Sarah Burns

S2 Boys: Runner-up
Finlay Walker

S3 Girls: Winner
Heather Lang

S3 Boys: Winner
Richard Prentice

S3 Girls: Runner-up
Emma Quail

S3 Boys: Runner-up
Calum Forgie

Junior Championship

Girls: Winner
Heather Lang (S3)

Girls: Runner-up
Paige Denholm(S1)

Boys: Winner
Matthew Stout (S2)

Boys: Runner-up
Richard Prentice (S3)

Senior Championship

Girls: Winner
Fiona Bruce (S5)

Girls: Runner-up
Kate Hamilton (S6)

Boys: Winner
Alan Conroy (S5)

Boys: Runner-up
Scott Lang (S5)



Prize List June 2008

Physical Education

Athletic Awards

Girls' Primary School Sports Champion

The Jean C Bain Trophy

Sapphire M Le Sage

Boys' Primary School Sports Champion

The Jardine Cup

Adam G Divers

First Year Girls' Champion

The Kingarth Cup

Helena J McKelvie

First Year Boys' Champion

The D B M Charleson Cup

Blair J McCarte

Second Year Girls' Champion

The Elspeth B Cowan Trophy

Rebecca Patrick*

Second Year Boys' Champion

The John A Braidwood Cup

Andrew M Spewart

Third Year Girls' Champion

The 1957 Group Quaich

Robyn C Collins

Third Year Boys' Champion

The Alan S Paterson Cup

Matthew J Kerr

Senior Girls' Champion

The Eleanor Howie Trophy

Natalie M Sharp

Senior Boys' Champion

The Governors' Cup

Scott Lang

Athletics House Championship

Junior

The Junior House Cup awarded to **Montrose**

House represented by **Adam G Divers** and **Isabella H McP Ross**

Senior

The Tercentenary Cup awarded to **Stuart**

House represented by **Kate E Morgan** and **Daniel G Johnstone**

Tennis Awards

Junior Girls' Tennis Champion

The Kingarth Trophy

Heather S Lang

Junior Boys' Tennis Champion

The Burnside Cup

Matthew H M Stout

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

Sam Blackwood

Hockey

The Watt Stevens Shield for Leadership in

Hockey

Morag A McLellan

Gymnastics

The Gymnastics Cup, the 1917 Trophy

awarded to the best section in Form I awarded

to Class 1 J represented by Paul D Smith

House Competition

The Junior House Shield

Winning House

Montrose

Captains

Adam G Divers

Isabella H McP Ross

The House Cup, the W H Macdonald Trophy

Winning House

Argyll House

Captains

Jenna S Alexander

Kirstie V Black

Peter D Cartlidge

Gregory A Phillips

Public Speaking Prizes

First Year

The First Year Trophy

Rebecca Dodds

Second Year

The I G McIver Memorial Trophy

Connor A Benson

Third Year

The John M Hutchison Cup

Michael I Williams

Senior

The 1957 Group Trophy

Victoria E Kerr

The Isabel Turnbull Memorial Prize for the

Speaking of Verse

Kirsten G L MacQuarrie

The Mrs J C Nicol Memorial Prize for Clear

Speech

Victoria E Kerr

Music Competition

Intermediate

Stuart J McQuarrie

Senior

The Biggars Trophy

Neil S Colquhoun

Drama Competition

The Junior Drama Cup

Morven E Bremner

Special Prizes for the Junior School

The William and Mary Arbuckle Prizes for

Handwriting

Primary 5

Kamran K Hussain, Robert A Johnston,

Charlotte C Mason*, Ruairidh S Short

Primary 6

Sophie M Marshall, Alexandra P J Pope,

Laura A Wallace, A Mubeen Zafar

Primary 7

Emma L Calder*, Jennifer M G Carty,

Amelia G Howison, Megan A McFarlane,

Juliet E Ramage

Primary 7 Awards for General Excellence

Primary 7R
Julia L Grewar

Primary 7B
William S G Harvey

Primary 7J
Alexander D Lawrence

Primary 7D
Eilidh M McKechnie

Primary 7M
Catherine Sutherland

The Terries-Neil Quaich for outstanding contribution to the life of the Primary School
Francesca S Moscardini

Special Prizes for Form I

The Four Generations Prize for Excellence in English and History in S1
Lena M McCrae

The Anne Gemmill Memorial Prize for Oral French
Sarah M Maitles

The Millennium Prizes for General Excellence
Hebba N Benyaghla
Pranav B Manoharan

Special Prizes for Form II

The Marion G MacNeill Prizes for General Excellence
Holly G Lau
Gregory F Clark

The Webster Trophy for Citizenship
B Barnes and **Peter J Aitken** awarded to Form 1B represented by **Ahmad I Chaudhry** and **Grace E M Cheah**

The Neil MacDonald Medal for the Most Promising Mathematics Pupil in Secondary 2
Stewart A Matthews

Form III Subject Prizes

Chemistry 3rd equal
David I A Henderson

English 3rd equal
Katie H G Fulton

History 3rd
Ranald M Nisbet*

Geography 2nd equal
Scott R MacOwan

Spanish 2nd equal
Massimo Sannino*

Art and Design 2nd
Rachael S Thomson

Business Management 2nd
Zoe J Edelman

Modern Studies 2nd
Heather Conejo-Watt

Computing 1st equal
Numman Ali

Drama 1st
Emma C Hunter

History 1st
Eilish J Carr

Home Economics 1st,
The Hilda and Isobel Smith Memorial Prize
Abigail E Barr

Latin 1st
Sashrika Shetty

Physics 2nd equal,
Chemistry 3rd equal
two prizes
Thea C Macdonald

Computing 1st equal,
Spanish 2nd equal
two prizes
Alastair S MacMahon

French 1st equal,
Mathematics 2nd
two prizes
Scott A Osborne

French 1st equal,
Mathematics 3rd equal
two prizes
Gillian E Hutchison

Music 1st,
Biology 2nd equal
two prizes
Christopher M Pexton

Economics 1st,
History 2nd
two prizes
Adam N I Bushnell

Business Management 1st,
French 1st equal
two prizes
Anna MacR Gaudoin
Geography 1st,
English 1st equal
two prizes
Catriona M A Herbert

Art and Design 1st,
Graphic Communication 1st
two prizes
Fraser I Malone

Modern Studies 1st,
Spanish 1st
two prizes
Grant J McGlynn

Biology 1st,
Technology 1st,
Physics 2nd equal,
Mathematics 3rd equal
four prizes
Deep P Sarode

English 1st equal,
Chemistry 2nd,
Geography 2nd equal,
Physics 2nd equal,
Mathematics 3rd equal
five prizes
Sandy Nimmo

Mathematics 1st,
Physics 1st,
Chemistry 1st,
German 1st,

Biology 2nd equal,
English 3rd equal
six prizes
Timothy J Heelis

Donated & Endowed Prizes for Form III

1946 Sixth Form Quaich for significant general progress
Scott A Osborne

The Jean Cunningham Smith Prize for Drawing
Scott A Hayworth

The Sayers Cup for Oral French and The Low Cup for Oral Spanish
Grant J McGlynn

The Middle School Quaich for Spoken German
Timothy J Heelis

The Helen M McMillan Prize for Excellence in Modern Languages
awarded jointly to **Rachael S Thomson**,
Eilish J Carr

The Marco Prize for Excellence in Modern Languages
Grant J McGlynn

The Marion G MacNeill Prize for General Excellence and the Whittome Cup
Emma C Hunter

The Sutherland Prize for General Excellence
Timothy J Heelis

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

Form IV Subject Prizes

English 4th
Jennifer E Liddell

French 3rd equal
Marianne S Adams

Mathematics 3rd
Andrew T O'Donnell

Modern Studies 2nd equal
Simone M Carr

Modern Studies 2nd equal
Sarah J Innes-Hayes*

Art and Design 2nd
Lauren A McKelvie*

Business Management 2nd
Sohaib A I Haseeb*

Drama 2nd
Sarah R Wilkie

History 2nd
Karen E Leslie

Fabric Skills 1st
Hazel E Frier

Technology 1st
Daryl J Jarvis

Graphic Communication 1st
Jeffrey L Morrison

Geography 1st
Olivia Lee

Spanish 1st,
English 3rd
two prizes Katherine A Sloan*

Mathematics 1st, Spanish 3rd
two prizes
Varshini Manoharan*

Art and Design 1st,
Geography 2nd equal
two prizes
Jennifer Patrick*

Business Management 1st,
Modern Studies 2nd equal
two prizes
Lauren Y Halley*

Economics 1st,
Computing 1st
two prizes
Hartesh S Battu

Drama 1st,
Biology 2nd equal,
French 3rd equal
three prizes
Russell L Park*

Greek 1st,
Music 1st,
History 3rd equal
three prizes
Charlotte L McKechnie*

Modern Studies 1st,
German 1st Equal,
French 2nd
three prizes
Gregor C A Hogan*

Biology 1st,
Physics 1st,
Computing 2nd,
History 3rd equal
four prizes
Anna J O'Donoghue*

English 2nd,
Mathematics 2nd,
Spanish 2nd,
Geography 2nd equal,
Chemistry 3rd
five prizes
Katherine J Gardner

Chemistry 1st,
Latin 1st,
Physics 2nd,
Biology 2nd equal,
Mathematics 4th
five prizes
Sidharth Sharma*

English 1st,
History 1st,
French 1st,
German 1st equal,
Chemistry 2nd
five prizes
Matilda L Greig*

Form V Subject Prizes

Modern Studies 3rd equal
Louise R Millar*

English 3rd
Megan Hall*

Spanish 2nd equal
Melissa N Gordon

Geography 2nd equal
Kirsty L Wallace

Mathematics 2nd
Euan F Reid

German 1st equal,
The Rosalie Harris Prize awarded jointly to
Katie H Fox*, Emily P White

Technology 1st equal,
The Weir Prize for Technology
Jared E L Lewis*

English 1st equal,
The J S Jack Prize
Victoria E Kerr

Art and Design 1st
Ruoxi Lin

Computing 1st,
The Edinburgh FP Club Prize
Michael W Strain

Business Management 1st
Adam P Beach

Music 1st
Logan S Carlaw

Philosophy 1st
Jenna Dobbin

Human Biology 2nd,
Chemistry 2nd
two prizes
Charlotte Read

Latin 1st,
The Pringle Prize,
Geography 2nd equal
two prizes
Douglas W Kyle

French 1st,
The Nancy W McLay Prize,
History 2nd
two prizes
Fiona L Bruce*

Economics 1st,
Geography 1st,
The Margaret Dunbar Memorial Prize
two prizes
Joshua Fields

Spanish 1st,
Biology 1st equal
two prizes
Nicola F Lowrey*

Biology 1st equal,
Chemistry 3rd,
Mathematics 3rd equal
three prizes
Graeme R Sneddon

Drama 1st equal,
French 2nd,
English 4th
three prizes
Rachel Dodds

Technology 1st equal,
The Weir Prize for Technology,
Spanish 2nd equal,
Physics 3rd
three prizes
Peter A R Malcolm*

Mathematics 1st,
Physics 1st equal,
Modern Studies 1st equal
three prizes
Richard S Newman

History 1st,
English 1st equal,
The J S Jack Prize,
Drama 1st equal,
Modern Studies 1st equal
four prizes
Kirsten G L MacQuarrie

Human Biology 1st,
Chemistry 1st,
Physics 1st equal,
Modern Studies 3rd equal,
Mathematics 3rd equal
five prizes
Stephen M Rose

School Prizes, Donated & Endowed Prizes

The Freda Brown Award
Morag A McLellan

The Dr Spence W Alexander Memorial Award for Community Service
The Eco Schools Committee represented by
Jenna S Alexander

The International Rescue Corps Trophy for outstanding charity work
The World Challenge Group Zambia Expedition*

The Fiona C Wood Prize for Meritorious Performance
Kamal K Madhok

The Peter Howie Memorial Prizes for the playing of the Violin Junior Award
James M K Y Lee

The Black and Lizars Prizes for the most imaginative and innovative Projects in the Sciences in Form 6 awarded jointly to
Alexander D Gardner
Ronnie Palchadhuri
Michael C Rose

The J C Murray Magazine Prizes

Junior Award
Sashrika Shetty

Senior Award
R Griff Williams

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

The Magnus Houston Prize for Sports
Neil McC Fulton

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 **Rugby 1st XV Boys** represented by
Sam Blackwood

The John Marco Memorial Prize for Citizenship

Junior Award
Katherine A Sloan*

Senior Award
Gordon R A Jack

The School Prize for Citizenship awarded to the Depute Head Boy and Girl

Douglas M M Herbert
Stephanie K Wilson

The School Prize for Accounting and Finance
Murray W MacOwan

The School Prize for Art
Mhairread A Connolly

The Marjory Blyth Memorial Prize for Biology
Natalie L Lane

The School Prize for Business Management
Blair Paul

The School Prize for "Crash" Higher Economics
David M Taylor

The School Prize for Chemistry
Anish P Deshpande

The School Prize for National Certificate Drama
Harry B J Pope

The Alexander Stone Foundation Essay Prize
Melissa S Thomas

The John M Biggar Memorial Prize for English
James M Goldberg

The Houston Prize for English
Seonaid B Hyslop-Parsons

The Esther M Legge Prize for English
Chloe L Jackson

The W B Henderson Prize for Greek
R Griff Williams

The Bailie Violet Robertson Prize for Oral French
Natalie L Lane

The Robert Hillman Memorial Prize for Languages
Stuart L Williams

The School Prize for Graphic Communication
Ruoxi Lin

The Duncan Fletcher Prize for Geography
Christopher Wong

The Nan M and Ian B Scott Memorial Essay Prize
Calum C Macdonald

The Dr I K Cosgrove Memorial Prize for Services to the Jewish Community in School
Adam R Gerber*

The School Prize for Law
Prabhjot P K Nijjar

The School Prize for A Level Mathematics
Ailsa J Doak

The School Prize for Further Mathematics awarded jointly to **Douglas K K M Chiah**
Jon E Strang

The School Prize for Media Studies
Jenna S Alexander

The School Prize for Modern Studies
Gordon D Burns*

The Flora Malvenan Prize for Music
Jennifer Lawrie*

The Mary V McGregor Cup for Excellence in Academic Work, Artistic Enterprise and Leadership
Seonaid B Hyslop-Parsons

The School Prizes for Physics awarded jointly to **Ronnie Palchaudhuri**
Jon E Strang

The William W Murray Prize for Poetry
Daniel J R Brough

The School Prize for Psychology
Lauren S Williamson*

The Rona McAdam Prize for Science awarded jointly to **Ailsa J Doak, Karen Lai***

The Independent Research Paper Award
Calum C Macdonald
Michael C Rose

The André Yacoubian Prize for the best student going forward to Engineering
Anish P Deshpande

The Alexander Stone Scholarship for the best student going forward to Law
R Griff Williams

The Peter Whyte Prize for the best student going forward to Mathematics and the Rutherford Medal
Richard B Higon

The J Desmond Milligan Prize for the best student going forward to Medicine
Ailsa J Doak

The Bruce Haggerty and Family Prize for the best student going forward to Veterinary Medicine
Alexandra D Mattock

The Baird Salvors and the FP Club Prizes for Leadership awarded to the Head Boy and Head Girl
Andrew J Leslie
Morag A McLellan

Dux Awards

Dux in Art
The Edinburgh FP Club Prize
Rachel E Nolan

Dux in Biology
The Gillian Macpherson Prize
Morag A McLellan

Dux in Business Studies

The School Prize
Calum C Macdonald

Duces in Chemistry
The Edinburgh FP Club Prizes
Ailsa A Doak
Morag A McLellan

Dux in Classical Civilisation
The School Prize
Calum C Macdonald

Dux in Drama
The School Prize
Mhairread A Connolly

Dux in Classics
The Ninian Jamieson Memorial Prize
R Griff Williams

Dux in English
The Arthur E Meikle Prize
Sarah Hanna

Dux in Economics
The School Prize
Alexander E O'Donoghue

Dux in French
The Margaret Kennedy Memorial Prize
Morag A McLellan

Dux in Geography
The David J Dunbar Memorial Prize
Richard Sobolewski

Dux in Government and Political Studies
The School Prize and the McLennan Quaich
Alexander E O'Donoghue

Dux in History
The Old Boys' Prize
Calum C Macdonald

Dux in Mathematics
The Baillie Prize
Anish P Deshpande

Dux in Music
The Edinburgh FP Club Prize
Shona A Biggart

Duces in Physics
The John M Biggar Memorial Prize
Douglas K K M Chiah
Anish P Deshpande

Dux in Spanish
The J D Pearson Memorial Prize
Stuart L Williams

Dux in Technology
The School Prize
Craig Sturrock

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The Helen M McMillan Prize
Ailsa J Doak

The Girls' Dux
The Mary McMillan Kerr Prize & Gold Medal
Morag A McLellan

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