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Welcome from the Rector



My family and I are delighted to have been able to start at Hutchesons' Grammar School at the beginning of August.

I have asked my children, who are all settling in to P4, P6, S1 and S2, how they have found the move down from Aberdeen, and they have all commented on the warm welcome that they have received from their new friends. I would echo this, the parental and staff community has been so welcoming to me: I have really picked up on the good 'vibe' of the Hutchie Family.

I am very keen to work on developing the links between the School and the families of both current and former pupils. I was delighted to learn that the School Association is closely involved in running a careers convention providing expert advice to the maturing Fourth Years. I am so aware that the parents represent a huge resource that can be tapped into to improve the opportunities available to our pupils and I would like to see parents becoming more involved in the learning and teaching; the Curriculum for Excellence is all about trying to contextualise learning into real world situations, and who better to provide us with information and advice in these areas than the parents who are excelling in them.

Dedicated

To help the School develop further, the School Association is looking to gather feedback about what parents would like to see in place. As the Herald goes to print, we are updating the website to allow emailed feedback to reach the Parent Representatives for each year; they can then bring forward the themes to the strategic School Association meetings with the Chair of Governors, Professor Williams, and myself. Please visit the parent section on the website to find out more. The School Association is also looking to swell its ranks, so if you would like to get involved in this important aspect of school life, please do get in touch.

Likewise, the 1957 Group is always keen to welcome new members. The group does an excellent fundraising job by hosting numerous social events for both pupils and parents throughout the year.

In assemblies I have been driving home the theme that Hutchie is a school of opportunity. As you read through the pages of the Hutchie Herald, I am sure that you will be as impressed as I am by the wealth of talent that the School contains and by the pupils' successes in so many areas. My thanks go out to the dedicated team of staff and parental support that make this possible.

If I have not already met you, I look forward to doing so, and I would urge you to send in your feedback to the School Association so that we can continue to work together to improve the fantastic school that I already know Hutchie to be.



Prize Giving 2016

The annual Prize Giving, which was held on the 23rd of June, was a particularly poignant occasion this year as it marked the last formal event for the outgoing Rector Dr Ken Greig. The Chairman of the Trust, Professor Brian Williams, thanked distinguished academic Dr Greig for his valuable service to the school and offered a warm welcome to new Rector Mr Colin Gambles. Professor Williams also thanked all Hutchesons' staff, pupils and families for their continued support and hard work over the School year.

Pupil Lisa Cummings (S6) then gave a polished and heartfelt performance of Henry Purcell's "Music for a While", before Dr Greig took to the podium for the final time as Rector.

Dr Greig gave his personal thanks to staff and to pupils, in particular the Bursar, Mr Keter, his Senior Management Team and the current Head Boy and Girl - Jack Leslie and Jenny Anderson. He spoke warmly of his wonderful memories at Hutchie, the numerous friendships and excellent performances, concerts and art shows which he would remember fondly.

Dux

Dr Greig congratulated the Dux pupils and prize winners for "symbolising the best of Hutchie and the excellence of all!". He then went on to reflect on his own final day at School, encouraging pupils "not to fear transitions but to welcome them".

It was then time to welcome distinguished guest speaker, Baroness Meta Ramsay, a real life "M" whose career could have been written by Iain Fleming. She represents, as Dr Greig remarked, a truly remarkable role model for young women.

Baroness Ramsay told the audience how her own Hutchesons' experience had empowered her to excel in the Diplomatic Service which was in her time "very much a man's world". She said: "Our teachers were a marvellous generation of women who literally dedicated their lives to educating us in the fullest sense of that word - teaching us to believe there was nothing a Hutchie girl could not do and nowhere she could not go."

The numerous prizes were then distributed to great applause, followed by a sincere vote of thanks from the Head Girl, Jenny Anderson and a loud and enthusiastic "Three Cheers for the School" from the Head Boy, Jack Leslie.



New Look Website

Regular web users will have noticed the School's website has recently had a facelift - and these changes are more than skin deep.

The website was given a complete overhaul and the redesigned site went live on May 2nd. The new design should allow users to find information quickly and allow visitors to see the best of what the school has to offer.

Current parents may be interested to know there is a specific parent toolbox which is a one-stop shop for forms, documents and parental information on everything from school menus to SQA exam information.

They can also keep up-to-date with everything that is going on at the school by visiting the School's News blog. Parents can also keep informed of all school activities and news by following the School's social media accounts.

As always we welcome your feedback on any aspect of the site and hope you enjoy keeping up to date with all the school news and developments.



Achievements & Awards



Biology Olympiad Success

Biology pupils have once again enjoyed tremendous success in this year's British Biology Olympiad.

Nine pupils have been awarded medals or have been commended. Gold Medallist, Christopher Docherty S6 was in the top 2.1% of students from around the UK who entered this year. His achievement recognises his tremendous biological knowledge.

Nikhil Agarwal S6 was awarded a Silver Medal and Jenny Anderson S6 received a Bronze Medal. S6 pupils Jessica Boyle, Vishal Mishra and Zeus Murphy were all Highly Commended and Sahil Kakar, Wajeeh Raza and Adil Shahid were Commended.

Over 7,200 students took part and to have nine of our pupils in the award categories is excellent.

Focus on Talent

The annual photography competition was held last term and the entries were impressive.



Pupils in S1-3 submitted photos in two categories – "My Environment" and "Close Up" and they really rose to the challenge.

There were some fantastic images of flowers, insects, birds, a monkey, a teddy bear, fireworks, sunsets, waterfalls and the Northern Lights on display.

A close-up of a duck in a pond by S2's Natasha Dick won "Outstanding Image". Dr Greig was particularly impressed with the detail of the feathers.

Maths Whiz Ashmi

Ashmi Deb achieved a bronze medal in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad – a phenomenal achievement for an S1 pupil.

Now in S2, Ashmi entered the national maths challenge last term. The Rector Mr Gambles said: "This is a significant achievement for someone in her age group. Well done Ashmi."



Hoops Star Jessica

S3 basketball star Jessica Buchanan's trip to Spain was a real slam dunk – her team won all the matches.

Jessica featured in an elite Scotland squad which took on its Spanish counterparts in June. Team Alba performed well in the final so Jessica is hoping to be called up again next year.



Trio Represent Scotland

Three pupils were selected to play for the Scotland hockey team at the UK Games in Loughborough.

David Nairn and Alasdair Richmond, both S5, joined S6's Mairi Fletcher at the tournament which saw teams from Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland battle it out on the hockey pitch at the beginning of September.

The P.E. Department's Mr Dunlop said: "Many of the competitors at Rio started here only a few years ago so let's hope for further success from them and the rest of the team."

During the summer David and his older brother James, who left Hutchie in June, represented Scotland Under 18s in the European Championship Trophy. Mairi also competed in the girls' competition.

Physics Olympiad

S4 and S5 pupils achieved success in the nationwide Physics competition – winning a number of gold, silver and bronze awards.

S5 pupils Christopher Docherty achieved a Gold Award in the British Physics Olympiad AS Challenge 2016. Daniel Boulton-Jones and Animesh Mishra received Bronze 1 Awards while Gareth Williams won a Bronze 2 Award.

Poppy Azmi achieved a Gold Award in the British Physics Olympiad Physics Challenge 2016. Hamzah Hanif, Wan-Hew Tran and Katie Zhang achieved Silver awards and Josh Bicknell, Ben Bicknell, Carter Cohen, Finlay Drummond, Freddie Morton, Amy Stewart and Ahsan Rushd won Bronze 2 Awards. A further 28 pupils received commendations.



Cambridge Chemistry Win

S6 pupil Chris Docherty's phenomenal performance in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge secured him a place at the institution's coveted Chemistry Camp.

Chris received the Roentgenium Award in the science challenge which means he was one of the top 55 scoring students. His reward was a week long, intensive chemistry course at St Catherine's College, Cambridge. Here Chris tells us about the 'invaluable' experience.

"The whole experience was really amazing and I highly recommend all of the 5th year chemistry students to sit the competition this year as this camp is an invaluable asset to have.

Complex

"I attended a number of lectures and practical lab sessions which were very different from school. One experiment involved titrating a copper complex in order to work out the percentage mass of the different compounds in the complex.

"This was a stark change from school experiments as we had to determine the formula for this complex from our results.

"Another practical session saw us determine the concentration of soap at which micelles form. This was an extremely independent experiment as we were not given the method to calculate this and had to work it out ourselves!

"I also attended a formal dinner where I was given first year university textbooks, written and signed by one of the organisers of the competition Dr Peter Wothers.

"On my last night I visited Corpus Christi college to get a lecture on the origins of chemistry – passing by the bar where Watson and Crick announced their discovery of DNA on the way!"



Gold for P7 Relay Girls

A massive well done to the P7 relay team for winning gold at the Scottish Schools Primary Relay championships at Grangemouth.

Rebecca Anderson, Zoe Flower, Erin Frew, Olivia Schenini and Anna Young missed the School sports day to attend the inter-school event. The girls competed in a series of trials before winning the final 4x100m event.

Secondary School

Subject Highlights

The S5 year group achieved excellent results in a number of subjects with 69% of them achieving a grade A at Higher.

Indeed, all the pupils sitting Economics, German and Latin achieved a grade A in the SQA exams.

Pupils sitting Higher and Advanced Higher English also achieved excellent results and there was not a single failure among the S4, S5 and S6 pupils who sat the external SQA examinations in May. Head of English My Symington said: *"I was delighted to see such a large Advanced Higher class achieve very strong results – 80% achieved A. It was great to see our high flyers do so well but also encouraging to see so many pupils in less academic sets perform strongly and achieve many As."* History pupils performed well at both Higher and Advanced Higher level. Their efforts paid off and 36 of the 41 who sat the Higher got an A. At Advanced Higher 14 of the 15 pupils who sat the exam achieved an A.



Mental Health is Key

S2 pupils attended a Mental Health Workshop run by a team of specialist psychiatrists to raise awareness of mental health.

The event saw the pupils split into small groups to discuss their thoughts on a number of different issues relating to mental well-being.

The 'No health without mental health' workshop was run by Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist Dr Saman Khan and her team. They introduced the children to the Safe Spot app which is an innovative approach to promoting positive mental health and resilience. Thanks to Dr Khan and her colleagues for a very informative session.



Record Results

Pupils performed exceptionally well in this year's SQA exams and set a couple of school records.

Their commitment to their studies and the support from parents and teachers has achieved a record set of results and almost all of them secured the results necessary for their first choice university.

An impressive 18 pupils got six A grades at Higher while 59 achieved five or more As. More than half the pupils – 81 in all – were awarded four As or more.

Senior Depute Rector Mr Martin said: *"I am delighted that our senior pupils have, once again, excelled in the SQA Examinations. The individual and collective results are superb and are just reward for the effort and commitment shown by the pupils this year."*

"Congratulations and thanks must also go to their teachers for their dedication, attention and care. Well done, too, to the parents whose support is invaluable. Working together has been key to securing the success the pupils now enjoy."

"Advanced Higher results are very pleasing with a jump in A grade passes which will see virtually all pupils accepted to their first choice course and university. For their first experience of external examinations, at National 5, the S4 pupils shone. Over three quarters of all examinations sat were awarded grade A. Well done."

"In the all-important Higher examinations, for S5, the 151 pupils achieved an impressive 521 'A' grades among them. In fact, 69% of all the Higher examinations sat by S5 were awarded grade A – one better than last year's record. The pass rate of 96.5% is also a recent record."

"These are outstanding achievements by any measure and I am very proud of all the pupils and Team Hutchie. The future is bright."



Challenge Week

S3 pupils enjoyed a very successful community challenge week which saw them visit a number of charity-run groups to offer support in a variety of ways.

Whether it was to contribute to the general running of each centre or to interact with people who use the centres, the pupils accepted the challenge and excelled in their roles. They learnt why the centres were set up and the difference these charities make to many lives.

Groups visited the Nan Mackay Hall in Pollokshields where the pupils helped with the variety of social and educational classes which are run for the local community, the Action for Children centre in Eastwood where the pupils created artwork, painted decking and fencing, cleared weeds and generally tidied up the garden area and St Rollox church where pupils helped with the running of the shop and café for refugees who use the centre on a daily basis.

A number of students, armed with litter-pickers, travelled further afield to Troon and Barassie beach – the clear-up came just in time for the holiday weekend when hundreds of people flocked to the seaside.



Futures Conference

S5 pupils returned from exam leave to a packed programme of events designed to give them a flavour of S6 experiences.

The pupils learnt that S6 comes with increasing responsibilities and they quickly realised that they would need to start making plans for their future.

Competition for university places is fierce and the Futures Conference gave pupils an essential head start in preparing their applications. A workshop introduced them to the UCAS process and representatives from Glasgow and Strathclyde universities also visited the School to talk to the pupils. They also heard from former pupils who returned to Beaton Road to share their experiences of the first year at university.

The pupils also took part in a fun RAF team-building session which gave them the opportunity to enhance their communication and teamwork skills.

Recipe for Success

S1 pupils created a healthy eating recipe book to help raise funds for the School charity.

As part of the Personal and Social Education Programme, pupils learnt about healthy eating in order to support an overall healthy lifestyle. Each form brought ingredients into school and spent lunchtimes preparing their creations.

The recipe book contains contributions from all form classes and includes photographs of our enthusiastic chefs as well as their impressive finished products.



Charity total tops £25k

The school has raised an impressive £25,455 for this year's charity NetsforLife®.

S3 pupils Abbie McCorquodale, Carla Foxworthy, Eleanor Hall and Victoria Hamilton championed NetsforLife® and were delighted to accept the School's cheque on the charity's behalf.

Depute Rector for ethos Mr McDougall said: *"The purchase of anti-malarial nets with our funds will make a significant difference to a large number of people in remote and rural areas in Africa."*



A Model UN Collaboration

The School welcomed 20 third year pupils from Williamwood High School to take part in a Model UN workshop.

The pupils worked together as delegates from six countries (each a mix of Hutchie and Williamwood pupils) to become more familiar with the key phases of a typical Model UN - writing a resolution, lobbying other delegations and speaking in public.

They also dealt with an imaginary global crisis – a North Korean rocket misfiring on to an oil tanker.

Depute Rector of Ethos Jim McDougall said: *"Model UN is about learning how to work together to address global issues - both our schools are committed to global citizenship."*



Designs on Technology

The Design Engineering Club members were first in line to test out the Technology Department's new vinyl cutter.

This new equipment will help pupils studying N5 and Higher Graphic Communication to realise elements of their design work.

So far it has been put to good use to create new and elaborate signage which has been popping up around the school.

The pupils have excelled with the introduction of new software and processes which can be quite tricky to perfect. Look out for what they come up with next!



Refugee Café – A Taste Sensation

The School welcomed visitors who were on a mission to tantalise our taste buds during lunchtime.

Three ladies from the local St Rollox Centre set up a Refugee Café in the Bistro and served up some cultural delicacies. Pupils and staff tucked into plantain with fried eggs, African doughnuts and a lentil and lamb curry. The Refugee Café was a big hit.

The Arts

Hot Mikado

This year's Senior Show The Hot Mikado was a whirlwind of drama, songs, comedy and creative characters which had the audience enthralled right from the opening scene.

The main stage at Beaton Road was transformed into an authentic Japanese setting and the costume and make-up department must also be congratulated on their vision of The Hot Mikado characters. The pupils' performances were faultless and the talent on stage was phenomenal

- a credit to their commitment to the show. The School's musicians provided the music for the Broadway classic and again their performances were fantastic. The pupils, many of whom had officially left school earlier in the day, thanked their drama teachers, wardrobe department, choreographer and music staff in an emotional farewell at the end of the show. They also presented Dr Greig with a leaving gift as a thank you for his support for the Drama Department during his time as Rector. **More photos of the show can be seen on Flickr.**



All that Jazz

The School's music department was instrumental in ensuring the success of this year's show – it was a musical after all.

The talented pupils put in very polished performances which ensured a very professional production. Head of Music (Performance) Mr Walton said: *"It was a challenging genre for us but the pupils, both on stage and in the band, rose to it magnificently. We created a show band of Jazz musicians and they put it all together very quickly. We are extremely lucky to have enough resources to put together that kind of complex presentation."*

Art Show – a runway success

The annual Art Show in June showcased the artistic talents of our pupils – and this year's guests were also treated to a pop-up fashion show.

Friends and family clapped and cheered as pupils modelled the work of the school's Junk Kouture finalists. An impressive 29 pupils took part in the national competition which saw S3's Azkah Sardar and Abigail Barry come 2nd. The show was then officially opened by Dr Alistair Payne, MFA PhD, the Glasgow School of Art's Head of Fine Art, who was particularly impressed by the art ability on display and

singled out some of his favourite pieces for particular praise. One of the items which caught his attention was a bold necklace design by S5's Emily Smith.

Head of Art Susan Breckenridge also thanked all the staff and pupils involved in staging yet another successful annual Art Show.

Parents, staff and pupils were also able to purchase some pieces to take home from the pop up store which sold badges, tote bags and tea towels featuring pupils' designs. All the money raised went to the School's charity.



George and Thomas Hutcheson Award

Former pupil Leon Smith returned to Beaton Road to receive a George and Thomas Hutcheson Award for his achievements in tennis.

The Davis Cup team coach, who was recently awarded an OBE, was delighted to receive the School honour and said: *"It's a huge honour and privilege to accept this award."*

Leon (C1993) brought a surprise for the pupils, staff and friends of the School who had attended the special presentation ceremony in the Helen and Walter Ross Assembly Hall on October 4th – The Davis Cup Trophy.

Leon was appointed the Captain of the Great Britain Davis Cup team in April 2010 – taking over from John Lloyd. In 2015 Leon and his team, which included Andy and Jamie Murray, won the Davis Cup for the first time in 79 years. A phenomenal achievement for Leon, the players and Great Britain.

The dad-of-three told the audience it was good to be back in his old school and he was looking forward to going on a short tour of Beaton Road after the ceremony. He said: *"This is a great school and it taught me how to project myself well and be a team player. It is surreal being back here. I have a very vivid memory of sitting my Standard Grade History exam in this very hall. I have been getting my bearings. The first place I want to go and see is my old Deputy Rector Sandy Strang's office – I spent a lot of time there!"*



He was also delighted to meet up with a number of his former teachers including Director of Sport Mr Lang, P.E. teacher in charge of tennis Mrs Lang and retired P.E. teacher Mrs Park.

He said: *"I can't believe it's been 23 years since I left here and walked out the school gates for the last time. What's more amazing than that is Mr Lang is still here."*

During the ceremony Head Boy Callum Young and Head Girl Keziah Abbotts read out the Award Citation which focused on Leon's tennis career. He began coaching professionally in local tennis clubs around Glasgow from the age of 18 and in 1998 he concentrated on elite players and became national performance officer for Tennis Scotland.

Leon helped set up a tennis academy in Edinburgh two years later and in 2004 re-joined Tennis Scotland as LTA Academy coach and national training coach for Scotland. A year later Leon was appointed the LTA's national under-16



men's coach and in 2008 he became the U-18 coach. In 2010 he was appointed the Head of Men's Tennis.

Leon took on the role of Davis Cup Team Coach with the same confidence which saw him rise through the ranks of the LTA. He admitted to the audience that he was an unusual choice for the top job having never played professionally himself. However, he was determined to take his team to the top and did his homework on all the opposition players and carried out a huge amount of analysis. The approach paid off. He said he travelled 30 to 35 weeks of the year watching the world's best players and described it as "a pretty cool job."

He answered a number of questions from the school's tennis team players and told them clay was his favourite tennis surface, Andy Murray was his favourite player because "he puts everything in and is determined to win" and that the support at Glasgow's Emirates stadium was the best. He also joked that his





brothers Toby and Gary, who are also tennis coaches, had never beaten him in a match.

Leon revealed his big break came when Judy Murray contacted him to ask if he would coach her 11-year-old son Andy. He coached him from the age of 11 - 15 during which time he won the Junior Orange Bowl, the world championships for U-12s, and five other ITF Futures events.

After the official ceremony concluded Leon spent time coaching the School's current tennis team players and gave them top tips to improve their game. S3's Robbie Prentice said: *"It was great to meet Leon; he is such an inspiration."*

The G&T awards are presented by the Former Pupil Council in recognition of Hutchesonians who are regarded by their peers as inspirational figures, whether by virtue of their academic or professional achievements; triumph over adversity; public spiritedness or the like. Leon was a very worthy winner.

Surprise Visit

Davis Cup team coach Leon Smith also surprised Kingarth Street pupils and staff at a morning assembly in May.

Pupils had been told there was going to be a special assembly but they had no idea who the important guest was until Leon walked into the hall. The children and the staff could barely contain their excitement as the curtains opened to display the huge Davis Cup trophy.

Leon (C1993) answered a volley of questions from our primary pupils who took the fantastic opportunity to quiz him on a number of topics.

He expertly and diplomatically answered a range of questions including:-

- How did you become so great?
- What do you do when someone doesn't follow your instructions?
- Who has been the most difficult player to coach?
- Have you ever pretended your tennis racquet was a guitar?

Leon confessed to using his tennis racquet as an air guitar and told the children: *"I'm in no way embarrassed to answer yes to that. Doesn't everyone? My children do it all the time and I don't know anyone who hasn't used it as a guitar."*

Leon then spent an hour coaching some of the primary pupils in the assembly hall.



Leon spent some time with primary pupils and the current tennis team, giving them top tips to improve their game.



Sports Update - Results in Brief



Scotland Trio

Three pupils were selected to play for the Scotland hockey teams at the UK School Games in Loughborough in September.

David Nairn and Alasdair Richmond, both S5, joined S6's Mairi Fletcher at the tournament which involved teams from Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland.

The boys' team won bronze while the girls came 5th overall. A fantastic achievement!



Ace Win

The School's Girls tennis team smashed it on court at the Craigholme Invitation Tennis Tournament in June. The team comprising of Captain Rachel Wood (S6) and Helen Neary (S5) in the senior category, Catriona Rennick (S4) and Zaynab Zahra (S3) in the intermediate category, Iona Purdie and Catriona Irvine (both S1) in the junior category and Brodi Cuthill and Emma Murray (both P6), our primary players, all served, rallied and smashed their way to a famous school victory. They won the Bank of Scotland Centenary Cup by winning more games than any other school. Brodi and Emma also won the primary category and received an award for their efforts. **Congratulations on a brilliant team effort.**



Golf Champ

S2's Anna MacKenzie won the Glasgow Schools Golf Championship in May and later joined her brother Tom in the Scottish Schools competition. Anna was victorious over the Milngavie Golf Club course where her technique saw her hit some fine shots to win the competition. Anna, along with her brother Tom S4 and S5's Lewis Irvine performed well in June's Scottish Schools. Lewis was part of the Glasgow team which came 2nd overall.



Senior Sports Day

Pupils took part in a number of track and field events, including long jump, shot putt and relay races as well as some fun ones like the vertical jump and turbo javelin. S2's Zara Mason put in an impressive track performance winning the 100m race in 12.4s – a new record. There were a number of other awards and S4's Alessandro Schenini's fantastic athletic achievements throughout the year were recognised during the prize-giving.



Squash Sisters

Sisters Orla and Jemma Young are ones to watch after both secured spots in the Scotland Junior Squash team. Orla (S3) flew out to Belgium in May to take part in the U-15 European Squash Junior Championship where she won five of her seven matches. The U-15s finished 5th overall which was a fantastic achievement for the team. In April, Jemma (S1) joined Orla in the Five Nations championship in Lilleshall and both played some amazing matches.



International Cap

S6's Euan Devanney was selected for the Scottish Independent Schools football team against England. The annual international match against their English counterparts took place in May at Ochilview - home of Stenhousemuir FC. The game finished in a 1-1 draw so the trophy was shared and all the players received international caps. Euan performed very well in a holding midfield role.



Scotland Duo

Congratulations to Jessica Buchanan (S3) and Zara Mason (S2) who were part of the Scottish Hockey U16 Development team which played in June. The girls competed in a 3 match series at Glasgow Green finishing with 1 win, 1 draw and 1 loss. The girls had a great team weekend and learnt a lot.

Sports day

Pupils and parents basked in the summer sunshine at this year's Primary Sports day and everyone enjoyed a festival atmosphere.

As the temperature hit 24°C the primary children took part in several novelty races and it was smiles all round as they took to track and field for some friendly competition.

Pupils in P1-4 marched into the Alix Jamieson Stadium at exactly 1pm to loud cheers from family and friends - and leading the charge was the School's very own furry mascot Squirrel Hutchkins.

They then split off into year groups to take part in the flat, bat and bean bag, hoop, partner and the egg and spoon races.



The children - all of whom had been preparing for the big day during P.E. lessons - enjoyed the challenges and were very proud to display their winners' stickers. A fantastic atmosphere was provided by Mr Dewar who made sure there were some good tunes to accompany all the sporting action.

At 2.45pm the P5-7 children took part in the traditional procession that marks the start of their Sports Day events. Again Squirrel Hutchkins made sure he was front row, centre - he's never one to miss a photo opportunity!

They took part in the 5x80m relay, football dribbling, hockey dribbling, hoop and the egg and spoon races. The competitive spirit was evident.

Special thanks must go to the P.E. department who put on a very well-organised event which was enjoyed by everyone!



Trophy Double

Primary Athletics finished the Summer term on a high with the girls and boys winning the overall Glasgow Schools' championship trophies.

Congratulations to the P6 and P7 athletes who competed at Scotstoun against all Primary schools in the Glasgow area in running, jumping and throwing events. The team worked hard to accumulate points in individual events and finished with some impressive relay performances.

Team results

HGS Girls - GOLD

HGS Boys - GOLD

Gold Medalists

Olivia Dykes P6 80m

Robbie Baird P6 80m

Anna Young P7 600m

Brodi Cuthill P6 Ball Throw

P7 Girls' Relay - Gold

Olivia Schenini, Erin Frew, Anna Young, Zoe Flowers, Rebecca Anderson

P6 Boys' Relay - Gold

Guy Hogan, Johnny Bradley, Jamie Davidson, Alastair Wood, Robbie Baird

P6 Girls' Relay - Bronze

Grace Macaulay, Catriona Adams, Jessica Molloy, Emma Murray, Olivia Dykes

Silver Medalists

Olivia Schenini P7 100m

Johnny Bradley P6 Ball Throw

Bronze Medalists

Guy Hogan P6 600m

Rebecca Anderson P7 Ball Throw

Jessica Molloy P6 Broad Jump

Cricket Champs

The team, which comprised of a squad of 10 boys and girls, played extremely well, winning all their matches in the West Regional Championships.

The squad had the highest run rate to win the overall event held in May. In June, they travelled to Doo'cot Park in Perth for the National Primary Schools' Cup.

They battled through the elements and finished a very impressive 6th place overall. Special mention must be made to Emma Murray who won an additional competition called 'The Edge of Glory'.



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Mini-Olympics Festival

Pupils welcomed two special guests to their very own Rio Olympics-inspired athletics festival in June – Commonwealth Gold medalist gymnast Steve Frew and Olympic judo star Sarah Clark.

The Sky Sports Living for Sport Ambassadors chatted with pupils as they took part in the mini-Olympics event which saw P4-P7 children compete in a number of sporting activities – including synchronised swimming, archery and kayaking.

Steve and Sarah were keen to promote the Six Keys to Success – part of the Sky Sports Living for Sport initiative and told the pupils that mental toughness, a hunger to achieve, excellent people skills, sport and life knowledge, breaking barriers and planning for success were essential qualities in making it to the top in sport. Thirty teams of p4-7 pupils took part in 15 different events and the day culminated in a medal presentation in front of a replica Christ the Redeemer statue.

Steve said: *"It was an amazing day and all the children involved showed great sporting spirit."*



P7 Performance Evening

The P7 musicians performed extremely well at their annual Performance Evening.

The pupils played some fantastic solo and ensemble pieces on a variety of instruments including the saxophone, drums, guitar, flute, violin, cello, oboe, clarinet and piano. They entertained family and friends with a range of music from classical favourites such as Mozart's 'Menuett' to more modern pop hits like Adele's 'Love in the Dark' - so something for everyone. **A great evening was had by all.**



Magnificent Record

Primary one pupil April Macaulay holds a Hutchesons' record after becoming the youngest ever recipient of a Cloak of Magnificence.

The annual honour is awarded to the child who has contributed the most Bonus points to their House that year.

April received her cloak for Stuart House in June alongside the three other House winners, Marium Moughal for Argyll, Catriona Adams for Lochiel and Jamie Davidson for Montrose, all P6 pupils.

Bonus points are awarded for a whole host of reasons - from sporting and musical achievement to kindness, entertainment, going 'above and beyond' and sheer hard work in all areas.

April said: *"I am really, really proud of myself. I got lots of bonus points because I was being kind, gentle and helpful. I also passed my Grade 2 fiddle exam with distinction."*

Head of Stuart House Mr McCrossan said: *"April has been kind, helpful and considerate towards both her classmates and staff. She also received many bonus points for her exceptional musical talent which has given so much pleasure to the whole school community on many occasions this session."*



Cumbrae Cycle Trip

P6 pupils enjoyed a day out in sunny Millport and took to their bikes to explore the island.

The children spent the summer term completing cycling proficiency training, so the trip in June gave them the perfect opportunity to practise further their bike skills on the picturesque Isle of Cumbrae. The pupils and teachers enjoyed exploring the pretty town of Millport and they even stopped off to enjoy some ice-cream in the sunshine.

A great time was had by all!



Shakespeare Day

The P7s enjoyed a Shakespearean day out at Beaton Road in May to help them prepare for their move to the Senior School in August.

The annual event is an important part of the transition process for pupils from P7 into S1.

The pupils had been studying Twelfth Night in class and this was used as the general theme to explore Shakespeare's world through Art, Drama, Language and Music.

They learned about the art of stage fighting, the poetry of Shakespeare's language, the instruments and rhythms of Elizabethan dances and how to disguise oneself behind a mask.

It was an exciting if exhausting whirlwind tour of the Elizabethan stage.



Junior Duke Winners

Former Scotland rugby player **Gordon Bulloch** returned to Kingarth Street to present the **P7 Platinum completers with their certificates.**

Gordon (C1993) attended the Junior Duke prize-giving lunch which was held outside in the sunshine at the end of last term.

Gordon mingled with the pupils while they enjoyed their al fresco lunch, asking them what they had done to achieve their Platinum certificate. He also spent time answering a range of questions from them before presenting the pupils with their certificates.

The pupils had completed a variety of tasks including – ironing (which no-one really liked doing) and making the bed. Some interesting methods were discussed for this task! Gordon, who has been capped 75 times for Scotland and twice for playing with the Lions, happily posed for pics and congratulated them on their achievements. **Well done P7.**



P1's Showcase

The **P1** pupils performed their **Life Cycles showcase** to family and friends before taking them on a classroom tour.

The children sang their hearts out and impressed the audience with their professional performance. The lyrics were about butterflies and frogs and the children demonstrated just how much knowledge they had gained from their topic.

After the performance the guests were taken to the classrooms to see just how much work the children had done and were given a chance to quiz them on the facts they had learned. They even got a chance to meet the chicks, ducklings and froglets the children have been caring for. **To see more pics from the show go to Hutchesons' Flickr.**



Spell-a-thon Success

Primary pupils held a successful **Spell-a-thon** last term which raised **£8,170** for the **School charity.**

All the children from P1 to P7 were tasked with learning 50 challenging words and they asked their families and friends to sponsor them.

A large number of them worked incredibly hard and scored full marks and the P3W pupils made daily trips to each classroom to collect their sponsor money.

Their teacher Mrs Waugh said: *"A huge total was raised for Nets for Life® and our pupils have learned some interesting words such as: camouflage and onomatopoeia, which they will hopefully remember forever!"*



P7's Lake District Visit

Primary 7 pupils scrambled, leapt, climbed and splashed their way through their residential trip to Newlands and there were plenty squeals of excitement along the way.

The annual visit to the Lake District at the beginning of June is a highlight of the primary seven year and a worthy end to the pupils' time at Kingarth Street.

The children took the plunge and went kayaking and discovered whether they had a head for heights while hill climbing.

The activity highlight was the ghyll scramble. Dressed in waterproof layers and safety helmets, the children bravely navigated their way down a water-filled gorge. Leaping into plunge pools and even experiencing 'the washing machine' - it was a test of trust and bravery and the children passed with flying colours.



Mugdock Park Trip

It was all sunshine and smiles as **P4** visited **Mugdock Country Park** on a beautiful summer's day.

The children were there to learn more about plants and trees - their latest science topic - and went on a very informative Ranger-led walk to see some of the many interesting varieties found in the park.

They also enjoyed a scavenger hunt and they had some fun with the parachute and running races.

Pirate Maths Day

Kingarth Street was overrun with pirates – but don't worry, these pirates were **Primary 5** pupils working through maths puzzles.

Mr Adams, his team of teachers and 6th year helpers came to the Primary school to do an afternoon of pirate maths puzzling.

P5 helped decide the ratio of lemons to limes in pirate water, the best way to decide a pirate arm wrestling competition and even what order to make pirates walk the plank.

After all this puzzling was done the treasure rewards were counted up and everybody managed to win lots of gold coins. All the pupils had a good time and fortunately nobody was fed to a crocodile!



"I will never forget the beautiful and stunning views, and the incredibly friendly people. However, nothing will ever beat being able to see the top of the world."

– Gregor Findlay



Summit to re

Eight very determined pupils and one teacher set off on a trip to Nepal with one ambitious goal – to reach Everest Base Camp. The trekkers had spent months training for the 17 day trip in July. They then hike through some breath-taking scenery before reaching their destination just 10 days after arriving in Kathmandu. Here, our English and computing studies teacher Colin Macleod writes about the experience.

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It's 2am and I can't breathe in the thin air at 17,000 feet as I wake up coughing. We're only 3 hours away from Everest Base Camp but I start to panic that I'll be the one who won't make it. Calm down and breathe, as I remind myself it's just the lack of oxygen at high altitude.

There's been a cold going round the group too and now it's my turn to run a temperature. Drink more water, take some paracetamol before it's time to head for Base Camp in the morning I decide. I wonder how the lads are faring too as a few of them have been toiling on the way up with a stomach bug and look like they can't go on. Will the group all be ready to go?

The Hutchie team of eight has worked hard to get to this day. The trip has been 18 months in the planning and we have all been training well to get fit. A couple of them even climbed the equivalent height of Everest Base Camp in Scotland to raise money for the victims of the Nepal Earthquake.

We have been trekking upwards for 9 days now which has been strenuous and especially tough for those feeling sick. However, we have been lucky to see stunning views of gorges, suspension bridges and the awesome snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas which has more than made up for it. The team have gelled together and evenings are filled with laughter and games.

'Bistari, bistari' our Sherpa guide calls to us which means 'slowly, slowly' in Nepali. We keep hearing tales of other groups in front and behind us who have gone up too fast only to suffer altitude sickness and have had to be rescued by helicopter. Our Far Frontiers guides are excellent though and will look after us.

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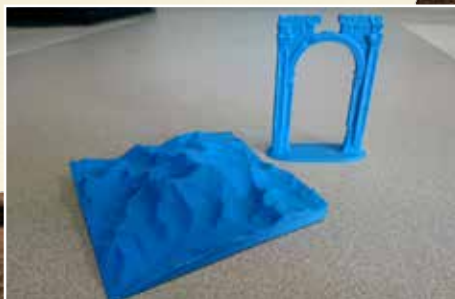


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They know exactly how much height we can gain each day as well as the acclimatisation required. The morning of our final ascent to 17,575 feet arrives and everyone is ready. 'Jaam, Jaam' our Sherpa guide calls in Nepali which we all know means 'Let's go!' We can't believe it but the sky is clear and the awe-inspiring ice walls of the world's highest mountains rise 11,000 feet vertically above us. A massive yak is standing beside the sign pointing to Everest Base Camp. Wow today is going to be special!

The cloud continues to clear and the Mount Everest summit comes into view. We've made it to Everest Base Camp! I'm so proud of the Hutchie team's fabulous achievement! The boys decide to have a go at playing the world's highest game of touch rugby which also ends up being one of the shortest as the thin air takes its toll!

The adventure continues as we descend to see wonderful sights such as colourful Buddhist monasteries, the Monkey Temple and the friendly yet chaotic bustling streets of Kathmandu. I can honestly say that we've had the trip of a lifetime and will treasure the memories.



3D Printer

The technology teachers made sure all the pupils could enjoy an Everest experience – they used the School's new 3d printer to create an exact model of the mountain range. The 3D printer arrived at the school at the end of last session and is already proving a popular teaching tool. It was also recently used to create a model of Syria's Palmyra arch which was destroyed in 2015.

"Taking on some difficult terrain and weather in the Himalayas, the students all supported and looked out for each other. Every student attempting to reach Base Camp successfully made it, all in high spirits, and I would like to applaud them for doing so. Not everyone who takes on the challenge succeeds. Our leader Hannah Appleton has already asked when she can travel with Hutchesons' again."

– Christopher Short, managing director, Far Frontiers Expeditions.

Yale Summer School

S6 pupils Gideon Green and Nicola O'Neill won places on the highly competitive Yale Young Global Scholars programme which ran for two weeks during the summer holidays. They each had to submit five essays, teacher references and reports from both the primary and secondary departments as well as details of their co-curricular activities. Here, Gideon tells the Hutchie Herald about their trip.

Gideon Green writes...

'George Bush, Meryl Streep, Hillary and Bill Clinton all graduated from Yale university. Myself and Nicola O'Neill, another S6 pupil, were lucky enough to spend two weeks at this incredible campus on the Yale Young Global Scholars program.

Nicola attended International Affairs and Security where topics such as the Islamic State, drones and human trafficking were discussed while I attended the 'Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship course' where I was introduced to a 17-year old who owns a company valued at 60 million dollars.

However, it was meeting a fellow student from Afghanistan which really made an impact and encouraged us to appreciate what we have.

Sara's dad was killed by the Taliban when she was three months old. She was later sold as a slave, was locked up and denied any education. She also battled serious illness before winning a scholarship to Afghanistan's top school.

Now she tutors younger children which is the family's only source of income. This is just one example of the incredible and inspiring people we met at Yale.

The Rector recently spoke at assembly about embracing opportunities, and this opportunity really is once in a lifetime. I could not recommend this programme enough to current pupils'.



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Solicitor General

Former pupil Alison Di Rollo née Lafferty has been appointed to the post of Solicitor General in recognition of her work heading the National Sexual Crimes Unit.



Alison (C1979) was put forward for the post by First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and her appointment was confirmed by MSPs earlier this month.

Ms Sturgeon said: "Alison has led the ground-breaking work of the National Sexual Crimes Unit first as its deputy and then as its head for over three years.

"Her outstanding career and contribution to a new more effective approach to sexual crimes gives me every confidence in recommending her for this new role."

Alison was the Head Girl in 1978/9 and the Dux of English and Modern Languages. She was also the vice-captain of the hockey team. She studied at Glasgow University where she won the Alexander Stone Scholarship for best student going forward to Law.



Harvard Alumni

Alan Orcharton, (C1989) recently graduated from Harvard University as a Master of Liberal Arts in Information Technology.

Alan, who works for the GAP Corporation in San Francisco, comes from a family with strong Hutchie ties – his father, uncle and sister are all former pupils and both his nephews currently attend the school.



Entrepreneur Carol wins Innovation Award

Former pupil and TV personality – turned businesswoman Carol Smillie was named Entrepreneur of the Year in the Sports Business Innovation Awards in May.

Mum-of-three Carol (C1980) scooped the top award for her specialist women's underwear business Diary Doll.

Her underwear range has a secret waterproof layer to help protect against 'lifes little leaks'.

Carol said: "Winning Sports Entrepreneur of the Year was brilliant, especially as I never excelled at sports during my Hutchie years! Creating a product that so many women describe as 'life-changing' makes me both proud and honoured.

"Too many women drop out of sport, worrying about embarrassing period or bladder leaks, so we came up with pretty clever pants with a secret waterproof panel that look and feel exactly like normal underwear. The Hutchie matrons even helped us with wearer trials in the early stages."



Stanford Alumni

Söla Paterson (C2004) graduated from Stanford University, California with a Master of Laws (LLM) in Law, Science & Technology in June.

Söla has worked as a Corporate lawyer in London and Sydney and also distinguished himself as the youngest Council Member of the Law Society of Scotland. During his 3-year term there, Söla provided robust representation for 2,000 new lawyers across Scotland.

Next stop is New York where Söla will work as a M&A/private equity attorney.



New Sheriff in Town

FP Lorna Rolfe has been appointed the High Sheriff of Essex – the 836th person to hold the honour and only the seventh woman.

Lorna, (C1969), has lived and worked in Essex for more than 35 years. She has been a long-serving magistrate, a successful businesswoman and an active member of the community.

She was appointed High Sheriff, which by tradition involves upholding the Queen's peace, and Lorna described the honour as "a huge privilege".

She will spend her time in office forging links with the voluntary sector. Lorna said: "There are so many really good people in Essex doing amazing and inspirational things, trying to make life better for others."



Dux Returns

The School was delighted to welcome James Malcolm (C1970) and his wife, back to Beaton Road in early September. James, a retired Computer Science Lecturer at the University of Herfordshire, returned to Glasgow to see his name on the new Dux medallists' wall which is on display in the reception area. They also enjoyed a tour of the School.



Together Again

Celia Allison visited Kingarth Street with former classmates, Mary Mitchell and Anne Jackson. It is the first time they had all been together since leaving School in 1972. Celia now lives in Netherlands (middle of picture), Mary in Canada (right hand side) and Anne in Australia (left).

European Posting

Melissa Thomas (C2008) will begin a traineeship at the European Commission this month after graduating from the prestigious College of Europe in Belgium.



Melissa received a scholarship to study for a bilingual (English and French) Masters degree in European Political and Administrative Studies at the College in Bruges and she graduated in June.

After leaving Hutchesons' Melissa graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a joint honours degree in Law and French. She then spent 17 months working as a legal assistant in a law firm in Osaka and Fukuoka, Japan and whilst there Melissa took the opportunity to explore Asia. Her most memorable experiences were staying with a traditional Mongolian family in the grasslands of Inner Mongolia and travelling to the border between North and South Korea.



Music Mastermind

Stuart Clumpas enjoyed phenomenal success in the Scottish music industry as the mastermind behind music festival T in the Park and live band venue King Tut's Wah Wah Hut.

But, after eight successful years staging Scotland's largest festival Stuart (C1977) sold his share in the business and relocated to New Zealand with his family.

It wasn't long until he was back in business and he now books top bands like Iron Maiden and Black Sabbath for the 12,000 seat Vector Arena in Auckland.



All rise for Lady Carmichael

Ailsa Carmichael QC (C1987) was installed as a Senator of the College of Justice at a ceremony in Parliament House on June 30th.

The Lord President, Lord Carloway, presided over the ceremony and said: "Lady Carmichael it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the bench of the Court of Session. You have had a distinguished career since passing advocate in 1993 and having taken silk in 2008.

"This has included a specialism in public and administrative law, notably in asylum and immigration cases. I am sure that your skills in these expanding fields will prove a major asset to the bench."

Congratulations Lady Carmichael on your distinguished career.



Ben's Rowing Golds

Former pupil Ben Parsonage won a gold double at the Home International Regatta (HIR) in Cardiff in July.

Ben (C2013) was selected to compete in the lightweight single scull and the heavyweight quad events at the Regatta and he went on to win golds in both.

Speaking to Scottish Rowing, Ben said: "The focus of my whole season has been to make the team for the Home Internationals.

"For the single I went for it from the start, then with 500m to go I saw I was in with a shout so I really gave it everything. Two feet was the verdict at the end over Ireland – I was ecstatic because I had expected to come last.

"In the quad the three other guys had raced and been beaten by a close amount, so they had something to prove.

"They are all big guys with lots of power so all I had to do was set the right rhythm and go along for the ride. They performed fantastically behind me and it was only a couple of feet at the end."

Gillian's Golf Cap

Gillian Kyle (C1983) represented Scotland in the European Senior Ladies Golf Team Championship at the Sierra Golf Club in Poland in September.

Fifteen other countries competed at this beautiful but very challenging course during the event which ran from August 30 to September 4. Scotland qualified in 9th place after the 2 strokeplay rounds so were in Flight B for the matchplay.

They beat the Czech Republic 3-2 but unfortunately lost to Italy 4-1 on the second day. The final day was a battle for 11th /12th place against Austria and they lost 3-2. Gillian, pictured centre, (right) was delighted to win two out of her three singles matches.



Bite out of the Big Apple

Talented Lloyd Bishop has taken a giant bite out of the Big Apple and established himself as the stars' favourite photographer.

New York-based snapper Lloyd, (C1999) has photographed leading actors, musicians and even the odd US president since landing a job as photographer for NBC's Late Night with Jimmy Fallon chat show.

Host Jimmy had spotted some of Lloyd's photos of Sir Paul McCartney and liked them. The pair hit it off and Jimmy asked Lloyd, who grew up in Newton Mearns, to join the ratings-winning show.

Lloyd said: "It was an incredible experience. I was shooting so many great celebrities and getting to shoot behind the scenes at the show. It was really great fun."

When Jimmy took over as presenter of the NBC's award-winning Tonight Show Lloyd joined him and got the opportunity to add many more big names to his ever expanding portfolio.



He said: "I worked on the show for the first five or six weeks. It was a great experience to be part of the opening show – shooting U2 as they performed on top of the Rockefeller centre. As cheesy as it sounds that will be something I will tell the grandkids about."

Lloyd quickly established himself as a master behind the lens and his portraits caught the attention of others in the industry. He got an offer to work on the Late Night with Seth Meyer Show and he accepted it.

He explained: "It was an opportunity I really wanted to take up – a new challenge, a new studio. Again I've had the opportunity to shoot some fantastic portraits. I don't get long to take the photos and often it is just two to three minutes. I grab what I can."



FP Global Brunchner

THE FP council is hosting a dinner in Glasgow on December 10 – and to make sure no-one misses out it is being streamed live to former pupils around the world.

There are only 110 tickets for the event which is being held at the House for an Art Lover in Bellahouston Park so make sure you book your seat at the table quickly.

But don't worry if you can't make it there in person as the FP council is working in partnership with BlueStar Streaming to stream the dinner live to friends in far flung destinations.

FP President Zoe Mackenzie said: "We need as many Hutchesonians around the globe

to join with us in re-igniting our annual gathering of the FP Club. So, if you're in Tonga, Turkey or Trinidad, we want you to be with us on the evening, actively participating with live Tweets, Facebook posts, and Instagram. We'll be watching you, watching us, watching you.

"We are delighted that our new Rector, Colin Gambles, will be joining us and sharing his initial thoughts on Hutchesons' from the Heidi's perspective. Former Deputy Head Sandy Strang will be our principal speaker.

"Please support the event – buy a ticket, host a table, join us from your single end in

Kuala Lumpur, but just be with us on the night. Like us on Facebook, Tweet us, or send us an email to brunchner@hutchesonsfp.org.

"We very much look forward to seeing you on December 10 – physically, on screen, or online."

King of the Screen

Former pupil Craig McGinlay has forged a very successful career in modelling and acting since leaving school in 2004 – he's even been tipped to be the next 007.

Craig, originally of Paisley, has just finished shooting Guy Ritchie's new film King Arthur: Legend of the Sword and he will be seen Stateside in the US TV show Knightfall, which was filmed in Prague.

He also won the Breakthrough Star of the Year Award in 2015 which has previously been won by Martin Compston, James McAvoy, Gerard Butler and Robert Carlyle.

Fame

Craig's rise to fame has certainly been meteoric but it only happened because he was asked at the last minute to stand-in for a weightlifter in the brand launch film for the Glasgow 2014 Games.

Craig explained: "I was working as a sport scientist, strength & conditioning coach and sports massage and injury therapist for top football and rugby athletes, as well as elite level athletes in the Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games. Some of the

athletes I was coaching were filming the brand launch for the Glasgow 2014 Games and when the main athlete didn't turn up for the shoot I was asked to stand in as a weight-lifter.

"I was then scouted by a model agency in Glasgow which led to me signing with them and then an agency in Milan and London doing campaigns such as Brooks Brothers, which was heavily featured around New York City.

"From this campaign, I was scouted by a film director which led to a lead role in a short film and I also starred as the lead in two other short films which won awards in LA and Calgary for Best Thriller."

His feature film breakthrough – King Arthur: Legend of the Sword - came after he starred alongside David Beckham in the Haig Club advert which was also directed by Guy Ritchie.

Craig has even been tipped to be the next James Bond by showbiz reporters and it is a role he would relish.

After leaving school Craig played rugby for the Scotland U20 team but during a World Cup in Italy he dislocated his shoulder



which forced him out of the game and into higher education where he achieved his Masters degree.



Polly's Rave Reviews

Actress Polly McKie has been receiving rave reviews for her latest off-Broadway role with one critic describing her performance as "heart-stopping".

Polly (C1993) has been treading the boards as governess Miss Mathieson in NC Hunter's A Day by the Sea at the Beckett Theatre and her polished performance has caught the attention of the New York Times theatre critic Neil Genzlinger.

"Miss Mathieson isn't around much, but what Ms. McKie does with her one big scene, a confessional moment of yearning, is heart-stopping."

He's not alone in singing Polly's praises. Totaltheatre.com stated: "Polly McKie's

warm portrayal of housekeeper, Miss Mathieson, is truly lamentable as a lonely middle-aged woman yearning for a family of her own before it is too late", while Theatre Mania wrote: "McKie is extremely moving, adding a great deal of heart-breaking authenticity to the proceedings."

Stardom

Polly's love of theatre began when she first took to the stage in Kingarth Street as a P1 pupil. But it was her performance in her final year at Beaton Road that set her on her path to theatre stardom.

She said: "I was always in every school production, starting with "Mary" in the Nativity when I was 5 and ending with the role that made me realise this was what I

wanted to do as an adult, in my last year of school: "Meg Brockie" in Brigadoon."

After leaving school Polly, who has lived in New York for eight years, graduated with an M.A. in Theatre and Philosophy and continued her studies with a postgraduate certificate in drama education, deciding to take the sensible career path and work as a teacher.

However, the desire to perform herself never left and she has since performed in UK theatres, in Bermuda and the States. She has also had roles in TV and film and her distinctive Scottish voice ensured she became the voice of the digital book of Disney's Brave.

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Class of 1947/8

Seven members of the Class 2b 1947/48 attended their annual reunion at Beaton Road on Saturday 14th May. The men enjoyed a drinks reception in the Library followed by dinner in the Founders' Room. The next Class 2b 1947/48 reunion will be held on Friday, May 12, 2017. For further information, please email jim.chisholm@btinternet.com



Class of 1956

The Class of 1956 enjoyed a long overdue catch-up at their 60th year reunion at the School on September 3. Eighteen former pupils met up for the first time since leaving school and enjoyed a full tour of Beaton Road. They gathered in the library for a drinks reception before enjoying lunch in the dining room. New Rector Colin Gambles met with the men and told them about the School today. Graeme Clark said: *"It was a most enjoyable event, with wonderful catching up and reminiscences. Good humour and hilarity were the order of the day!"*

Class of 1961

In May a group of fifteen 'girls' held a mini class reunion in the Sherbrooke Hotel in Pollokshields. The gathering was a great success and the former pupils have decided to plan a full Class of 1961 reunion in October 2017. Anyone who would like to attend and wishes details should contact Mary Kelly née Montgomery on marykelly.edenhall@yahoo.co.uk or Vivienne Geddes née Giles on vivged@btinternet.com or contact the School's Alumni Relations co-ordinator Louise Duncan on 0141 433 4474.

Ladies' Afternoon Tea

There was an impressive turnout of former pupils and staff for the annual Ladies' Afternoon Tea in May - including our oldest FP Flora Smith who is 107.

Guest of honour Flo joined more than 80 other Hutchie bugs at the annual gathering in Kingarth Street - and she was all smiles when she met up with current pupil Flora Ritchie (S4).

The pair last met in 2011 when Flora returned to her old school to celebrate its 100th anniversary. Her young namesake joined other current pupils to perform for the guests.

Vocalist Flora sang 'Will Ye No Come Back Again?' but she was not the only talented pupil on stage. Catriona Adams (P6) opened the primary recital playing the bagpipes, Jock Ritchie (P7) then recited the Charles Murray poem 'The Whistle' before Owen Gould (P7) impressed guests with his cello playing.

James Buchanan (P5) had the Kingarth St ladies in stitches with his version of the poem 'Kate O' Shanter's Tale' - real comedy gold. Pianist Jennifer Jin (P7) gave a faultless performance on the piano but the star of the



show was P1 musician April Macaulay who stunned the audience into silence with her fabulous fiddle skills.

The guests then enjoyed a trip down memory lane with a tour of the school - old form classes and the gym hall were on most people's must see list.

The senior pupil recital - pianist Alexander Maxwell (S6), violinist Katya Johnson (S2) and vocalist Flora then brought the afternoon to a close.

The event also hosted more than 40 former pupils who attended for the class of 1976. There were also ladies from the Class of 1966 and 1955. The ladies - performed the Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School song before saying a fond farewell to the School - until next year!



Class of 1964

Eight friends who left School in 1964 held a mini school reunion to celebrate their 70th birthdays. The ladies took over a small hotel in Cumbria to catch up with each other and discuss their school memories. One of them even flew in from Montreal, Canada for the event.



Class of 1976

The Class of 1976 ladies held their 40th reunion on May 14th as part of the Kingarth Street Ladies Tea Party.

The group continued the party that evening at the Bonne Auberge in Glasgow and were joined by some more familiar faces from their school days.

They were entertained by speeches and verse by the organisers, Karen Ness, Muriel Jones (McRae) and Lindsay Colville (Johnstone) who did a fantastic job. Karen had set up a Facebook page and organised lots of old photos and biographies to be posted there. Around 50 ladies attended the day, which was so successful plans are already afoot to hold another gathering in 5 years.



Class of 1991

Just over 30 former pupils attended the Class of 1991 reunion on May 21 - some even flew in from New Zealand and the US for the catch-up. They enjoyed an evening drinks reception in the Library and had invited along some special guests - Head of P.E Stuart Lang, Depute Rector Jim McDougall and the School's Rector in 1991 Dr David Ward. The group, including Pauline Larkin née MacDonald from New York and Lindsey Donoghue née Morris from New Zealand, then enjoyed an evening meal in the Dining Room.



Class of 2001

Around 30 members of the Class of 2001 attended their 15th Anniversary reunion at Beaton Road. Guests enjoyed a tour of the School followed by a drinks reception and buffet in the dining hall. The reunion was organised by former Head Boy, Ed Corrie and attended by former Head Girl, Jennifer Service. There was lots of reminiscing and everyone had a truly memorable evening with merriments continuing at the Butterfly and the Pig in Shawlands.



Throwback Thursday

During the summer holiday the School ran a series of Throwback Thursday photographs on its Facebook page - and it proved very popular.

Many former pupils commented on the posts and included their own anecdotal stories after the photographs jogged some good memories of their time at school – apparently a member of staff's car ended up in the Lily Pond.

A number of former pupils recalled memories of falling into the pond behind the assembly hall and how it was an excellent resource for the biology department. Others spoke of their struggle to climb the ropes at the Kingarth Street gym.

Some of the pics identified old form rooms which led to more memories being shared online. We realise not everyone is on Facebook so we have published the photos here – happy reminiscing!



Staff Rooms

A trawl through the archived photos always throws up a few gems and often reveals just how much things have changed over the years.

Everyone will be familiar with the traditional school photos of pupils lined up in rows but just occasionally we catch a glimpse of life as a member of staff at Hutchesons'. Here's a selection of staff room photos – facilities have definitely improved over the years.



Crown Street

The staff room in Crown Street where teachers were obviously expected to work rather than relax. No comfy chairs and a rather more cramped environment than the teachers enjoy today.



Beaton Road

The arrival of the cushioned chair should be noted at Hutchesons' in the 60s which helped create a more social staff room.



Beaton Road today

Today the staff room is less formal and the room is bright and airy. Staff can enjoy their tea, coffee and even the odd cake in comfort.

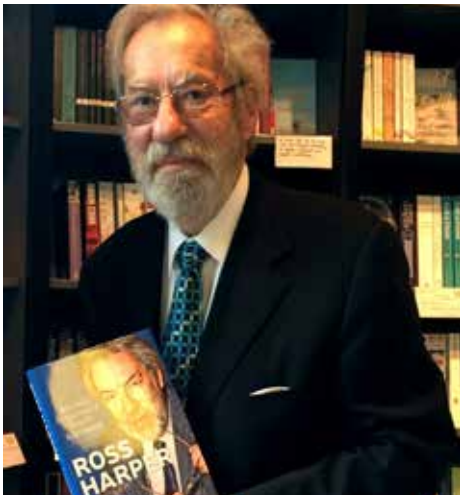
Like so many photographs in the archive department, there are no names recorded with the early Beaton Road photograph. If you know who they are, please drop a note to our Archivist, Kate Keter, at

archivist@hutchesons.org

Kate would also love to hear from anyone who has come across some Hutchie memorabilia lurking in the back of a cupboard. Please don't throw anything away – she would love to add it to the School's collection.

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Book Club

Two former pupils have recently had their work published.

Ross Harper (C1953) launched his book 'Beyond Reasonable Doubt – a memoir' in September and he flew in from his home in Australia for the event at Waterstones book store in Glasgow.

Chapter Two recalls his school years and Ross shares his memories of a Hutchie education. After leaving school Ross became a major figure in Scottish Law, politics, journalism and business before moving Down Under. He was also a key player in many of Scotland's high profile legal cases from the 1960s-90s.

He was the President of the Law Society of Scotland and the International Bar Association and has been active in politics throughout his adult life, campaigning for the Conservative Party.

All proceeds from the book will be paid to the Ross Harper Foundation which has so far given over £90,000 to help pupils at Hutchesons' and students at the University of Glasgow and the University of Strathclyde.

Doug Clelland (C1964) has written a collection of short stories called 'God's Brains'. The 29 stories explore the growing certainty that much of what we take for granted is slipping. In some of the stories beliefs and habits are scrutinised and sometimes taken to task.

After leaving school Doug worked internationally as an architect and as a professor of architecture in Britain and Berlin.

Reflections

Former pupil Richard Sim has recently published his book "FREEDOM TO ARGUE... We the People versus They the Government" which tackles many of the issues underlying the Brexit vote. Richard has enjoyed a successful career in business and here he reflects on a 'life founded in Scottish values and the rigour of a Hutchesons' education.

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Challenge

The foundation of it all is my experience at Hutchie. Hutchie back then was tough. I entered in the primary and went from being top of the class in my previous school to about 25 in a class of thirty. Spelling was my challenge. Every day we got twenty words to learn and their meaning. Every day we were tested in spelling by being given the first and last letter and the meaning. If you got more than two wrong you were belted. That was easy. Fridays was the real test. Every Friday we were tested with a new twenty words and all the words from the previous two weeks...200 words in total. It seems that on a Friday I always got two or more wrong and was belted. On entering the senior school - I became a ferocious rugby player. I believe that rugby is the best anger therapy process that is socially acceptable. When the school made me head boy I was honoured and surprised. That year I was 33rd in the Glasgow University bursary exam.

What did I learn? I learned that learning is about consistently working hard. I learned by doing this I could succeed. That, along with the core values I got from my parents is why I have succeeded. I remember trying to decide what to study at university. To those of you struggling with this choice I would say "it does not really matter a lot". Every profession needs motivated persons who can continuously learn and grow. If you can do that doors will open.

Lest you think everything in my life has been golden it has not. In 2001 I was CEO of a company that got caught in the tech downturn. We had to go through a re-packaged bankruptcy and when the market did not rebound fast enough they had to replace me to keep the banks happy. All of us experience some setbacks in life. Since then I have been an olive farmer in Italy, sort of, and today I continue to run two private businesses. I still love winning and building teams who know how to win.

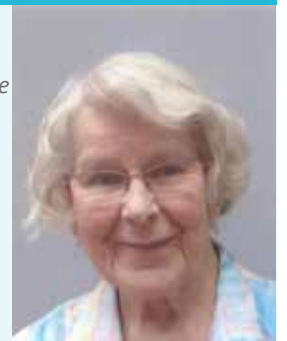
If you are a pupil at Hutchie, even though it may be hard, you are incredibly lucky. Please try hard to take every advantage of this blessing."

School Memories

Former pupil Dorothy Humphreys' first introduction to the school was shortlived – she attended for just one day before War broke out! Here Dorothy née Diack (C1948) recalls her first day at Kingarth Street and how she eventually returned to Hutchie.

"It was 1st September 1939, a memorable day; a Friday. All the staff were trying to act as if it was just any old Friday. No one was fooled, apart from the little ones in the Garden School. We were given our timetables and the sewing teacher, Miss Anderson, said we must bring our materials 'next week' Germany had invaded Poland and two days later Britain declared war on Germany. The school closed on the Monday, by which time I had been sent to a schoolmaster friend of my father in the Leadhills to avoid the bombs. On the way there, the guard came through the train announcing we were now at war. Shortly afterwards, when the Blitz came, I returned to Glasgow, but Hutchie remained

closed so I was sent to Netherlee. As soon as Hutchie reopened, I returned there. I have a great respect for Hutchesons'. It was an excellent place of learning with wonderful staff. That taught



me more about teaching than I ever learned in my year at Jordanhill College. The greatest inspiration was from Rona P Macadam. She sailed along the top corridor like a "Ship – of – the – Line", all sails set – What a woman! The "Duchess", Ethel Mackay was also memorable; in fact, they all were! Best wishes to all in the school. I hope these current young people do not take their education for granted."

The Annual Fund 2016/17

The Annual Fund was launched in 2002 and is a yearly request to the whole Hutchesons' Community, both past and present, to make investment in the school and support a number of important projects which would not be possible without the generosity of fund supporters.

Hutchesons' focuses on academic excellence; our pupils consistently achieve superb exam results – in 2016 we saw a 68% pass rate at A grade and an overall 96.5% pass rate. They also excel in sport, music, drama and the arts and engage in a huge range of community projects and personal development programmes both at home and abroad.

Since its launch, the Annual Fund has raised over £1.6million, including £160,000 in the 2015-16 year. Whilst the majority of gifts have been allocated to the Bursary Fund, currently supporting 1 in 6 pupils in the Secondary School, Music, Drama, Art and Sports are among the departments which have also benefited from the generosity of the donors.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the School and the Annual Fund.



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Many of our current supporters choose to make a regular donation via standing order. This allows us to plan more accurately for the future. If you wish to donate this way, please complete the **OPTION 1** form and send it to us.

We will contact your bank and process the request.

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To make a gift, simply complete the **OPTION 2** form or go to www.hutchesons.org/giving.

Or **OPTION 3** to give by phone via the Development Office 0141 433 4474

You can find out more about giving to Hutchesons' on the School website. Online giving is available via BT My Donate and there are very specific funds that are set up to help our donors in the US and in Canada to contribute tax effectively.

Visit www.hutchesons.org/howtogive for details.



Rector's Vision

New Rector Mr Gambles has a clear vision of how to make the excellent Hutchie education even better – and improving facilities for the primary and S6 pupils is a top priority.

Mr Gambles is already very impressed with the School's facilities and resources but he knows that if the School is to remain at the forefront of Scottish Education, it always needs to be looking to the future.

He is full of praise for the Primary School which offers children a wonderful learning environment but he believes a programme of modernisation is essential to build further on its success.

He said: *"I'm really keen to develop it. Kingarth Street feels like a proper school when you walk in - it's got that history and aura about it. It nicely blends the traditional with the modern and you just need to look at the hall and the library to recognise that. More modern facilities would further improve it and 10 years from now I would like to see the developed Primary School being the real centrepiece of Hutchesons'."*

Opportunities

Mr Gambles also spoke of his desire to improve the S6 experience at Hutchesons' to build on the excellent opportunities that already exist for pupils in their final year.

He said: *"Sixth year is a very special time at school; the pupils really mature and become much more independent. I would like to treat them more like adults in terms of the facilities we provide – whether that's a new 6th year centre or a redevelopment of their existing area. It could also be a shared facility between the staff and pupils which would further break down the barrier between teacher and pupil."*

The other area of school life which is likely to benefit from investment in the near future is sport. Mr Gambles explained: *"The school is currently carrying out a strategic sports audit which will help us identify exactly what we want to do with sport at Hutchie and improving our facilities. I think we are managing well the balance between rugby and other sports like hockey. The School does*

extremely well, competing very strongly in both of these sports and I hope to see it become even more successful in the coming years."

Mr Gambles' overall goal is for the School to score a perfect 10 in all areas and he believes maintaining strong links to the wider Hutchie community will ensure the School always achieves top marks

He said: *"I know that former pupils and the parents are a wonderful resource and have so much experience to share. They've got knowledge and ideas which we should tap into to make the education at the School even better."*

"Support could be financial, and that would of course be welcomed, but really I think it's about ensuring that the Hutchie education is as good as it can be; that all the pupils here are able to realise their potential in whatever direction they want to go to. Opportunities for children to go out and enjoy what Scotland and the wider world has to offer should be available to all pupils. Through the Helping Hands fund we already provide funding to support activities required by the curriculum but it would be great if we could extend that to include even more extra-curricular activities. We all want the best for our children."



Former Pupils Announcements

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1957 New Boys Reunion

Two 1957 'New Boys' are planning to host a reunion for their classmates next September to mark the 60th anniversary of their start at the new junior school at Boleyn Road.

Tom Ross and Andy Matheson write:

"There is a long forgotten song some former pupils may remember that started:

'In 1650 the School began with twelve boys on the roll.

And they bent their will to the grim book drill for the good of body and soul.'

History may have been slightly revised by nine or so years since this ditty was committed to memory, but, for eighty boys, it was 1957 that was a much more important date in the history of Hutchie.

They were the first intake of pupils at the brand new Junior School at Boleyn Road. The Boys' Secondary School on Beaton Road was still a building site: the Girls' School at Kingarth Street a place far away of which they were supposed to know little.

The 1957 version of Primary Va, under Tom Neil, and Vx, under Alex Terries, had been born.

Memories

The eighty new boys, of course, had no real memories of Crown Street and the Gorbals - apart, perhaps, from sitting the entrance exam. Not for them the inkwells, the open fires, the Victorian desks or the outside toilets.

Next September, the sixtieth anniversary of that baptism of fire, with the help of the Development Office, we hope to organise a dinner in the school for as many of our former colleagues as we can manage.

If you were one of the eighty and the School has your contact details we hope to send out invitations by email within the next few months.

In the meantime, if you know the whereabouts of any former pupils of the 1957 intake who may not be on the School's contact list please let the Development Office know.

Hope to see you in September." - Tom Ross (Va) and Andy Matheson (Vx)

Hutchesons' Burns Supper

Come and enjoy an evening of fine food, refreshments and entertainment with other pupils, friends and partners. It is also a chance to meet the School's new Rector Mr Colin Gambles.

Date: 19th January | **Place:** The Caledonian Club, London

Price: £65/£60 for under 26 year-olds. Includes sparkly reception, wine with a three course dinner and coffee and tablet. *Numbers limited due to room capacity*

Contact: Louise Duncan at DuncanL@hutchesons.org or call 0141 433 4474.

Thanks to Lorna Stevens who delivered an impressive Immortal Memory at the 2016 Burns Supper. Apologies for omitting you from the article in May's Hutchie Herald.



Family's Wedding Double

Siblings Lauren and Gary Nickolay married their respective partners earlier this year.

Lauren was first down to the aisle to take her vows on April 3 while Gary chose July 4 for his wedding to Heather Moir in Sorrento, Italy.

Lauren (C2006), who married Daniel Bor at the Old Fruitmarket in Glasgow, was awarded a Phd in Immunology and works as a Research Associate at the Institute of Child Health in London. Daniel is a doctor and the couple live in Canterbury.

Gary (C2002) graduated from Strathclyde University Business School with an Honours Degree in Marketing and is employed as a Project Manager at the Head Office of Santander Plc. Heather has an Honours Degree in Business from Glasgow University and is employed as an accountant. The couple live just outside Milton Keynes.

FP Facebook

The FP council has launched an official Facebook page and would love you to like it in order to keep up with all the news.

The Hutchesons' Grammar School Former Pupils' club launched in the Summer and the number of members is increasing every month. If you want to connect with the council, find out all the relevant news or just get in touch with an old classmate please like the page.

FP councillor secretary Fraser McDougall said: "Social media is a fantastic tool for the wider Hutchie family to stay connected."

Staff Notices

Irene Martin

Irene Martin, the School's Lettings and Transport administrator, sadly passed away on August 26th after a brave and hard fought battle with cancer, just after her 60th birthday.

Irene began her career at Hutchie in 2004 working with young children in their classrooms, helping with their learning and showing infinite patience and skill. She then moved to more office based work where her outstanding organisational skills were so appreciated. Her three children Jennifer (C2007), Kenneth (C2009) and Stephanie (C2010) also attended the School.

The proud mum-of-three grew up in Simshell and attended Merrylee Convent School and then Notre Dame High School before continuing her education at Glasgow University. It was while studying English at the university that she met her husband Alan whom she married in 1981.

Irene began her working life in the HR department with Marks and Spencers and developed her career further in the Wills cigarette factory in Alexandra Parade. She then took a very demanding job with Scottish Friendly but her real focus were her children who were her pride and joy.

Irene took a short break from work in 2000 to concentrate on her family but she also used this time to volunteer with the Children's Panel.

Irene first took ill eight years ago and she was truly appreciative of the care she was given. She faced her illness with courage and determination put on her brave face often literally – donning her lippy and trademark jewellery and scarf. She is sorely missed by all her friends and colleagues at Hutchie.



Christine Haughney

A former Head of Primary, Christine Haughney died on May 10th, aged only 54, after a long and brave battle with illness.

She took up her role at Kingarth Street in 2010, but retired early due to ill health in 2015. But despite being in the post for just five years, Christine made a huge impact on the whole school community.

Christine came to education later in life, after starting her professional career as a physiology technician at the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow, where she met her husband, Dr John Haughney.

As a mature student she gained a BSc (Hons) in Psychology, a PGCE (distinction) and an MSc Education (commendation).

She worked in a number of schools in Glasgow, Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire in promoted positions before joining Hutchesons'.

Christine was a passionate teacher and leader who drew on her considerable life experience to maximise the potential of every child in her care. She regarded teaching as a privilege and her commitment to delivering high quality education and supporting all pupils was her life mission. She made sure she knew the name and background of every child in the Primary school.

She was instrumental in introducing the Big Writing initiative to Kingarth Street which, without doubt, raised the standard of attainment in writing in the Primary School. She was also unwaveringly supportive of younger, less experienced colleagues and gave freely of her time to guide Senior pupils considering a career in education.

Outwith school, she was a devoted mother to her two sons, David and John, both former pupils. A woman of many talents, she was a keen sportswoman with skill in a range of sports including karate, badminton, skiing and, latterly, golf.

Christine is survived by her husband, parents, David and Anne, her two sons and her sister, Carol.

A much-loved member of staff at Hutchesons', she is remembered fondly by pupils, colleagues and parents alike.



Staff Retirals

Calvin Clarke
Geography

Anne Jack
Modern Languages

Caroline Stevenson
Primary Music

Christine Smith
Classroom Assistant

Staff Leavers

Ken Greig
Rector

Adele Henderson
History

Jennifer Taylor
English

Sarah Milne
Maths

Alan Auld
Modern Studies

Deborah Aitken
Primary Art

Stephanie Martin
Development

Maria Campbell
Development

New Staff

Larissa Belch
Development

Carole Lyons
Music Administrator job share

Michael McLerman
Premises Team Leader

Morag Pirie
Kingarth Street Secretary

Ruth Harrison
Maternity Cover IT Support

Elaine Massie
Classroom Assistant

Melina Valdelievre
English

Elaine Prentice
Head of Geography

Amy Murch
Primary Music

Catherine Munro
Part time History/Modern Studies

Rachel Moffat
Primary Art

Stacey Baxter
Maths

Staff Obituaries

Mrs Mairi Fisher
Former Primary Staff 1938 - 2016

Hutcheson Merchandise

We have an extensive range of Hutchesons' merchandise ranging from our popular Hutchie tartan scarves to fine china mugs and Hutchie bears – all of which would make a perfect Christmas gift.

We recently added jewellery to our merchandise collection and we have for sale some beautiful silver pieces designed by former pupil Kirsty Fraser (C2007).

To purchase merchandise please email shop@hutchesons.org to find out more about our range.



Former Pupils In Memoriam

Mr Donald R Campbell
Class of 1963, 1945 - 2015

Mrs Edith M Fotheringham née Cullen
Class of 1952, 1935 - 2014

Dr Anne C Hepburn née Donaldson
Class of 1952, 1934 - 2016

Mrs Margaret Patricia Houston née Drummond
Class of 1952, 1934 - 2016

Mr Gerald Levin JP
1932 - 2016

Mr J Bruce Murchie
Class of 1952, 1934 - 2016

Norma Ellis Macarthur née Nicolson
Class of 1955, 1936 - 2016

Miss Mary (Molly) I Orr
Class of 1935, 1917 - 2016

Miss Margaret (Mollie) M Platt
Class of 1943, 1925 - 2016

Dr Jean Anne Smellie Pringle née Rankin
Class of 1953, 1936 - 2016

Mr Harvey A Reuben
Class of 1956, 1938 - 2014

Mr Homer Roddan
Class of 1949, 1930 - 2016

Mrs Sheila M Watt née McCorquodale
Class of 1950, 1932 - 2016

Miss L. Elaine Wood
Class of 1976, 1958 - 2016

Norma Ellis Macarthur née Nicolson
Class of 1955, 1936 - 2016

Margaret Hutcheson (née Sedding)

Class of 1970
1952 - 2016

Margaret Hutcheson (née Sedding) passed away on July 10 after a brave battle against cancer.

Margaret (C1970) was fiercely independent with a strong moral compass. She was a strong woman physically as well as mentally as the last few months have shown.

After leaving school she trained as a primary school teacher at Jordanhill college and spent her first two years in Milngavie.

She married in 1975 and set up home in the South East of England and got a job in a small community primary school. Margaret retired to Cyprus in 2004 where she learnt enough Greek to get by. While in Cyprus Margaret learned to drive and passed first time. She had always resisted in the UK because public transport was easily available.

For the last 10 years, Margaret was whole heartedly involved in the tourist industry, helping a friend by dealing with internet customer bookings for his taxi business. She was keen to put something back into the island economy that had felt like a home to her for over 30 years as a tourist then a resident.



James Young Scott, Dip Arch, RIBA, Rias.

Class of 1965
1947 - 2015

Jim died suddenly at his home in Georgetown, Grand Cayman, where he

had lived and worked since the early 1980s.

Born in Burnside, Rutherglen, the family moved to Pollokshields and Jim entered Primary 7 as one of the first intake to the new Hutchesons' building at Crossmyloof. He made a late decision to study architecture and was greatly supported by Gary Gray, then Art teacher at the school in adding a Higher Art to his group.

He graduated from Scott Sutherland School of Architecture at Aberdeen, and won a national award which took him to London, working with the then GLC on listed buildings in Belgravia.

He then moved to Yorkshire to an architectural firm whose portfolio included work on some of the city of York's historical buildings. While there he was awarded a Gold Medal by the Department of the Environment for designing a housing complex in Swaledale, utilising local stone and slate.

He had a keen interest in SCUBA diving, and when a former class mate from Aberdeen visited him, enthusing about the clear warm waters of the Caribbean where he had a post with



an architectural firm called OBM, the idea of combining his vocation with his sport proved too great a temptation for Jim to resist.

Initially working for OBM on Saint Maarten, he moved in 1980 to Grand Cayman, eventually becoming a director with the firm. When the devastating hurricane Ivan crippled the islands, he was instrumental in much of the subsequent rebuilding programme, especially the schools. At the height of the storm he "hijacked" a generator from a building site to keep the Georgetown Hospital operating, the local power supply having been washed out by the wave which bisected the island.

In 2012 he was awarded a Queen's Certificate and a Badge of Honour for his work. At the time of his death he was deeply involved in two major government projects: the new cruise liner berthing facility and the redevelopment of the Owen Roberts Airport.

He is survived by his widow Donna and daughter Claire Isobel on Cayman and by his brothers Dr W Sinclair Scott (C1962) and Rev Donald Scott (C1975) and their families in Scotland.

Gordon M Lyall

Class of 1951
1932 - 2016

Gordon was born in November 1932 and attended Mount Florida primary school before starting at Hutchesons' in Crown

Street. He enjoyed his time in the school, doing well academically and earning his colours as a key member of the rowing team.

After leaving school, Gordon served an apprenticeship at Barclay Curle's Clydeholm Shipyard whilst studying at Glasgow University for a degree in Engineering (Naval Architecture). After graduating from Glasgow he took a post graduate course in Production Engineering at Imperial College, London.

In 1958, Gordon married his long time sweetheart, Morag, and on return from honeymoon found his National Service call up papers waiting. He joined the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers - an obvious appointment for a Naval Architect! - and was commissioned after officer cadet training in Aldershot. He was consequently posted to the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham and was joined there by Morag and new baby daughter Susan. Son Ian (C1981) completed the family four years later.

Having been demobbed, Gordon returned to Scotland and worked for a short time in shipbuilding. He then joined Simpson Lawrence, a prestigious marine engineering business based in Hillington, and joined the Board as Works Director and then as Technical Director - a position he held until his retirement in November 1996.

Throughout his life, Gordon had a love of the sea and of sailing. He was a gifted craftsman who built and maintained a number of boats.



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His family and wide circle of friends enjoyed many happy times on board each of three cruising catamarans, voyaging extensively around the West Coast of Scotland, Ireland and the Isle of Man.

He and Morag moved to Largs in 2002 where they enjoyed glorious sea views and frequent family visits especially from grandchildren, Andrew and Amanda. His school years and many friendships formed whilst at Hutchie were never forgotten and Gordon was a regular attendee at Beaton Road reunions.

Gordon passed away in March 2016 from complications related to mesothelioma.

Peter Robert Hitchins

Class of 1946
1930 - 2016

Peter won a bursary to attend Hutchesons' in 1940. He attended the school at Crown Street throughout the war years but left abruptly in 1946 to join the



Royal Navy, where he rose from boy seaman to Lieutenant, retiring in 1983. He was a precocious polymath, with wide interests in chemistry, biology, anatomy, physics and languages: he was said to be fluent in Greek at the age of eleven! Peter died on his 86th birthday at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, England. He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

Mrs Edith Margaret Telfer née Thompson

Class of 1946 | 1928 - 2016

Edith was in a group of Hutchie girls which went 'harvesting' in south west Scotland towards the end of the war, caught a yearn for the countryside, got a degree in Agriculture and held the post of Milk Officer of Roxburgh and Selkirk until her Marriage in 1954. Thereafter she was a Farmer's wife, firstly in a farm close to the border with Northumberland, and then in two farms in the West of Scotland.

George McIlwham

Class of 1944 | 1926 - 2016

George McIlwham was the Crown Street boy who forged a career in music, studying the unusual combination of flute and bagpipes. A characterful and perennially dapper man whose roots lay on Arran, George's business card included the line "Pipes & Piccolo". He delighted in the soubriquet "The Prodigal Piper".

He played with several major orchestras, including the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, and in the 1960s was a mainstay in the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra.

Forever interested in life and people, George would sing or hum a tune at less than the drop of a veritable hat. A composer of some note, one of his pipe tunes was Waverley, both in honour of the paddle steamer of the same name, and the fact that he had on several occasions been ship's piper aboard the vessel (as had fellow Hutchie FP Gordon Casely).

He was a guest of the school in 2006, and greatly savoured his tour of the music department led personally by head of music Edgar Trotter. George's own compositions ranged from folk songs to arrangements of old Scots songs, to creating classical music and bagpipes tunes.

A friend of the composer Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, George was regularly called on by Sir Max to perform the bagpipe solo "Sunrise", the concluding movement of the composer's symphony "Orkney Wedding". At a Last Night of the Proms at the Albert Hall, George electrified the audience by entering high above the orchestra, and making his way down to the front beside the conductor. In full Highland garb complete with plaid, George acknowledged the concluding ovation not by bowing, but by saluting!

George who was married to Muriel and had two sons and three grandchildren, died peacefully on June 23 at Westerton Care Home in Bearsden. Thanks to Gordon Casely for his tribute to a fellow Hutchesonian.

Rev Ian William Robertson

Class of 1944
1925 - 2016

Ian was born on Brora Street, Riddrie, in Glasgow on the 18th of December 1925. He lived near Barlinnie prison, where his father worked for HMP Service, and first attended Riddrie Primary School before moving on to attend Hutchesons' Grammar school.



On leaving school Ian was enlisted for National Service and served with the RASC until demobilisation in 1945/6. Ian served in mainland Europe during the Allied advance through occupied France and then Belgium.

Upon leaving the Army Ian attended Glasgow University where he completed a MA degree. He followed this by studying at New College, Edinburgh University, for his Bachelor of Divinity degree, which included a two-year scholarship to Marburg University in Germany.

Ian's first Church of Scotland Ministerial appointment was as an assistant to the Minister of the rural parishes of Cranston, Crichton and Ford in Midlothian where he spent three years. During this time Ian and Irene, whom he had met whilst holidaying in Nairn, were married in 1957 at Rosebank Parish Church in Nairn.

Ian's first full charge was to Galston New Parish church in Ayrshire where he spent eight years and where his first two sons, David and John, were born. Tragically, John passed away aged thirteen months old.

In 1966 Ian took up a new challenge and moved to the parish of Queen's Park /Crosshill in Glasgow. Here he preached for eight years and during this time Ian and Irene had three further sons; Moray, Graham and Alastair.

In 1974 Ian and his family moved to his last charge of Colvend, Southwick and Kirkbean in rural Dumfries and Galloway. Here, Ian spent twenty

happy years in the wonderful Manse at Colvend. On retiring in 1995, at the age of seventy, Ian and Irene moved to Lochmaben, near Dumfries. Again, tragedy struck in 1996. Ian and Irene lost their first born son, David, who had fallen ill whilst living in Australia.

Ian spent twenty years in Lochmaben and saw the birth of two grandsons during this time. He continued to preach regularly and took his last service in Lochmaben Parish Church in April 2016 at the age of ninety.

Ian passed away peacefully on May 16th.

Mrs Margaret Campbell Alexander (née Fleming)

Class of 1941
1923 - 2014

Margaret Fleming was born at Muirside Farm in Carmunnock in 1923. She attended



Hutchesons' in the 1930s along with her elder sisters Jessie Clark (née Fleming) and Jean Coutts (née Fleming). Her Aunt, Alison Fleming, had also attended at the turn of the 20th Century. After marrying, Margaret had a long successful career in business. Her sons, William and James, attended the school in the 1970s and today two of her grandsons, Callum (S4) and Stewart (S2), also attend. A devoted Hutchesonian, she loved her time at the school and would talk fondly and proudly of it. Her strong conviction was that a good education was one of the foundations on which to build your life, a conviction she has handed on to her family.

Robert C Cumming

Class of 1939
1921 - 2015

Robert C. Cumming, passed away on 19th December, 2015, aged 94, after fifty-eight years



of happily married life to his wife Jean.

He was educated at Hutchesons' Grammar School, after which he went on to Glasgow University where he took a Law degree. He joined the Royal Bank of Scotland where, in time, he moved up to become Senior Executive Director of the Bank before retiring.

Outside of banking he served on a number of voluntary organisations including, amongst others, being treasurer of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, from whom he was awarded an Hon. Fellowship. He was also chairman of the English Speaking Union, as well as treasurer of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society.

Robert and Jean enjoyed travelling, visiting many far-flung places including the Arctic, the Antarctic, Australia and New Zealand, as well as the Middle and Far East. Robert also enjoyed photography and fishing and was a long standing member of Bruntfield Golf Club. He was blessed with good health throughout his long life and it was only latterly he was less mobile.

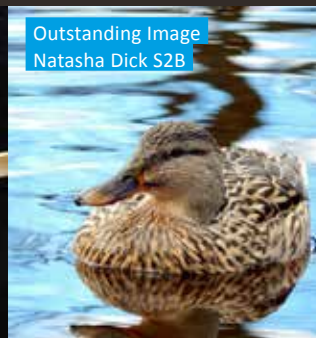
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Forthcoming Alumni Events

2016

Friday 18 November

George and Thomas Hutcheson Awards and 1641 event
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Saturday 10 December

Former Pupils' Club First Global Brunchner House for an Art Lover. 7pm for 8pm. For tickets and further information, please email brunchner@hutchesonsfp.org

2017

Wednesday 11 January

Hutchesons' Former Pupils' AGM Founders' Room, Beaton Road at 7pm

Thursday 19 January

Burns Event Caledonian Club, London. Contact Louise Duncan on 0141 433 4474 or email duncanl@hutchesons.org for tickets.

Saturday 4 March

Ladies Class of 1967 Reunion Reception and dinner at Kingarth Street.

Friday 12 May

Men's Class 2b 1947/48 Reunion Reception and lunch at Beaton Road. For more information please email Burnett Chisholm at jim.chisholm@btinternet.com

Saturday 13 May

Ladies Afternoon Tea at Kingarth Street.

Saturday 20 May

Class of 1992 Reunion Reception with canapés at Beaton Road. For further information please email Nicola Winston, Nicole Tolley and Vivienne MacLaren at hgsreunion1992@gmail.com

Dates for your diary October 2016 - February 2017

Wednesday 26 October

S5 Parents' Evening

Saturday 29 October

Open Morning, Secondary School at Beaton Road

Tuesday 1 November

S1 "Getting to Know You" Parents' Evening

Monday 7 November

Higher Philosophy Day Conference

Wednesday 9 November

Primary 4 Show

Tuesday 15 & Thursday 17 November

Kingarth Street Parents' Evenings

Sunday 20 November

Choral Society Concert

Tuesday 22 November

S4 Parents' Evening

Thursday 24 November

Secondary School Concert

Wednesday 30 November

Primary School Concert

Monday 5, Tuesday 6 & Wednesday 7 December

S1/2 Show : "Panto Time"

Friday 16 December

School closes: 12.10pm - Primary, 12.30pm - Secondary

Thursday 5 January 2017

Pupils return for Spring Term

Thursday 12 January

S3 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 18 January

S1 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 24 January

S2 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 25 January

Entrance Test Day

Wednesday 1 February

S4 "Subject Choice" Evening

Thursday 9 February

S5 Parents' Evening

Monday 13 - Friday 17 February

Half Term Holiday

Wednesday 22 February

S6 Parents' Evening

Thursday 23 February

Music Competition

For more information about any of these dates or to organise a reunion or event, please contact Louise Duncan, Alumni and Development Coordinator on **0141 433 4474** or email alumni@hutchesons.org



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