

# THE HUTCHIE HERALD

Summer 2025/2026



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HUTCHESONS'  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Former Pupil Coffee Mornings** 10.30am – 12.30pm at Clydesdale Cricket Club, last Thursday of the month.  
 All former pupils and friends of the School are welcome.  
 Next meetings will take place on:  
 Thursday 27th August 2026 and Thursday 24th September 2026
- Ladies Golf Outing** Thursday 10th September 2026
- C2015** Saturday 12th September 2026
- Kingarth Street Celebrations** September 2026
- Men's Class of 1966** Saturday 3rd October 2026
- Men's Class of 1965** November 2026
- Class of 2026** Monday 14th December 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](mailto:alumni@hutchesons.org)

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## RECTOR'S WELCOME



Over the past six months, our school community has once again demonstrated that education is about far more than classrooms and timetables. It is about people, purpose and the shared pride that connects generations of pupils, staff and families. As I reflect on a remarkably busy and rewarding term, I am struck by how much there is to celebrate – and how much there is still to look forward to.

One of the undeniable highlights of the year was the 150th anniversary celebration of educating girls at our Primary School. Welcoming former pupils back through the doors – some after decades away – was a genuine privilege. The stories shared, the laughter echoing through familiar corridors and the occasional “I’m sure this classroom was much bigger in my day”, reminded us all of the enduring bond people hold with their school years. It was a wonderful occasion that honoured our history while also celebrating the vibrant school community we continue to build today.

Our annual Founders' Day was equally memorable. We were delighted to welcome back Imtiaz Dharker (C1968) as our guest speaker, whose reflections on her own journey since leaving school were both inspiring and reassuring for our young people. Hearing how the values and experiences gained here continue to shape lives well beyond the school gates, was a powerful reminder of why our work matters so deeply. It also confirmed that, regardless of generation, no one ever entirely escapes school memories.

Alongside these celebrations, I am immensely proud that the Primary School achieved the Rights Respecting Schools Award Gold accreditation this session. This recognition reflects the dedication of our pupils and staff in fostering a culture where respect, inclusion and pupil voice are genuinely embedded in daily life. It is not simply an award for a display cabinet, but a reflection of the values we strive to live by as a school community.

Looking ahead, excitement continues to build around our future colocation plans. While there is naturally much work still to be done, there is also a growing sense of optimism about the opportunities this development will bring for collaboration, innovation and enhanced experiences for our young people. Change always comes with a degree of uncertainty – schools, after all, are traditionally very fond of routines – but there is real enthusiasm about the possibilities ahead and the chance to shape a learning environment fit for the future.

None of these achievements would be possible without the continued support of our wider school family. To our alumni, parents, staff and friends of the school: thank you for the role you play in sustaining the spirit and ambition of this community. Your connection to the school remains one of its greatest strengths.

As we move towards the summer break, there is much to be proud of and much to anticipate. The session ahead promises new opportunities, fresh challenges and exciting beginnings when we return in August. Until then, I hope all members of our community enjoy a well-earned summer and take time to reflect on another successful chapter in the life of our school.

Mark Ronan | Rector & CEO



Reading her poem Alan or David or John, she discussed her life as a Pakistani, Glaswegian woman and reflected on all that the School, Glasgow University and the wider world, had taught her about life and how connection to poetry and words are key to human bond and reflection.

In her advice to our pupils, she said,

“Whatever course of study you choose... listen carefully to how people use language. Take nothing for granted. Listen for the great changes that are happening around you, for the human voice that cuts across borderlines, because the language of being human is the only one that really counts...in this space we share with every cell and insect, every living creature. How you treat the weak will be a measure of your strength. How you treat the soil beneath your feet will be remembered by the sky, so step into the radiance of who you are. Take your promise into the world and look at it afresh.”

Founders’ Day provides a special opportunity to remember our founders, George and Thomas Hutcheson, and to reflect on the School’s rich history. It stands as a reminder to draw inspiration from those who came before us, and Imtiaz’ speech signified the importance of being inspired, believing in yourself and learning from each other. We extend our special thanks to Imtiaz for her address.

It was a memorable and meaningful occasion for all who attended, and we give our grateful thanks to Rev Mark E Johnstone for leading the service, and Clergy and Office Bearers for their valuable assistance.



## FOUNDERS’ DAY 2026

Our annual Founders’ Day service took place in March, where we welcomed Former Pupil Imtiaz Dharker (C1968) as our guest speaker.

Taking place at Glasgow Cathedral, the service began with a warm welcome by Reverend Mark E Johnstone DL MA BD Minister, followed by our choir opening with Ave Verum by Philip Stopford.

Together, we joined in hymns by Charles Wesley (1707–1788) and William Williams (1717–1791) before our Rector, Mr Mark Ronan addressed the audience. School Captains Ava and Ainsley delivered thoughtful readings from 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.

Guest speaker Imtiaz Dharker, a celebrated poet, artist and filmmaker, gave a truly inspiring address, reflecting on her time at Hutchesons’ and how it shaped her sense of self.

“It was a great teacher, like the teachers here, who changed my life, showed me what I could be, and that I needn’t accept limits. I’m sure that as Hutchesonians, you have teachers like this in your lives, exceptional people who encourage and inspire you.”



Photographs taken by Martin Shields Photography.

## FORMER PUPIL NEWS



Andrew Watt (center - right)

### Andrew Watt C2023

Andrew Watt recently had the honour of performing before a Royal audience at the memorial service for Dame Shan Legge-Bourke, held in Brecon Cathedral.

Andrew sang as part of Bute Voices, an octet he formed with fellow students at the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, where he is currently in his third year studying for a BMus in Vocal Studies.

The service was attended by Prince William, the Princess Royal, and the Duchess of Edinburgh, and Andrew's octet opened the service with a performance of Elgar's Lux Aeterna.

### Margaret Borland C1981

Former pupil and Primary School teacher, Margaret Borland, recently appeared on BBC's Songs of Praise. In the episode, Margaret shared the remarkable story of her father, Private John Borland, who served with the 51st Highland Regiment during World War II. Captured and sent to a prisoner-of-war camp in Poland, John's story is one of courage, resilience and steadfast faith in the face of unimaginable hardship. It's a truly moving and inspiring account. The full episode is available on BBC iPlayer - Songs of Praise, episode My Bible.



### Raphael Selby C2011

Congratulations to Raphael Selby on his nomination for Young Architect of the Year at the 2026 Scottish Design Awards. His recent refurbishment of Teviot Row House at the University of Edinburgh has also been shortlisted in the Retrofit and Conservation categories. The Category B listed building - the UK's oldest purpose-built student union - has been transformed through a major upgrade improving accessibility, services and environmental performance. Raphael, who works at Page Park architects, brings extensive expertise in adapting listed and heritage buildings, making him a valuable part of the team behind our colocation plans.

### Isabel Smith C2016

Have you ever been on a flight when, without warning, the cabin jolts, drinks spill, and the seatbelt signs flash on? At 9 kms above the North Atlantic, such moments result from clear-air turbulence (CAT), a phenomenon undetectable by onboard radar that strike aircraft without warning. Dr Isabel Smith recently completed her PhD on how CAT could vary with climate change. A patch of turbulence is like a "pancake in the sky": vertically shallow (1 km) yet horizontally extensive, spanning 60-70 km. As greenhouse gases continue to warm the planet, these "pancakes" are being cooked. If you're a frequent flyer, Isabel's research carries unwelcome news: climate projections indicate that turbulence is likely to become more frequent and more intense in the years ahead. Her findings attracted international attention with media interviews on NBC, BBC Radio, Sky news and other outlets. In her final year, she was invited to give a seminar to the US Federal Aviation Administration and give a direct input into aviation safety.

Being fond of turbulent topics, Isabel now works on violent, explosive volcanic eruptions as postdoctoral researcher at the University of Oxford. These eruptions are the most important natural driver of climate variability and are key to understanding non-human and human influences on climate. She has joined a European Space Agency funded project where she quantifies and validates volcanic impacts on climate simulation. She is a proud Hutchesonian and cannot believe its been 10 years since she left for university.



Isabel Smith

### Campbell Waugh C2024

Campbell Waugh was selected to play in the Scotland U20 squad for the U20 Six Nations at the start of the year. Campbell went on to score his first international try in the game against Wales.





Scott Weir (left)

### Scott Weir C2004

Scott Weir, alongside business partners Stuart Johnston and Martin Coyle, Directors of Evolve Plumbing Services, and their team were awarded Service Provider of the Year for Scotland at the Scottish TPI Awards 2026 earlier this year, beating several larger companies to take the top prize.

Scott left Hutchesons' in 2004 and, after initially considering a business degree, spent time abroad before returning with a clear direction - training as a plumbing and heating engineer. That path eventually led him to co-found Evolve in 2017 alongside Stuart and Martin.

What started as a small enterprise has grown into a larger team of engineers operating across all of Scotland. A significant part of that growth has come through the company's factoring division, working with respected firms such as Hacking & Paterson and Macfie & Co, taking pride in looking after some of Scotland's most prestigious listed buildings - work that ultimately led to the award nomination.

Evolve also handles commercial and residential projects, with notable contracts including the refurbishment of Cameron House and the Anchorline Hotel, NHS projects across the central belt, and an ambitious renewable energy project at St Philip's School supporting at-risk

young people. In 2025 the company was selected as part of the Scottish Enterprise Clean Heat Accelerator cohort and continues to invest in the next generation through SNIPEF apprenticeship schemes.

"Looking back, Hutchesons' instilled an ambition that has stayed with me throughout my career. The network it opened up - reconnecting with former pupils and meeting new ones - has been something I've genuinely valued, both personally and in business."

"Winning this award means a huge amount to us. We're genuinely grateful to the factors and agents who put their trust in us, and it's a real reflection of the effort our whole team puts in every day."

### Niamh Junner C2012

Niamh Junner competed in the World Karate Championships in Cairo at the end of last year. This was the first year athletes had to qualify over a two-year period, and Niamh earned her place by ranking in the top 8 in her category. In November, she joined the top 32 athletes worldwide, competing in the female +68kg division. She made it through her group and into the top 16, where she was narrowly defeated by the athlete who later won bronze. Niamh began karate at age 9 and continued throughout her time at Hutchesons', earning her first Scotland cap at 15.



Niamh Junner

### Peter Silverstone C1996

Congratulations to Peter Silverstone who started the new role of Chief Business Officer at Juventus Football Club. The School welcomed Peter last year to our annual Founders' Day, where he 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. We wish Peter well in his new role.



Pete Silverstone (right)

### Victoria West C2011

Congratulations to Victoria, who became the first woman in the history of The King's and Theatre Royal to hold the role of Head Flyperson and is currently the only woman working full-time in a technical role across ATG Entertainment's Scottish venues. She oversees all technical flying and rigging aspects of productions, from show fit-ups and performances to maintenance and venue preparation.

Victoria recently featured on the Official Kings and Theatre Royal Facebook and Instagram pages for International Women's Day where she commented: "I got my first experience of theatre when I was at school and was asked to help the stage management team on a show - I played rugby and was able to lift heavy pieces of set, plus the occasional actor!"

Victoria's passion for theatre began at school, where she was part of the stage crew from S2 - S6, working on productions including Annie, West Side Story and Oklahoma!. Victoria studied music at university but was heavily involved in theatre productions before going on to work aboard cruise ships. She worked for Royal Caribbean on Symphony of the Seas and Harmony of the Seas as stage staff on productions including Grease and Hairspray, travelling throughout the Caribbean, Mexico, St Maarten and St Thomas.



Her career eventually brought her to Glasgow, where she joined ATG as a casual technician in 2021 after leaving cruise ships, becoming Assistant Technician in 2024 and Senior Technician in 2025. She enjoys the variety and problem-solving the role brings, with every production presenting new technical challenges.



### Hockey World Cup Qualifiers

Jessica Buchanan (C2019), Jennifer Eadie (C2013), Alistair Richmond (C2018), Struan Walker (C2020) and David Nairn (C2018), were selected for the Women's and Men's, respectively, Scotland Hockey teams where they competed at the FIH World Cup Qualifiers in Chile in March.

Jennifer Eadie also received her 100th cap, marking 100 international appearances for Scotland as the team took on Uruguay. The team went on to win 3-1, which took them through to the semi-finals.

### Owen Gould C2022

Congratulations to Owen Gould, who gained his first caps for Scotland Cricket in Namibia in April. Owen was selected to join the Scotland Team and was the sole new callup to the ODI squad.

The team competed in the World League 2 tournament, and in his first game, he made 24 off 24 balls and took a catch to help the team win. He followed with 15 in his 2nd game; however, they were eventually beaten in the last game by Namibia.



## CHARITY UPDATE

Over the course of the year we have witnessed some fantastic events, from simple events such as our Non-Uniform days through to charity weeks, we have seen all members of the school community come together to have some fun. At the beginning of the year we had our school cross country runs at H@PP, with pupils from P5 through to S3 all taking part throughout the week prior to October break. Thankfully the weather was kind! As we moved through the winter term, we prepared to host one of our biggest events of the year – Hutchie’s very own ‘Hutchie’s Got Talent’. Singers, comedy, and musical interludes tortured and entertained the crowds at the same time. Sally (S6) was crowned the winner with her song ‘Maybe this time’ from Cabaret.

### Primary Christmas Market

Before the festive break, the Primary School held a Festive Market in aid of BBC’s Children in Need. The School was filled with festive stalls, a cinema room, snowball throwing and even Mrs Clause made a visit – with the event raising over £2,500.

### Hutchie Rock Gig

In February, pupils put on a dazzling 2-hour rock display in aid of our school charity. The show featured 10 rock bands with performances from our Primary and Secondary pupils.

### Hutchie Does ABBA

Spring came around and more than 60 talented pupils took part in the Senior Show ABBA production across two-nights, performing both on stage and in the live band. Together, they brought the iconic music of ABBA to life with unforgettable performances, creating a show packed with energy, colour, and plenty of feel-good moments – truly capturing the spirit of ABBA’s music and raising funds for BBC Children In Need.

Each House, led by their House Captains and members of their respective charity committees, came together to plan out a week of fun and laughter, for our annual charity week. Events ranging from a Darts tournament for the S6, to a KeepyUp challenges in both football and Hockey, the pupils all took part in some way and helped raise more money.

At the time of print, we are thrilled to share that across the 25/26 school session – pupils, families, staff, and wider Hutchie community, have raised almost £6,700.

## CHARITABLE EFFORTS

### Strictly Come Dancing

In October Ruby (S6) competed in the Beatson Cancer Charity’s ‘Strictly Come Dancing’ fundraiser. Despite not being 100% sure what she was signing up for, over the course of 7 months she learnt how to be part of a team,

work with others and most importantly dance! The big night came at the Hilton Hotel and over 700 people came to watch all the teams take to the floor. Although she didn’t take home the trophy, in total, her group raised £10,866.

### Teddy Bear Hospital

In September, the Primary School turned into a very special hospital, with P1 pupils welcoming Cammie the bear from Glasgow Children’s Hospital Charity Teddy Hospital. Cammie helped the children learn about what happens when you go to hospital and they also explored oxygen masks, thermometers, a blood pressure monitor – giving the “children the chance to learn and explore through play.” They also learned that the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow, is an incredibly busy place, caring for around 500 babies, children and young people every single day and after their training, P1 proudly graduated with their very own Ted-ical Degree certificate.



## REUNIONS & EVENTS



### MEN’S CLASS OF 1978

The Men’s Class of 1978 met at the end of last year, and Bill Dunlop, who arranged the get together, wrote: If I tell you that we met at 4pm, went on to have dinner, and the final nightcap was approaching 11pm, that should tell you how it went! It was as if we’d never left school. Ten people turned up in the Drum and Monkey, and we just exchanged stories about what we’d been up to. There was a lot of humour and a complete lack of showing off or self-importance. We avoided politics, though thankfully, nobody seemed too crazy on that front. We also had a

humorous rule that nobody was to talk about prostate issues, lest it took over the conversation among a bunch of 65-year-old men!

Most of the guys are retired and their professions were typically Hutchie: a doctor, a dentist, three people from banking/finance, a professor of education, a real estate broker, a journalist (me) and my favourite: a guy who spent all his life in the RSPB, mainly looking after the ospreys, and who is now a member of the Highland Raptor Study Group! Among the non-professional activities, one of the guys is a long-standing cricket umpire, another sings in a choir and many of the group enjoy hiking or cycling plus travel in the UK and abroad.

The real reunion is still to come in 2027 and I’m sure members of this group, along with a few who couldn’t make it that evening, will meet again before then. Dates to be confirmed soon.

*Pictured L-R: Bill Dunlop, Bill Mitchell, Sohail Rasul, Stirling Bruce, Mark Colman, Sandy Thomson, Dougie Eunson, Stuart Benn, Donald Gillies and William Duguid.*

### CLASS OF 2025

It was a pleasure to host the Class of 2025 for their first school reunion after the end of last year. The afternoon was filled with laughter and smiles as our former pupils caught up with their classmates and teachers to share experiences from their first term out since leaving school.



## LADIES CLASS OF 1974

Ladies from the Class of 74 enjoyed a lunch at Howie's in Edinburgh earlier in March. There were 13 in total, with two travelling up from London, one from Coll, and one from the Lake District. They enjoyed reminiscing and looking at memorabilia including English exam papers from 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971, as well as an arithmetic (really difficult!) paper from 1970. Last of all, was a booklist for Secondary V from 1971-72. The ladies had such a wonderful time, another lunch has already been planned in the diary for June.



## LADIES CLASS OF 1964

Written by Lindsay Wadey née Winning.

It took our little group of Hutchie Bugs well over a year of emailing to decide where we would congregate to celebrate our 80 birthdays. It ranged from catered and butler castles in the Highlands to spa breaks abroad ... but we settled for The Premier Inn Perth!

Over the last few years our little group of Hutchie Bugs have met in Ireland, London, The Borders, York, Edinburgh and Pitlochry.

With Sandy Landa based in Antibes, Sue Greenshields near Montreal, and Lindsay Wadey in Windsor, arrangements were complex - as were booking sightseeing tours. This year was Scone Palace but Crathes Castle, York Minster,

The Old Vic, The Georgian House, Edinburgh, The Pitlochry Festival Theatre and Abbotsford, have seen us enjoying each other's company, singing the school song, shopping and reminiscing.

Some of the special friends are no longer with us sadly, Jill Brown, Elizabeth Wallace "Wally", and most recently Elizabeth Graham née Anderson "Bizzy", and the numbers will decrease with time... but, oh Lord, not just yet!

Here we are at Scone Palace; Marjorie McGregor, Lynn Valance, Dorothy Scott, Freda Milne, Sandra Landa, Morven Begg, Lindsay Winning, Marion McDougall, Susan Greenshields.

Thank goodness we had dinner in a restaurant's private dining room on the first night as we sang the school song with great gusto!

## LADIES CLASS OF 1976

The Ladies Class of 1976 celebrated a truly special milestone this year - 50 years since leaving the school. To mark the occasion, they gathered for a memorable reunion lunch at Hotel du Vin at One Devonshire Gardens, where old friendships were rekindled, cherished memories were shared, and many happy moments from their school days were fondly remembered together.



## CLASS OF 1985

Members of the Class of 1985 returned to celebrate the 150th anniversary celebrations at Kingarth Street recently, enjoying a nostalgic tour of their old classrooms and familiar corridors while sharing memories from their school days. The reunion continued with drinks in Shawlands followed by a lively dinner at The Lovable Rogue, where they reminisced and celebrated lasting friendships.

## CLASS OF 1965

Following on from last year's Class of 1965 (most enjoyable and successful) 60th Anniversary Reunion at the School, the organisers wish to advise that they will be meeting again for their normal annual lunch and get-together in early November 2026 in Edinburgh. If you would like to receive your invitation and details, please contact Mike Williamson [mikegw3766@gmail.com](mailto:mikegw3766@gmail.com) or [robincuthbertson@aol.com](mailto:robincuthbertson@aol.com).

## LONDON GATHERING

The Rector, Mark Ronan, Graham Dunlop, Depute Rector, and Louise Duncan, Alumni & Development Officer, were delighted to meet up with former pupils living and working in the London area in May. It's been a couple of years since the last gathering, and everyone enjoyed catching up with friends some of whom had travelled from furthest reaches of the southeast to meet at Balfour St Bart's for informal drinks. There is definitely an appetite for more regular get-togethers, and we look forward to meeting our London alumni again soon.



To hear details of future events, or if you are interested in organising a reunion for your class year, please email: [alumni@hutchesons.org](mailto:alumni@hutchesons.org)

## FORMER PUPIL SPOTLIGHT – RACHEL MALCOLM

Former pupil Rachel Malcolm (C2009) returned to the Primary School recently for a memorable and inspiring visit, sharing her remarkable journey from the classroom to captaining the Scotland Women's Rugby Team.

The visit also offered pupils an opportunity to hear first-hand about Rachel's extraordinary achievements. We shared that Rachel, had captained Scotland a record-breaking 53 times and recently led the national side to the quarterfinals of the Women's Rugby World Cup – the first time Scotland Women had reached that stage in 22 years. Rachel now holds the distinction of captaining Scotland more times than any other male or female player in the nation's history.

During a lively Q&A session, Rachel offered insight into leadership, resilience and the importance of embracing opportunities with confidence and determination. Throughout the visit, Rachel's humility and authenticity shone through, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.

As Captain of the Scotland Women's Team, Rachel spoke candidly about the responsibilities of leadership and the importance of representing others with integrity and empathy. Reflecting on her role, she explained: "I think being a captain is a big responsibility. You do a lot of the talking, and you represent the views of all your teammates. You must build relationships and make friendships so that you understand how your teammates feel, and you can represent them to the best of your ability. I feel very proud to be the captain."

One particularly thoughtful question from pupils asked whether captains are chosen because they are "the best". Rachel's response captured the spirit of her visit and resonated deeply. "I have never been the best at any sport that I've played," she admitted honestly. "It's not always about being the best, but about having the biggest impact on other people." She went on to emphasise the importance of personal growth over comparison, encouraging pupils to focus on becoming the best version of themselves each day.

Rachel also shared the unconventional path that led her to international rugby. Although now one of Scotland's most recognisable rugby figures, she did not begin playing the sport until the age of 25, having previously focused on hockey throughout school and university.



After discovering touch rugby with friends one summer, she immediately fell in love with the game and decided to pursue it wholeheartedly. Remarkably, just one year later, she earned her first Scotland cap.

Her message to pupils was clear and compelling: "When you find the things you love, dive into them and give them everything you have so you can feel like whatever happens, whatever the outcome, you gave it everything and left no stone unturned."

Rachel spoke proudly about representing Scotland on some of the sport's biggest stages, including Scotland Women's historic appearance at Murrayfield earlier this year in front of 30,000 supporters – the largest women's sporting crowd Scotland has ever seen. Describing the atmosphere as "special and inspiring", she reflected on how far the women's game has come and the importance of inspiring future generations to participate in sport.

Rachel received the School's G&T Young Achievers Award in 2023, and her return to the Primary School served as a powerful reminder of the lasting connection between the School and its former pupils. Her warmth, honesty and generosity with her time inspired pupils and staff alike, while reinforcing the values of perseverance, resilience, humility and ambition.

Helen Gibson, Depute Rector Upper Primary, who previously taught Rachel during her time at the School, said:

"It was a pleasure to welcome Rachel back to Kingarth Street; her journey in sport starting here with not rugby, but hockey. We are extremely proud of her achievements, and it was wonderful for our pupils to see her in person – it is easy to see why she is captain of the team – she is genuinely inspirational and a fantastic role model for our pupils. On behalf of us all, I would like to thank Rachel not only for her visit, but also for the friendship and support she continues to show the School."

Pictured; Helen Gibson, Carrie (P7), Olive (P6), Rachel Malcolm and Óran (P5)



## 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF GIRLS ATTENDING HUTCHESONS'

In May, Kingarth Street welcomed generations of former pupils, staff, families and friends to celebrate a remarkable milestone: 150 years since the founding of the Girls' Grammar School. For many, it was a joyful return filled with familiar memories; for others, a first visit back in decades. Together, all reflected on the enduring spirit of a school that has shaped the lives of thousands of girls across generations.

The story began, not at Kingarth Street, but in Elgin Street, where Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School first opened its doors on 4 August 1876. Purpose-built for 800 pupils, the school was part of a growing recognition that girls deserved a serious, rigorous education. By the turn of the century, playground space was sacrificed for additional buildings, and the sound of drills – soon replaced by hockey racquets and tennis balls – echoed a school already outgrowing its surroundings.



By the 1880s, achievement was being formally celebrated. Dux medals were introduced, and Rector Thomson commissioned a gold medallist board, designed by a young Charles Rennie Mackintosh, embedding art and aspiration into the walls. The curriculum expanded too. As Scottish universities opened their doors to women to graduate after 1892, Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School ensured its pupils were ready to walk through them.



Yet success brought pressure and Elgin Street grew noisier with trams and industry, classrooms became crowded, and the case for a new school became unavoidable. Fortunately, Hutchesons' Hospital were able to offer land between Kingarth Street and Calder Street. From six submissions, architects Thomson and Sandilands were chosen, with P & W Anderson appointed as contractors. In April 1911, the Foundation Stone was laid, and less than a year later, on 31 January 1912, the new Hutchesons' Girls' School was formally opened by Lord Balfour of Burleigh.

The building was nothing short of visionary with 22 classrooms, specialist science, art and music rooms, a gymnasium, library, dining hall, and, remarkably for the time, electricity, long before the Boys' school followed suit. At its heart lay a large central hub, carefully engineered with sound-deafening floors to preserve calm and concentration. Even domestic economy was given its own purpose-built space, complete with a practice parlour, bedroom and kitchen, reflecting girls' education of the time.

Over the decades, Kingarth Street evolved alongside its pupils. Trees were planted, infants welcomed through the Garden School, and during the Second World War, the School became both an evacuation centre and a place of shelter, its playground fitted with air raid shelters for the surrounding community. In 1976, the long-anticipated amalgamation of the Girls' and Boys' Schools took place, with Kingarth Street becoming the Primary School. Its architectural significance was recognised in 1991, when it was granted listed status.

However, bricks and mortar alone cannot tell the story. Elgin Street and Kingarth Street gave rise to women who helped shape the world beyond its gates: Madge Easton Anderson, the first woman to practise law in both Scotland and England; Evelyn McNicol, a doctor and pioneering mountain climber; Winnie Wooldridge, one of Scotland's greatest female tennis players; artists such as Bessie McNicol and Moira Beatty, the latter also a cryptographer at Bletchley Park, working alongside Alan Turing. The names of those from the Girls' School who served during wartime once lined the walls of the assembly hall, silent witnesses to courage and contribution.

It is not just the former pupils that are remembered but the many staff who have served within its walls. Most will remember Miss McIver, who many were terrified of but, to those who bumped into her in later years, they recall that she was simply 'lovely'. Also, Miss J C Murray, the first woman to head a co-educational HMC school, and who is still fondly remembered, as well as Miss Crockett up in her sewing room and Miss Ivy Scott, who filled many a girl with an abiding love of Shakespeare.

As the anniversary celebrations took place, many traditions were recalled: walking the perimeter of the hall, keeping strictly to the left on staircases, the detested navy felt hats hurriedly folded into bags, and the dread of being summoned to the Principal's room. More enduring still was the confidence instilled by generations of strong female teachers, leaving their pupils believing, rightly, that they could do anything.

On Saturday 9th May, as refreshments were shared once more in the 'lunchie', and voices gathered where assemblies and prize-givings once echoed, there was joy, nostalgia, and a few tears. Attendees walked around the school, reminisced about their school days, visited a few classrooms and bumped into old classmates.

The Hutchie spirit across the generations was magnified on the day, and Mark Ronan said;

**“When you walk through the school today, you still see that same determination, humour, friendship and ambition in the pupils now.”**

Archive displays and cases of memorabilia were dotted around the assembly hall and visitors took photographs next to the mannequins dressed in their old school uniform and were able to browse the display of objects that helped make up the Girls' Grammar School history. Memory boards were placed in the school library so attendees could share their recollections of their old teachers and classmates, and what the school meant to them, along with the 150th Anniversary quiz so attendees could test their knowledge of the Girls' Grammar School.

When attendees signed in to the event they were each given a commemorative badge, kindly created by the School's Technology Department, so that each person had a memento of the day. Merchandise was also available, including prints, tea towels, key rings, and magnets



featuring the Kingarth Street building. Many former pupils shared their stories with us, with each decade of girls remembering different traditions, staff and events, unique to their years but all with happy, interesting and amusing memories.

Members of the School's Junior Choir gave us a wonderful rendition of the old Girls' Grammar School song, written in 1933 by one of the English teachers, Miss Legge. Our former pupils then joined in with the singing – many still knew the words off by heart. It was a special moment, listening to almost two hundred attendees singing the song together, for what is probably the last time at Kingarth Street. Rector, Mark Ronan, then gave a speech to those gathered in the hall. He spoke of those who had come before us and the enduring history of the School and how special the School was to many former pupils. He pointed out that that the story of Hutchesons' is not something that sits in the past. It is carried by our former pupils, in the friendships that have endured, in the confidence that was built, in the quiet recognition, often years later, that something important happened here. He concluded that we mark 150 years with gratitude – for those who founded the School in 1876, for those who sustained it through times of war and uncertainty, for the teachers who shaped generations and to all our former pupils for carrying this story forward.

The anniversary cake was cut by members of the Junior Choir and S6 pupils, who kindly gave up their free time to help at the event – a fitting full-circle moment as the current generation of girls celebrated 150 years of history. It may be the last time so many former Girls' Grammar

School pupils gathered within the walls of Kingarth Street, but its story does not end here. Its history lives on in the people it shaped, the traditions it forged, and the memories that continue to bind generations together.

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate this beautiful and memorable occasion. The day was a wonderful reminder of our strong Hutchie community, and the generations of teachers who have inspired women for 150 years to Belong, Flourish and Achieve.



Louise Duncan, our Development & Alumni Officer, commented;

**“It was so special to celebrate 150 years of girls' education at Hutchesons' Grammar with our event at Kingarth Street. It was great to see generations of Hutchie girls past and present come together for the day and enjoy exploring their old school. Thank you to all our alumni who came along”**

Attendee comments:

“I thoroughly enjoyed it all, met loads of people and relived some of the good old days!”

“It was a most enjoyable afternoon revisiting Kingarth Street. Lots of memories rekindled and meeting other ladies from so many different years. We all had a tale to tell.”

“A lot of work went into making so many memories for those who visited – it was great to wander round the School on my own and just drink in those long-ago times of my school days.”



We hope to have more tours available to former pupils in the coming year, so that those who could not attend in May can have the opportunity of visiting their old school. Please register your interest at [alumni@hutchesons.org](mailto:alumni@hutchesons.org).

The School’s archivist would be grateful if you could send in any memories you have of your time spent at Kingarth Street, and at Crossmyloof after the amalgamation, so that a memory bank of your time at school can be created for future generations, and the stories of our former pupil’s time there is not lost – recollections that cannot be found in the pages of the School’s ledgers and minutes.

## FAREWELL TO OUR LEAVERS

As we bid our Class of 2026 farewell for the final time, we wish them the very best of luck as they embark on their next chapter and reflect on their final year at school. We have every confidence that they will continue to thrive, embrace new challenges, and make a positive impact wherever their paths may lead. The Hutchie community will always be proud of their accomplishments, and we look forward to celebrating their future successes.

**45+** UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Wide range of courses ranging from Music to Medicine, Classics to Computing, Nursing to Naval Architecture, Physiotherapy to Politics.

**9** PUPILS GRANTED OXBRIDGE INTERVIEWS

**Gap Years** Medicine conditionals deferred to further explore and expand life experience

“The support the Careers, Development, and Higher Education team provides to our pupils, is invaluable. Our aim is that every pupil feels knowledgeable and supported as they consider their post-school options. We offer an individual and bespoke service to every child to ensure they fulfill their potential and we are proud to see our pupils pursue a post-school path which is exactly right for them.”  
**HELEN STEWART - HEAD OF CAREERS**

**USA scholarships** for Golf, Track and Swimming  
**Oxford & Cambridge** Acceptances for Law and Engineering

Applications to Glasgow School of Art and the Royal Conservatoire.

**Strongest Results in Scotland**  
In our last edition, we shared our SQA success for the academic 2024-2025 school session and following this success, further data released by SQA showed Hutchie pupils had delivered outstanding results in History and Geography.

**RANKED 1ST**  
OUT OF 330 SCHOOLS

With pupils achieving some of the strongest results in Scotland, the departments ranked 1st out of 330 schools in Paper 1, placing Hutchie at the top of Scotland’s national performance tables. Excellence continued at Advanced Higher Geography, where pupils secured 2nd place nationally for their coursework.

**Mrs Prentice, Head of Geography said,** “The department is proud to recognise and celebrate the outstanding SQA attainment achieved by our pupils this year. Their exceptional performance across both Higher and Advanced Higher reflects not only their hard work, resilience, and dedication, but also the excellent teaching, guidance and support provided by staff throughout the year.

**APPRENTICESHIPS**  
Scottish Power Graduate Apprenticeship Scheme

At the time of print, almost **100%** of our pupils successfully secured offers from their university of choice.

## SCHOOL NEWS



**RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL – GOLD AWARD**

We are incredibly proud to share that our Primary School has been officially awarded the UNICEF UK Gold Rights Respecting School Award.

The award is granted in stages: the Primary first earned Bronze in 2020, followed by Silver in 2022. The Gold Award is the highest RRSA recognition for putting children’s rights, wellbeing, and voice at the heart of everything we do.

The award recognises the Schools’ outstanding commitment to children’s rights, to foster a culture of respect, equality and inclusion across the school community.

## SCOTTISH SCHOOL FOOD AWARDS

We were thrilled when the School was shortlisted for two prestigious awards at the Scottish School Food Awards 2025 – a national celebration of excellence in education food service.

The awards recognise outstanding achievement across 11 categories, spanning nutrition, wellbeing, sustainability, innovation, and community engagement, and the School was nominated for both the Hospitality Education Award and the Sustainability Award. The Hospitality Education nomination was particularly significant, as we were the first independent school ever to be recognised in this category.



The Catering Team plays a vital role in educating pupils about food, and although we didn’t win, the nomination highlights the exceptional work of our school Catering Team.

## CAREERS WEEK

As part of Careers Week, S2 pupils welcomed guests from a range of industries ahead of their subject choices in March. Their detective skills were put the test by asking yes or no questions to guess each visitor’s career, before learning what a day in that role really looks like. A huge thank you to:

- FP Ben Smith (C2022): Construction Manager
- FP Isaac Bateman (C2024): Chef
- FP Olivia Taylor (C2015): Jeweller and Business Owner
- Morag McNeil: Former Hutchie PE Teacher
- Alastair Lamont: Sports Journalist and Commentator
- Graham Duffer: Musician and Lead Guitarist for Wet Wet Wet



## SCHOOL TRIPS

Since the start of the school session, a number of school trips have taken place including USA, Nitte and Stockholm, with more planned for the remainder of the year including Berlin, South Africa, Japan and Naples.

### USA

During the October break, 68 pupils from S4 – S6 enjoyed an unforgettable trip to the USA. Despite the government shutdown, they made the most of their time in Washington D.C., visiting landmarks such as the U.S. Capitol, the White House, and the deeply moving Holocaust Memorial Museum.

In New York, highlights included a New York Rangers ice hockey game, breathtaking views from the Top of the Rock, visits to Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, and the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, as well as a tour of the United Nations Headquarters – and, of course, sampling some authentic New York pizza!

### Nitte

In December, five S6 pupils travelled to Dr Shankara Adyanthaya Memorial English Medium High School in India, as part of our long-standing classroom exchange programme. The exchange marked over 19 years of sustained collaboration between the two schools and aimed at promoting global understanding and shared learning.

From participating in academic activities, exploring the region’s cultural heritage, to making friendships, the visit was described as “truly unforgettable” and “an experience unlike any other”.

The exchange programme will continue later this year, with our school set to host students from India in August 2026, further strengthening the enduring partnership and reaffirming both schools’ commitment to international education and cultural exchange.

### Stockholm

During the October break, our Senior Choir travelled to Stockholm, Sweden, for a memorable tour of performances and sightseeing. The choir performed at Västerås Cathedral in the province of Västmanland, singing to a large and appreciative audience, as well as Sollentuna Church and Adolf Fredriks Musikklasser. An unforgettable experience for both pupils and staff, and before returning, the visit was rounded off with a trip to the ABBA Museum and the Nobel Prize Museum.



## JUNIOR DUKE

It was wonderful to have Junior Duke Awards Founder and Former Hutchie Teacher, Dawn Waugh, back at our Primary School at the start of the year.

Dawn first created The Junior Duke Awards while working at Hutchesons’ in 2007, and has since launched it globally, where it runs in almost 40 countries. The award helps children develop their confidence, resilience and independence.

Dawn worked with pupils to help showcase the Spaghetti Tower–Building World Championships – a challenge part of the Junior Duke World Championships series.



# G&T AWARDS

We held our annual George and Thomas Hutcheson Awards in March and this year, we were proud to honour Gillian MacAulay, C1978, and Jonathan Quin, C1992.

Gillian and Jonathan are outstanding examples of the Hutchesonian spirit, and it was a privilege to recognise not only their professional accomplishments, but also the character, resilience and generosity that have defined their journeys.

The G&T Awards are presented to Hutchesonians who are regarded by their peers as “inspirational figures, whether by virtue of their academic or professional achievements; triumph over adversity; or public spiritedness or the like”, and it was clear to everyone in attendance just how deserving Gillian and Jonathan are of this recognition, and we are deeply grateful to them for giving their time and sharing their stories with us.

During the ceremony, we enjoyed hearing reflections on Gillian’s and Jonathan’s time as pupils, as well as the paths they have taken since leaving school. Their stories were both engaging and uplifting, offering valuable insight and inspiration to our current pupils.

We were also delighted to be treated to wonderful performances from our music competition winners – Aiden (S1), Gregor (S2) and Olivia (S3) – whose talent and confidence brought an added sense of joy to the occasion and perfectly captured the spirit of the day.

## Gillian MacAulay C1978

Gillian MacAulay née Potts, a member of the Class of 1978, began her education at Hutchesons’ Grammar School on Kingarth Street before moving to Beaton Road in her fourth year, where she remained until leaving in 1977. At that stage, uncertain about her career path, she followed her father’s advice to undertake a secretarial course, a decision that would later prove invaluable throughout her professional life.

In 1980, keen to broaden her horizons beyond Scotland, Gillian relocated to Denver, USA. There, she spent three years working at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus before returning to the UK. A chance interview during a layover led to an opportunity in London with a market research company, where she developed extensive knowledge of brand development and consumer products, including, as she notes, more than most would ever need to know about McVitie’s biscuits.

After approximately eight years in London, Gillian returned to Glasgow, where she joined the University of Strathclyde as a Marketing Executive at Scotland’s first business incubator. Within three years, she progressed to CEO, going on to support more than 150 early-stage technology start-ups as they navigated the challenges of initial growth.

In 2012, she founded Gabriel Investments, an early-stage angel syndicate focused on helping pre-start and start-up companies secure their first round of funding. The organisation played a pivotal role in nurturing emerging businesses, offering support similar in concept to investment platforms such as Dragons’ Den, but with a collaborative network of “Angels” rather than “Dragons.”

In her speech Gillian reminisced about her time at Hutchie,

**“Standing here today, I realise how much this school shaped me, even unconsciously. It gave me confidence. It gave me chances. It put people in my life who still influence me today – my friend from 1st year at this school is here as my guest, and I don’t want to admit how many decades we’ve known each other, but she remains a very close friend.. And if you let it, this place can do the same for you.”**

In 2024, Gillian transitioned to Kelvin Capital, enabling her to continue supporting companies seeking funding beyond the early-stage focus of Gabriel Investments. The move reflects a natural progression, with many businesses initially backed by Gabriel now turning to Kelvin Capital for further investment as they scale.

## Johnathan Quin C1992

Jonathan Quin, a member of the Class of 1992, attended Hutchesons’ Grammar School from Primary 1 in 1979 through to completing his Highers in 1991. He went on to study Law and Accountancy at the University of Edinburgh before moving to London to join Citibank’s graduate development programme within its Financial Markets division.

Beginning his career as a foreign exchange trader, Jonathan later played a key role in developing the bank’s first online trading platform. After six years at Citibank, he spent a



further two years at the Royal Bank of Scotland before co-founding World First, an international payments business designed to help companies and individuals move money globally more quickly and cost-effectively than traditional banks, with a strong emphasis on customer service.

As CEO, Jonathan led World First over a 15-year period of significant growth, expanding the company to 730 staff across seven international offices and achieving a turnover of \$16 billion by 2018. The company was named in The Times 100 fastest-growing companies list on five occasions and received the Queen’s Award for Enterprise twice. In 2019, World First was acquired by Alipay.

Following this success, Jonathan has focused his time on investing in and supporting early-stage businesses, alongside his philanthropic work. In 2019, he and his wife established the Q Charitable Trust, which supports a range of causes including dementia research, access to education initiatives, support for those facing hardship, music and the arts, and environmental projects. The Trust has become one of the largest donors to dementia research in the UK and is currently involved in developing a youth centre in Glasgow. Jonathan is also a patron and fellow of the King’s Trust.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to both Gillian and Jonathan for giving their time so generously to be with us. Their willingness to return, share their experiences,

He also delivered an inspiring speech to our pupils reflecting on his time at the school, his career and the importance of following your passions.

**“Trust me – it is so worth spending that little amount of time, because when you find something you genuinely enjoy, everything gets easier. You’ll go further. You’ll earn more. You’ll feel more proud. You’ll just feel happier.”**

and speak so openly about their journeys was greatly appreciated by all who attended. Their words offered not only reflection, but encouragement and inspiration to our pupils, and it meant a great deal to have them back as part of the Hutchesonian community.

Pictured (L-R): School Captain, Ainsley, Jonathan Quin, Gillian MacAulay, Alistair Fenton, President of Alumni Association, and School Captain, Ava.



## 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](mailto:development@hutchesons.org)

## OBITUARIES

John (Jack) A Jackson  
C1950, 1932 – 2026

John MacDougall  
C1962, 1944 – 2026

A Mark Russell  
C1981, 1963 – 2025

Dr June Gow  
C1950, 1932 – 2026\*

John S Montgomery  
C1963, 1944 – 2026

Gregor R Buick  
C1993, 1976 – 2026

James S Inglis  
C1952, 1934 – 2025

Isabelle Person Lund née Mornoch  
C1964, 1945 – 2026

Jonathan A Dobson  
C2001, 1983 – 2026\*

Prof Duncan G Graham  
C1954, 1936 – 2026\*

Gavin Bell  
C1965, 1947 – 2025

James McQueen  
C1955, 1936 – 2023

Rev Ian E Walter  
C1965, 1947 – 2026

\*Full obituary to follow in next edition.



### Robert Gibson C1947, 1929 – 2025

Bobby was born in Shawlands on the 30th of March 1929. After attending Giffnock Primary School, Bobby went to Hutchesons' Grammar School. He played for their cricket and football teams but said later that he found it hard to focus on lessons while World War II was raging. In 1947 he joined the Royal Navy to complete his 2-year National Service at Rosyth and Devonport.

When he left the navy, Bobby moved to Albert Road in Gourrock and began studying to become a chartered loss adjuster. He played football for Giffnock North and was the treasurer of the club for many years. His worked as a loss adjuster at Robert McTear and Co, where he was later made a partner.

In 1956 at a dance in Millport, his favourite place in the world, Bobby met Sally Fair, who he married in 1959.

In 1970 Bobby, Sally and their 5 children moved to Uplawmoor in East Renfrewshire where they immersed themselves in village life.

Bobby coached the school football team and ran a church youth group. He was a Caldwell Parish Church elder and their treasurer for many years.

After his retirement, Bobby and Sally ran the village Post Office for 10 years, until they finally stopped work and focused on enjoying time with family and friends. Sally passed away in 2021 and Bobby died peacefully at home, aged 96, on the 24th of July 2025.

He is much missed by everyone who knew and loved him.



**Baroness Meta Ramsay**  
C1955, 1936 – 2026

The Hutchesons' community is deeply saddened by the passing of former pupil, Meta Ramsay, Baroness Ramsay of Cartvale.

Baroness Ramsay enjoyed a distinguished career in British intelligence, serving in the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS/MI6) as a senior officer. A 'trailblazer', she retired as "the most senior woman in the service". Following her retirement, she embarked on a prominent career in politics and was made a life peer in 1996.

Despite her many achievements, Baroness Ramsay remained closely connected to Hutchesons' Grammar School and continued to contribute to our community throughout her life. She received the School's G&T Award in 1998 and, in 2002, returned as guest speaker at the annual Founders' Day celebration. In 2016, she delivered the keynote address at Prizegiving, where

she reflected on how her own school experience had empowered her to excel in the Diplomatic Service, which was, in her words, "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."

As a supportive friend of the School and a truly remarkable role model for young women, Baroness Ramsay also facilitated numerous visits to Parliament for Modern Studies pupils and continued to attend Former Pupils' events over many years. Her commitment to the School, together with her exceptional public service and pioneering achievements, leaves a lasting legacy that will continue to inspire future generations.

Baroness Meta Ramsay will be greatly missed, and our sincere condolences are extended to all who knew her.

**Ronald Macdonald**  
C1946, 1927 – 2026



Ronald entered Hutchesons' Grammar School in 1936, forming friendships that lasted a lifetime. His remarkable class produced several distinguished professionals, including professors, NHS consultants, clergy and missionaries, and they continued to hold annual reunions for over 70 years.

During the Second World War, Ronald was evacuated to the Highlands before returning to school in Glasgow in 1940. After the war, he won a bursary to study Medicine at University of Glasgow, where he also excelled in badminton, winning multiple Scottish Universities titles and the Scottish Mixed Open Championship in 1949 and 1950.

Following his medical training, Ronald joined the Royal Air Force on a Short Service Commission. After training in Tropical Medicine, he served in Malaya and Korea, overseeing medical services for RAF personnel across Southeast Asia. He was Mentioned in Dispatches for bravery in 1954.

In 1959, Ronald moved to Leeds as a Senior Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and was appointed Consultant and Senior Lecturer in 1962. Over a distinguished 31-year career, he became widely respected as both clinician and academic. He edited the European Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and authored the influential postgraduate textbook *The Scientific Basis of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*.

Ronald married his beloved Joan in 1962. Together they shared 64 years of marriage, raising two children and enjoying six grandchildren.

**Dr Mark Worsley**  
C1978, 1960 – 2025



Mark Henry Worsley was born in 1960 and entered the Primary School in 1969, following his elder brother Richard. He was a keen rugby player, on the wing as befitted his athletic frame.

He left the school in 1977 to study medicine at Glasgow University, graduating in 1982. He worked at the Western Infirmary before spending a year in New Zealand between 1987 – 1988, by which point he had qualified as an anaesthetist. Having returned to UK,

he worked at the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh and became a consultant in Stirling in 1991, where he lived for the rest of his life.

Beyond medicine, he enjoyed the outdoors, enjoying sailing on Loch Lomond and the West Coast, climbing, golf, skiing and ornithology.

He was followed into medicine by his elder son Calum, and his daughter Hannah became a physiotherapist and his younger son Charlie a strategy consultant, whose achievements made him very proud. Unassuming and understated, he was admired by many who knew him.

He had recently been pleased to have reconnected with several of his old school friends prior to their 50th anniversary reunion.

Mark's funeral was massively well supported with about 150 people present and more able to view online. Many of his former classmates were present, several coming from afar.

## Amy MacLennan née Carruthers C1949, 1932 – 2026

Amy Margaret Elizabeth Carruthers attended Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School from 1944–1949. Due to the war the first years were at Milton Park School in Dalry, Kirkcudbright. She made many long-lasting friends including Evelyn Stewart (née Crow), Kathleen Dingwall (née Gillespie), Kathleen Grey, Gena Halliday (née Chadwin), Rae Douglas (née MacDonald) and June Gow. They had frequent reunions for 70 years, the last was in 2019.

After Hutchesons', Amy was employed as an auditor at the Accountancy firm of Gourley and Deas where she made another lifelong friend, Isabel Ross. Amy met John MacLennan in 1952 and they married in 1954. They settled in Bishopbriggs where Amy had further accountancy jobs after raising their family. They had a long and happy marriage until 2006 when John died. Amy is survived by her two children, Anne and Stephen, and their families.



## Heather Shanks C2005, 1987 – 2025



Heather Shanks, 38, formerly of Burnside passed away suddenly on 17 December 2025 at her home in Liberton, Edinburgh. She was born on 7th August 1987 to parents Moira and Roger Shanks. Heather would later become a sister to Gordon, born two and a half years later.

Heather was educated at Burnside Primary School

and then onto Hutchesons' Grammar School, both of which she enjoyed immensely. Heather made the most of her school experience by playing hockey, participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and forming friendships which have been lifelong.

Heather left Hutchie excited to start the next chapter of her life as an undergraduate at The University of Dundee where she would complete an Honours degree in Biology.

Having graduated in 2015, Heather began to think seriously about a career in teaching and went on to do a Post Graduate Diploma in Education at The University of Strathclyde and was fortunate enough to gain her first substantive post at Dunbar Grammar School thereafter. Heather was kind, nurturing and always had a genuine desire to help others. For those who knew her it was clear to see that she was tailor made for teaching.

As well as her passion for teaching, Heather loved the outdoors, especially trips to the Highlands and Islands with family and friends.

Heather was a loyal daughter, sister, niece, cousin and friend. She was optimistic with a fun-loving nature and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.



## Michael M Carrier C1964, 1945 – 2025

After leaving Hutchesons', Michael studied Quantity Surveying at the Glasgow College of Building (now Glasgow Caledonian University) and afterwards worked briefly in the UK. Michael moved to South Africa in December 1969 along with Ian Telford, another Hutchesons' pupil. Michael joined the QS firm Brian McIntosh & Latilla and within 2 years he was made a partner and the company was renamed McIntosh Latilla Carrier, also known as MLC. The first MLC office was based in Johannesburg but soon other offices opened in Durban, Cape Town, Botswana and the Middle East. MLC became the biggest QS firm in South Africa. Michael retired as a director of MLC in 2002 and dabbled in property development in South Africa. He was also involved in a prestigious private development in Fiji.

Michael was a keen sportsman. He excelled in rugby

and squash, and was very proud to have played for the First XV whilst at Hutchesons'. He was a passionate rugby fan and supported Hutchesons' whenever he returned to Scotland and also when the school toured South Africa. He was also a big fan of the Scotland rugby team.

Michael loved the African bushveld and took up flying, obtaining his private pilot's license to enable him to travel to the bushveld more easily and more regularly.

Michael was successfully treated for Oesophageal cancer in 2006. In spite of the surgery and treatment, Michael continued to live life to the full with his positive, cheerful outlook, enthusiasm and energy and regularly returned to Scotland to visit family and friends. He and his wife moved to Cape Town in 2018. He died in Cape Town in September 2025 after a short illness.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Elizabeth, and his children Nicholas and Clare.

# 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.

Thanks to the support of our donors, around 1 in 10 pupils receive a full or partial bursary.

## HOW CAN I GIVE?

### Regular Giving

Many of our current supporters choose to make a regular donation via standing order. This allows us to plan more accurately for the future.

### Single Gifts

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

[www.hutchesons.org/donate](http://www.hutchesons.org/donate)

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**FUNDS TWO**  
FULL SCHOOL BURSARIES



## 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.

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£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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