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Welcome Rector

This term has once again seen Hutchesons' pupils and staff excel in a wide variety of settings.

It is over two years since the highly successful 'Colours of the Clyde' concert in the City Halls, and anyone heading along to the re-scheduled 'Shall Brothers Be...' in the Royal Concert Hall on 9 February could be forgiven for wondering how on earth the standard set then could possibly be matched. Those who were present on the night will I'm sure agree that it not only matched but surpassed all expectations and was in every way a more complete and satisfying musical experience. The international theme, which allowed a wide range of musical styles, and the venue itself, were much to do with it but of course, above all, it was the exceptional playing and singing which was the real delight. Ken Walton deserves great praise for his creation, not least for the rousing and fitting finale he wrote for the occasion, which drew together the many strands we heard during the evening. The sheer scale of the concert, with hundreds of pupils involved, plus all the staff of the music department and many other academic and support staff, too, was hugely impressive, and everyone I have spoken to about it since has agreed, and talked enthusiastically about their own favourite moment.

Hebba Benyaghla is still only in S4, but her sublime solo playing in the Larghetto from Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 perhaps did not surprise those of us who have been privileged to hear her play on previous occasions. Hearing her makes me realise again what supreme dedication is needed to perform at such a high level, over and above the necessary talent. Hutchesons' pupils who play instruments and/or sing are very

lucky to have such a wonderfully talented set of music teachers and such a purposeful and supportive environment in which to learn. There is a real sense of striving for excellence which pervades our music, which is lovely to see.

Another beacon of excellence at the moment is girls' hockey. Some would say we have always been strong in this, but I think under Rhona Simpson we are at a new high water mark. There is real quality in every year group down through the school, and all those girls and their coaches deserve great credit. But the greatest strength lies in the 1st XI, who this term became Scottish Schools' indoor champions, meaning that they are now the reigning champions indoors and outdoors - all the more remarkable since the two versions involve playing quite different games, with different skill sets. Rhona's leadership is crucial to their success, and she has the coaching vision to help our girls play at what is effectively club level in terms of skills, fitness and patterns of play. Hockey would not be so strong throughout if the 1st team were not setting such a standard, and here again I see the wonderfully supportive interplay of dedicated and talented staff giving the pupils every opportunity to succeed at the highest level.

'A rising tide lifts all ships' is what we are striving for here, and it is pleasing to see such clear examples of that in music and in hockey. I'm sure you will see much more evidence of it as you look through the pages which follow.

With best wishes for Easter and the lengthening days ahead.



New Drama Building

Work on the Drama building continues apace. Pupils in the Photography Club are documenting the build and their photos will be published on the website as the construction project develops. Over the next three months, we will see the building taking shape above ground as work on the steel structure, wall cladding and brickwork begins.



Charity Update

Hutchesons' Talent Show

The Hutchesons' Talent Show in January was a big success, with Grant McFarlane, a fundraising manager for Action for Children, not only acting as a judge alongside Hutchie parent Carol Smillie (C1980) and Depute Rector Jim McDougall, but also bringing a group of young carers to enjoy the show. S3 pupil Yash Singh (far right) was the lucky recipient of the prize for the best performance of the evening. Runners-up were Laurie Anderson and Sarah Cooper, and Abi Duff (far left).

Action for Children has proved a popular charity at Hutchesons', with pupils and staff committed to raising funds for the charity's projects, as well as developing a network of volunteer and work experience possibilities. By the middle of March, pupils and staff had raised more than £22,000.











S1 Bite-Sized Burns Supper

Another charity highlight was the S1 "Bite-Sized Burns Supper" organised by two S1 forms for parents and fellow pupils on Tuesday 25 January, with proceeds going to Action for Children. The traditional Burns Supper was organised, served and presented by the pupils themselves.





Talking Points: S6 Lecture Series

Edward Green, former Crown Jeweller, delivered this year's Sir Alexander Stone Memorial Lecture, attended by his widow, Lady Stone. Mr Green spoke engagingly of his career, said S6 pupil Peter Aitken, which included looking after the large Royal jewellery collection.



National Science and Engineering Competition

Four pupils from Hutchesons' Grammar School have won places in the National Science & Engineering Competition. **Andrew Crusher** lifted the top prize for the best overall science project in Scotland as a first-year pupil at the Big Bang Festival at Abertay University, last June. One of the youngest exhibitors at the Festival, Andrew Crusher had chosen to presented a project called "Conditioned Learning in Humans".

Anilah Sadiq, Hannah Jassemi and Heather Gibson, all in S3, secured their place at the finals with their project to determine how different genres of music affect teenagers' maths, English and visual skills. They now go head to head with finalists from across the country in an attempt to claim one of the UK's most prestigious science and engineering honours for young people. Finalists to present their project at The Big Bang: UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair at the ICC London ExCeL in March.





Student Earth Summit



Sixth year pupils studying Geography and Science recently travelled to London to represent Hutchesons' at the Student Earth Summit, designed to educate young people on different environmental issues and to encourage

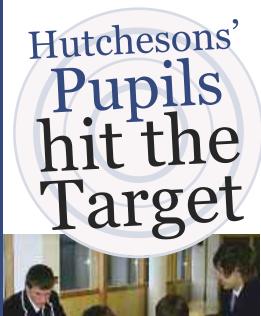
them to think how our school impacts the environment. Victoria Stevenson, Alastair MacMahon, Ewan Gardner, David Linderman and Mei Lin Lee gave a presentation on the "Climate Change Debate" to the conference, in front of an audience of around 2,000 pupils from across the UK and environmental experts, and their presentation provoked some interesting questions. The pupils were accompanied by Chemistry teacher Helen Stewart and Geography teacher Alan Stirling.



Dame Ellen MacArthur selects Hutchesons' Pupils for Industry internship

Six pupils from Hutchesons' Grammar School have won the first of five week-long internships within a leading UK industry. Glasgow's Science Centre hosted the first in a series of 'Project Re-Design' events across the UK run by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation. Teams of students aged 16-18 were challenged to turn the UK's 'waste to landfill' problem into a potential opportunity by re-thinking the way the system works. The Hutchesons' team (Timothy Heelis, Rory Morrice, Marwa Allam, David Linderman, Sandy Nimmo and Scott Melville) has won a fully funded internship with one of the Foundation's FTSE 100 founding partners: B&Q, BT & CISCO, National Grid and Renault.

The pupils rose to the challenge of re-thinking whether our current waste problem is, in fact, a materials opportunity, by exploring the possibilities of a systems level re-design. Intrepid sportswoman Dame Ellen MacArthur attended the workshop: "Our aim is to provide a framework within which to be creative and innovative, looking at future product design, transport, energy and communications."



Four S6 pupils from Hutchesons' have won the Scotland, Northern Ireland and North West England area final of the Bank of England Target Two Point Zero competition.

Having won the Scotland regional final in December, Ross Davidson, David Henderson, Alastair MacMahon and Victor Mo travelled to Manchester with Head of Economics, Matt Bergin, on Tuesday 1 March.

The judges' task was to assess each team's understanding of the economy and monetary policy, the strength and style of their presentation, the arguments made in support of their monetary policy decision, and their response to judges' questions. There were no right or wrong answers. Each team was judged on the merits of the case presented.

They now complete against five other schools in the National Final of the Bank of England and The Times Interest Rate Challenge, which takes place at the Bank of England on 18 March.

"We thoroughly enjoyed our experience and are excitedly looking forward to the National Final in London which will be a great opportunity for us."

The Hutchesons' team recommended an interest rate of 0.5% compared with the Bank of England's official rate of 0.5% set by the Monetary Policy Committee on 10 February 2011. They also recommended a total of £200bn of asset purchases under the Asset Purchase Facility, compared with the £200bn agreed by the MPC on 10 February 2011.

Hutchesons' is Tennis Scotland School of the Year

Hutchesons' has been named Tennis Scotland School of the Year for 2010 following the Senior Girls Team victory at the Scottish Schools Tennis Championship in Edinburgh last June, an honour last achieved by the Hutchesons' team in 1976, when the team included Sheila Lang, née Thompson (C1976), now PE teacher in charge of tennis at Hutchesons'! Mrs Lang's daughter, Heather Lang [S5] captained a team which included Iona Campbell [S3], Paige Denholm [S3] and Charlotte Mason [P7].





Tennis Scotland has also honoured George Baird [P7] with the Raymond Miguel Award for his great commitment and endeavour in achieving a high standard of play in Scottish tennis tournaments. George has been playing tennis since the age of 5 and has competed regionally and nationally on a regular basis during the last couple of years; he also plays for West of Scotland County. Currently playing within U11 and U12 age group categories, George is nationally ranked 4th and 23rd respectively. His dedication to training includes three squads a week (once the homework is done, of course!) and competitions every two to three weeks. Success this year includes winning the Scottish Junior Indoor Championships at Scotstoun and being runner-up at the Leeds regional LTA tour, as well as being part of the winning Scotland Mini Davis Cup team which triumphed in March.





S6 pupils took part in the 21st Bath International Schools' Model United Nations Conference, held at Kingswood School, Bath, in March. Ava Akeredolu, Adam Bushnell, John Haughney, Natasha Koppel, David Linderman, Duncan McBride, Jodie McKenna and Raphael Selby were accompanied by Mrs Catherine Keddie and Mrs Julie Biguzzi, where they represented Poland and the United Arab Emirates. John Haughney was highly commended for his contribution to the Human Rights Committee for Poland.

Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA

During the February break, S6
Economics pupils Jodie McKenna and
Ross Davidson visited Yale University
as guests of Fiona Scott Morton,
Professor of Economics at the Yale
School of Management, having been
chosen for their particular interest in the
subject. "We spent six nights in New
Haven," says Ross, "gaining much
knowledge of how things work in the
USA, from the many different types of
church to the American school system
to the American political system, the last
which was the subject of an entire
night's fascinating conversation!"

They attended undergraduate and postgraduate classes in various areas of Economics.

"I am fascinated by problems in the developing world," says Jodie, "and I was able to attend specialised classes at Yale which look into reducing such problems and the struggle with the well-known 'trade versus aid' debate."



Ross and Jodie were also hosted by Rona Johnson Gordon (C1984) who lives and works in New Haven.



S2 pupils **Lucy Kenwell, Katrina McCall** and **Emma Ramsay** report in numbers on the S2-S4 ski and snowboarding trip to California and Nevada:

- 1 bad baggage lorry driver (caused missed connection so spent a night at Heathrow unfortunately)
- 1 bent ski pole
- 2 bus journeys
- 2 states (stayed in California three hours from San Francisco in the pretty town of Truckee in the, took the bus every morning to ski in Nevada)
- · 2 pairs of lost skis
- 3 ski groups and 1 snowboarding group
- 4 great teachers
- 5 planes
- 14 suitcases stuck at Heathrow
- 36 pupils
- 44 hours travelling time
- 100 falls (at least)
- 1000s of laughs
- 1 holiday of a lifetime



Operatic Pupils



Suhit Amin [P5], Lily Irwin [P5], Alex Pope [S2], Barnaby Woods [S1] and Isabel Woods [P5] took part in the Scottish Opera/RSAMD production of Janáček's 'The Cunning Little Vixen' in January. Performances took place at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, and the Festival Theatre, Edinburgh.



Save the Date for Carousel!

This year's Senior Summer Musical is Carousel, by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Performances are from Monday 13 to Thursday 16 June.

A visit by Dorothy Hogg MBE



Dorothy Hogg MBE, who has been at the forefront of the New Jewellery Movement and who is a well established contemporary studio jeweller with an international reputation, hosted an In-Service workshop attended by the Art and Design staff from both Beaton Road and Kingarth Street, as well as pupils undertaking Advanced Higher and Portfolio. Dorothy came equipped with a vast range of samples, visual material, and tools to demonstrate a wide range of techniques adaptable to various levels of skill and transferable to all year groups. "It was an invaluable opportunity," says Art teacher Dilys Lovell, to experiment in a 'hands on' way with new techniques such as piercing, press forming and chain making.

Fairy Godmother Wins S3 Drama Competition

S3 pupils at Hutchesons' presented a wide range of dramatic excerpts, from Shakespeare to Abbott and Costello, to a full house of parents and friends on 3 March. The pieces were the result of a two-month collaboration between S3 pupils and senior Drama pupils, who are interested in both performance and direction. The three judges were Shaaron Graham, Principal and Artistic Director of Glasgow Academy of Musical Theatre Arts, David Lee-Michael, Acting and Performance course director at Langside College, and Edward Corrie (C2001), RSAMD graduate and actor.

Winners

Best Overall Individual Performance: Kirsty Quail

Monologue: Holly Beth Gourlay ('The Inquest', by G L Horton)

Duologue: Edward Campbell & Aiden Bushnell ('Beekeeping', by Rowan Atkinson & John Cleese)

Group: Kirsty Quail, Heather Currie, Ashley Neilson, Nikki Taylor

('Cinderella', by Roald Dahl)





Hutchesons' Swimming Gala 10 February

Senior Girls: 1st Robyn Collins [S6], 2nd Lucy Lanigan [S6],

3rd Holly Beth Gourlay [S3]

Senior Boys: 1st Jonathan Wong [S4], 2nd Mazen Allam [S4],

3rd Harry Williams [S3]

In the boys event the top three boys finished in the same order for all four races. Jonathan Wong dominated winning the overall event. Mazen Allam finished second and in third place in S3 was Harry Williams.

Glasgow Schools Primary Finals 28 February

Gold

Helen Brown [P5]: 10yrs and under 25m Freestyle Annie Gould [P6]: 11yrs and under 25m Backstroke Neil Anderson [P6]: 11yrs and under 25m Breaststroke David Brown [P7]: 12yrs and under 50m Freestyle

Silver

Primary 7 Boys Relay

Bronze

Molly Young [P5]: 10yrs and under 25m Freestyle

Ross Overdijking [P7]: 12yrs and under 50m Breaststroke

Primary 5 Girls Relay Primary 6 Girls Relay

Primary 6 Boys Relay

Primary 7 Girls Relay

Cross Country

Glasgow Schools Senior Championships, Nether Pollok – 25 February

Team Gold: Senior Girls, Girls S1, Girls S2, Girls S3, Boys S2

Team Silver: Girls S4, Boys S4 Team Bronze: Senior Boys

Individual Gold: Charlotte Mason [S1], Katie Turnbull [S2], Selena Jackson [S4], Elaine Eadie [S6]

Individual Silver: Jude Graham [S1], Jennifer Eadie [S4]

Individual Bronze: Scott Young [S4], Rebecca Patrick [S5]

Glasgow Schools Primary Championships, Nether Pollok - 11 March

Team Gold: P6 Boys Team Silver: P7 Girls

Individual Gold: Harry Nimmo [P6]
Individual Silver: Josh Bicknell [P6]

Scottish Schools Secondary Championships, Irvine – 12 March

Team Gold: Senior Girls, U14 Girls Team Bronze: U14 Boys

Hockey



The Hutchesons' 1st XI are now indoor and outdoor Scottish Girls champions, having seen off their opponents at the U18 Girl's Indoor Cup at Bells Sports Centre, Perth on 15 January. They took the Scottish School Girls Cup at Peffermill last April and will contest again it this year following their recent win in the West District Cup.

Showjumping



Anneliese Aitken [P3] competed in the National Schools Equestrian Association Championships at Addington Manor EC on 15 January 2011 on her pony Noble Sparkle in the Individual Mini class. She rode a beautiful clear round and qualified in the top 8 during the morning class, which then allowed her to jump in the final later that day. They ended up being placed sixth. A fantastic achievement!

Says Mrs Clarke. Anneliese and Noble Sparkle! They won the 90cms qualifier class at Rowallan and will be heading to Pony of the Year Show

Megan Martin [S1] came second in Class 3 of the recent Scottish Schools Showjumping Championship in Carluke. Megan and her pony, Clover, jumped in the Hutchesons' colours!



Athletics

In the National Indoor Track and Field Championships at Kelvin Hall in February, Fraser O'Rourke [S3] broke an event record with a pole vault of 3.65 metres in the Under 16 category. Matthew Kerr [S6] (left) took silver in both Over 16 Long Jump and High Jump. Matthew was also a member of the fourman Scotland under-18 Boys team that won a team bronze medal at the

rearranged Schools International Pentathlon organised by the Scottish Schools Athletic Association in February.





P1 Ceilidh

Pupils in all three Primary 1 classes at Hutchesons' enjoyed their very first ceilidh on 28 January. Each class recited a poem, sang Scottish songs and performed two Scottish dances. They were also treated to performances from the primary ceilidh band, a highland dancer and two vocal soloists and were piped in by P1 dad, Mr Gillanders.

P2 Afternoon Tea for Grannies



Scots Verse and Music Competition



Former Head of Primary Lorna McKie returned to Kingarth Street in February to judge the annual Scots Verse and Music Competition. Following an afternoon of wonderful performances, Vasit Ahmed [P4] won the prize for 'Excellence in the

Recital of Scots Verse', **Verity MacInnes [P6]** for 'Excellence in the Performance of Scottish Music' and the inaugural Sheena Hamilton Award for Excellence in Scots Music and Verse went to **Flora Ritchie [P6]**.



Scottish Opera Workshop





After rehearsing the sung parts for several weeks, the entire P6 year group put an opera together in a day! Scottish Opera's Education team visited Hutchesons' to put the pupils through their paces with 'Scotland, our Scotland', an opera written for Scottish Opera to celebrate the 2014 Commonwealth Games against the backdrop of Scotland's geographical, cultural and social landscape. After rehearsing all morning, the pupils donned costumes and performed to staff and fellow pupils in the Main Hall.



Foreign Language Assistants on the Menu

As part of the Modern Languages programme at Kingarth Street, the Foreign Language Assistants visit Kingarth Street from time to time, to mingle with the pupils in lunchroom and chat about everything and anything. Find out more about the Language Assistants on p.10!



Spotlight on Book Week at Kingarth Street



Pupils at Kingarth Street celebrated World Book Day in pirate style, as everyone climbed aboard the good ship Hutchesons' for a week-long journey of reading and listening. Everyone was involved, including the youngest pupils. Those in P1 and P2 met author and illustrator Ross Collins, who taught them how to illustrate their own books, and Allan Burnett infused P4 and

P5 pupils with his irreverent love of history – did you know that digestive biscuits were invented in Scotland?! P7 pupils worked with Katie Grant, who writes historical novels that combine suspense and romance, and Keith Charters talked about his zany books to P6 pupils. Throughout the school, older pupils spent time with younger ones in paired reading.







Linguistically Speaking



Natalia Garcia, Annelise Jouannin, Antonio Fernandez, Jan Mehlberg and Marie Morin pose for pupils in one of the Modern Languages classrooms. Photo by Sarah Thomson [S5]

Hutchesons' has a long-standing tradition of enhancing the learning of modern languages through a British Council programme, which has liaised with Scottish schools and foreign universities since 1905 to bring Foreign Language Assistants to our classrooms. In the current economic climate, it is fairly unusual for schools to provide the services of foreign language assistants and Hutchesons' is fortunate in continuing to give our pupils the opportunity of working closely with native speakers of the languages they are learning.

iz Bertam, Head of Modern Languages, explains: "This session, we have five assistants, two of whom spend 12 hours a week at Hutchie; the other three we share with The Glasgow Academy and Wellington School in Ayr. This arrangement suits all three schools well and allows our shared assistants to see two schools in action. In addition to working with pupils and staff at Beaton Road, our assistants regularly visit Kingarth Street to bring to life the teaching of modern foreign languages to our younger pupils. During exam leave, there is the chance for them to spend more time at Kingarth Street. This year's assistants are a particularly fine team, who work well together, but who are also highly successful as individuals."

The benefits of having foreign language assistants within the department are many and varied, says Liz Bertram. "Our assistants are young and dynamic; they bring knowledge of their own language and, importantly, of their own culture; they reinforce work done in class; they produce materials to be used in the department and also raise the profile of and emphasise the importance of proficiency in modern foreign languages. Usually assistants

work with pupils in small groups, which is an excellent environment for them to listen, learn and contribute. Our assistants also gain many advantages from working here. Their knowledge of English and British culture is also broadened, thus preparing them for the rôle of Englishlanguage teacher in their home country."

Annelise Joannin, who is French, is spending her fourth year at Hutchesons'. "Being an assistant means spending a year (or more, if you are lucky!) in a foreign country," she says. "It involves learning a lot about the country, its history, its culture and its language. Being in Glasgow, the language can be a challenge! On top of learning some necessary local words or expressions ('aye', is just one 'wee' example), understanding the accent can be such a problem that you end up asking people to text you the address for flat viewings. Suckiehall? Sockieholl? Sochiehall Street? On the bright side, Glaswegians are always willing to help you!

"Another challenge is the first day at school. Everything is new and you cannot help but be nervous. The Hutchesons' team is so welcoming, however, that your fears quickly disappear and you rapidly feel you are a full member of the school. Still, it takes some

time to get to know the pupils and their level, understand the system and how you can give the best of your culture and your language. Hutchie is a wonderful place to work and each time you come out with a new idea, you are helped by the very supportive Modern Languages team as well as all the staff in school.

Two of the multilingual pupils at Hutchesons', Jamie Blackwood [S6] and Kirsty Gray [S5] interviewed the five assistants, Annelise Jouannin and Marie Morin (French), Natalia Garcia and Antonio Fernandez (Spanish) and Jan Mehlberg (German).





Why did you come to Scotland?

- Jan visited Scotland last year and loved the culture and the people. For his university course he has to spend three months in an English-speaking country. He decided to use this time teaching, as this is what he wants to do in the future.
- Natalia says she chose Scotland, but Glasgow chose her! Finishing her course in translation last year, she needed experience in an English-speaking country. She had originally thought of living in Edinburgh, but when she got the call from Glasgow she was really happy. She and Jan agree that, while visiting Edinburgh has its advantages, living in Glasgow is better overall.
- Annelise had already lived in Spain and wanted to live in a Celtic country and so chose Scotland.

Have the pupils and staff made you feel welcome?

 Of course, the younger pupils have been good with their energy towards the subject and also the older ones have been welcoming. The staff have been amazing!

How did you find it to adapt to our school and Scotland?

 Well, on the first day we arrived, we were taken on a tour of the school to get used to the surroundings and we met so many people which was really overwhelming. It was difficult to understand many of the people, as we don't study English with a Scottish accent so it was hard to adjust. It is a new way of life, but the staff made it a lot easier.

Have you adapted to the Scottish ulture yet?

 Antonio: I haven't adapted yet, although we have discovered amazing things such as haggis and fish and chips which we thought we wouldn't like. Also, we have found the Scottish people warmer than expected and we feel that we are lucky to come to Hutchie as we deal with pupils that want to learn, small classes, good materials and a great modern languages department.

What's the most challenging thing about your job?

• It's probably trying to find how to be useful for the school, especially when you first arrive. We are having to adapt to this and also be creative in creating material with teachers, creating and running the blog and helping in the classrooms. Also it's hard to find the balance between being strict and being kind to pupils, especially the senior pupils, as we are between teachers and the pupils in age.



What have you most enjoyed from this year?

We loved helping out at the primary school where we got to be clowns and act - it was so much fun. Creating the blog has been very enjoyable with the help of the IT department and we have received encouraging messages from teachers who seem to agree with us that it is a good way for people to learn different cultures. The department is brilliant, as when we get an idea we are able to run with it, like creating the music and speech CDs, for example. It was also great fun working with the sixth

- years filming a lip dub to the song Ca Plane Pour Moi!
- Jan says that he enjoys working with the pupils. You discover more about your own language through teaching foreign linguists. Annelise says that when you arrive in any country, you have your own ideas on how to teach the students. However, on discovering the difficulties which accompany teaching a foreign language, you begin to understand your role in the system and adapt to make it interesting for the pupils.
- Natalia says that the pupils are the best part
 of the job, especially at primary level. They
 do multi-language assemblies and the
 children love it. They also have lunch with
 the primary children. She says that she has
 learned lots about the language and the
 culture because of the questions asked by
 the pupils.
- Annelise describes the blog as a way to convey her culture to pupils. Although there is also a very academic aspect to learning languages, she wants the pupils to see them from another perspective.

What are your future plans?

- Annelise said that she was always thinking of leaving the next year, but never followed through. She is now in her fourth year here and may possibly stay for a fifth year. She would like to keep travelling and teaching French. She loves the challenge of new things and cultural benefits of teaching languages. She is now taking classes in Italian and would like to go to Italy to teach. The sunny weather certainly would be a bonus! However, she has not yet fully decided her future.
- Jan wants to finish his studies in Germany and then become a teacher. He would also like to teach in a sunnier country, as he, like the other assistants, misses the sun.
- Natalia doesn't know. She thinks that she would like to continue living outside Spain for a while but will one day return. She loves the Spanish food and of course the sunny weather. She enjoys teaching but would love to become a translator, possibly in Madrid, in a few years time.

Kirsty Gray asked her fellow S5 pupils what they felt the language assistants bring to the School?

- "Friendly conversation with a native speaker which would otherwise be unavailable to us." Hannah
- "They bring French culture into a traditionally Scottish school." Caitlin
- "The assistants bring a unique approach to the teaching of languages in a typical Scottish school." Fraser
- "The chance to fully immerse yourself in the language with a native speaker." Katie

The Blog (http://blogs.hutchesons.org/Groups/MLo1)

Liz Bertram, Head of Modern Languages: The assistants have been working extremely hard this session, not only in the classroom, but also on an additional and hugely worthwhile project. Over the last five months they have been contributing on a weekly basis to a Hutchesons' blog targeted at anyone interested in French, German or Spanish. Although initially it was expected that only our older, more proficient learners would express an interest, this has proved to be slightly wide of the mark. Due to popular demand the blog has evolved in order that the younger, less linguistically experienced users might also gain from their input. We have weekly songs, phrases, and stories and occasionally a recipe. The blog also includes many links to websites which our bloggers might find interesting – radio and television channels, dictionaries, newspapers and magazines.

"It is great to hear the assistants' authentic accents, and hear the real language. Their blog is a good and fun way to learn about the different cultures."

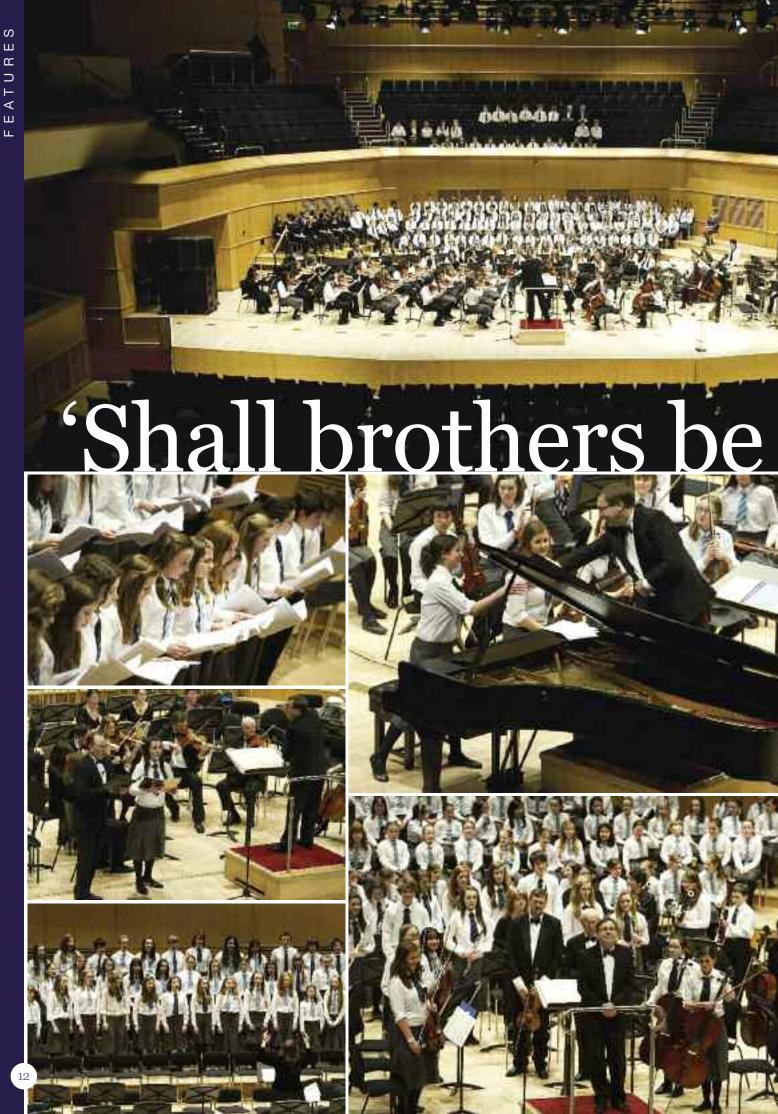
Georgina [S3]

"I like that the assistants can tell us what is actually said and done in French and Spanish in everyday life."

Eilidh [S3]

"The teachers teach us the language but the assistants reinforce that and help us to grasp everyday speaking in an interesting and fun way."

Nicola [S3]















including 94 primary pupils, who wowed the crowd

for 6 December in Glasgow's City Halls and abandoned due to heavy snow, reflected the School's close links with Nürnberg, Germany, and Radomsko, Poland, in a programme that opened with Wagner's overture 'Die Meistersinger' and included the gorgeous Larghetto from Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2, played by S4 pupil Hebba Benyaghla.

There was celebratory music, too, by John Rutter and jazz-inspired numbers from the Jazz and Concert Bands, and a rousing Burns-inspired finale, arranged especially for the occasion by Director of Music Performance Ken Walton, which brought together Hutchesons' massed choirs, orchestra, pipes and drums.









Burns Supper

Former pupils and friends of Hutchesons' gathered once again at the Caledonian Club in London for the School Burns Supper on 20 January. From the introduction by host Harley Atkinson (C1957) and Grace from Peter Bacon (C1965), the evening proceeded in traditional style, punctuated by musical interludes from Isla Dennis (C1986), who sang 'My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose', 'Ye Banks and Braes' and 'Comin' thro' the Rye' to the delight of those present.

The Address to the Haggis was given by Chris McMillan (C1996). David Tait (C1995) delivered the Immortal Memory and Jonathan Livingstone (C1995) toasted the lassies. Dr Patricia Thomson, née Smith (C1969) replied on behalf of the fairer sex. The evening concluded with an unforgettable recitation of Tam o' Shanter by Professor Anthony Warrens (C1977).













- Neil Ritchie (C1964), Mrs Jane Burt, Mrs Gillian Ritchie
- 2. Dr Patricia Thomson, née Smith (C1969), Jonathan Livingstone (C1995)
- 3. Kenneth Nairn (C1995), Miss Ceitlin Li
- Simon Clerck (C1995), Miss Katie Ewbank, Mrs Karen Tait, David Tait (C1995)
- Roger Lomax (C1963), Mrs Jodie Lomax, Hamish Henderson (C1963), Dr John Barker
- 6. Henry Simpson (C1952), Ron Jamieson (C1948)
- Catherine Gillen, Harley Atkinson (C1957), Ms Robbie Hill
- Kenneth Donnolly (C1966), Wylie White (C1952), Tom Thomson (C1966), Chris McMillan (C1996)
- Rachel Connell (C2004), Grace Ann-Lygate (C2004), Ellen Bettaney
- Henry Simpson (C1952), Peter Dunsmore (C1956), Rosemary and Ron Jamieson (C1948), Ann and Alistair Currie (C1948), Murie and Lan Carswell (C1948), Peter Bacon (C1965)

Dinner with current students at Oxford and Cambridge

Pembroke College, Oxford 23 February 2011

Rector Dr Ken Greig and Senior Depute Rector Mike Martin attended a dinner at Pembroke College, Oxford, with students currently studying at Oxford and Cambridge.







Hutchesons' London Club Reception 23 February 2011

Hosted by **Kevin Sneader (C1984)**, the London FP Club Reunion took place once again at the Piccadilly offices of McKinsey and Company, where Kevin is Managing Partner.

Get connected! Go to Hutchesons' Connect - London







- Caroline Beck (C1979), Anne Burton, née Morrison (C1978) and Eleanor Froud, née Peters (C1977)
- 2. Calvin Graham (C2002) and Grace Ang-Lygate (C2004)
- 3. Gordon Abernethy (C1984) and Morag Hards, née Walker (C1983)
- 4. Graham MacAllister (C1962) and Moray Barclay (C1986)









- 5. John Fletcher (C1986, Graham MacAllister (C1962) and Moray Barclay (C1986)
- 6. Jonathan Livingstone (C1995) and Graham MacAllister (C1962)
- Moray Barclay (C1986), John Fletcher (C1986), Gordon Abernethy (C1984) and Morag Hards, née Walker (C1983)









- 8. Norma Midgen née Dykes (C1968) and Eleanor Fround, née Peters (C1977)
- 9. Peter Bacon (C1965) and Kevin Sneader (C1984)
- Peter Bacon (C1965), Anne Burton, née Morrison C1978) and Wylie White (C1952)
- 11. Stephen Kinder (C1978), Archie Thomson (C1958) and Dr Walter Sneader

Giving_{to} Hutchesons'

Aim High

At Hutchesons' we aim for the highest standards in every aspect of School life. Our pupils excel in academic achievement, in sport, music, drama and the arts, and engage in a huge range of co-curricular activities and personal development programmes at home and abroad.

Annual Fund

To keep Hutchesons' at the cutting edge of education requires continual financial investment. The Annual Fund is a valuable resource which provides unrestricted, non-fee income to help finance Bursaries, which widen access to academically able pupils from all backgrounds, and helps to fund an enormous variety of projects not covered by School fees.

Challenge 500!

We set ourselves a challenge to reach 500 donors and thanks to a great response we are over halfway there. But we still have some way to go to reach our goal. We really do need the support of everyone in our School community so please, if you are not already a donor, become one today.

Make a gift

You can make your gift, which can be for any amount, by completing the enclosed Form and returning it in the envelope provided to the Development Office. Please make a gift and help us keep Hutchesons' at the top!

Giving in the USA

Make a tax deductible gift to the **US Bursary Fund** by completing the

American Fund for Charities form 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

Forthcoming Events

Events

Saturday 14 May 2011

Kingarth Street Ladies Centenary Afternoon Tea

2011 marks the Centenary of the Laying of the Foundation Stone for the new Hutchesons' Girls Grammar School at Kingarth Street. A special 100th Anniversary Tea Party will mark this momentous occasion and we would be delighted if former pupils of the Girls' School were able join our celebrations.

The Tea Party will be held at Kingarth Street from 2-5pm and will include memorabilia displays, guided tours, guest speakers and entertainment by current pupils. Tickets for the event are £15 each.

There has already been a terrific response to invitations to the Tea Party and if you have not yet replied and would like to attend, please call or email Louise Duncan as soon as possible!





Calling all former pupils of Hutchesons' Girls Grammar School who were evacuated to Milton Park (near Dalry, Kirkcudbrightshire) during the war! **Janet Hamilton, née Jeffrey (C1945)** is organising a reunion of 'Milton Parkers' at the Kingarth Street Ladies Centenary Afternoon Tea, marking the 70th anniversary of the evacuation to Milton Park.

Elspeth Sharkey, née Hunter (C1971) is also organising a 40th anniversary get-together for fellow classmates following the Afternoon Tea. She invites classmates who would like to join her to call (tel 01360 622728) or email (elspeth@hillheadhousing.org).

To book tickets for the Kingarth Street Ladies Centenary Lunch, or for more information, please call Louise Duncan, Development Office, at 0141 433 4474 or alumni@hutchesons.org.

Reunions

Saturday 7 May 2011 Class of 1991 reunion

David McKie is organising a 20th anniversary reunion at Beaton Road.

Saturday 10 September 2011 Class of 1986 reunion

Alison Marshall is organising a 25th anniversary reunion at Beaton Road.

Friday 30 September 2011 Class of 1981 reunion

Lindsay Allen, née Dunlop, is organising a 30th anniversary reunion at Beaton Road for Fifth Form leavers 1980 and Sixth Form leavers 1981.

Saturday 1 October 2011 OSF 46

Annual meeting of Old Sixth Form, Class of 1946.

For more information about any of these events, please contact Louise Duncan, alumni@hutchesons.org or 0141 433 4691.

News from Pupils

1950s



Professor the Lord McColl of Dulwich (C1951) reports the extraordinary volunteer work he undertakes with his GP wife, Jean, each year.

"My wife and I spend three months a year operating in West Africa on a 13,000 ton ship called the Africa Mercy. It is a self-contained floating hospital equipped with its own water, power, medical supplies and skilled personnel. It can sidestep some of the basic intractable problems facing other organisations such as lack of reliable power and resources and lack of effective ways of delivering projects which make a lasting difference. This ship is part of an international Christian charity called Mercyships which was founded 30 years ago.

"The crew of 450 comprises surgeons, nurses and support personnel and are all volunteers recruited from 40 different countries. They serve for between two weeks and 25 years and pay for their own board and lodging. Over the past three years in West Africa, the ship has provided 11,432 operations, 41,945 urgent dental procedures and trained 395 clinical personnel and 27,784 local community health staff.

"There are many amazing scenes on board. Twin boys aged two and blind from birth had their cataracts removed and the following day they were astonished to see for the first time, then saw each other and then their mother; quite an emotional scene. Within an hour they walked for the first time, but being boys they began fighting each other the following day!"

www.mercyships.org.uk

Eileen Fidelo, née **McCallum MBE (C1953)** has been named Evening Times Scotswoman of the Year 2010 for her work in raising awareness of the thousands of people across Scotland who live with



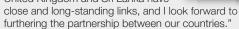
Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a rare and progressive form of the muscle-wasting disease. She helps to care for her two grandsons, who have Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. For more information regarding her work, visit www.eileenmccallum trust.org



Melville Cumnock (C1955), who lives in South Africa, visited Hutchesons' in the Autumn and enjoyd a tour with S6 pupils Heather Lang and Lucy Lanigan. "It was so nice getting the magazine this month. I was so pleased that Heather and others had done so well at the UK Schools games. Nice seeing all the different Hutchie former pupils in different parts of the world."

1970s

John Rankin (C1975) has been appointed British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, taking up his appointment in February 2011. Mr Rankin said, "I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as High Commissioner to Sri Lanka. The United Kingdom and Sri Lanka have







Professor Alistair Burns MBChB, FRCP, FRCPsych, MD, MPhil, DHMSA (C1976), is a professor of Old Age Psychiatry at the University of Manchester and the Manchester Health Academic Health Science Centre and an Honorary Consultant Old Age Psychiatrist in the Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust (MMHSCT).

He was appointed to the post of National Clinical Director for Dementia for England

at the Dept of Health in April 2010. His research interests are in dementia - he was one of the first people to describe the importance of behavioural disturbances and psychiatric symptoms in people with dementia and has led a research programme about their effects on carers and both drug and non drug interventions to reduce their deleterious effects.

1980s

Rona Johnston, née Gordon (C1984) hosted two S6 pupils, Ross Davidson and Jodie McKenna, when they visited Yale University during the February mid-term break.





Isla Dennis, née Stanger (C1986) entertained guests at the Hutchesons' Burns Supper 2011. She is Alumni Relations Officer for the Cambridge-based Ogden Trust, whose aim is to maximise the educational opportunities available to young people wishing to study physics.



1990s

Rita Ahmad was named "Entrepreneur of the Year" at the 2010 Scottish Asian Business Awards. Dr Ahmad owns the Bath Street Dental Practice in Charing Cross, Glasgow, and practises as a general and cosmetic dentist.

Caroline Klinge (C1996), Sales and Marketing Manager for Klinge Chemicals Ltd in East Kilbride, has taken on an ambitious challenge, at the same time raising funds and awareness for Help for Heroes.

She aims to cycle from Lands End to John O'Groats (affectionately called LEJOG), run the London Marathon and climb Kilimanjaro, her theory being that she should endure a little for those that endure so much. In addition, she has set at least one endurance challenge a month from March 2010 to June 2011, which marks her attempted ascent of Kilimanjaro. For more information, go to www.justgiving.com/Caroline-Klinge.



2000S

Six Former Pupils received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award certificates from the Duke himself at Holyrood in July last year. From left to right: Chris Hansell (C2007), Jenny Hansell (C2009), Fiona Johnstone (C2005), Samantha Taylor (C2005), Hannah Newton (C2009) and Harry Watson (C2007).



In addition, **Chris Hansell (C2007)** gained a 1st class honours intercalated B Med Sc at Edinburgh University last July.

Sport

Badminton

The Ladies' FP Badminton Club meets in the Sports Hall gym at Beaton Road on Monday evenings between October and March, and welcomes new members in October 2011.

Contact: **Anne Reid (C1958)**, tel 0141 638 5267.

Circuits

George Harris (C2002) is running Circuits classes at Hutchesons', which he describes as a full body workout that will burn those calories fast and make you feel great!

Classes run on Thursdays from 7-8pm.

Contact: George Harris, 07968 662850 or georgeharris974@hotmail.com.

Golf Thursday 5 May 2011 Gents' Golf Competition, Portpatrick Golf Club

The Gents Golf Competition tees off at 1pm. After the golf, all participants sit down to a meal prior to the prize giving. Approximate cost of the event is $\mathfrak{L}15/\mathfrak{L}20$ each inclusive of the meal. Food is also available to any who wish it in the clubhouse before the golf. Portpatrick is a 2-hour drive from Glasgow and a warm welcome is assured to all those who enter. Contact: **John Dickson**, 01776 810720

or johndickson@hotmail.co.uk no later than 1 May 2011.

Tuesday 6 September 2011 Ladies' Golf outing, Strathaven Golf Club

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

Hockey

New players are always welcome! Coaching is Monday 8-10pm (men and women) at Mearns Castle pitch and Wednesdays 6-8pm at Hutchesons' pitch (women).

Contact: Vivienne McLaren (C1992), vivmaclaren@gmail.com and 07967 203778



In Memoriam



Grace Fenton Rennick, née Hill Class of 1921, 1903-2010

When she passed away, peacefully, at Westlea Care Home, Neilston, on 30 December 2010, Mrs Rennick was 107 and the oldest former pupil of Hutchesons'. She was the mother of Marjorie Howie, née Rennick (C1951) and Charlie Rennick, and was so proud of her seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The elder of two daughters, with the family home always in the Southside of the city, her father was a farrier involved in looking after many of the heavy horses which transported goods around the City. He firmly believed that the internal combustion engine would never replace the horse!

When Grace, aged five, began her education at Hutchesons' in 1908, it was at the original Girls' School on Elgin Street. In 1911, she shared in the excitement of the laying of the foundation stone for the new Girls' School in Kingarth Street – a ceremony whose centenary is celebrated this year.

She enjoyed a successful academic career at school, where she also excelled at swimming (she was team captain), music and hockey, for which she helped her team win the West of Scotland Shield. Her education was overshadowed by the effects of the huge loss of life in the First World War, which so affected the families of staff and pupils alike.

Grace greatly valued the friendship of her classmates at Hutchie and, on leaving school in 1921, she was instrumental in setting up the '21 Club', who met in each other's homes for the rest of their lives, still calling themselves "the girls" well into their nineties. She was the last survivor of this group. After graduating from Glasgow University with an MA, she went to Jordanhill for teacher training and, during this time, was a voluntary worker at Harmony Row, a social club in Govan for improving the lives of young girls. She also sang in Westbourne Church Choir.

She married Walter Rennick in 1930, which brought her teaching career to a temporary halt, as married women had to stop teaching at that time. Charlie was born in 1931, followed in 1933 by Marjorie, who started school at Hutchesons' in 1938, just when the new Garden School had been completed.

With the threat of the Second World War in 1939, Grace helped with the Hutchie evacuation plans to Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire, with her two children. Some

months later, Hutchesons' moved further south to Milton Park, but she remained in Sanquhar for three years, teaching in Kirkconnel school.

After a temporary teaching post at Hutchesons', Grace moved to Shawlands Academy, where she taught History and, when the time came to retire from the state system, she was appointed head of the Junior School at Craigholme School. In her seventies, she still had the physical and mental energy to take up a new career in market research for Audit Great Britain.

Sadly, her husband, Walter, died in 1958 after 28 years of marriage, leaving her a widow for more than 50 years. She lived in her own Newton Mearns home until she was 102, making sure the house was in order before the helps arrived! Throughout this time she enjoyed an active and fulfilling life with her family and enjoyed driving well into her nineties.

Her 100th birthday was a great occasion. She had visits from numerous political figures and from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, who brought the Queen's Birthday card. In the afternoon she spoke to the youngest classes in Kingarth Street, showed them her prize from Primary 1, and enjoyed the privilege of a tea party in the school dining room.

In a life which stretched from the horsedrawn era to Concorde, men on the moon and the internet, Grace would be proud to be remembered as a teacher

Marjorie Howie, née Rennick (C1951) and Charlie Rennick

The Rev Thomas Williamson BD

Class of 1935, 1916 – 2011 Leaves son Robert J Williamson (C1965)

Margaret Graham Buchan, née Knut Class of 1947, 1929-2010

Patricia Wakefield, née Brogden Class of 1947, 1928 – 2011

James Simpson

Class of 1949, 1931-2011

Douglas Munro Smith

Class of 1953, 1935-2011

Mr Smith was a senior architect in Northern Ireland, working for the Northern Ireland administration.

Yvonne Jane McCallum, née Rawes

Class of 1957, 1939-2010

Mrs McCallum died earlier this year after a long struggle with ovarian cancer. She is greatly missed by family and friends

Elspeth McDiarmid

Class of 1958, 1939-2010

Anne Reid (C1958) let us know that her old school friend, Elspeth McDiarmid of Whirrieston Cottage, Thornhill, died on 6 August 2010

Reverend Derek Fennessey Coombes

Class of 1961, 1942 - 2011

Margaret A Fergusson, née Linton

Class of 1962, 1944-2010

Mrs Ferguson passed away after a long illness, leaving husband of 38 years, William Fergusson, and sister Nanette Ulph, née Linton (C1965).

Muriel Gilbride, née Findlay

Class of 1981, 1963 – 2010

She is survived by husband Paul and daughters Charlotte and Emily.

John McCrindle Premises Manager, Hutchesons' Grammar School 1993-1998

Taken from the Hutchesonian 1999: John McCrindle retired in 1998 from the post of Premises Manager, a very different role from that of his previous life as Partner in his architectural practice, but he quickly mastered the required art of dealing with a wide range of problems which, if not resolved immediately, and preferably sooner, would, in the opinion of the person reporting the problem, result in the end of civilisation as we know it. Switching rapidly from a blocked sink in the kitchen to the planning and building of the Sports Hall requires a certain agility of mind. Whether driving the van to collect or deliver materials, or planning major improvements to the fabric with members of staff, John applied himself with great enthusiasm and energy to whatever tasks required to be done. Even his triple bypass heart operation failed to knock him off course for any length of time. Although he only served the school for what, in its 357 years, was a relatively short time, John's five years here were productive and formative. His enthusiasm for, and loyalty to, the school were obvious for everyone to see.

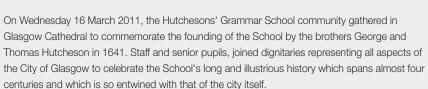
Marion Baillie Teacher of English at the Girls' School

Marion Baillie was also Headmistress of Morrison's Academy, Crieff, and Dean of Women at Jordanhill College of Education.

Taken from 1963 Girls' magazine: During her twelve years in H.G.G.S., Miss Baillie became such a vital part in so many aspects of the life of the school that it is hard to realise she is no longer with us. We remember her especially and with gratitude as a most skilled and effective teacher of English and History, but also as an inimitably genial and witty chairman at our Burns Suppers, an extremely efficient librarian, a born raconteuse and a good friend. It is fitting that this is being written by a member of the English Department where Miss Baillie's worth was most fully appreciated and her departure most acutely felt. To her in Jordanhill we send most sincere good wishes for much happiness, success and satisfaction in her new work.



Founders' Day 2011



The commemoration address was given by **Dr Jesme Fox**, née **Baird (C1984)**, Medical Director of the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.



Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 March

• P7 Show Kingarth Street "Pirates of Penzance"

Thursday 31 March

• Sports Dinner, Beaton Road

Wednesday 20 April

• Jazz Night, Fotheringay Auditorium

Tuesday 26 April

• S2 Subject Choice Evening

Tuesday 3 May

- SQA Examinations begin
- S1 and S3 Examinations begin

Wednesday 4 May

 Primary Open Morning for prospective parents, Kingarth Street

Monday 16 May

GCE A Level Examinations begin

Monday 23 May

• S3 Activities Week

Tuesday 31 May

• Kingarth Street: New Parents' Evening

Thursday 2 June

• Beaton Road: S1 New Parents' Evening

Saturday 4 June

• Primary Sports Day, Beaton Road

Monday 6 June

• Senior School Athletics Finals, Beaton Road

Tuesday 9 June

• Kingarth Street: P1 Show

Saturday 11 June

• 1957 Group Uniform Sale

Monday 13 June

• Opening of Annual Art Show

Monday 13 - Thursday 16 June

• Senior School Production: "Carousel"

Term Dates

Monday 18 April

Pupils return for Summer Term

Friday 22 and Monday 25 April Easter Holiday Weekend

Friday 29 April

Holiday: Royal Wedding

Monday 2 May

May Day Holiday

Friday 27 and Monday 30 May Mid Term Holiday

Wednesday 22 June

School closes at 12 noon

Thursday 23 June

End of Session: Prizegiving

Wednesday 24 August

Pupils return for Autumn Term

More information can be found at www.hutchesons.org/calendar