



RED NOSE DAY AT HSD



On Friday 13th March, Red Nose Day 2009, over a thousand pupils and staff teamed up to form Britain's biggest Red Nose to raise funds for Comic Relief. At the time of writing, over £3000 has been raised for this marvellous cause, so a big thankyou to everyone who took part and donated, and also to Mrs Fletcher and her team of High Helpers who organised this amazing event!
To see more photos of Comic Relief events in school, turn to page 3.

A QUANTUM OF SUMMER

Katie Main (F6)

The evenings of the 24th and 25th of March saw the extravaganza that was the Interact Club's charity fashion show – Quantum of Summer. Over two nights Trinity was transformed into a fabulous catwalk, where the sparkling fashion show took place. Almost all of sixth year were involved in the show, from

modelling or performing, to helping backstage or being a member of the technical crew. After many months of planning and preparation by the Interact team; Sabraj Gill, Rachel Jones, Jennifer Grewar and Guthrie Batchelor, along with many other sixth years and teachers, the show took to the stage, displaying fashions from many local high street shops and independent

boutiques. Clothes modelled varied from up to date spring fashion, casual wear, beach wear, kilts and of course fabulous evening wear. Along with the clothes modelled the audience were also treated to marvellous performances of dancing and singing as well as comedy from some of the...

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Interact Strut their Stuff at Fashion Show

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teachers.

The whole event was a huge success and with the money from the ticket sales, raffle and competitions around £3000

was raised for the supported charities the Brae Centre and Glenlaw House. So far this session the interact club have raised a massive £5000 for charity through other events such as the Cyclathon in

September last year.

None of this would have been possible without the 'fab four': Rachel, Sabraj, Guthrie and Jennifer and they should be thanked for all their hard work this year.

Below you can see some photos of the fashion show, including some familiar faces from the staffroom...



Comic Relief Photos

Below and to the right are photos from the High School's Comic Relief Talent Store, which proved highly popular, particularly on Red Nose Day itself when there was standing room only in Trinity Hall! With acts as diverse as Phonejacker, Monty Python, Fakeout and even a special guest appearance by the Spice Girls, all presided over brilliantly by Mr Cowieson of the Drama Department, this was a truly exceptional event.



Where the other photos of the giant Red Nose were taken by Mrs Vannet from the office block opposite the school, this was taken by a circling plane from RAF Leuchars in Fife!

Debating Competition Update

Mrs McGrath

Senior debating continues to be successful – to the extent that the trophy cabinet in the front hall of the school is currently quite full! Having won the Glasgow tournament in the autumn, on the domestic circuit Lauren Pringle and Scott Ralston F6 went on to win both the Dundee and Edinburgh tournaments. At UK level they did outstandingly well in the Cambridge Union, topping the team tab, Lauren coming first and Scott

second on the speaker tab and very narrowly losing the final. 2nd out of an initial entry of 600 schools is not bad! A



fortnight later in the Oxford

Union they placed 4th and 5th on the speaker tab and finished 7th overall, from an initial entry of 800 teams. They also reached the final of the Scottish Mace and in May will contest the Ross Cup 'champion of champions' trophy in St Andrews. Finally on the international front, for the first time ever the High School of Dundee had two pupils in the national side to attend the World Schools Debating Championships, in Athens in February, where Team Scotland reached the quarter-finals and finished 8th out of 39 nations. Scott and Lauren are shown holding their international trophy.

Annual Piano Day– Junior and Senior Recitals Both Top Notch!

Performance Classes and Senior Recital

Ewan Macmillan (F6)

It was the 11th of March, and after hours of practice, it was finally Piano Day. Piano Day is the pianists chance to show off, without any of the other instrumentalists getting in the way.

During the Lunch interval, there was a very special recital by the piano teachers.

They were all playing to show how well the piano could be played if you practice enough. Mr Armstrong played Frederic Mompou's Scenes d'enfants, Mrs Evans played a selection of Chic Corea's Childrens songs and Mr Burke played a solo Jazz Piano selection.

Then in the afternoon, 4 pianists (the crème de la crème of the department), were invited to perform in an afternoon masterclass with Norman

Beedie, a world renowned pianists who is currently at the Department of Keyboard Studies at the Guild Hall in London. Amy Watson, Lewis Foggie, Nicol Foggie and Laura Lee all thoroughly enjoyed themselves playing in front of such a master of the piano, and they were able to get hints from him to help aid performances.

The Evening session began with the Junior Recital, with pianists that were chosen to show off their wonderful skills. Then it was the turn of the Senior Recital. Once again, a very eclectic range of music was chosen, from Beethoven to Stevenson, Jackson to Ravel.

Overall the day went well, and as always thanks go to the Music Department, especially the piano teachers. Without their continued dedication, none of this could have been possible.

Junior Recital

Freddie Kempton (L7)

On Wednesday 11th March in Trinity Hall there was a Junior piano recital at 6:00pm, with many fabulous pieces including "She'll be Coming Round The Mountain when She Comes," "Over the Rainbow" and many other classics. There were a few slip ups but the audience did not notice and they carried on playing. Pupils from the Junior School to the Senior School were watching. Miss Anderson thought it was "wonderful" and many other people loved it as well. Parents and high-ranking school officials were there, along with piano teachers Miss Evans and Mr Armstrong. Everyone who played in it enjoyed doing so, and there was another recital at 7:30pm.