

THE HUTCHIE HERALD

Summer 2024/2025



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HUTCHESONS'
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Former Pupil Coffee Mornings** 10.30am – 12.30pm at H@PP, last Thursday of the month
All former pupils and friends of the School are welcome.
Next meetings will take place on:
Thursday 28th August 2025 and Thursday 25th September 2025
- **Ladies FP Golf Outing** Thursday 18th September 2025
- **Ladies Class of 1975 Reunion** Saturday 20th September 2025
- **Men's Class of 1965 Reunion** Saturday 8th November 2025
- **Class of 2025 Reunion** Monday 15th December 2025
- **Girls' 150th Anniversary Celebration** Saturday 9th May 2026
- **Ladies Class of 1976 Reunion** Wednesday 13th May 2026
- **Men's Class of 1966** Saturday 3rd October 2026

If you would like further information about any of the above events or are interested in organising a reunion for your class year, please email: alumni@hutchesons.org

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On the cover: Azkah Sardar C2019. Photo by Chris James Photographer.

RECTOR'S WELCOME



I have been fortunate that the final term of my first full academic session at the school has coincided with a remarkably dry and sunny Scottish spring and early summer. This fine weather has enabled our S3 pupils to enjoy the variety and challenges of their activities week, whether climbing Munros, camping overnight, supporting local charities, or litter-picking in Queen's Park. The weather has also supported our athletes in fully embracing the multi-school competitions that we have hosted on Saturday mornings.

As part of our commitment to ensuring that all pupils feel they belong to our community, we have been undertaking several important pieces of work. We have engaged Audrey Pantelis, a former head teacher and governor of SEND schools in England, to support us with our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion project. This has involved engagement with colleagues and currently includes surveying staff, pupils, and parents to understand what we can do better to support all pupils. Linked to this is our engagement with Joanna Panese of Scottish Autism and their Autism Practice Improvement Programme. We are also reflecting on the learning support that we provide our pupils with additional needs. To supporting all pupils in their learning, we have introduced personal digital devices this year, with all year groups to be completed next year.

Also, we are engaging colleagues, parents, and pupils as we review our uniform to ensure that it is cost effective and sustainable for families whilst remaining true to our commitment to high expectations for the school uniform.

As you will be aware from the press and my previous contribution to the Hutchie Herald, all independent schools across England, Scotland, and Wales are feeling the impact of VAT on fees. The senior leadership team and the governing body are working closely together to ensure that we continue to thrive despite these challenges.

As we approach the summer break, the sense of identity and commitment to Hutchie that was so clearly articulated by the senior prefects, whom I met as part of my interview process over a year ago, has been evident to me in our pupils and colleagues throughout this year. In particular, I would like to wish our S6 Leavers well for their future beyond school – they have been excellent in their commitment to school life.

Mark Ronan | Rector & CEO

FOUNDERS' DAY

Our Founders' Day service took place at Glasgow Cathedral earlier in the year, where we welcomed Former Pupil Peter Silverstone, C1996, and Chief Commercial Officer at Newcastle United Football Club.

Founders' Day provides a special opportunity to commemorate our founders, George and Thomas Hutcheson, and to reflect on the School's long and successful history. With the sun shining, it was a beautiful day for the momentous occasion.

Peter delivered an excellent, relatable speech that connected well with all ages. He spoke about truth, and his candid reflections on the highs and lows of his career offered valuable insights.

Peter spoke about his time at the school, from when he joined in Primary 6, right through to his 5th year in Secondary. He said;

"The school values of hard work, resilience, curiosity, independence of mind undoubtedly what have got me to where I am today. I always aimed high and that is why I have the job/career which is the envy of many of my friends."

Peter continued;

"Career paths needing to be flexible...Comfort Zones and Uncomfortable Zones...career choices can often involve sacrifice or risk...but sometimes this is what is needed to move forward. Things don't always go as planned. You need to adapt your tactics in game."

He also spoke about giving back;

"I've also used my role to make differences in other areas. In my time at Arsenal, I led the organisation of a charity match (Arsenal Legends vs. AC Milan Legends) which raised over £1m for the Arsenal Foundation & Save The Children. Similarly, I've also been a huge driver behind the growth of Women's football game at both Arsenal and Newcastle."

Founders' Day is also a moment to look ahead—to draw inspiration from those who came before us, and to consider the legacy we wish to leave behind, and Peter's speech emphasised how adaptability and resilience enable us to take risks and embrace new opportunities. It was an inspiring listen for all in attendance.

Our choir, led by Music Director Mr Tim Rhodes, sang beautifully, opening the service with Anton Bruckner's Locus Iste and then during the service John Rutter's "This is the Day".

Head Girl Arianna and Head Boy Robbie continued the service when they spoke with confidence in their readings, The Old Testament Book of Psalms, Psalm 139 vs 1 – 12 and 23 – 24, and Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 13 vs 4– 13, respectively.

We extend our special thanks to Peter for his inspirational address, as well as special thanks to Rev Mark E Johnstone for leading the service, and Clergy and Office Bearers for their valuable assistance.





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Peter Silverstone C1996



FORMER PUPIL SPOTLIGHT

– SUHIT AMIN C2019

Former Pupil Suhit Amin was recently named in the Forbes 30 Under 30 list for 2025, and we were delighted to catch up with him following this recognition and to hear more about his life after Hutchie.

Tell us about your company, Salderson Media?

I'm the Founder and CEO of Salderson Media, a leading influencer marketing agency that helps brands forge meaningful partnerships with male-dominated audiences. We specialise in gaming, tech, entertainment, SaaS, and fintech, and we've had the privilege of working with globally recognised brands like Netflix, Ubisoft, Revolut, ASUS, ACER, AB InBev and Microsoft. On the talent side, we've collaborated with some of the biggest digital creators in the world – including members of the Sidemen, Beta Squad, Mat Armstrong and creators from Logan Paul's team. Our job is to connect brands with the most culturally relevant influencers and execute campaigns that actually move the needle. With a team of nearly 20 influencer marketers, driving multiple 7 figures in revenue a year, the agency delivers world-class influencer and social media campaigns globally.

What led you to pursuing a career in business?

I've always had a passion for creating things. At 13, I started a YouTube channel as a hobby – then realised I could monetise it. That moment changed everything. I became fascinated by digital media and began building small ventures in the gaming and esports space. But the real turning point came when I was diagnosed with Stage 2A Hodgkin's Lymphoma at age 16. Everything changed. I suddenly had to face my mortality at an age when most people are planning what subjects to take in sixth year.

I remember vividly – in the middle of chemotherapy – thinking, "If I might die, I need to take action now. I need to follow my ambitions of being a successful entrepreneur and leave a legacy." That's when I launched Salderson Media. I didn't wait until university or "the right time." I went all-in during treatment. My perspective shifted completely: life became too short to wait for permission to chase success.

Where did you study after leaving School and what did this involve?

I went on to study at the University of St Andrews. Originally, I intended to complete a four-year degree, but after juggling full-time studies with running the business, I made the decision to leave after three years with a General

degree so I could fully commit to Salderson. It wasn't easy to walk away from one of the world's best universities and not complete a bachelor's degree. But I had unwavering belief in myself that I could be successful. I trusted my instincts – and it turned out to be the right move.

What is your current role and what does this involve?

As CEO, I lead the vision and strategy for the company. That involves setting the company direction, overseeing the growth of the business, managing high-level relationships with both brands and creators, growing our team, and continuously evolving our service offering. I spend most of my time working on higher leverage activities in which I disseminate down to the team to execute on.

I am also on the side of running the business focusing on growing my personal brand. I have a YouTube channel where I teach people how to launch and build their own successful influencer marketing agencies. Taking my 7 years of building a multi 7 figure agency with nearly 20 employees and providing it in simple and digestible information. This led to me building an online education company focused on helping others scale their agencies from 0 to 6 figures.

What have been your favourite moments so far?

There have been so many big moments. Building campaigns with creators I once idolised – like some of the Sidemen and Beta Squad – is surreal. Signing Ubisoft as a client, one of the world's biggest game publishers, and working on campaigns for games I used to play as a kid. Making my first million pounds with the agency. Alongside this, helping the world's biggest alcohol company AB InBev enter the sports world, helping build out ASUS' TikTok presence from the ground up, and flying around the world to speak on stage and to global activations all stand out.

But honestly there are two things that do it for me and both of these things have been part of a vision board that I keep on my phone lock screen.

Firstly, retiring my mum from her job back in 2022 was a pivotal moment for me. Being able to give back to the woman that raised me and made me the man I am today. Being able to tell her, she doesn't ever need to work again and can finally relax. That her son has made enough to take care of her financially. That was huge.

And alongside this, being named in the Forbes 30 Under 30 list in 2025 was a defining career moment and something I've wanted for years. Recognition like that makes you pause, reflect, and feel incredibly grateful for the journey so far.

What is the most enjoyable aspect of your job?

The creativity, the pace, and the people. I love building ideas from scratch, seeing them come to life, and then watching them outperform expectations. There's also



something deeply fulfilling about creating opportunities for others – whether that’s helping a content creator monetise their platform or watching a team member grow into their potential. The fact that I get to do this for a living still blows my mind.

But at the end of the day, I view entrepreneurship as a sport. I am obsessed. I am obsessed with working, self-improvement and “winning the game”. I love competing in a sport where only the very best can make it. That is what drives me forward. I want to win, and I want to be great. Being an entrepreneur allows me this.

What qualities are important for the role?

Resilience is number one. The entrepreneurial path is anything but linear. There are huge highs and humbling lows – and you have to ride both with composure. Leadership, creative thinking, discipline, and communication are also critical. Hutchie gave me a strong foundation – academically, yes, but also in terms of ambition, work ethic, and independence. I didn’t realise it then, but a lot of the values instilled during my time at school still guide me today.

Alongside this, as an entrepreneur, you have to be very good at emotion management. Entrepreneurship is living life in extreme mode. Your highs are extreme highs, and your lows are extreme lows. Most people will not experience the massive swings in their lives that entrepreneurship comes with. If you are too emotional, it can be very dangerous. So, one of the things you have to learn is to stay logical and remove emotion out of most decisions and business moves. I have become very good at this in my time, and it allows me clarity with making business decisions.

Do you have any advice for fellow Hutchesonians who wish to pursue a career in business?

Start early, fail fast, and take action. You don’t need to wait until you have it all figured out. The most successful entrepreneurs I know didn’t start with perfect ideas – they started with boldness and curiosity. Also, don’t be afraid to take a non-traditional route. Whether it’s skipping university, changing careers, or launching a business during chemo – your journey is yours to define. Don’t let a bad experience in your life like I did, be the reason you start. If you have aspirations. Just do it. Being young is an advantage in entrepreneurship. You have far less risk. No liabilities. If you fail, who cares. It’s the perfect time to give it a go.

What do you have coming up next and what are your future ambitions?

We’re scaling Sulderson even further – launching new service offerings, exploring equity partnerships with creators, and expanding our global footprint. Eventually, I will lead the business to exit into a larger marketing group, when the time is right and the market dictates.

Personally, I have a deep ambition to launch a cancer foundation in the future. I want to give back, fund research, and support young people who are going through what I did. I also want to build a lasting legacy beyond business – to use my story to inspire others to take action, live intentionally, and realise their potential. I am already doing this through my YouTube and online education business and hope to help 1000s of aspiring entrepreneurs find success.

Congratulations Suhit, we look forward to seeing how you and Sulderson Media evolve in the future.

REUNIONS & EVENTS

CLASS OF 2024

In December before the end of the Winter term, we were delighted to welcome back the C2024 leavers for some mulled wine and festive treats. Over 40 FPs joined the gathering and enjoyed the chance to catch up and share news with staff and former classmates. This is a lovely, now traditional, event for our newest alumni to return to school, see friends, and let us know how they are getting on. We very much look forward to welcoming our 2025 leavers later in the year.



CLASS OF 1985

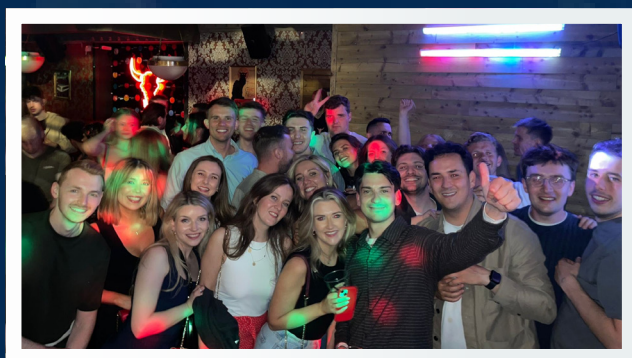
We were delighted to welcome back to school, the Class of 1985 for a reunion on Saturday 17th May. Former pupils from as far away as Canada and the USA to Spain, as well as closer to home, all gathered to catch up and reminisce.

Current school prefects were on hand to give guided tours, sharing stories and memories along familiar corridors, and exploring what has changed since leaving the School.

Settling in the Bistro for drinks and nibbles before heading off to continue celebrating into the small hours, it was a great get-together, and they are already looking forward to the next gathering.

CLASS OF 2014

On Saturday 31st May, the Class of 2014 met up in the centre of Glasgow to celebrate their belated ten-year reunion. Former classmates gathered at the Innis and Gunn Tap Room, before moving onto Buff Club. Everyone had a great time, catching up and reminiscing about school days, and there are definitely plans to meet up again, hopefully before 2035!



GOLF OUTING

The next FP Ladies Golf Outing will take place on Thursday 18th September at the Ladies Golf Club, Troon.

Moira Barnett and Andrea Church, both Ladies Club Members, are organising this year's outing with the back up from Louise Duncan in the Development Office at Beaton Road. If you are interested in playing, please email alumni@hutchesons.org, by end of July 2025. New players are most welcome.





LEGACIES – A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

In 1641, brothers George and Thomas Hutcheson left in their Wills a bequest to lodge and educate. Their foresight and vision led to the creation of Hutchesons' Grammar School.

The power of their gifts and the continued support of our loyal benefactors, generation after generation, have contributed enormously to the strong foundation on which Hutchesons' is built and will continue to thrive.

Leaving a legacy or bequest to Hutchesons' in your Will is one of the greatest gifts we can receive and

one that provides a real lasting benefit to the life of the School and to the lives of our pupils. They enable us to award Bursaries to pupils, based on academic merit and financial need, which is central to the philosophy of the School. They also help us plan for the future as we remain committed to delivering an excellent education of the highest standard within a caring, nurturing community for all our pupils.

To recognise and thank our benefactors in their lifetime, we have the 1641 Society, in honour of the first bequest by George and Thomas Hutcheson. Our members come from all over the world and enjoy being part of a group of like-minded individuals.

If you would be interested in finding out more about the power of leaving a legacy to the school or supporting the School in other ways, visit our website or contact the Development Office at:
development@hutchesons.org

SCHOOL NEWS



ST VINCENT'S DEAF HERITAGE PROJECT

St. Vincent's Centre for the Deaf are a Deaf Centre and registered charity based in Glasgow City Centre. St Vincent's received a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and have been running a project which involves collecting and recording their unique signs for posterity and publishing a book with a mixture of history and images.

The School's I.T department donated 16 laptops to support the smooth running of the final presentation launch, which was held at Glasgow City Chambers earlier in the year. The laptops allowed St. Vincent's Project Team to publish the findings of the digital archives they had sourced and allow guests to preview some of the recorded interviews that had been filmed, transcribed, subtitled, and then uploaded to YouTube for viewing. The event was a huge success with over 120 people attending and we were delighted to support St Vincent's, as without these devices to present the digital archives on, there would have been no event.

STRATHCLYDE COMPETITION – HIGHER BUSINESS

S5 Higher Business pupils Reuben, Aishan, Harry, and Charlie, won First Prize in the University of Strathclyde Diamond Anniversary Marketing Poster Competition.

The School welcomed Elizabeth McKee and Jane Johnstone, from the University's Marketing Department to present pupils with their trophy and prize. They praised pupils for their "level of detail, research, use of graphics, colourful poster and creative campaign activities" used in their Nike 'Still Doing It' poster, which impressed the judges.



CLASSICS SCHOOL TRIP

To complement their studies, pupils in S3 and S4 enjoyed a cultural trip to the Bay of Naples across the Easter Break. The trip started off with a visit to the Archaeological Museum of Naples, before exploring the crater of Mount Vesuvius, witnessing vapours and beautiful views along the Amalfi coast, and enjoying a talk from a volcanologist.



Pupils experienced a guided tour of Herculaneum, a town preserved in the volcanic eruption of 79 CE, as well as visiting Pompeii, seeing sights such as the amphitheatre, the forum, the baths, houses and shops. Visiting the Villa Oplontis, a luxury villa built by the emperor Nero, which has beautifully preserved wall decorations, gave a unique glimpse into ancient Roman life and furthered their learning experience. The trip was topped off with a gelato-making (and tasting!) workshop in Sorrento at Gelateria David, learning the secrets of artisanal gelato and bringing an entertaining and delicious end to this educational experience.

ADVANCED HIGHER ART



Eight of our Advanced Higher Art pupils had the incredible opportunity to visit the Glasgow Print Studio for a Woodcutting Masterclass. The workshop was led by Ian McNicol, a highly skilled Master Printmaker who has worked with renowned artists such as Peter Howson and Ken Currie.

During the session, students were guided through the intricate reduction printing process and had the rare chance to work with the magnificent Eagle Press – once used to print editions of The Glasgow Herald.

Drawing inspiration from their Advanced Higher portfolios, each pupil created stunning multi-layered colour prints, which will be valuable additions to their portfolios. This hands-on experience deepened their understanding of traditional printmaking techniques while allowing them to explore their artistic expression.



TINKERTOWN

P4-P7 pupils participated in a Leadership and Outdoor Learning Day, with the focus of developing their three leadership skills of; problem solving, collaboration, and responsibility. We were delighted to welcome TinkerTown to give pupils the opportunity to learn about architectures, engineering, and planning, through physically building their own creations. TinkerTown is an organization which promotes child-led creativity through construction. Learning to use tools, whilst learning the importance of communication and teamwork, pupils embraced our core values of creativity, curiosity and independence.



ROSSLYN PARK RUGBY TOURNAMENT

In March, Hutchie entered into the Rosslyn Park National Schools 7s rugby tournament in London. It was the first time the school had taken part, and the tournament is renowned as the world's largest school rugby sevens competition, providing a fantastic platform for showcasing top-level youth rugby talent and attracts teams from across the UK and internationally. The boys competed in the National Sevens U18s Vase competition and offered our pupils an incredible opportunity to challenge themselves at a high level.



HOCKEY SUCCESS

Our Girls' 1st XI Hockey team won the BP Plate Final for the second year in a row back in April. Up against St Columba's School, the team fell behind 0-1 in the first half but showed determination and desire to produce an excellent performance in the second half, to secure victory and to win 3-1.

Following their success, it was the turn of the Girls' 2nd XI Hockey team in the West District 2nd XI Tournament. Playing against Jordanhill in the final, the match was tense as it came down to running penalties, and with some heroic goalkeeping and winning the shoot-out, the team were crowned champions.

RICHARD ALLAN C1958



On Saturday 3rd May, family and friends of the late Richard ‘Dick’ Allan C1958 gathered at GHA RFC to celebrate a wee bit of rugby history and to pass on a legacy which they hope will inspire future talent.

Dick was the first pupil of Hutchesons’ Grammar School to be selected for Scotland’s International Rugby team in 1969. The game was part of the five nations championship and unfortunately Scotland were defeated 16–0 on the day, however Richard (pictured far right above) was commended for making good use of very poor ball.

Everyone present had a wonderful day celebrating Richard Allan’s achievements. The event was attended by family, friends and fellow Hutchesonians. The current 1st XV school Rugby Captain, Logan T. and fellow 1st XV player, Logan S., were also present for the presentation, including Ross Haggerty, Vice President of GHA RFC, Brian MacBride, past President of the FP Club, and Louise Duncan, Alumni & Development Officer.

Richard’s family were thrilled to see some of the old rugby team together at the event saying, it’s “an absolute delight to hear more about dad’s rugby days from the people who shared those times with him”. They also heard a firsthand account of pupils’ reaction to the half day announcement at assembly from Brian who was a Primary Pupil at the time and “who brought those moments to life”.

James Allan, son of Richard Allan shared his appreciation;

“Born in Glasgow on 16 March 1939, Richard Campbell Allan was a Burnside boy who attended Burnside Primary and came to Hutchesons’ Grammar School, enrolling in the session 1948/49.

Perhaps not a stellar student, his report cards indicated – well let’s say a preference for less academic pursuits.

He is first recorded in the Hutchesonian of 1950, the Tercentenary issue, in which his sporting talent is recognised as, “a first-class swimming prospect – if he is prepared to practice hard.”

Practice hard young Allan did, and by 1954 he was school swimming champion and 50-yard freestyle champion of Glasgow (any age), a title that brought the Rowan Cup to Hutchie for the first time. He would go on to become a champion swimmer with successes that included Glasgow Schools Championship, Scottish Schools Championship and Senior Scottish International Colours, swimming for Scotland in 1956.

Clearly a natural sportsman, he was also a golfer, but his passion was for his rugby, a sport he took to early in his Hutchie days. By 1955, R. C. Allan appears in the 1st XV under the Captaincy and most likely watchful eye – of one Gordon Ramsay.

Allan receives credit for his “abnormally long service” a reference to his fearsome dive pass from the base of the scrum and its contribution to “one of the most successful seasons in the club’s history”.

It is the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Gordon that exemplifies the kinship of Hutchesonians across the years and the bond that school sport creates.

Dick Allan’s departure from the school in 1957 was lamented by the School Swimming Club and the Rugby Club alike. However, Hutchesons’ Grammar School FPs were to gain some fresh legs and he immediately became a key player and a regular selection over the following 10 seasons.

Dick was very much in the mix, regularly playing against or rubbing shoulders with names like Telfer, Laidlaw, Brown and Carmichael. He would eventually captain FPs in 1964/64 and again in 68, preceded by G Ramsay and followed by his brother J G Allan and the Glasgow District teams with notable success. This includes a rather notorious visit to Toulouse where the revelries of a crushing victory over the Pyrenean side proved a little too much for the Glasgow Captain and his immaculately prepared after dinner speech – in French – became a hospital pass to his team mates.

At the time there was also a combination of District players into the Scottish Districts team. This was most often undertaken when a touring side was in the country and complimented the internationals. He was to run out in this guise against the All Blacks in November 67 and the Wallabies in October 68.



We have always celebrated the game of 69 and we'll come to that in a second, but Dick also sat as reserve for Scotland against Australia in 68 and against England in March 69. Both were wins but I don't doubt for a second the most memorable – and yet most bittersweet being on the bench – would be the trouncing of England at home, at Twickenham and taking the Calcutta Cup.

So to the career highlight – selection to the Scotland International Team to play Ireland at Murrayfield in February 1969. The first Scottish international player to hail from Hutchesons' Grammar School FPs. The announcement of selection was an incredibly exciting day for the club and the entire school was abuzz with the news.

Many made the trip to Murrayfield but despite the keen support, it was not to be Scotland's day. Losing the Captain Telfer in the first few minutes to concussion and there after going down 16 – 0 to an undefeated Irish side. Nonetheless Allans game was 'brave and selfless' and the record shows he was worthy of note for making the best of 'much worthless ball' from the scrum.

We know dad was not one for taking the limelight. Public speaking wasn't his thing but still, he would return to his School only days after the match to address the entire assembly and encourage the boys of the day to work hard at their sport.

We can't know the result of that little bit of inspiration, but we do know the visit prompted a rare and unexpected afternoon off for the pupils making Dick Allan the school hero for the day.

Dads' selection to play is recorded with pride in the June 1969 issue of the Hutchesonian and his shirt from the match is proudly displayed on the wall at GHA RFC.

It was a real pleasure for the family to bring the cap from that match into the daylight to join the shirt at GHA, so it can be shared, appreciated and perhaps give a little inspiration to some future rugby stars. Dick would be incredibly proud of that."

Ross Haggerty, Vice President of GHA Rugby club said "This event was a fantastic moment for the club." He

added "We want our kids to recognise that it was as exciting being picked for Scotland first XV in 1969 as it is today. Hopefully, having the cap and Jersey together will inspire more GHA kids and Hutchesons' pupils to aim for a Scotland call up in the future!"



The cap and jersey will be on display at the school, before being framed in GHA RFC at Braidholm. If you have any memories you would like to share with us or the family, please email alumni@hutchesons.org



L-R: Donny Robertson C1957, J Gordon Allan C1960, Gordon Ramsay C1956, J Murray Kerr C1959 and David Robb C1961.



Dick Allan's children, Fiona, Heather and James, pictured with Logan S. and Logan T. from the current 1st XV Rugby team.



LIVES IN THE ARCHIVE - DOROTHEA CHALMERS SMITH



Dorothea
Chalmers Smith
enrolled at the
school, aged 12
years old, under
her maiden
name Lizzie

Lyness, along with her sister, Jane. She attended the school on a bursary between 1883 – 1889. Back then, if pupils didn't attend all their classes and pass all their exams to a satisfactory level, then they could lose their bursary for the following year, therefore Dorothea worked very hard whilst at the school and enjoyed various pursuits, such as swimming.

After leaving the school, Dorothea went on to Glasgow University, however when she enrolled at the university, women couldn't receive a degree and could only sit classes and exams to become a 'Lady of Letters'. Women couldn't graduate, but luckily the law changed in 1893 in

Scotland, and Dorothea was in the first cohort of ladies to receive a degree in 1894 from the university. There were only four of them, and Dorothea was one who received her degree in medicine. (Dorothea was one of the first four female graduates of the university and our first female graduate of the school, that we know of.)

Dorothea worked at the Royal Samaritan Hospital for women in Glasgow, and also did charity work, but she wasn't only a pioneer doctor, she was also a militant suffragette. Her story is an interesting one – she was arrested for arson on 23 July 1913 along with artist Ethel Moorhead who was arrested under the name of Margaret Morrison.

Both ladies visited a property at 6 Park Gardens in Glasgow under the guise of buying the house. Unbeknown to the estate agent one of them was actually disguised as an old lady and half-way through visiting the property she feigned tiredness and so the other accompanied her to the door and then returned to the estate agent. What he didn't know is that the one dressed up didn't actually leave the property but hid inside until it was dark and then let her 'accomplice' back in. (It is suspected she was hiding inside a fireplace as she was covered in soot when discovered.) It was only due to a passing policeman noticing a light flickering in the property that they were discovered before they managed to set fire to the house. Firemen found matches, firelighters, six flasks of paraffin, candles and a postcard bearing the words 'A protest against Mrs Pankhurst's re-arrest'.

The trial was an absolute sensation at the time, with their case tried in the High Court at Jail Square – hundreds of suffragettes attended the trial. Both ladies conducted their own defence and refused to plead. When the sentence was handed down their supporters shouted,

“Pitt Street, Pitt Street” (in reference to the judge handing his acquaintances a much more lenient sentence after being caught in a house of ill-repute), and the judge and rest of the court were pelted with apples. The judge came down hard on Dorothea and Ethel, and it’s believed he also did so as a deterrent for other suffragettes wanting to make ‘mischief’.

Their supporters were not happy at the 8-month sentence. Dorothea and Ethel immediately went on hunger strike. Ethel became the first woman in Scotland to be force-fed. When they became physically weak, they were released from prison, under the Cat and Mouse Act, and were placed under house arrest. Dorothea managed to evade the detectives posted to her door by dressing up (according to some, in her sister’s Hutchie school uniform) but according to police records on the NRS website she actually dressed up as an old woman again – the officers posted to her door were relieved of their duty for falling for something they already knew she was good at.

Dorothea was also suspected of plotting to blow up the Kibble Palace at the Botanic Gardens in Glasgow, which made international news.

After the First World War Dorothea and her husband divorced (he was a minister of the Church of Scotland, and the church frowned upon his wife and her activities) so she left with her three daughters but was not allowed to see her three sons again.

Dorothea went on to work in the newly established child welfare clinics in Glasgow and was a pioneer in child-care. Her three daughters also went on to become doctors. Dorothea died in 1944, and her silver WSPU Hunger Strike medal was donated to the People’s Palace by one of her daughters.



CREDITS:

Dorothea Chalmers Smith (source; Wikipedia) Lizzie Lyness, Bursary Entry 1888 (source; School Archive)

In The Dock, Dorothea is pictured here on the left (source; National Records Scotland)

Hunger Strike Medal (source; Glasgow Women’s Library)

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF GIRLS AT OUR SCHOOL - SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

2026 will mark a remarkable milestone – the 150th anniversary of girls attending Hutchesons’ Grammar School. What began in 1876 as a bold step toward educational equality, has blossomed into a proud legacy of achievement, resilience, and community.

Over the past century and a half, generations of girls have walked through our school’s doors, shaping its culture, excelling in academics, the arts, and sport, and going on to make a difference in the world. From chalkboards to Chromebooks, pinafores to STEM labs, the journey of girls in education reflects a broader story of social progress, inclusion, and innovation.

As we prepare to honour this extraordinary anniversary, we want to hear from you – our alumni, former staff, current pupils, and community members. Whether you were a pupil in the 1950s or have recently left school, your memories help tell the story of our shared past.

What do you remember about the uniform, rules, regulations and traditions? Did you have a favourite teacher who inspired you? A funny story about a classmate you’ll never forget? Or a moment in the school play or assembly that sparked your future?

We invite you to submit your personal stories, photos and memorabilia to be included in our 150th Anniversary ‘Celebration Day’ exhibition which will take place in May next year.

Submissions can be held anonymously – every voice adds to the rich tapestry of our history.

How to Submit:

Email your memory to:

archives@hutchesons.org

**Or post it to the Secondary School at
Beaton Road c/o The Archivist**

Deadline for submissions: December 2025

Let’s celebrate the lives, friendships, and futures built here, and help us honour the legacy of girls at our school by sharing your story, because history isn’t only what’s written in books – it’s what we remember, and what we pass on.



Azkah Sardar



Carol Biggart



Iona Bremner



Craig Geddes



Chris Loudon



Chris Barrowman

FORMER PUPIL NEWS

Azkah Sardar C2019

We were delighted to learn that following a nationwide search, Azkah had been selected to be Scotland's Voice of the Nation for Ring's Quick Replies. Azkah said "I first heard about the opportunity when Ring announced they were looking for a Scottish voice for their video doorbell. I actually came across the casting call on the radio and thought it was such a fun and unique way to celebrate Scottish voices. Our accents tell stories about where we're from, and I wanted to be part of something that highlights that. The selection process involved submitting voice recordings, and after that, I was chosen from over 300 applicants. It was such an exciting moment to find out I'd been selected, and it's been an amazing experience from start to finish!"

She added "Being part of this campaign is incredibly meaningful. Accents are so personal – they're tied to who we are and our identity. I think Ring has done a great job of bringing a touch of Scottish culture into people's homes. It's quite surreal to think my voice will become familiar to so many, but I love the idea of it being comforting for people, like hearing a voice that sounds like a friend or a neighbour.

This experience has also made me realise how much personality and expression you can convey through voice alone. I'd love to explore this further—it's such a fun and creative outlet!

I'm truly grateful to have been part of this journey, and I hope it inspires others to embrace their accents and take pride in them because they're such a huge part of what makes us unique."

Congratulations Azkah.

Craig Geddes C2020

Craig is currently completing a Masters in Engineering at Edinburgh University. As part of his course he has been working on a project which earned him a scholarship award from Scottish Power Renewables. He was presented his award with other students receiving similar awards from across Europe in Madrid earlier this year. An added bonus was the award was presented by the King of Spain himself. Congratulations Craig and keep up the great work.

Iona Bremner C2016

Congratulations to Iona who won the WhatsOnStage Award, for Best Off-West End Production of Diary of A Gay Disaster, at a star-studded ceremony at the London Palladium in February.

The award was for her production of the brand-new show, which played at Underbelly for the Edinburgh Fringe last year and the Arcola Theatre in London, gaining numerous 5-star reviews as well as building an online following of over 100k on their platforms.

Iona said "Winning this award against all the powerhouses of this industry was surprising and amazing all at once. This show was a combination of incredible hard work from a small team of dedicated and passionate creatives. I am immensely proud to be part of it – and the achievement we have reached together. This story matters and is important – and I am so glad to be able to contribute my skills to make it happen."

After Hutchie, Iona studied Theatre Studies/Film & TV Studies at the University of Glasgow, achieving First Class, before moving to London to do a Masters in Creative

Producing at The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama. Since graduation, she has been working full time as an arts producer and works throughout the UK and internationally. Through her companies Iona Bremner Productions and Sláinte! Theatre, her work focuses on amplifying previously ignored voices and stories; exploring identity through devised work; and improving access to the arts. As well as an independent theatre producer, Iona is the Associate Producer for The Revel Puck Circus, Community Producer for Camden People's Theatre, and a Board member for Framework Theatre.

Some of her recent and future projects include Derry Boys at Theatre503, London, The Circus Yard, Brighton Fringe and various shows with Underbelly at the Edinburgh Fringe 2025.

Well done Iona and we look forward to watching your continued success on stages across the UK and beyond.

Chris Loudon C2003

Chris was selected to run for the Scottish Masters athletics team at the recent world Masters Indoor Championships in Gainesville, Florida. At the event, Chris was aiming to achieve personal best times in both the 800m and 3000m events. In his first event, the 800m, Chris safely qualified for the final where he ran a time of 1.57.48 to gain a Silver medal and beat his personal best by 2 seconds. In his last event, the 3000m, he managed to push himself to finish in new personal best time of 8.39.08 and win a Bronze medal. Excellent work from him and sure he now deserves a few days off to recover!

Carol Biggart née Hutchison C1976

Congratulations to Carol Biggart, who has been named as the first female chair at Cathcart Castle Golf Club.

In the club's 130-year history, Carol will hold the most senior management position as the new chair of the Council of Management. For the next three-years, Carol will oversee the club's finances, course development and clubhouse facilities.

Former Gents' Captain Alan Slater said he proposed Carol "without hesitation".

Carol brings a wealth of experience to the position. After graduating with a degree in economics and maths from the University of Edinburgh, Carol worked as an investment analyst in Glasgow and latterly Australia. After returning to Scotland she joined Murray Johnstone, followed by Scottish Amicable, as a fund manager. Carol has also previously run her own business, a custom signage supplier, and mentored with the Women into Business programme run by Glasgow Opportunities.

She has been a member of Cathcart Castle since 2001. Of her appointment, Carol said: "My ambitions for

Cathcart Castle Golf Club are to continue to build on the progress of the past few years, both on the course and off it."

Congratulations Carol and we wish you much success in your new role.

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Chris Barrowman C1995

Chris Barrowman, who owns one of Scotland's fastest growing independent dental groups, has signed a pioneering partnership and co-branding agreement with OSD Healthcare, 5-Star state-of-the-art Hertfordshire Private hospital 27 miles from London, giving Chris access to English dental markets for the first time.

The unique deal sees Scottish based Infinityblu, one of Scotland's leading dental implant providers, offering OSD Healthcare patients with full mouth and other implant options at their high-tech facility in Hemel Hempstead.

This follows his most recent £775,000 purchase of the dental company Eyemouth Dental Practice Ltd, a 4-surgery dental practice in the Southeast coast of Scotland.

Uniquely, the partnership will also enable patients from both Scotland and England to have implant work undertaken under General Anesthetic, thanks to access to the hospital's on-site anesthetic experts and suites.

The new partnership sees Infinityblu moving into wider UK markets and get Chris's Infinityblu brand outside Scotland and specifically into the London market.

Chris, a past winner of Scottish Young Dentist of the Year, has grown Infinityblu through a combination of newly opening of sites and acquisitions, from opening a dental practice in 2007 in the Perthshire village of Pitlochry, to total of 12 dental practices, in Dunkeld, Crieff, Auchterarder, Auchtermuchty, Alyth, Callander and Killin as well as its 4 Scottish Borders locations. Chris employs over 150 staff and 40 dentists, with his dental group caring for over 60,000 patients and performing hundreds of dental implants every year, from single implants through to full arch implants.

Despite projecting a 10-million-pound turnover for this financial year, Chris's passion is in endurance sports, regularly competing in Ironman distance triathlon races and ultra running events. The focus for this year, is the CCC in August, part of the UTMB world ultra running races, a 101km running race skirting around Mont Blanc, covering 6050 meters in elevation, which starts in Italy, continuing through Switzerland, with the finish line in the town of Chamonix in France. Best of luck Chris!

G&T AWARDS

The G&T Awards are made by the FP Council each year to honour 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”.

On Friday 14th March 2025, we were delighted to welcome Gail Kent C1993, Global Public Policy Director at Google and Prof David Ulph CBE C1964, Professor of Economics, St Andrews back into school to receive their G&T Awards. A posthumous award was also presented to David's late brother, Prof Alistair Ulph, C1964.

Professor Alistair Mitchell Ulph Class of 1964 was a distinguished academic and economist who combined ground-breaking research with significant contributions to university administration.

After leaving school as Proxime Accessit in 1964, Alistair studied at the University of Glasgow where he graduated with a First-Class Honours degree in Statistics and Political Economy. He went on to study at Balliol College Oxford, where Alistair graduated with a BPhil in Management in 1970.

Alistair's first appointment was with the Oxford Business School, before joining his brother in 1972 at the University of Stirling, where they started a fifty-year research collaboration on a wide range of topics. Alistair took up a Research Fellowship in 1974 at the Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies at the Australian National University, which sparked a life-long interest in resource and environmental economics, particularly the economics of climate change.

In 1979, Alistair joined the Department of Economics at the University of Southampton. His 25 years at Southampton corresponded with a flourishing of the Department, where he rose to become Professor of Economics, Head of Department, Dean of Social Sciences, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor leading the university in relation to both research policy and finance.

He moved to the University of Manchester as Deputy Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Humanities from 2004 to 2010. Alistair was highly regarded by colleagues for the compassion and vision with which he steered the Faculty. Within just a few years, he established the second Confucius Institute in the UK (2006), founded the Sustainable Consumption Institute (2007), and recruited world-renowned figures, including Nobel laureates.

However, it was the creation of the Institute for Social Change (2006), including the five-year programme, the Social Change Harvard-Manchester Initiative, that Alistair regarded as the highlight of his career.

Alistair stepped down as Dean in 2010 but continued to contribute to various academic institutions. He was Chair of the Board of Manchester University Press from 2013–20, and both Member of Council and Deputy Pro-Chancellor at the University of Keele between 2011 and 2020.

Alistair was an illustrious researcher and did ground-breaking work on the economics of climate change, particularly on the link between trade and environmental policy. His careful research challenged many widely held views.

Alistair sadly died in October last year, and we were delighted that his twin brother, David, accepted the award on his behalf.

Prof David Tregear Ulph CBE, FRSE, FRSA, is current Emeritus Professor at the University of St Andrews. He was Dux medallist in 1964 and won a bursary to Glasgow University, graduating with a MA honours in Mathematics and Political Economy, before going on to take a BLitt at Oxford University.

After completing postgraduate studies at Oxford in 1971, Professor Ulph was appointed Lectureships in Economics at the University of Stirling and then University College London (UCL). In 1982, he was promoted to a Readership at UCL, before moving to University of Bristol in 1984 as Chair and Head of Department. He returned to UCL in 1992 as Professor of Economics and Head of Department of Economics and became Executive Director of the ESRC Centre for Economic Learning and Social Evolution at UCL in 1997. David's research covers a wide range of issues relating to public policy, including the design and performance of taxes and benefits. From 2001 – 2006 he was Chief Economist and Director of Analysis at HM Revenue and Customs (formerly Inland Revenue) and from 2015 – 2021 was a member of the NHS Pay Review Body.

Nineteen years ago, David returned to Scotland when he was appointed Professor of Economics at the University of St Andrews, where he was Head of the School of Economics & Finance until 2009. From 2010 – 2017 he was Director of the Scottish Institute for Research in Economics.

Professor Ulph has published over 100 articles in refereed journals and books; raised over £1.25m in research funding; has been on the Editorial Board of many leading

journals and served on Research Panels/Committees for many research councils and learned societies in the UK and abroad. In 2010 he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and in 2016 he was awarded a CBE in the New Year's Honours List for services to Economics and Social Science.

David spoke fondly about his time at school, his career, including that of his brother, and the research they did together. He encouraged pupils to show resilience and perseverance in following their passions and being open to their passions taking them in directions they had not anticipated. He also added that in today's world, it was important to "stand up for honesty and truth and believe you not only can but must challenge received thinking, even if that thinking comes from people you admire, is very widely held and even if it has potentially uncomfortable consequences."

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Gail Louise Kent C1993 has had a varied career working at the crossroads of technology, policy, and public service. She's focused on connecting people, keeping them safe, and making sure everyone's voice is heard.

After leaving Hutchie in 1993, Gail's journey has taken her to six countries and nine cities – starting with a year off in Germany the day after her 18th birthday. Early on in her career, Gail spent 17 years with the UK's National Crime Agency, where she tackled international crime like drug trafficking, people smuggling, and cybercrime, focusing on how criminals communicate with each other. Another international posting gave her four years in Italy fighting the mafia.

Always eager to learn, Gail earned a Police Fulbright Scholarship at Stanford University, California, adding to her degrees in politics from Cambridge University and in Contemporary Art from Goldsmiths College, University of London.

After law enforcement, Gail made the leap to the tech world, leading global security and law enforcement policy at Facebook (Meta) from 2015. As Global Policy Director,

she was a key player in making Messenger and Instagram DMs safe and private, and she spent five years working on end-to-end encryption for Messenger.

But Gail's passion for public service didn't stop at law enforcement or online safety. In 2017, angry at Brexit, she ran for Parliament as a Liberal Democrat, campaigning for a more open and tolerant society.

Today, Gail is Global Public Policy Director at Google and oversees Search, News, and Gemini. Her role means she is responsible for how people around the world use these products and how governments regulate them. She's working hard to make sure technology, including AI, empowers people and communities while keeping them safe and secure. With 30 years of experience in government, academia, and the tech industry, Gail knows how to navigate complex challenges.

Gail spoke warmly of her time at school, and her career.



She spoke about the importance of two things: purpose and people, and encouraging those present to "find their purpose, great or small, and to keep your people close to you." She concluded by saying don't wait for life to start, "It's started, live it". And most importantly, only one person can decide if you are living a good life, and that is you. "Take ownership of your own good life."

We were delighted that David and Gail also took time on the day to attend Higher Politics and Economics classes, which pupils found "inspirational, engaging and enjoyable".

If you would like to nominate someone for consideration by the FP Council, please send a short summary of your nominee and supporting reason to:
alumni@hutchesons.org

CHARITY UPDATE



In the last Hutchie Herald edition it was shared that this year's school charity partner would be Merry-Go-Round Glasgow. Since then, we were delighted to welcome Merry-Go-Round's founder Sam Moir, who spoke to pupils about the charity's important work.

Pupils have been doing all they can this session to help raise vital funds and annual events such as non-uniform day and the weekly community café have continued to prove successful, as well as new events such as the Ghost Tour and Young Enterprise donations. Pupils in the Secondary School enjoyed their charity weeks, with Pie the Teacher and Guess the Teddy's Age activities proving favourites. The Primary School have held Toy Sales, Dressed to Impress events and Teacher Potato Head competitions to name a few. More recently in April, Hutchie Kiltwalkers, P6's Aayan, Duncan and Ruaridh, along with S1's Aaditya, also trekked 14 miles (for 5 hours!) for the Glasgow Kilt Walk Big Stroll.

Night at the Musicals was also a phenomenal success with sold-out performances across its two-night run. With 27 musical theatre numbers performed throughout each evening, it was a jam-packed production. For those that missed it, songs ranged from fun-loving musicals like Hairspray and Wicked, blockbuster favourites like Les Misérables and Jesus Christ Superstar, to the lesser-known Bonnie and Clyde. Over 100 talented pupils were involved, be it performing on stage or in the orchestra and all profits contributed to our fundraising efforts.

At the time of print, we are delighted to share that pupils, families, staff and the wider Hutchie community have raised £8,600 for the 24/25 school session.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Hutchie pupils and families for their incredible generosity by donating a large number of Easter eggs as part of a special school initiative. The thoughtful contributions were gathered with the goal of bringing

joy to children spending the holiday in hospital. During the Easter break, Mrs Moffat, along with P7 pupils Murray and Mikey, visited the Glasgow Children's Hospital to deliver the eggs. The staff and young patients were absolutely delighted with the donation, and the heartfelt gesture was warmly received.



OBITUARIES

Janet (Jan) MacMartin née Christie C1986, 1968 – 2025, beloved wife of Bruce and loving mother of Kyle.

Roy B M McCormick C1953, 1934 – 2025, father of Karen Pearce née McCormick C1982

Rev Douglas Alexander C1953, 1935 – 2024*

Dr Douglas G Garvie OBE C1950, 1932 – 2025*

Moiria Borchert née Anderson C1952, 1935 – 2023

Sir Kenneth C Macdonald C1948, 1930 – 2025*

Irene Anne Riddell née Fyfe C1964, 1945 – 2025*

Mabel A Shepherd née Stevenson C1953, 1935 – 2024

Jack Geekie C1958, 1940 – 2024*

Mary B Maccallum née Alexander C1955, 1937 – 2024

Archibald F Wood C1954, 1934 – 2025

Frances M Cooper née Macintyre C1948, 1930 – 2024

Janice (Jane) Prowse née Parks C1975, 1957 – 2024

*Full obituary to follow in next edition.

William T Barker II C1954, 1937 – 2024



William “Bill” Barker, lived a life that could’ve filled a novel. He was born in Cathcart to an English mother and a Scotsman.

He endured the deprivations of

World War II and talked his way into a job at a local farm at the tender age of nine. His initial “interview” was conducted from atop a large hay bale, tamping down the haystack while staying just clear of jousting pitchfork tines. He spent many summers and weekends at the farm while attending Hutchesons’ Grammar School for boys.

He was sadly under the impression that he wasn’t the brightest of students because his grades were only middle of the road. It wasn’t until many years later that he learned that Hutchesons’ was a school for gifted students and top academics. This may be one impetus for his incredible drive to succeed in all that he took on. He joined the Aeromodellers Club, got a pilot’s license, went to sea and became a first mate. He sailed the world for five years. During this time, at the age of 17, he met the Lord and consecrated himself to Him. Two years later, seeking Christian fellowship

while in port in NYC, he met the love of his life, Caroline Gruhler, and pursued her, very romantically, until she finally agreed to become his wife a year later. He left the sea and immigrated to the USA in 1958 and married Carol in August of 1959. During this time, he began a 35-year career with Sears, Roebuck and Co. at a starting salary of \$45 a week.

Bill’s career took his family to various locations in New York, Connecticut, Ohio, and ultimately to Chicago, IL. While he travelled much of the Midwest for business, his office for many years was in the Sears Tower. Bill and Carol settled in Evanston where they raised their three children, Geoffrey, Diane, and William (Jennifer).

They now have three grandchildren, also, Keith, Meghan, and Brynn whom they love dearly. Bill loved living by and sailing on Lake Michigan, driving through the ever-growing Northwestern campus, and frequenting the many restaurants of the North Shore. He and Carol had an active social and church life in Evanston. After retiring, Bill and Carol moved to a lakeside condo in Wilmette and spent much time traveling to many countries visiting family and friends as well as having adventures in new places. The last few years brought physical challenges to Bill, but he was active and engaged to the end.

He went to be with the Lord in the early morning of the Lord’s Day, April 7, 2024, very peacefully with Carol by his side.



Harley Atkinson

C1957, 1940 – 2025

Harley was an exemplary scholar. He was Dux of Hutchesons' in 1957 and was awarded a First-Class Honours degree in Physics and Mathematics from Glasgow University in 1961. Upon graduating, he joined the Atomic Energy Authority, moving north to Thurso to work on the Experimental Fast Reactor at Dounreay. There he encountered the problem of data being generated faster than the computers of the time could process, which sparked a growing interest in computing. In 1967 he moved south to join the young software development company Computer Analysts and Programmers (CAP). There followed a long and successful career in computing including major projects in the UK, the US, South Africa, Poland and Sweden.

Whilst at University, Harley discovered the love of mountains which stayed with him for life. Starting with bagging Monroes, he later trekked with a friend in the Alps every summer for 27 years, taking in nearly 300 alpine passes. In 2002 Harley was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer and underwent a prostatectomy, afterwards joining his surgeon and fellow sufferers on their ambitious fundraising treks for Prostate Cancer UK and The Urology Foundation. Harley's first of these was the West Highland Way (which he had already done twice), followed by Yorkshire's muddy Lyke Wake Walk.

Amongst others was the hazardous GR20 (down the spine of Corsica), then the remote Kingdom of Mustang in Nepal and lastly the rugged Simien Mountains National Park, a World Heritage Site in Northern Ethiopia (on which, at the age of 78, he was the oldest by nearly 10 years).

In 1977 Harley moved to Highgate, London and on nearing retirement became a dedicated contributor to the community, serving the Highgate Society (a Civic Society with over 1400 members) in several key roles for over 25 years and becoming Vice President.

With his wife Robbie, Harley was a regular attendee at the Hutchesons' Burns Supper for London alumni held at the Caledonian Club. He was delighted to be asked to give the Address to the Haggis on several occasions and on one occasion, the Toast to the Immortal Memory.

Harley's other interests included literature of all kinds, theatre, classical music, opera, cricket, cryptic crosswords and of course his family. He is survived by his wife Robbie; children Kenneth, Lesley and Jackie; grandchildren Michael, Ellie and Olivia, and brother Ian (also an alumnus of Hutchesons').

In early 2022 Harley's Prostate Cancer returned, and he died at home on 6th January 2025, surrounded by his family.



Sandra Hamilton née Mason C1962, 1944 – 2025

Brought up in Rutherglen, with her brother Douglas, Sandra had a natural aptitude for languages and studied French and German at Glasgow University. Her first experience of travel came whilst studying, when she lived for a year in Germany.

This began a life of travel, languages and culture. After graduating, she took her first job in Orkney, where she taught French and German. She relished the community here, and thoroughly enjoyed teaching but ready for another adventure, took up her next job in London.

Sandra was working as a translator in the Civil Service when she met Ian, the love of her life, and they married in September 1970 in Larkhall, outside Glasgow. They enjoyed a happy marriage full of socializing and dinner parties, with Mairi born in 1974.

Both Sandra and Ian were working for the Civil Service, Sandra traveled a lot to France and throughout Europe. However, Sandra never remained in her comfort zone for long and took on a new role teaching children who were excluded from school at the Wandsworth Home Tuition Centre London.

Here her special talent for being able to connect with even the most challenging pupils was realised. Sandra was able to form genuine relationships and encourage her students to stay on for qualifications. It was a hugely rewarding job for Sandra, and she thrived in this most challenging of environments

where she had to use all her ingenuity to make a difference. She remained in the Home Tuition Centre until she retired.

After retiring, she and Ian bought a home in Northern France where they would spend half of their year soaking up the French culture and polishing her impeccable French.

They enjoyed travelling but when this slowed, they returned to live in Scotland, initially in Portincaple and then Helensburgh.

Ian's death was a huge loss for Sandra, but she did what any adventurous 70-year-old should do, joined lots of clubs and went traveling alone! She joined the art group, the beading group, the Horti group and enjoyed lots of social evenings with her friends.

Sandra also took on a role volunteering at her local Oxfam shop, and would take her trusty greyhound, Ben, a trained therapy dog, into the local care homes.

Sandra had an appetite for life. She visited so many places, all enriching her and her life experience and was never without friends, or a good story to tell.

She was intelligent, talented, thoughtful, empathetic, brave, adventurous, determined, quirky, cultured, friendly, challenging, witty, and a good friend.

She leaves a daughter Mairi, son-in-law Darren, four grandchildren, her brother Douglas, his wife, Elizabeth, and their two children.

Valerie A Brotherton née Hill C1954, 1936 – 2024



Valerie Brotherton, née Hill, attended Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School from 1941 – 1954. Valerie was born in Shawlands and was very proud of

her scholarship to be able to attend the school. She excelled in English, French and Art. She particularly enjoyed the lessons from her English teacher Sara Cockburn and her music teacher James Reid (Baritone). In her 6th year at High School, she was awarded the Hilda and Isabel Smith Prize for English, Miss Kennedy's Prize for French Speaking and the Prize for Spoken English. She loved music, especially classical concerts with her school friends Crisetta and Christina. She went on to study English Language and Literature at Glasgow University, graduating in 1958. Following that, she spent a year working for the Ministry of Labour and then taught English in Imatra, Finland.

After moving to Edinburgh in the early 1960s to do teacher training, she became an English teacher at James Gillespie's High School. Among her pupils were Lorraine Mann and Viv Lumsden. She later taught Communication at Napier Polytechnic and Jewel and Esk Valley College.

She went on to marry David Brotherton, whom she met on a production of *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*, which received a notable review from Times drama critic Harold Hobson. They had two daughters, Claire and Lydia, and a granddaughter Carina.

She retained a keen interest in drama, acting in and directing productions, and was on the committee of the Corstorphine Trust. She enjoyed history and visiting museums and galleries. One highlight was visiting the Uffizi Gallery in Florence in 2018. She enjoyed playing and watching tennis, visiting Wimbledon three times.

She was always a proud former pupil of Hutchesons' and often spoke fondly of her time there. She will be dearly missed by her family.

Graham Neill C1962, 1944 – 2024



Graham Neill, who passed away in November 2024, lived a full and remarkable life. Born in 1944, he spent his early years in Mount Florida before moving to Muirend.

His school days at Hutchie were deeply formative, laying the foundation for lifelong friendships and shaping much of his character. It was through these close school friends that he eventually met the love of his life, Sue. Together, Graham and Sue shared more than five decades of marriage, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in September 2024.

After completing his education, Graham launched a distinguished career with James Howden, where he took on engineering challenges across the globe. His professional journey led him to many notable projects, including powering up the Hinkley Point Nuclear Power Station and working on major

tunnelling developments in Denmark and Taiwan. One of his most celebrated roles was his involvement in the Channel Tunnel project, a landmark engineering achievement in which Howden played a significant part. Later in his career, Graham embraced an exciting new chapter by accepting an Engineering Manager position in India. He and Sue relocated to New Delhi, spending three memorable years immersed in a vibrant culture they both grew to love.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Graham was a man of many talents and passions. He was a gifted artist and musician, and he found joy in sailing, waterskiing, cycling, and especially in fixing anything mechanical – most notably cars. His enthusiasm and curiosity stayed with him throughout his life.

Above all, Graham was a devoted husband, dad, and grandpa. He brought warmth, humour, and generosity to every relationship, always ready for a heartfelt conversation or a good laugh. His presence is deeply missed by his family, especially Sue, their three children, four grandchildren, and the many friends whose lives he touched.

Mrs Jean Thomson 1927 – 2025, Former Modern Languages Teacher



Born in 1927 and brought up in Knightswood, Jean attended Jordanhill School where she was Dux in her final year.

She obtained a bursary from the University

of Glasgow to study French and German, graduating in June 1948 and attending a term at the Sorbonne in Paris during her studies. After completing her teacher training at Jordanhill College in 1949, she was delighted to obtain a place at Hutchesons' Grammar School where she taught for almost her entire teaching career. There was a brief spell at Pollokshaws School, when she returned to work after having her daughter Diana, but she very quickly returned to Hutchesons'.

She was a member of the Modern Languages Department, mainly under Head of Department, Drummond Wilson, where she was always highly regarded by colleagues and pupils alike, evidenced by the many cards received on her retirement. She had happy memories of school trips to France and Germany, making lasting friendships with some of the teachers in the schools abroad. This was also the case with the French and German assistants at Hutchie, many of whom kept in touch throughout her life. Her husband, George Thomson, was a graduate of Glasgow School of Art and a former Hutchesons' Boys School pupil.

The family spent many extended summer holidays throughout France, Jean making contact with the locals and George painting 'en plein air'. They continued to travel in Europe during their retirement and, after George passed in 2002, Jean continued to make European trips with friends in various art clubs and societies. After living in Glasgow her entire life, she moved to Ayr in 2015 to be nearer her daughter and spent her last few years being cared for in a nursing home nearby until passing away peacefully on 17th February at the age of 97. Even into her late 90's, she would still occasionally break out into French.

Mrs Catherine Watt 1948 – 2024, Former Mathematics Teacher



Catherine died peacefully at home after suffering from cancer for a number of years. She was born in Edinburgh but spent her childhood in Aberdeen where she attended Aberdeen High School for Girls from the age of 5. She was always fascinated by Mathematics and went on to gain a degree in the subject at Aberdeen University. Moving to England in the early 70s, she undertook her teacher training course in Norwich before starting her teaching career at a comprehensive school in Ipswich. After coming back to Scotland, she taught in several schools in Glasgow and the West of Scotland including Laurel Park until it amalgamated with Hutchesons' Grammar School. She loved teaching.

Catherine was always busy. In retirement she had many interests including playing Bridge, hillwalking, travelling and cooking. She was always a very keen reader. She loved long distance, multi-day walks and did many of these in this country and abroad. For many years she also played a very active role in the Ramblers.

She is survived and sorely missed by her husband of 54 years, two daughters, two grand-daughters and many close friends.

THE ANNUAL FUND - GIVING TO HUTCHESONS'

Launched in 2002, the Annual Fund is a request to the whole Hutchesons' community, past and present, to support the school by investing in a variety of key fundraising initiatives.

Without the generosity of our Annual Fund donors, many school projects would not be possible and we would be unable to widen access to a Hutchesons' education for a greater number of young people.

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We can accept payments by cheque, credit/debit card or via our website at:

www.hutchesons.org/donate

To request a Regular Giving form or to find out more information about our Annual Fund and donating, please email the Development Office at development@hutchesons.org or call :

0141 433 4474

HOW DOES THE ANNUAL FUND WORK?

There are four key areas you can choose to support with your donation:

1. Bursaries & Helping Hands Fund

We want to continue to widen access to a Hutchie education to as many pupils as possible. Bursaries are at the core of the Hutchesons' ethos and enable us to help more pupils benefit from the high-quality education we provide.

The Helping Hands fund offers financial help to cover the costs of our rich and varied co-curricular activities that enhance the Hutchie experience for all pupils, whether that be biology and geography field trips, history study visits to WW1 Battlefields, or perhaps additional sports kit or music tuition.

2. Where it is Needed Most

Unrestricted gifts are extremely valuable as they can be put to wherever the school's or our pupils' needs are greatest. This could include support for new

approaches in teaching and learning, our growing international education programme or continuing community partnership projects.

3. Music & The Arts

Music has a long-standing reputation at Hutchesons'. With orchestras, jazz bands, choirs and ensembles, all types of music are celebrated through a variety of concerts and shows. A recent recipient of this type of funding is our Pipe Band which now has a thriving membership of Primary and Secondary pupils and regularly performs at school events. They have even competed in the World Pipe Band Championships.

4. Sport & Fitness for Life

We are committed to ensuring every Hutchie pupil takes part in sport and fitness during their time at school and beyond. We want to ignite passions and help pupils enjoy a lifelong commitment to sport and fitness. Our pupils have also found a great deal of success in sport, with many going on to represent Scotland. Donations to Sport and Fitness for Life will support our Sport Strategy and fund improvements in programmes and facilities.

70 DONORS GIVING:



FUNDS ONE FULL SCHOOL BURSARY

21 DONORS GIVING:



FUNDS TWO FULL SCHOOL BURSARIES



GIFT AID – IS IT WORTH IT? YES!

Tax Effective Gifts for UK Donors

Examples of tax effective giving for higher rate taxpayers through Gift Aid.

You Give	We Receive	Cost to 40% Taxpayer	Cost to 45% Taxpayer
£10	£12.50	£7.50	£6.87
£50	£62.50	£37.50	£34.37
£100	£125	£75	£68.75
£500	£625	£375	£343.70
£1,000	£1,250	£750	£687.50
£5,000	£6,250	£3,750	£3,437.50
£10,000	£12,500	£7,500	£6,875



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