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Welcome from the Rector

Media interest in a school like Hutchesons' is sometimes intense, but not always for the right reasons. Despite our many efforts, there are a number of fairly persistent myths about us still doing the rounds. It is all the more pleasing therefore when we are the subject of positive newspaper stories, which do accurately reflect our ethos and the laudable achievements of pupils and staff. Being chosen by the Sunday Times as their 'Scottish Independent School of the Year' is a good example of that, and it has made everyone in the school community feel rightly proud. The lengthy article explaining why we were chosen also went a long way towards dispelling some of the myths. I was particularly pleased when the editor told me it was the volume of Higher and Advanced Higher/A level entries coupled with the quality of the grades achieved that stood out with Hutchesons'. That particular statistic (number of presentations per candidate) says a lot about our pupils' commitment to academic study, and shows that the 'cool to be clever' culture is real. We currently have 42 pupils in S5 taking six rather than the customary five Highers. But speaking to the journalist about activities that take place outside the classroom took quite a long time, because we are a complex institution and the amazing breadth of co-curricular opportunities that we offer, and the quality displayed in all of them, cannot be explained in a few sentences. The 'exam factory' myth is easily dispelled by even a cursory look at our website, but the Sunday Times article did a good job here too.

In the same week as the Sunday Times award came another welcome news item - the OSCR judgement confirming our Charitable Status. This is a story that gives the lie to the myth that we are a school for 'rich kids'. Anyone

can come here if they are clever enough and are prepared to work hard - that has been part of the Hutchie ethos for centuries. That it took OSCR so long to recognise this fundamental aspect of what makes us so special has been deeply dispiriting, but at least now it has been recognised, and we can move on. I believe that the school itself is the best judge of what we can or should do for 'wider public benefit' and it has been interesting to see the Charity Tribunal in England and Wales strip their Charity Commission (of which OSCR is the equivalent body in Scotland) of the powers to dictate to or judge independent schools in this way. I hope the same eventually becomes true in Scotland.

This year's S6, on the back of their superb Highers results (see page 3) are busy applying to universities through the UCAS process. They are the first year group to be faced with £9000 per year tuition fees if they choose a university in England, and the early signs are that those numbers are vastly down from the usual 20-25%. While wanting to avoid a large debt is perfectly understandable, it is a great shame that at a time when all our young people want to think of themselves as global citizens (see Jim McDougall's excellent summary of this part of Hutchie life later in this issue) circumstances are conspiring to make them stay closer to home. The differences between Scotland and what is worryingly becoming a useful acronym 'RUK' (rest of the UK) are thus further emphasised here, as well.

With best wishes for a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Ken Greig



Just 4p day can feed a child living in poverty

now an international movement providing school feeding projects in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. They provide one basic meal (often the only one) in the form of a cup of porridge or maize once a day in a school or nursery setting, giving children time to learn and develop future skills, instead of having to go to work to feed themselves.

Tony Begly, Education Co-ordinator for Mary's Meals commented on Hutchesons' outstanding previous record in fundraising saying:

"Access to nutrition and a basic education can have a life-changing effect on a child and its community - we are looking forward to working together with all at Hutchesons' to help more children over the coming year."

Worldwide it costs just £9.40 to feed a child for a year (and just 4 pence a day) so every penny raised at the school will make a huge difference. We hope you will support us in future fundraising for this worthwhile cause. You can find out more about Mary's Meals at www.marysmeals.org.uk

There was an excited buzz across the whole school on Monday the 19th September as the new school charity was announced as Mary's Meals.

From humble beginnings in a garage in Argyll, the charity is



Academic Success in 2011

Once again pupils in S4, S5 and S6 have performed very well in SQA and A level exams, with pass rates and A grades amongst the best in the country.

S5 pupils achieved an average of 4.6 Higher passes each, with 129 pupils achieving at least five Higher passes. 48 pupils (26% of the total year group) achieved at least five Grade A passes and 16 pupils passed six Highers at Grade A, with three of them – **Katie Ireland**, **Mairi Macrae** and **Hannah Todd** – gaining six band 1s.

Several departments at Hutchesons' significantly outstripped national standards in 'A' grades and pass rates for Higher. In Art, Computing, English and Geography more than 70% of candidates achieved A grades.

Two Hutchesons' pupils became the highest achieving candidates in the Higher Modern Studies exam this year. **Saqib Ali** and **Sarah Burns** gained 100% in the exam, which is taken by around 8000 pupils nationally.

Seventeen pupils in S6 achieved three A grades in Advanced Higher and/or A level, four of these achieving four As. **Timothy Heelis** achieved A band 1s at AH in Chemistry, Physics and Technology plus A*'s in Maths and Further Maths A Level.

Four pupils won places to attend Cambridge and Oxford: **Charlotte Browning** (Law, Magdalene) and **Timothy Heelis** (Natural Sciences, St John's) at Cambridge and **Anna Gaudoin** (Law, Pembroke) and **Scott Melville** (Physics, Merton) at Oxford.

Hutchesons' Grammar School has an outstanding record in placing pupils in top universities throughout Scotland and the UK. In addition, some pupils spend a 'gap' year before proceeding to university. Around 40 pupils gained university places to study Law or Medicine following sixth year.

The Girls Dux was **Charlotte Browning** and the Boys Dux was **Timothy Heelis**.

S6 launch new Trespass charity scarf



The S6 Charity Committee have been trying to find new ways to raise as much money as possible for this year's charity 'Mary's Meals'. They are now delighted to announce an exciting one-year-only charity project with the assistance of Hutchie parent, Afzal Khushi and his company 'Trespass'. Trespass is an international brand specialising in high quality outdoor wear. The Charity Committee worked closely with the designers at Trespass to create an original scarf that will be a striking addition to the school uniform for the coming year, exclusively designed and produced for Hutchesons' Grammar.

The scarves will cost just £10 and they will be available to order from class and form teachers and at school events. With your support, S6 hope to raise up to £3000, a target figure which will ultimately help feed an estimated 75,000 children in Africa.

The school is most grateful for the support of Trespass in working with us on this project and hope that you will join S6 in their aim of improving the lives of children living in poverty.

Arkwright Award

Ben Parsonage (S5) has been awarded an Arkwright Scholarship, one of the most prestigious of its kind, which is presented in recognition of outstanding aptitude and excellence in design and technology.

The Scholarship uses a rigorous selection process and aims to inspire future leaders in engineering and related areas of design. The scheme provides support to pupils throughout their A Levels and Highers and encourages them to pursue engineering and design at university and as a career destination. Nationally, there were over 900 applicants and only 297 awards were granted.

Catriona Reid of last year's S5 received an award in 2010.



Hooray for Holyrood

On Monday the 4 July a group of 14 former pupils received Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards at Holyrood Palace.

The pupils had shown great determination in completing the Gold Award while at Hutchesons' completing five sections including Volunteering, Physical Recreation, Skills, Expedition and a Residential week. The group chatted to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh about how beneficial the experience was.

Gold Award Recipients in the first photograph from left to right are:

Laura Yuill, Conrad Cohen, Sarah Jack, Alexander Webster, Eleanor Swan, Mark Anderson, Mary Pearson, Sidharth Sharma, Anna Hastie, Andrew Watson, Louise Bowie, Murray Yuill, Katherine Elliot, Ross Graham. Brigadier Lowder is in the Centre.



Golden moment for Head of Maths

Mrs Fyfe of Hutchesons' Mathematics Department has received a gold medal at the Royal Society. The award was given at a reception for the British Mathematical Olympiad team at the Royal Society on Monday 26 September and came in recognition of the work Mrs Fyfe has done in Mathematics Education in the UK, especially in the area of mathematics enrichment for school pupils.

Particular reference was made to her three decades of work for Enterprising Mathematics in Scotland, including her endeavours setting up the Outreach programme when the Olympiad was held in Glasgow in 2002. Mrs Fyfe was also instrumental in the introduction of the UK Mathematics Trust 'Team Maths Challenge' and was the Director of the National Mathematics Summer School for more than 10 years.



Inspiring visit from Glasgow MSP

Humza Yousaf, a former pupil of the school and MSP for Glasgow, visited Hutchesons' during November.

In a presentation to current S5 Modern Studies pupils, he reflected on his time at the school and explained how he became inspired to become politically active while studying South Africa as part of his own Higher Modern Studies course.

In a lively question and answer session the MSP responded to some excellent questions posed by members of the fifth year on various topics including independence, the proposed sectarian legislation and alcohol minimum pricing.

Pupils found his talk very inspirational and were encouraged to achieve their own personal goals after hearing about his life.



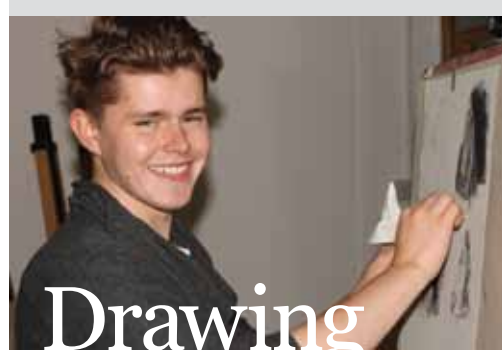
Musical Journey

40 musicians from S2-S6 will be performing 3 concerts in and around Amsterdam next year during the spring half term from 9-15 February.



The group will be performing popular numbers such as Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band and Lullaby of Broadway.

A vocal group will sing I Dreamed a Dream from Les Miserables and the ceilidh group and pipe band will provide traditional Scottish music. While the group is not working, there will be plenty of time for sightseeing and taking in the local culture.



Drawing on an international partnership

Florian Trawny, a talented sixth year pupil from our Comenius partner school Hans-Sachs-Gymnasium in Nurnberg was invited to spend a week in the art department at Hutchesons' Grammar earlier this year. His visit inspired a range of imaginative and very skilful drawings and continued the positive relationship between the two schools.



Activities session for new seniors

Starting at a new school can be both a thrilling and challenging time for S1 pupils.

To help ease the transition Hutchesons' senior school hosted an activities afternoon to help the new arrivals settle into life at Beaton Road.

The event, on the first day of school, aimed to encourage new friendships and combat any lingering first day nerves. It proved a great success with a wide range of activities including sporting, artistic, musical and thinking challenges.



Runaway success

Sunday 4 September was a day of sunshine and smiles as pupils from Hutchesons' took to the streets in support of the 2011 Great Scottish Run, saving an extra cheer for all those running to raise funds for 2010/11 school charity Action for Children.

A record 22,542 people took part in the 10k and half marathon races this year and senior pupils, accompanied by a giant kilted inflatable and a fantastic bagpipe playing caterpillar, gave up their free time to entertain and inspire the runners, joggers and walkers who made the event such a memorable day.

Lisa Montford, Area Fundraiser for Action for Children was delighted with the response saying:

"Hutchesons' pupils made a fantastic impression and really helped to raise awareness of Action for Children, they provided a rousing atmosphere for our runners! It really made everyone involved feel special."



CBE for School Governor

Her Majesty The Queen presented Professor Brian Williams, a Hutchesons' Governor, with a CBE for services to medicine and health care at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday 12 October.

The CBE was awarded in recognition of his 40 years fulltime clinical practice in the NHS as a Consultant Physician and Geriatrician.

Professor Williams has also held offices as President of the British and European Geriatric Medicine Societies, was President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow and Chairman of the Board of St Margaret of Scotland Hospice.

Professor Williams was delighted to be honoured and was joined at the event by his wife, Martha, and his two married daughters, Jenny and Linzie, both former pupils of the school.



Political Question Time at Hutchesons'

In September S6 pupils were given the chance to put their questions to a panel of MSPs and Reevel Alderson, BBC Scotland's correspondent for home affairs took the Chair.

Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, attended the event alongside Liberal Democrat Leader Paul Coleshill and MSPs Ken Macintosh and Jackson Carlaw.



The panel faced tough questions from S6 on a variety of topics including the future of education, tuition fees and the release of Abdelbaset al-Megrahi. However the debate started in earnest when the subject of independence was raised. The pupils were riveted by the exchange and commented on an almost tangible "buzz" in the auditorium. They would like to thank all the MSPs for taking the time out of their busy schedules to take part.

An inspector calls



S6 faced a curtain call of a different kind recently when they sat the Drama Advanced Higher Exam. The candidates were required to write and direct a half hour Drama and other pupils from S6 helped by performing supporting cast member roles. Head of Drama, Mrs Alderson commented that they were very successful pieces enjoyed by actors and audience alike.

Strike a chord!

Around 400 individual instrumental and singing lessons take place every week at the primary and secondary schools. Tuition ranges from beginner to advanced levels and many pupils undertake Associated Board Exams at higher grade gaining additional valuable UCAS points for University entry.



The school recently hosted an evening taster session at Kingarth Street to help parents discover if music tuition could be the right choice for their child. 160 people, including 55 pupils attended

and there was expert advice from our specialist team of instrumental instructors and an extensive range of instruments for pupils and parents to try including the flute, saxophone, oboe, bassoon, trombone, violin, double bass, bagpipes, guitar, piano and many more.

The event, supported by Biggars Music, was a great success. If you were unable to attend, and would like more information on music tuition, please contact the Music Administrator on 0141 433 4436.



Behind the scenes at the whole school photograph

On Thursday the 1 September around 1750 staff and pupils gathered together for a very special event, the taking of the whole school photograph.

Senior school pupils were seated first and the newest members of the school arrived from Kingarth Street in style with a police escort to complete the ensemble.

It was a credit to the patience of all involved that the process was completed by Gillman and Soame in just over an hour and a half.

Staff member and keen photographer Mrs Tooth was on hand to capture the proceedings and a gallery documenting the day's events can be viewed on our website.



Charity award for Hutchesons'

Staff and S5 and S6 pupils attended the Action for Children Awards ceremony at the Thistle Hotel in Glasgow on the 6 October, as Hutchesons' Grammar School received the 2011 Stephenson Award for Lifelong Learning.

The national award recognises a year of commitment and partnership with Action for Children.

Action for Children's Scotland West Fundraiser Carol McKinlay congratulated the school saying:

"We are so proud of Hutchesons' and all the work that you have done to help vulnerable children, young people and their families."

Pupils at Hutchesons' raised £24,500 for Action for Children during the 2010 - 2011 session.



School Trips



Biology in action



The sixth year Biologists went on a field trip to Lochranza in October this year to bring biology to life. Their spirits were not dampened by the rainy and windy weather, and they took part in a number of activities in the river and woodland with enthusiasm. A valuable experience!

CAROUSEL

The 2011 summer production was the famous Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" an extremely popular and timeless piece, which was named Time Magazine musical of the century in 1999. It was presented with great talent, flair and energy by the senior pupils and provided some truly memorable moments.



Expedition success for Hutchie explorers

This year 27 sixth year pupils and 10 fourth year pupils from Dr Smith's Gold/Silver group successfully completed their Final Assessed Expedition at Active Outdoor Pursuits on 25th June to 1st July 2011.

They had completed training weekends throughout the year, enabling them to carry out their expeditions competently on their own and they ventured into remote areas in the Highlands of Scotland on sea-kayaks, Canadian canoes and on foot.



The sea-kayaker's expedition was planned around the Arisaig and Moidart coastline. The campsites included the beautiful white sands of Arisaig and Sandaig Bays. Two groups travelled along the various sections of the Caledonian Canal, Loch Lochy, Loch Oich and Loch Ness. The third group took a challenging route through the lochs of Inverpollity National Nature reserve in the North West Highland near Ullapool. With narrow and fast moving water in certain sections portage was necessary over land in places. The weather was ideal for expeditions, mostly dry and cloudy with some sunny spells and the wind kept the dreaded midges away! Dr Smith enjoyed her time at the centre and wished the Golds all the best following their school career.





Welcome from the Depute Rector



In it for life!

The 2011 Sixth Year Heartstart team are again teaching vital life saving emergency skills at the primary.



Primary 3 enjoyed a fun and educational visit to Auchincruive Farm in Ayr recently.

Everyone agreed that the highlight of the day was the milking parlour where the children were given the opportunity to try their hand at milking a fake cow called Rita!



The spelling game



Mrs Waugh's class (P5W) have been undertaking a rather unusual homework challenge, to improve their spelling by using different objects to form words. Here is a novel way to write parenthood from **Kathryn Barr** (P5).



Pink (and green and blue and yellow) elephants on parade

Kingarth Street became a sea of colour in September as the Primary One took part in a special Elmer parade, inspired by the story of Elmer the Patchwork Elephant by British author David McKee.

Elmer's story brings to life themes and issues around diversity. P1 held their own celebration highlighting that everyone is different, unique and special and made masks and pictures of Elmer with tissue paper to create a parade of rainbow elephants.

A Shore thing

Primary Five have been working hard on their topic of 'Coasts' and recently took a trip to Lunderston Bay near Gourock to take a closer look at the shoreline. **Iain McDermott** and **Mairi Macrae** from S6 led the session and explained coastal features such as; sea walls, erratic boulders, raised beach, storm beach, hard rock, soft rock, salt marsh and bay. **Stephanie Kerr** and **Douglas Oates** also from S6 followed this by talking about the creatures and plants living near the shore. P5B and P5M also took the coastal discovery trip with **Catriona Reid** and **Hannah Todd** as their 6th years.



What's up Doc?

Primary 2 were delighted to have a house call from the Doctor recently.

Dr Macaulay, the mother of **Grace** (P2) and **Michael** (P3) came to talk to the Primary 2 classes about their bodies and how to keep healthy.

When Hutchesons' was recently named as the Sunday Times Independent School of the Year, the judges particularly highlighted the combination of "academic excellence with a nurturing culture that breeds global citizens of tomorrow."

All very 'highbrow' but instantly recognizable to anyone visiting Kingarth Street or looking at the publicized activities the children have been involved in over the past term.

We have high expectations of our learners academically. We want them to be independent, curious and resilient. We are setting the bar high and teaching and supporting them to reach it. One recent example is 'Big Writing' where we challenged all of our pupils to improve their written work. From the youngest to the oldest we see improved writing stamina and a confidence in describing what they need to do to improve their work.

At our Music Concert and Primary 4 show this term, the audiences were treated to talented, enthusiastic and determined children rising to a challenging programme, supported and guided by staff who demanded, and got, the best out of all the performers.

We pride ourselves on knowing the children well, recognizing their strengths and their achievements both in and out of school; providing opportunities for leadership and contributing to the wider life of the school.

The children are caring and aware. They look outwith their school and family life to the wider world. They show an understanding of some of the inequalities in the world and are committed to doing what they can to help. The school year is full of events to support our chosen charity, Mary's Meals. In addition, this month, Primary 7 organised a Children in Need event raising £1,500. As a school, as classes and as individuals, our children demonstrate entrepreneurship, compassion and global citizenship.

Staff, children and parents have all come together to create an environment in which it is a privilege to teach and learn.



P4 presented a fun version of Goldilocks - all together now "Who's been sitting in my chair!"



The 'eyes' have it

P2 parents Mrs MacQuien and Dr Simmers both visited Kingarth Street recently to talk about vision. Dr Simmers explained how the brain and eye are connected and showed the children optical illusions and optician Mrs MacQuien showed tools for measuring sight and images from inside the eye, and the children were delighted to try on some 'funny' glasses.

A frightfully GOOD time

The P1 Halloween party took place on 31 October. The children decorated masks, dooked for apples and each class sang a song they had learned in music.



Picture Perfect



Six pupils were honoured in the 2011 Glasgow Museums' Annual Art Competition for Young People. **Alistair Ireland** (top) received a gold medal and both **Brianna Matheson** (middle) and **Jan King** (below) won silver medals, a fantastic achievement as over 3,000 children sent in entries and only 55 medals were awarded. In addition the work of **Emily Smith**, **Robyn Alexander** and **Pablo del Olmo** was highly commended.

Think Big



P3H hosted a special assembly earlier this month by appearing as Big Writing super heroes - here 'Victoria Visualiser' brings a boring sentence to life.



Suhit Amin (P6) pictured, was the first to complete the Junior Duke this year closely followed by **Carly Foxworthy** (P6) they both achieved their Gold level.



Kingarth Street got a taste of Africa at the end of last term, when pupils and staff celebrated the world depicted in the children's book "Handa's Surprise", by Eileen Browne.



P2 visited Strathclyde University in September to participate in a sound workshop as part of the senses topic. The pupils enjoyed different experiments, including passing sound waves through balloons and measuring a loud shout!

Dressage



Robyn Smith of 4H celebrated double success winning both the Medium Open Championship and the Advanced Medium Restricted Championship, becoming one of the youngest riders to be offered a hotly contested place on the GB Junior Squad.



Pupils from S1-S3 recently enjoyed a trip to see Newcastle United play Tottenham Hotspur.

Tennis



Photo: John Stevenson.

Young Hutchesons' tennis star **George Baird** (S1) helped the Scotland team to victory at the Home Nations Championships in September of this year.

Results in Brief



Scottish Schools Road Relay Championships, Grangemouth, November

Our teams did extremely well, the S1 Girls team **Sophie Hight, Chloe Mathers** and **Sarah Eunson** won the bronze medal and the girls medley team involving two Under 15 and two Over 15 runners won gold. The boys teams finished 7th and 8th.

Our runners in the Medley team were **Charlotte Mason S2, Katie Turnbull S3, Selina Jackson** and **Jennifer Eadie** both S5.

Cross Country Champions, Nether Park, October

Senior	Josh Hyde	Selina Jackson
S3	Walker Graham	Katie Turnbull
S2	Charlotte Mason	Ben O'Neill
S1	Cameron Carney	Sarah Eunson
Pr 7	Harry Nimmo	Annie Gould



Scottish Schools Athletics Championships, Grangemouth, June

Gold

- Matthew Kerr** - Over 17 Triple Jump 14.15m, Over 17 Long Jump 6.59m
- Robbie Knight** - Under 14 Pole Vault 2.00m
- Campbell Scott** - Under 15 80m Hurdles 12.37s, Under 15 400m Hurdles 64.11s

Silver

- Catriona Herbert** - Over 17 Triple Jump 9.29m, Over 17 Long Jump 4.99m
- Mark Devanney** - Under 15 Pole Vault 2.70m
- Fraser O'Rourke** - Under 17 Pole Vault 3.80m

Bronze

- Ben O'Neill** - Under 14 Shot Putt 10.29m
- Michael Otoo** - Under 15 400m Hurdles 73.18s
- Katie Turnbull** - Under 14 1500m 5.01.92



Catriona Herbert



In September 51 pupils and 6 staff members enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Barcelona with the Senior Sports Tour

International challenge for Jamie

This summer **Jamie Fleming** (S4) made it through a tough selection process to represent Lanarkshire, the home team, in the 2011 International Children's Games. There were over 80 teams from across the globe taking part in the competition.

In the swim

Team Hutchie met with great success at the Glasgow Schools Secondary Swimming Finals at Whitehill Swimming Pool on Monday 31 October winning 8 Gold, 8 Silver and 7 Bronze medals. Three pupils **Jonathan Wong, Yevgeniy Hildebrandt** and **David Brown** all swam extremely well and each set new Glasgow school records.

Hockey

Jennifer Eadie and **Murray Collins** represented Scotland in the Hockey Tournament in the UK School Games in September. They are shown here with team coach **Graham Dunlop**.



A warm welcome

At the start of November the school held 'Open Mornings' to give visitors a taste of what life is really like at Hutchesons'.



The Kingarth Street Open Morning (Wednesday 2 November) gave a lively insight into the normal school day, which proved especially valuable for the parents of young children preparing for that first day at primary and a fantastic tour was given by the current P7.

A diverse range of lessons were underway including math challenges, music tuition, writing practice and a demonstration of life saving skills from the Heartstart team.

On the following Saturday, visitors to Beaton Road enjoyed a packed morning of activities with S1 acting as guides. The comprehensive route showcased the range of subjects and co-curricular opportunities at Hutchesons'. The tour included musical recitals and performances, computing displays, home economics, languages in action, explosive science experiments, hands on biology exploration and much more.

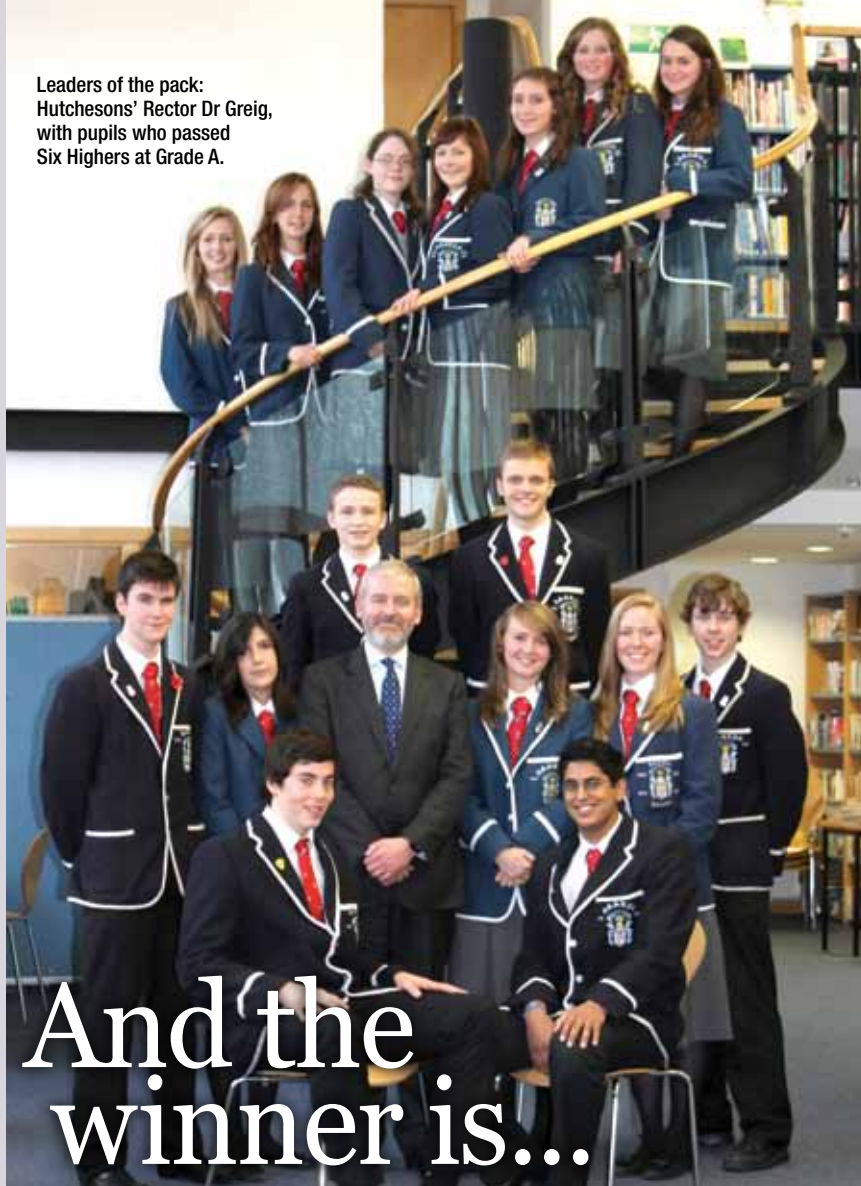
Highlights from the day included a Clubs and Societies fair in the dining room, an open rehearsal for the S1/S2 show in the Assembly Hall and several matches on the school pitches.

Pupils of all ages once again proved to be a great credit to the school at both events, with many visitors commenting on their enthusiasm and knowledge.

Both mornings were a great success with almost 600 visitors passing through the school gates and our sincere thanks must go to all those who generously gave their time and energy to support the school.



Leaders of the pack:
Hutchesons' Rector Dr Greig,
with pupils who passed
Six Highers at Grade A.



This November Hutchesons' Grammar School was delighted to be named as Scottish Independent School of the Year in the Sunday Times Schools Guide 2011.

Alastair McCall, editor of the guide and Sunday Times' Parent Power, hailed Hutchesons' as the clear winner of the award, which recognises outstanding academic achievement alongside a variety of other factors and reflects our strong record in exam results, accessibility, charity and community work. He commended the school's history of philanthropy saying, "it is never far from the surface, both in terms of what the children strive to achieve and in the school's own efforts to bring the education it offers to the widest possible audience. That children achieve so highly, so consistently is remarkable - a tribute to the children themselves, the Rector and his dedicated staff"



An extensive review of the school was also published online by the paper, in which writer Sue Leonard highlighted the positive culture at Hutchie by saying: "Creating the right environment in which children think it is cool to learn has played a major part in making

Hutchesons' Grammar School our Scottish Independent Secondary School of the Year."

She also reflected on the sense of community and mutual responsibility fostered across all age groups at Hutchesons': "Within school, sixth-year pupils take on duties from being buddies to new students to helping out at parents' evenings, marshalling pupils in the dinner queue and organising the school dance. More widely, all students are encouraged to consider others and to give back to the local area through its community service and fundraising projects for the school's annual charity, a reflection of its philanthropic legacy."

A recent edition of SecEd also spotlighted Hutchie's ability to encourage positive relationships on an international stage. In a feature on the school's successful Comenius programme, education writer Alison Thomas commented on Hutchesons' work with partner schools across the globe saying: "Three different countries, each with its own unique identity, all striving to create a vibrant sustainable environment for generations to come."

The Sunday Times review closed with a final word from the Rector, Dr Greig: "All these activities aim to develop the school's core values of honesty, resilience, independence, creativity, curiosity and compassion on which its ethos is based. They represent the qualities we would like a pupil to have when they leave."

With grateful thanks for excerpts from the Sunday Times Schools Guide, published online and in print on 13 November and to Alison Thomas for her quote from SecEd in the 10 November edition.

Opening doors to the local community



This September Kingarth Street Primary once again took part in the Glasgow wide Doors Open Day, an annual celebration of Glasgow's culture, buildings and people in association with Glasgow City Council and the Glasgow Building Preservation Trust.

Over 150 enthusiastic visitors of all ages toured the school and there were many former pupils amongst them, some of whom brought photographs and memories to share. Two former pupils, **Anne Montgomerie**, née **Hepburn** (C1954) and **Elizabeth Lough**, née **McIlwrick** (C1945) found that their visits took a nostalgic and unexpected turn when they spotted themselves on our display boards.

There were also many young families who wanted to learn more about the school and those who simply came to see the stunning architecture and original features of the Kingarth Street building.

Thanks must be given to our former pupil helpers, **Morag Venner** (C1959) and **Sallie Harkness** (C1956), the School Janitor David Finnie and the prefects who all gave valuable assistance on the day.

Think Local Act Global

Depute Rector Jim McDougall explains how the school aims to provide pupils with enriching and sometimes challenging experiences to benefit both themselves and the wider world.

A phrase which underpins much of the co-curricular life at Hutchesons might well be "Think Local Act Global". Our commitment to a range of projects at home and abroad helps our pupils to understand just what we mean by our core values, such as compassion, independence and curiosity. Our focus is on action and giving the pupils the chance to experience opportunities that challenge them, and help them to engage with important issues. These are valuable life skills, fostering an interest in other people and in the world about them.

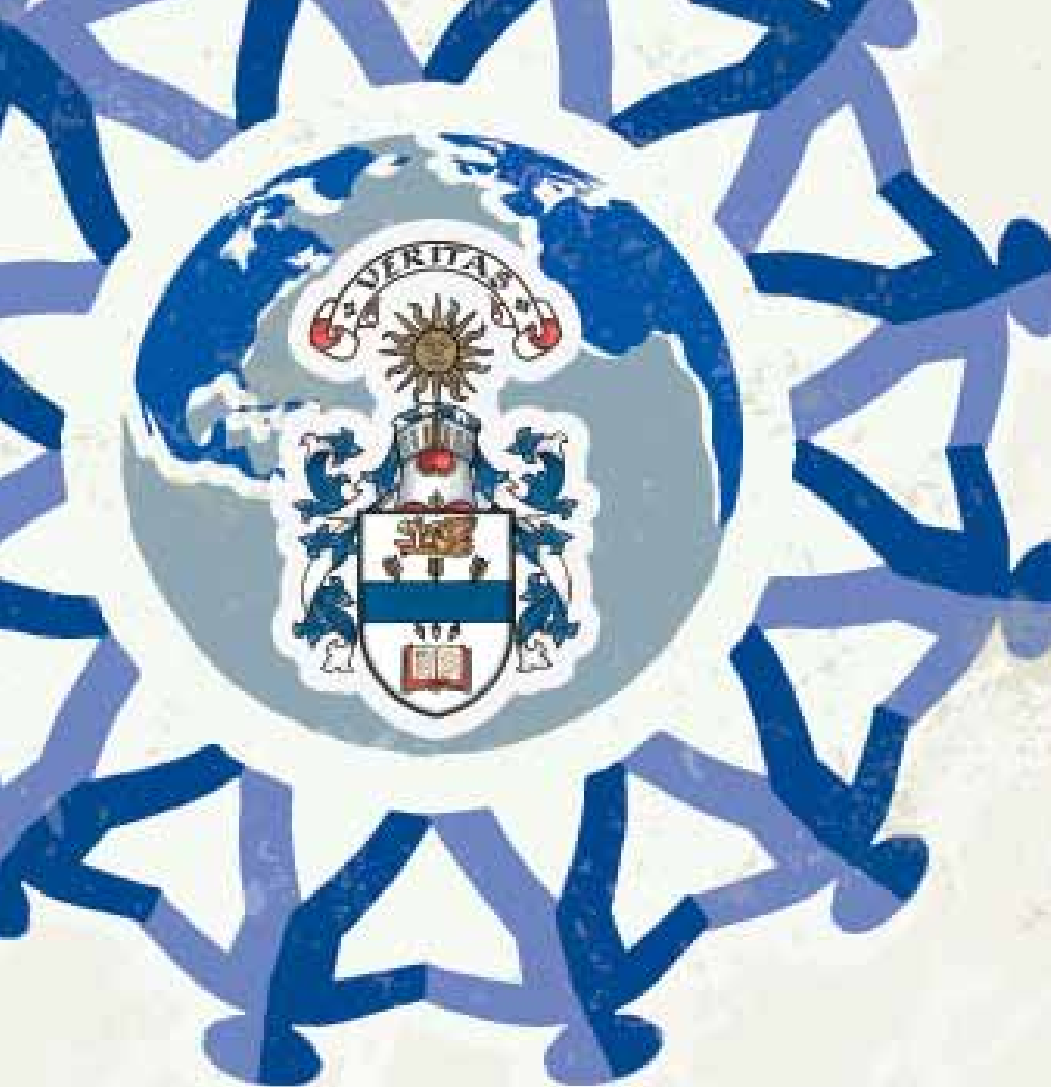
Nowhere is this more obvious than in the work carried out by our J8 group, who are becoming the focus for some innovative approaches to citizenship and human rights. With earlier success in promoting One Sugar as part of Social Enterprise Day, the J8 has helped raise awareness of inequalities in our world through competitions, assemblies and teaching materials for PSE. Recently, pupils **Sarra Levinson** and **Josh Lewis** were among the four short-listed pairs in competition to become the Young Global Education Ambassadors for 2011. Their video, "Send My Friend to School" was highly commended. We are proud that our fifth year J8 group has been recognised as runners up in the Red Cross Justice and Fairness competition, which asked young people to show off their knowledge and experience of humanitarian issues, by submitting presentations based around the themes of justice and fairness.

Our commitment to global issues, such as the UN's Millennium Goals, is also shared by the Model UN Society. MUN is growing in popularity and The Hutchie MUNSoc has been involved in several MUN Conference the length and breadth of the country. Pupils learn to debate, research and lobby, all the while learning about the cut and thrust of diplomacy. MUN does not shirk from tough, often challenging issues, such as the "rights of terrorists", "internet crime" and the role of pharmaceutical companies in developing

countries. At the last Conference in Cheadle Hulme, two of our pupils, **Haris Haseeb**, representing the Youth committee and **Kate Cameron**, representing the Human Rights committee received special Commendations.

Our world view continues to be informed by our programme of exchange visits. For the fourth year we have hosted two senior pupils from Goulburn Valley Grammar School, our partner school in Shepparton, Australia. The chance to trade experiences and learn new ideas is central to the whole concept of international education. The annual visit to Shepparton by Hutchie pupils helps promote independence, being a five week long trip, staying with host families, and exploring the tremendous variety of that large country. We have opened discussions on a similar partnership with one of Denver's leading independent schools, Colorado Academy. The hope is to develop a network of schools in various countries, each able to act as a hub for exchange visits and reciprocal study tours, both for staff and pupils.

India continues to be a core part of our programme for global citizenship. Over the last few years, pupils and teachers have visited our partner school in Nitte. All have come back eager to share their experiences, and wanting to do more. Visits to this small town in Southern India have been the springboard for a range of activities, most recently the Hutchie-Nitte challenge. Under the leadership of geography teachers Mr Calvin Clarke and Ms Akiko Tomitaka, the Challenge is a joint effort between pupils at Hutchesons' and our partner school, the Dr NSAM English Medium High School to raise awareness about the importance of education in both communities, and globally. Pupils in Nitte are volunteering to spread the word in their area about the importance of education. They are also researching the reasons why some children there do not go to school. The two pupils who do most in these tasks earn the chance to visit Hutchesons'. All this activity



is supported by a series of blog and video postings, designed to keep pupils up to date with developments.

Closer to home, the Comenius Partnership with schools in Germany and Poland concluded in June with a civic reception at Glasgow City Chamber, and the production of a booklet celebrating our focus on urban renovation and design. I was delighted to speak at the reception, saying: *"Hutchesons' has a proud tradition of being part of the city of Glasgow and is delighted to play a part in developing the city's links with other countries, including a long-standing relationship with the city of Nurnberg. We are delighted to bring our Polish friends on board. It is also heartening to see representatives from local community groups who have done so much to encourage this project"*. Susan Breckenridge, Head of Art, added that: *"The Partnership has given pupils the opportunity to work outwith the formal curriculum and experience historical, geographical, artistic and cultural differences, along with the challenges of working in an environment which relies on cooperation, motivation and friendship."* These ties look set to continue, with further visits between the three schools already in preparation. Perhaps the last word on the true worth of the Partnership belongs to **Massimo Sannino** (C2011) who, commenting on the exchange visit to Nurnberg, said: *"I really liked the fact that by being with the others nearly all day, changed us from being strangers to good friends."*

A major theme of Comenius was sustainability in urban design. As part of our aim to get a Green Flag, we have been

scrutinising our environmental credentials at Hutchesons'. Coordinated by Biology teacher Dr Dee McCarthy, levels of paper and cardboard recycling have continued to improve, while the RagBag scheme to collect textiles has proved very popular. With the stadium now completed, work on developing the conservation area has resumed, aided by an enthusiastic group of First Year pupils. We still want to bear down on items like plastics and develop a culture of re-use and recycling. By the end of Christmas we want every single member of staff and pupil to have pledged one specific thing to help improve the environment at Hutchesons. Our ambition is to have a wall of pledges that will encourage us to make Hutchie, in the words of our Eco-Code, "a clearer, green place".

Compassion is one of our core values, and lately we have been working hard to raise money for Mary's Meals. This Scottish based charity aims to provide one basic meal in the form of a cup of porridge or maize once a day in a school or nursery setting, giving children time to learn and develop future skills, instead of having to go to work to feed themselves. But compassion needs to go hand in hand with understanding, and, parallel with our fund raising activities, our pupils are encouraged to explore issues to do with world poverty, hunger and maternal health in form time and at pastoral assembly. We have also maintained connections with last year's charity, "Action for Children", by helping to support events and offering practical assistance at Stoneside Family Centre near Auldhouse.



4 pence can make a difference

This year's charity Mary's Meals has the simple but life changing goal of feeding a child a meal a day and this has been taken to heart by the whole school.

Primary 3 were so touched by the presentation from Tony Begly, Education Co-ordinator for Mary's Meals, that they started collecting small change the next day.

Their first total was £1.28 - this sounds like a small amount but with Mary's Meals it could feed a staggering 32 children. P3 were inspired to continue fundraising and one boy summed up the mood in the class by saying: *"It makes me feel so happy to know that we are filling children's empty hungry tummies"*.

Across the school pupils, parents and staff have been filling bags for the Mary's Meals Backpack Project, to help provide children who have suffered due to war, poverty, famine, or natural disasters, with the basics like pencils and copy books and suitable clothes for school.

More fundraising projects are underway, a new school charity scarf (see page 3) has been launched, pupils did a fantastic job with the annual charity cross country run and teachers followed this with a sponsored mile.

Thank you for all the support so far, the school's mealometer has now reached an amazing 38 thousand meals and we hope to raise that total even higher in 2012.

Hutchie Herald goes green

From December 2011 future editions of the Hutchie Herald will be produced under our new Carbon Neutral (CN) scheme. The magazine will be printed on quality recycled paper using vegetable based inks, sustainable materials and will carry the CN logo as part of a scheme to help offset the school's Carbon footprint.

Carbon offsets are credits for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions made at another location, such as wind farms which create renewable energy and reduce the need for fossil-fuel powered energy. A CN accredited print company, PR Print, will automatically invest the school's carbon neutral savings in a clean energy scheme based in India.



Giving to Hutchesons'

Staff News

In November, Lorna Watt took up the position of Development Manager. Over the coming weeks Lorna will be looking at new ways of donating to the School including digital giving.

Annual Fund

Our Annual Fund continues to play an important part in the provision of additional non-fee income for Bursaries and also helps with supplementary equipment and teaching resources. We will be launching the 2011/2012 Annual Fund in the Spring and a separate communication will be issued.

For more information about Giving to Hutchesons', please contact Lorna Watt, Development Manager on 0141 433 4457 or email wattl@hutchesons.org

Giving in the USA

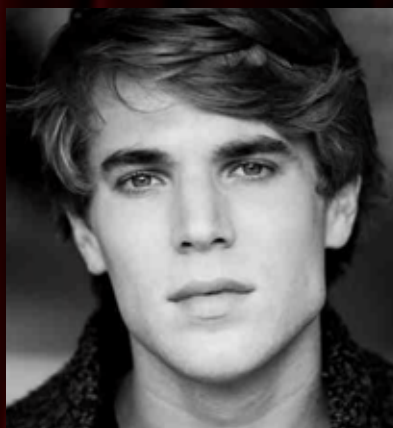
Make a tax deductible gift to the US Bursary Fund by completing the American Fund for Charities from and sending it with your cheque to: Tony Green, American Friends of Hutchesons' Association, 1742 West Erie Street, Chicago, IL 60622

Giving in Canada

Make a tax deductible gift to the Canadian Bursary Fund by completing the Hutchesons' Canadian Trust Form and sending it with your cheque to: Dr Matt Manson, Hutchesons' Grammar School Trust, 4 Olympus Avenue, Toronto, ON M6S 1K9

IF I HAD NOT GONE TO HUTCHIE I WOULDN'T BE THE PERFORMER I AM TODAY

We last caught up with Drew Millar, known at Hutchie as **Andrew Adam** (C2005), in 2009 when he was touring the UK in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat".



With the new drama facilities opening early next year, we contacted Drew to find out exactly what his life as a Hutchesons' drama student was like and how his experiences at school have influenced his future career.

What are your best memories from drama at Hutchie?

I will never forget the euphoria and satisfaction I felt after playing both the roles of Tony in "West Side Story" and Marius in "Les Miserables" in the senior school productions. I would always anxiously await the ringing of the bell at 3.30 as I knew it would signal the start of rehearsals. I quickly discovered music and singing was my way to escape the stresses of everyday life and, for a few hours, I'd lose myself to a whole new world.

Do you feel your time at Hutchie has made an impact on your career as a performer?

I believe whole-heartedly that if I'd not gone to Hutchie and worked with the people I did I wouldn't be the performer I am today. The biggest inspiration and influence I have



is the incredible head of drama, and great friend, Mrs Valerie Alderson. "Mrs A" watched an audition tape of me singing a pop song by Anastacia in my fourth year and immediately spotted potential.



As a skilled director she encouraged and challenged me to grow in confidence which was reflected significantly in my performances throughout my senior years at school.

It is paramount for an artist to feel safe in the hands of a director; I always knew I was safe working with Mrs Alderson and trust her judgement implicitly. She has an amazing gift of bringing out the best in a performer and I know there are countless others who talk of the influence Mrs A had on their lives at Hutchie.

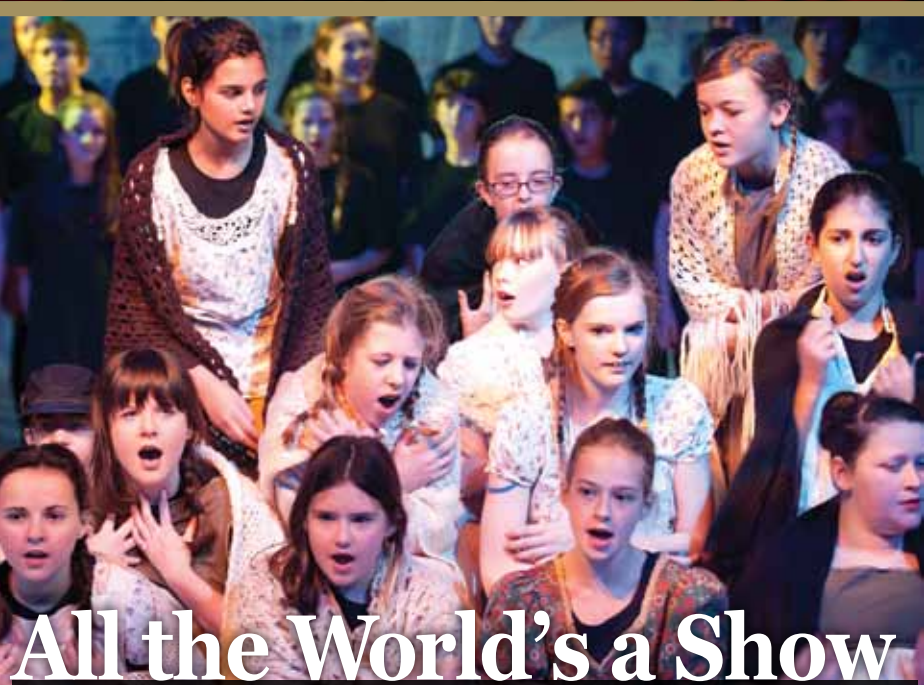
Were you excited to hear about the opening of the drama studios at Beaton Road?

I was delighted when Mrs Alderson told me about the plans for the theatre at Hutchie. Finally her determination, diligence and professionalism are reflected in the new space the drama department can now call home. I know how much this means to Mrs A and her team, not to mention the impact it will have on generations of students to come.

I donated to the fund to support the project and strongly encourage other former pupils to give anything they can to such a worthwhile cause; I know I'd be grateful if I was a current student.

ONE TO HUTCHIE

PERFORMER I AM TODAY...



All the World's a Show

A variety showcase 'All the World's a Show' featuring songs from favourite musicals – has been a hit with audiences at Hutchesons' in November. The S1/S2 production, supported by senior pupils behind the scenes, took the audience on a round the world trip with famous numbers including The Lion King and Lullaby of Broadway. The young actors rehearsed at lunchtimes, on Monday evenings and weekends and their commitment and creativity resulted in a fantastic performance.

What has been the most exciting moment in your career so far?

I've been fortunate enough to have experienced many different areas within my profession, although there are plenty others to conquer! Last year, I was part of a six part vocal harmony group called "The ClasSix" who performed live on Channel 5's "Don't Stop Believing". As a result I met Anastacia, multi platinum selling recording artist and judge of the TV show, which was a real highlight of my career and a moment I will always cherish.

This year I also played a leading role in my first professional play, "The Little Dog

Laughed", which was a huge challenge and unforgettable experience. At the moment I'm travelling the world as the principle singer onboard the P&O Aurora, whilst getting paid to do what I love - that's quite surreal but equally as exciting!

Finally, are there any other words?

To all those taking to the stage at Hutchie: "Break a Leg!"

For more information on Drew please visit: www.felixdewolfe.com

Ladies and Gentlemen, Please take your seats quickly.....!

After some delays with the building works, the new Drama Studios at Hutchie are now scheduled to open in Spring 2012.

We have had an excellent response so far to our fund-raising efforts but there is still an opportunity, if you have not already done so, to purchase a seat back plaque or tile and ensure that you name is forever associated with this exciting new addition to the Beaton Road campus.

A plaque or a tile also makes an ideal present and our new gift vouchers are available now.

You can find more information on how to donate with the enclosed leaflet or contact Lorna Watt, Development Manager at watt@hutchesons.org or Tel 0141 433 4457

Gifts & Memorabilia

Tartan Scarf - £10.00

The Hutchesons' Grammar School



Tartan, was specially created for the School by the Director of the Scottish Tartan Authority. The design incorporates the Hutcheson family tartan which is based on a three-century-old pattern, together with the School colours thus producing a totally unique tartan which encapsulates the School's rich heritage and proud traditions.

Specially woven by Johnstons of Elgin this 100% brushed lambswool scarf is guaranteed to keep you warm. Extra long at 180cm it is both elegant and practical, and the brushed texture of the cloth makes it soft to touch. This will quickly become your favourite accessory. Approved for School use.

George and Thomas Cufflinks - £45.00

These cufflinks represent a unique



piece of Hutchesons' history. Based on two memorial stones created in honour of the Hutcheson brothers, each pair consists of one "George" stone, a round silver link inlaid with "GH 1639", and one "Thomas" stone, a round silver stone inlaid with "TH 1641". Carved in silver with a plain swivel back, these distinctive cufflinks will look good on any occasion.

Storm Proof Golf Umbrella - £20.00



These quality storm proof golf umbrellas will never let you down as they are engineered to withstand typical British weather. Featuring a sturdy canopy and quality built frame, they are ideal for any outdoor event. This blue and white umbrella features the School Crest on every white panel.

Large Hutchie Bear - £15.00

Extremely cuddly teddy bear, 30cm sitting, wearing a navy blue Guernsey sweater, emblazoned with Hutchesons' Grammar School crest. You won't be able to put this gorgeous bear down!



Gifts can be ordered from the Development Office and sent to any destination around the world. To purchase any of these products, or to find out about other gifts available, please visit the School website or contact Louise Duncan in the Development Office on 0141 433 4474 or email shop@hutchesons.org.

Alumni Reunions

Class of 1981



Hutchesons' Grammar School played host to the Class of 1981 reunion on Friday 30 September. The packed event was attended by over 60 former pupils, travelling from the UK, France and the US. The event was organised by former pupil **Lindsay Allen**, née **Dunlop**.

Class of 1959



On 4 November the Class of 59 met at Ross Hall in Glasgow for their 4th reunion since leaving school. The 28 classmates travelled from the north of Scotland, the south of England and as far away as Israel. The event was organised by **Chrissie Boyer**, née **Simison** and **Morag Venner**, née **McVean**.

Class of 1986



25 years ago this summer the Class of 1986 said a fond farewell to life at Hutchie. On 10 September over 50 of them travelled from London, Bolton, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Inverness, Wales and New York for a class reunion organised by **Alison Marshall** and **Dorothy McFarlane**, née **Jayner**.

Old Sixth Form 1946



The 'Old Sixth Form 1946' have been holding their annual get-together for over 60 years. This year's reunion was held on Saturday 1 October at Beaton Road.

Ladies Golf Outing



Fourteen former Hutchesons' pupils braved stormy weather and high winds to take part in the annual Ladies Golf outing on 6 September. Organiser **Sallie Harkness**, née **Moodie** (C1956), praised their commitment saying: *"It's a tribute to the golfers that they actually went out and played."*

The winner was **Mrs Evi Park**, née **Murphy** (C1958) pictured with her trophy left.

The ladies enjoyed visiting Strathaven Golf Club and the 2012 outing has been booked for a return visit to Strathaven on Tuesday September 11. Further details on this event will be available from Sallie Harkness early next year.

Gents Golf Competition



The "Veritas" Gents Golf Competition was held at Dunskey Golf Course, Portpatrick, on 18 August after being postponed due to bad weather in May. The winner was **John Dickson** (C1956) with 41 stableford points and Ian Campbell came second with 40 points. John Dickson is shown here with his trophy, **Bill Gibb** (C1961) on the right, and **Ian Campbell** (C1962) in the centre. The 2012 competition will be held on the first Thursday in May.

Visit to Canada

Hutchesons' Grammar school Alumni Reunion, Toronto, 16th October 2011.

Graham MacAllister, Governor and President of 1641 Society, spent a long weekend in Canada this October meeting with former pupils and friends of Hutchesons'. The principle event was a reception at the Granite Club with thirty guests who received reports from Mr MacAllister on many aspects the progress at Hutchie and about pupils sponsored from Canada. It was an extremely happy occasion and an opportunity to express directly the school's appreciation of continuing, generous support for the Canadian Bursary Fund and for real friendship and interest from such a special group. Due to size of the country, many supporters of the fund were unable to attend in Toronto and to them also we

send the school's warm wishes and thanks. Mr MacAllister had the opportunity to meet privately with principle donors and also to have dinner with the Trustees of the Canadian Fund. The visit seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all, strengthening further the very special relationships with Hutchesonians in Canada.



1. Former Pupils and friends at the Granite Club
2. Walter M Ross (C1947) has generously support the School for the past 30 years pictured with Graham MacAllister (C1962)
- 3,4. Hearing about the progress at Hutchesons' today.



Oxford and Cambridge Dinner

Kings College Cambridge was the venue for the 2nd Oxford and Cambridge Dinner this November, where the Rector Dr Greig and Senior Depute Rector Mike Martin were delighted to meet with the most recent crop of undergraduates from Hutchesons' as well as other former pupils, including **Dr Alistair Fair** (C2000), **Dr Beth Taylor** née **Slimming** (C1968), **Lorna Stevens** (C2002), **Dr Raymond Livingstone** (C1993) and **Paula Williamson** (C2006) who joined them for the evening.

Truly excellent cuisine and wine was followed by lively conversation and many fond reminiscences of the school and the 'best days of their lives' spent there. The evening was a great success and warmest regards were sent to current pupils and staff from all who attended.

If you would like to organise your own reunion please contact Louise Duncan, Alumni and Development Co-ordinator on 0141 433 4474 or email alumni@hutchesons.org

Beyond the Frozen Planet

Former pupil Dr Kenny Taylor (C1972) a lifelong naturalist and keen musician, esteemed author, musician, broadcaster and presenter shares a personal reminiscence from his early days at the school:



Dr Taylor at Hutchesons', Beaton Rd, May 1966

As hard winters go, the one when the Taylor family made its first connection to Hutchesons' was memorable. Quite simply, it was Britain's coldest of the last century. Sub-zero temperatures persisted for months, while repeated heavy snows blocked roads and railway lines alike.

One memory from that frozen season is of an entrance exam held in a building that seemed to be situated in the Glaswegian arctic. The huge expanse of playing fields to one side, off-white under a leaden sky, added to the strangeness.

Things at Beaton Road were never again that chilling for me. And as I look back over the lion's (or ice bear's) share of half a century since then, I'm glad of prolonged links to the school, not least through my parents' involvement.

When I was in P6 or 7, my mother – Doris Taylor – began teaching in what was then 'The Boys' School', after I'd tipped her off about a vacancy. A few years later, she moved to the senior school and taught history until her retirement in the autumn of 1982. From former pupils and colleagues, including her close friend

Graham MacAllister, I know what an inspiration and help she was to many students.

A year or so before Doris retired, my father, George, taught part-time at the school. With hindsight, his involvement has huge significance. For in essence, George laid early foundations for the teaching of business studies.

Until then, despite the popularity of business careers with many Hutchie alumni, there was no formal teaching of subjects such as accounting and economics. George, a journalist and teacher who had recently retired as head of business studies at John Neilson's in Paisley, suggested to the rector, Peter Whyte, that he'd be happy to give relevant tuition, a few days a week, to interested pupils. And so he did, training them for qualifications using reference materials that included a small accountancy dictionary he had written, typed and duplicated.

I think both George (who died in 1996) and Doris (who died in 2007) would be amazed by the resources at Beaton Road today. My parents (pictured below) were a great team, both in their long marriage and as teachers who made a distinctive contribution to the school in the late 20th century.



And that thought still warms me, decades after my family's first encounter with Ice Station Hutchie.

The George & Thomas Hutcheson Awards

The George and Thomas Hutcheson Awards were established in 1997 by the School and FP Council in recognition of Hutchesonians regarded by their peers as inspirational figures. The 2011 winners have been announced as esteemed crime author **Sandra McGruther**, née Lang aka **Alex Gray** (C1968) and wildlife producer, writer and journalist **Dr Kenneth Taylor** (C1972). They received their awards at a special ceremony at the school on Friday 2 December.



Pictured from left: Alistair Marr - President of the FP Council, Dr Kenneth Taylor, Rector Dr Ken Greig, Sandra McGruther and Chairman David Dobson.

An invitation to the FP Spring Supper

Join us on Friday 20th April 2011 at the Beaton Road for an informal spring supper with a chance to meet old friends and teachers, tour the school and be entertained by light speeches and music.

For further information please contact

Alistair Marr	alistair.marr@23w.co.uk	1976 Leaver
Zoe MacKenzie	zoemackenzie@hotmail.co.uk	1994 Leaver
Dorothy McFarlane	dotmcf@sky.com	1986 Leaver
Viv McLaren	vivienne@stormid.com	1992 Leaver
Stuart Keenan	keeno10@hotmail.com	1997 Leaver
Kim McAllister	Kim@impactonline.co.uk	2000 Leaver
Johnny Leitch	johnnyleitch@gmail.com	2005 Leaver

Start: 19:30hrs

Approximate End: 22:30hrs

Price: £20

Driving ambition

Former Hutchesons' pupil, **David Wagner** (C2011) drove to success in the final race of the Formula Renault championship at the Silverstone race circuit in October.

Despite this being his first event at the track, he secured his best qualifying result with 3rd place on the grid and after a long battle with this year's champion, he crossed the line in a season's best 4th place.

David was delighted with his achievement saying: *"Silverstone was a fantastic weekend. It was an amazing feeling to be racing in front of 40 000 spectators and having the event covered live on ITV4, was great for my sponsors. My speed has really improved since the first round of the championship and it was a very satisfying end to the year. I aim to keep progressing like this all the way to Formula 1".*

David's racing success got off to a flying start during his sixth year when he helped the school become the first Scottish winners of the British Karting Championships in 2010, following this success by starting a Karting Club for senior pupils. His brother **Charles** (S3) joined David in taking third place for Hutchie in the 2011 British Karting finals.

Branching out



Since becoming close friends at Hutchesons', **Debbie Simmers** née **Sinclair**, and **Alison Latta**, née **Tait** (C1995) have opened Woodland Outdoor Kindergartens - the first outdoor children's nursery in the West of Scotland. The kindergarten, based in Pollok Country Park, aims to provide a stimulating learning environment for pre-school children and helps to develop a life-long love of the outdoors.

Alison and Debbie started the nursery believing that: "children thrive when learning outdoors in this wonderfully rich, stimulating ever changing environment."

They thoroughly embraced the challenge of setting up a small business in their local area and enjoy giving young children the opportunity to experience a broad range of hands on learning activities such as den building, animal tracking and woodland art.

They are grateful to fellow Hutchesonians saying: "We have used the invaluable network of friends that we have built up during our time at Hutchesons' to help develop our business, seeking advice about business start up through to social media".

www.woodlandoutdoorkindergartens.com

Station master

Jack Kernahan (C1965) presenting to the school librarian a copy of the second enlarged edition of his book on the school's local railway line, the Cathcart Circle, which has recently been published. A chapter deals with Maxwell Park station and describes the station when it was staffed and how it was possible in the 1960s to travel from Hutchie home to Shawlands on the train and back during the lunch hour!



101 Birthday wishes

Maisie Kermack, née Farquharson (C1925) celebrated her 101st birthday in September.



Oonagh O'Hagan (C1996) has started several exciting new projects recently while on maternity leave from her role of Head of Fashion and Textiles at Central Saint Martins.

As well being a busy new mum to a 5 month old boy and freelance print designer for Chanel she is gaining popularity as regular on the couch for *Strictly Come Dancing: It Takes Two* (week nights on BBC2) where she casts an appraising eye over the sequined costumes along with other fashion luminaries like Zandra Rhodes (pictured with Oonagh left).

She is also a successful humorous author, her first book on the weird and wonderful notes left by flatmates has been optioned for a CBS sitcom and her second book 'I love you with custard on top' will be out in paperback in time for Christmas.

Both books are to order available on Amazon under a search for Oonagh O'Hagan.



A 96-year-old former teacher at Hutchesons' has become one of the world's oldest first-time authors. **Elizabeth Gidney**, taught at the school until 1962 and the book tells the story of her time as a teacher and house mistress in Jerusalem. Entitled *The Golden Ball and the Golden String*, which is a line from a passage by the poet William Blake, the story covers a time of social upheaval, but also recounts personal challenges including a typhoid epidemic at her school. Mrs Gidney has now penned a second

book which focuses on her work in a training college in Borneo. *The Golden Ball and the Golden String* is published by Woodfield Publishing.

News from Former Pupils

Scottish Hockey Team Report

In July 2011, the Scottish Hockey Team held the 40th reunion of a trip of a lifetime. In 1971 they travelled right round the world in 63 days, during which time they won 23 matches, drew 2 and lost 2.

They played in Ceylon, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand and USA and received hospitality from hockey playing families all around the globe. They also played in the World Championships in New Zealand where they came 6th overall. They experienced typhoon warnings, swam in hot springs, saw boiling mud pools, koala bears, rode on cable cars, climbed the Empire State Building and returned home with 100's of amazing memories.

40 years on they met up again and had a wonderful time reminiscing on the many adventures they had shared together.

Pictured with the team: **Former pupils Dr Barbara Scorgie, née Miller (C1964) and Christine Gray, née Duff (C1958) with Anne MacLeod (C1964) FP and former PE staff member and Rae Nicholson, née McChesney, also a formerly of the PE staff.**



1970s

Fiona Gilbert (C1974) has been elected to the Chair of Radiology at the University of Cambridge.



Alan Dunlop (C1976) has recently joined the Center for American and International Law in Plano, Texas as Associate Director of the Institutes of Energy Law, Transnational Arbitration, and Law and Technology. The Center, founded in 1947, is America's oldest provider of continuing legal education. Formerly Vice President and General Counsel of Hess Corporation's Exploration & Production Division, Alan and his family have lived in Texas since 2003.

1980s

Tracey Sevrne, née Stuart-Smith (C1982) has graduated with an honours degree in Psychology through the Open University, whilst raising her five children.



Olivia Giles (C1983) received an honorary degree from the University of Edinburgh this summer in recognition of her work in setting up and running 500 miles, a charity that supports the development and delivery of services providing artificial limbs and limb supports in Malawi, Zambia and Zanzibar.

Kevin Sneider (C1984)

will deliver the Founders' Day address for Hutchesons' Grammar School at Glasgow Cathedral on Wednesday 14th March 2012. Kevin is Managing Partner at McKinsey & Co.



1990s



Dr Malcolm A B Sim (C1992) MBChB, BSc (Hons), MRCP, FRCA, EDIC, Consultant in Anaesthetics & Intensive Care Medicine, Western Infirmary, Glasgow has been awarded a Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and a Fellowship of the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine – (FRCP and FFICM, respectively).

Douglas Ireland (C1995) has been working for Lidl, the supermarket company, in various roles and locations since May 2000. He was appointed Operations Director for Lidl Switzerland in July.

2000s

Jennifer Morris (C2000) starred in a performance of 'Lovers' by Brian Friel with the Giffnock Theatre players at the Eastwood Theatre at the end of October. A group of senior pupils from Hutchesons' attended the play and were delighted by her performance.

James Batters (C2002) has recently moved to Sydney as Account Director for Landor Associates - one of the world's leading brand consultancies.

Nicola Finlay's (C2002) boutique 'Eve' in Glasgow's Kildrostan St is now in a second year of trading and her website www.boutiqueeve.com has recently gone live. Nicola has just launched an 'Eve' label clothing line including a new swimwear range for all figure types.



Philip M.J. Mackie (C2003) after qualifying as a Chartered Accountant, Phil, right, completed a Masters degree at Cambridge University. He now works in Paris for an international professional services firm.

Jayne Callum (C2004) successfully reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in October. Jayne's team were climbing for Community Projects Africa to help educate young Tanzanians in the prevention of HIV/Aids.



Rachel Hanretty (C2007) is in her final year at St Andrews University and is editing the student paper, expanding her confectionery business and speaking up for students as a blogger for the Herald Online. www.heraldsotland.com/rachel-hanretty

Anish Deshpande (C2008) received a first class BA in engineering from Trinity College Cambridge in July and will be staying on for a further year to complete his Masters.

Josh Fields (C2009) was awarded the Sir Roger Bannister Scholarship from Pembroke College, Oxford this June. The scholarship is available to an undergraduate in any subject who, in the opinion of The Master and Academic Director, has shown excellent all round performance in both academic and sporting activities.



Holly Kennedy (C2009) met with great success battling strong winds in the finals of the 2011 British Kite Surfing Championships taking 1st place in Slopestyle, 2nd in Freestyle and 3rd Overall. Holly, left, also finished 2nd in the KTE European Kite surfing Championships in France. Her sponsors are North Kiteboarding, ION essentials and Airbound Apparel.

Ryan Buchanan (C2010) who is currently studying History at the University of Aberdeen is on an exchange year abroad studying at Haverford College, Philadelphia.

Timothy Heelis (C2011) scored the top mark in the country for Advanced Higher Technology.

Scott Melville (C2011) achieved a top mark in Advanced Higher Physics, and received an award from the Institute of Physics for his achievement. It was presented by Professor Anne Glover, Chief Scientific Advisor for Scotland, at the Science and the Parliament event held in Our Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh on 9 November. Scott is now studying Physics at Merton College, Oxford.



Desperately seeking Robert M Courtney (C1957)

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In Memoriam

Mae Adams, née Massie
Class of 1934, 1916 – 2011

Alastair R Clarke
Class of 1974, 1956 – 2010

Mr Michael I Ferris
Class of 1964, 1946 - 2011
He passed away in hospital in Stornoway on Saturday May 28.

Mr William B Kennedy
Class of 1950, 1929 - 2011

Agnes C H Lindsay (C1949)
1931 – 2011
Mother of Alex Lindsay (C1985) and Alison Lindsay (C1983).

Peter Robb Macfarlan Brown
Class of 1944
1925 - 2010

Mr Kenneth Marshall
Class of 1961, 1942 – 2010
Brother of Robert Marshall (C1961)

James Alfred Millar Kinnear
Class of 1948, 1930-2011
Brother of the late Charles Kinnear (C1960). Survived by brother Chris Kinnear (C1960) and sister in law Moira Kinnear, née McIntyre (C1963). Leaves wife Irene and family.

Mrs Nancy McDonald Campbell, née Sturgeon
Class of 1944, 1926 – 2011

Mr Norman McDougall Archer
Class of 1944, 1926-2011

Agnes McVean, née McGregor
Class of 1935, 1917 - 2011-11-24

Mrs Valerie Mary Morgan, née Parkinson
Class of 1965, 1947-2011

Mr W Stuart Nairn
Class of 1952, 16/08/1933 – 11/09/2011

Mrs Isobel May Ross, née Crosbie
Class of 1951, 1933-2011

Frances B Smith C.A.
Class of 1944, 1925 - 2011

Margaret Watt, née Gilchrist
Class of 1955, 1936-2011

Milicent Bell, née Leslie

Class of 1934, 1916 - 2011

Milicent Hélène Sturrock Bell, medical practitioner and artist, born Glasgow 17th October 1916, died Colchester, Essex, 18th June 2011.



Milicent Bell, who died aged 94, was a pioneering cytologist who established a unit at the Victoria Infirmary in Glasgow in 1965 - a very early example of its kind - where she remained senior doctor until her retirement in 1981.

Milicent Hélène Sturrock Leslie was born in Glasgow in 1916 and educated at Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School and The University of Glasgow, from which in 1939 she graduated in medicine and then worked briefly as a research assistant in Bacteriology at the Western Infirmary. In 1942 she married William Bell, then a Church of Scotland Minister. In Lanarkshire, where his first parish was, she worked in maternity and child welfare before the family moved, in 1948, to Tyneside where William was now working for the British Council. Whilst bringing up her family she found the time to work professionally part time, undertaking child welfare clinics (a mainstay of the early NHS, in which she was always a great believer) and later assisting in general practice. She declined the offer of her own general practice in Gateshead when her husband's work took him to Finland for a number of years, and where she latterly joined him. There, she received the approval of the medical authorities to practice and did so for a number of years, principally within the British Embassy.

In 1965, the family moved back to Glasgow, where William became The University's senior administrator, and with it came the opportunity for her to study and then practice cytology. After a short period of study, she was appointed in November 1965 GP Cytologist at the Victoria Infirmary. There she established a laboratory to screen cervical smears, searching for early signs of the cancer that was becoming more to be recognised as a serious threat to women's health: for a number of years, she would spend several long sessions every week peering down a microscope for that purpose. By the early 1970s, she and her colleague Dr Anne Nisbet-Smith, had started to do aspiration cytology (a technique of extracting cells for examination using a fine hollow needle). In the mid-sixties, both practices were ground-breaking: very few such units had been established, and it would take years for them to become widespread. And in those early years the view within the profession in hospitals, particularly the pathologists, was

mixed: wary, suspicious, but not altogether hostile. It was also very early for a woman to be in such an influential hospital post and Milicent Bell was one of the first. Both factors brought their tensions.

Besides her long association with medicine (her subscription to the British Medical Journal was still in place when she died) she was an accomplished artist. Soon after she and her husband retired, in 1971, the couple moved to Kirkcudbright in Galloway, which for many years was an artists' town. There, she painted in watercolour and oils, and created some excellent sculptured busts and figurines, exhibiting both in her adopted town and, in 1987, a bronze head at the Royal Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts.

Her final years were spent in Wivenhoe, Essex, near two of her three sons, all of whom survive her. Her husband pre-deceased her.

Alastair T Currie
Class of 1948,
1930 – 2011

Alastair went on to become a civil engineer F.I.C.E., he started work in Killin on the construction of Hydro Electric Power schemes. He then joined



Crudens in Edinburgh as a Director and in 1970 he moved south to establish their office in London, in 1975 he joined the HAT Group based in the South West of England and the family moved to Bristol. After a long period of employment he took the decision to go at it alone and started a PVC welding and manufacturing company in Bristol in 1980. Shortly after this he bought a marquee hire company which he ran with his son Alastair.

He married Ann in 1963 in Kidderminster and they had three children, son Alastair and daughters, Emma and Lucy. He was immensely proud of his three children as they all followed in his foot steps by running their own companies. He was also the very proud grand father of seven grand children, Amelia, Phoebe, Sophie, Rosie, Ben, Jessica and Molly. He was a very loving and caring father and always had time to help, support and advise others. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Although living in England he was a very proud Scotsman and vigorously supported Scotland at every sporting occasion, much to the annoyance of his English friends and son in laws. He had very vivid and fond memories of his time at Hutchesons', and many a diner at home with his peers would end with a rendition of the school song. He greatly enjoyed the former pupil dinners in London and sharing his memories with friends old and new.

Muriel Harris, née Links
Class of 1941, 1924 - 2011

Muriel Harris, née Links immigrated with her husband Sidney Harris to Israel in 1949. She studied for her English teacher's degree at the Tel-Aviv University and was an English teacher at the prestigious Katznelson Secondary School in Kfar-Sava for 25 years, where she was much loved by her pupils. Widowed prior to retirement, Muriel is survived by her partner of 12 years, Shmuel Amid.

Joyce Blythe Henderson

Hutchesons' PE staff member 1954 - 1962 and Principal Teacher of Girls' PE 1972 - 1994 with almost 30 years of service at the school.

Class of 1951, 1932 - 2011



Joyce died in an Ayr nursing home after many years of distressing ill health. Prior to this, she was a lively, busy person who packed her days with a variety of activities, mostly with an emphasis on sport.

'Hutchie' played a huge part in her life as a pupil, a very supportive F.P. and as a loyal member of the Physical Education Department. She joined the staff in 1954 as an assistant to the late Eleanor Howie, had a spell at Park School as Head of P.E. and then returned as Eleanor Howie's successor in charge of P.E. in the girls school at Kingarth Street. After the amalgamation of both schools in 1975, Joyce became Head of girl's Physical Education in both Kingarth Street and Beaton Road.

She will be fondly remembered by many as an inspirational coach and teacher who took her teams to the highest standard of school games.

Her memory will live on every year at the Hutchesons' Invitation 7-a-side Hockey Tournament, where competition is fierce to win The Joyce B Henderson Shield.



Joyce had a keen love of many sports and activities, and she played hockey for Scotland. On her retirement from playing hockey, she was appointed Match Secretary for The Scottish Women's Hockey Association and continued her interest in the game through umpiring and selecting duties. She was an enthusiastic member of Clarkston Tennis Club and of Williamwood Golf Club. For many years she served as an elder at Netherlee Parish Church and her dahlias won many prizes at the annual flower show.

Joyce travelled extensively and her hobbies were wide ranging from dressmaking to skiing. She will be remembered for her boundless enthusiasm, her kindness to those in need and finally with great gratitude from the school as someone who spent a great part of her life so effectively and warmly in the service of Hutchesons'.

Gary Howieson

Class of 1969, 1950-2011



Gary Howieson, born 5th February 1950, died 17th June 2011, aged 61 after a battle with cancer.



He loved his sport and under the guidance of "wee" Roy represented the school at rugby in Glasgow District games and with the help of "Tufty" Brown was a member of the tennis team that went onto win the West of Scotland trophy.

Gary enjoyed playing rugby for the FPs for many years and with great enthusiasm from the sidelines enjoyed supporting his children playing hockey and rugby. Gary is survived by his wife, three children and three grandchildren.

Hilda Johnston

*Hutchesons' Chemistry staff member from 1975 - 1996
Died 2011*

Hilda Johnston retired in June 1996 after twenty one year's service at Hutchesons'. Following employment with the British Steel Corporation and a spell teaching at Govan High School, Hilda joined the Chemistry Department at Hutchesons' in 1975. She quickly established herself as an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher, keenly involved in the subject and eager to transmit her knowledge and love of chemistry to her pupils. She will be remembered for her splendid capabilities as a teacher and her ready, dry wit in the staffroom.

Margaret S. McConnell, née Reid
*Hutchesons' English staff member from 1965 - 1980,
Class of 1929, 1913 - 2011*



Margaret graduated from Glasgow University with Honours in English in 1934 and taught in many Glasgow Schools before returning to teach at Hutchie Girls' in 1965. She stayed on long past the normal age of retirement, the only teacher in Glasgow, if not Scotland at the time, to teach creative writing, she was a meticulous editor of the school magazine. Margaret was a much respected and popular member of staff both with colleagues and pupils, with her great enthusiasm for her subject and her understated sense of humour.

She had always written in her spare time and published 15 romantic novels and countless short stories and serials for women's magazines. She was still appearing regularly in *The People's Friend* well into her eighties. Keen to promote new writing in Scotland, she was instrumental in setting up The Scottish Association of Writers, becoming its first President and eventually was appointed its Honorary President. Many of her former pupils were members and she took great pride and pleasure in the successes of those who went on to make their mark as novelists, poets and playwrights. This indefatigable woman also trained as a classical singer with the legendary Winifred Busfield at the RSAMD; took her LRAM when she was 40 and taught singing in the evenings for many years.

Up until the beginning of this year Margaret was sharp as a tack and living independently in her own home, but a series of cumulative illnesses dogged her and she died on October 1 not long after her 98th birthday.

Margaret's elder daughter, the late Elizabeth Yearling was Dux of the Girls' School in 1963, and she is survived by her younger daughter, Maev Alexander C1965 and her grandchildren Rebecca, Simon and Alix.

Keep in touch:

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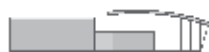
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Forthcoming Alumni Events

FP AGM and Council Meeting, Beaton Road
Wednesday 11 January

Hutchesons' London Club: Burns Supper at the Caledonian Club
Wednesday 18th January
For further information please contact **Grace Ang-Lygate** (C2004) at g.anglygate@gmail.com

Wine-tasting evening at Kingarth Street
Wednesday 1 February

Christine Kernohan, née **Nicol** (C1967) will talk about her vineyard in New Zealand and give you the opportunity to sample her wines.

FP Spring Supper, Beaton Road
Friday 20 April

Come along to Beaton Road and meet old friends and teachers, tour the School and be entertained by light speeches and music.

Mens Golf Outing, Portpatrick Golf Club
Thursday 3 May

For more details contact **John Dickson** (C1956), tel, 01776 810720 or email [johndickson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: johndickson@hotmail.co.uk)

Ladies Afternoon Tea, Kingarth Street
Saturday 12 May

Annual meeting of former pupils of Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School.

Ladies Class of 1962 Reunion, Kingarth Street
Saturday 19 May

Jean Barclay, née **Curwen** and **Caryl Carr**, née **Macdonald** are organising a 50th Anniversary reunion at Beaton Road for Fifth Form leavers 1961 and Sixth Form leavers 1962. For further information, please contact Jean at jean_barclay@btinternet.com or Caryl at carr.caryl@yahoo.co.uk

Ladies Golf Outing, Strathaven Golf Club
Tuesday 11 September

Contact: **Sallie Harkness**, née **Moodie** (C1956), tel 0141 639 1166 or email sallieharkness@btinternet.com

Mens Class of 1971 P5 1962 Reunion, Beaton Road
Saturday 29 September

Peter Braham and **Barry Cooper** are organising a 50th Anniversary reunion of P5 1962 at Beaton Road. For further information, please contact Peter at peterbraham53@yahoo.co.uk or Barry Cooper at bcooper52@btinternet.com

OSF 1946, Beaton Road
Saturday 6 October 2012

Annual meeting of Old Sixth Form Class of 1946.

For information about any of these dates or to organise your own alumni event please contact **Louise Duncan**, Alumni and Development Co-ordinator on 0141 433 4474 or email alumni@hutchesons.org

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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 11 January

- S4, 5, 6 Prelim Examinations begin

Thursday 12 January

- S3 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 18 January

- S2 Parents' Evening

Friday 27 January

- Entrance Examinations

Tuesday 31 January

- S1 Parents' Evening

Thursday 2 February

- Senior School Concert

Monday 6 February

- Talent Show

Thursday 1 March

- S3 Drama Competition

Tuesday 6 and Thursday 8 March

- Kingarth Street: Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 7 March

- S4 Careers Convention

Sunday 11 March

- Choral Society Concert

Monday 12 to Friday 16 March

- S2 Examinations

Tuesday 13 March

- S4 Subject Choice Evening

Wednesday 14 March

- Founders' Day

Thursday 15 March, Evening

- Kingarth Street Concert

Tuesday 20 March

- S5 Subject Choice Evening

Thursday 22 March

- The Biggars' Music Competition

Tuesday 27 March and

Wednesday 28 March

- Kingarth Street P7 Show

Term Dates

January – March 2012

Thursday 5 January

Pupils return for Spring Term

Tuesday 31 January

S1 Parents' Evening

Monday 13 – Friday 17 February

Mid Term Holiday

Friday 30 March

School closes at 12 noon

Tuesday 17 April

Pupils return for Summer Term

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