

# HIGH SCHOOL OF DUNDEE

# NEWSLETTER



July 2009

Dear Parents and Friends of the High School,

I received a lot of positive comments from parents about the timing of the evening Prize-Giving this year. If we wish to keep this event at the end of the Summer Term (my preference!) and in the Caird Hall we will have to go for the evening option again next year as there will be a similar clash with Dundee University. I am happy to receive any comments as to how we can improve this important event.

This Newsletter marks the end of what has been a very busy first session for me at the High School. I have enjoyed it hugely and am already looking forward to the challenges and opportunities for next year. The last few weeks have been particularly busy, with Sports Day, the outstanding production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* in St Paul's Cathedral and the L6/7 Musical *Treasure Island* being particularly memorable. The words of our guest at Prize-Giving, Professor Anne Glover, will also live long in the memory.

Looking ahead, we will be monitoring the impact of spread of swine flu over the holiday period - we will keep you informed of any implications for the pupils. The financial crisis is having an impact on a few parents but our numbers for next session are holding up well.

On another matter you will remember that we were waiting to receive planning permission for our new all-weather sports pitches. We were very disappointed to hear this week that despite our application

having the full support of the Director of Planning for the City and the Convenor of the Planning Committee, the councillors chose to reject it. We will appeal.

On a more positive note we have put together a very varied and lively programme of events for the anniversary celebrations next term, including what may include a Royal Visit. Watch this space! You will receive the full programme together with invitations towards the end of the holidays.

In the meantime I wish you all a wonderful holiday and I am keeping my fingers crossed for all those in F4-F6 waiting for SQA examination results in the first week in August.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John D Halliday'.

Dr John D Halliday  
Rector

## High Achievers

### Art – Fringe Shortlist

Several of our pupils achieved success in The Edinburgh Fringe Festival programme Competition.

The following pupils were shortlisted and their entries will be on display in an exhibition in Leith at the St James Shopping Centre for 2 weeks in the summer:

Rosie Allen and Callum Rennet, both Form 2 and Emily Culross, Ellen McLean and Adam Powrie, all Form 1.

## Pillars Banners competition

As part of the centenary celebrations we wanted to commission some banners to hang between the pillars at the front of the main building. We asked pupils to submit designs, many of which were very good indeed.

The runners-up were Jamie Mather (F1), Gail Watson (F2) and Hannah McCollam (F2).

However, the winning design was put forward by Rachael Sinclair F6. We look forward to seeing them installed early next term!

## Charity Work and Community Service

All together the whole school has had a fantastic year in terms of Charity fundraising, raising well over £24,000 for so many different charities. Our thanks go to Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Spinks, Mrs Boath and the High Helpers,

The Charities Committee and to all who have contributed to make this such a successful year.

## Interact Officials

The following have been appointed as Interact office-bearers for next session:

President: Joanne Mulford  
VP: Howell Craske  
Secretary: Jennifer Lothian  
Treasurer: Danny MacPherson  
Publicity: Grace Batchelor

## Chemistry

### Salters Award Success

A team of four F1 pupils went to Heriot Watt University in early June to take part in the Salters' Festival of Chemistry, with teams from twenty schools.

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Part of the day was the Salters' Chemistry Challenge, where the team had to use chemical analysis and team-work to solve a murder.

The High School team of Bethany Brown, Gordon Robertson, Duncan Raitt and Olivia Tait won the competition, defeating George Watsons into 2<sup>nd</sup>. They also won molecular model kits for the school worth over £100.

## Debating

### Ross Cup – HSD win again

Run by St Andrews University since its inauguration in 2003 when the cup was presented by Lord David Ross, High School FP, to be contested among the four school teams who had done best in the big competitions throughout the year.

Two of these were from HSD, plus, Heriot's (won Mace) and Aberdeen Grammar. Motion was a bit difficult – *THB in the right to bear arms*.

This time our B team of Rachael McLellan and James Wood got the better of our internationalists Lauren and Scott to win the trophy!

### Robert Gordon's Junior Debating (22 May 09)

24 teams competed and our A team of Joanna Tinson and Hannah Thomson learnt a lot, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> opposing the motion *THW ban the BNP*, and missed reaching the final by 2 speaker points.

Anne Begg MP chaired. A team of potential. Cameron Pringle was awarded the certificate for best 2<sup>nd</sup> year speaker and Zara Evans made up the B team.

## Drama

Twenty five F3 pupils recently took part in the schools' Perform at the Rep represented the school brilliantly giving an imaginative and very well executed performance of a piece they devised themselves.

Perform at the Rep is an annual project run by the Education Team at Dundee Rep.

Schools are invited to devise a drama based on the same theme, this year was Truth and Lies. Each school uses different forms to create the drama and workshop assistance is given by drama specialists from The Rep although all presentations are very much created by the pupils themselves with the teacher/specialist in the role of facilitator.

They used different forms to tell the story e.g. movement, direct address, mime. What was impressive was not the storyline particularly but the dramatic execution of it, their mutual support of each other and the other schools taking part (which is what the event is all about really). There was minimal set, props or lighting and it takes some courage to hold the main stage at the Rep.

## Form 2 Acid Rain Project

The pupils completed experiments (including pH sampling at home) research and investigations over a 12 week period into the causes and effects of Acid Rain. The winners' model has been entered for the Royal Society of Chemistry "Bill Bryson Prize" Winners were Bethany Cessford, Kimberley Marshall and Linzi Peters.

## Good Samaritan

It is not often that the many unseen acts of kindness and generosity reach the public domain but Melanie Matthew (F5) was publicly thanked in the Courier by a member of the public, Margaret McBride, on 8 April, "Thanks to Melanie Matthew of Dundee High School, the man from Germany, the ambulance men and doctors and nurses of A&E who helped when I fell and dislocated my shoulder in Dundee High Street."

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The participation goes from strength to strength. In addition to those congratulated in the April Newsletter should now be added the following:

### Gold Award – Record numbers

This year 15 F6 pupils have qualified for the Gold Award and will be attending the Gold Award Presentation Day at Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh on 1<sup>st</sup> July with the Duke himself. We believe this to be a record number in one year. Congratulations to the following:

Sarah Acheson, Emma Bankhead, Jennifer Grewar, Duncan Hedigan, Andrew Hayes, Rachel Jones, Sarah Low, Emily Lucocq, Katie Main, Danny McGuff, Conor Ogg, Lauren Pringle, Laura Sim, Rachael Sinclair, Amy Watson.

### Silver Award F6

Marianne Dobson.

### F5

Grace Batchelor, Duncan Fraser, Andrew Kilgour, Eoghann McGregor, Amy Mitchell, Peter Robertson, Cai Wardle.

### Bronze Award F4

Kasia Brown, Christopher Stout, Lauren McNamara, David Jones, David Johnston, Hannah Henderson, Cara Davidson, Jamie Bannister.

## Maths Awards

Each year the High School Maths department enters pupils for both the UK Mathematical Challenge and the Scottish Mathematical Challenge.

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### UK Intermediate Mathematical Challenge 2009

43 members of F3 achieved success in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. There were 7 Golds, 12 Silvers and 24 Bronzes. Duncan Strachan achieved the Best in School and has been selected to attend the UKMT summer school. Only 40 of the most talented maths pupils in the UK are invited so we are delighted to hear that Duncan has qualified. The venue is Queen's College, Birmingham from 5th to 10th July. 40 pupils engaged in mathematical activities during the day and social events in the evenings. We have had some brilliant pupils in the past, who have eventually obtained top marks in AHs, but none of them have qualified for the summer camp before. Names are given according to ranking.

#### Gold

Duncan Strachan, Kinghang Chan, William McBride, Chris White, Kirsty Macpherson, Lucy Arthur, Sarah Lothian.

#### Silver

Alister Bankhead, Daniel Barton, Lucy Abel, Graeme Smith, Linsey Bower, Ailsa Summers, Keziah Brown, Kiran Chita, Sylvie Clark, Alexander Stirling, Ross Mulford, Laura Lee.

#### Bronze

April Shepherd, Sarah McGregor, Fraser Stewart, Sean Walker, Daniel Ajuh, Hannah Robb, Jennifer Allan, Louisa Ramsay, Andrew Clarkson, Matthew Clark, Robert Daly, Nairne Conway, Patrick Cartlidge, Stuart Rodney, Cairan Mclaggan, Cameron Richardson, Ailsa Thomson, Khalil Okhai, David Hayes, Ellen Andrew, Jessica McGoff, Joanna Tait, Cameron Lockhart, Isabella Oon.

### UK Junior Mathematical Challenge 2009

#### Gold

Chris Acheson, Hannah Arnold, Harry Carstairs (best in School), Charlotte Collison, Catherine Coull, Daniel Davidson, Tabitha Fleming, Kirsty Gray, Abi Inglis, Jakob Kroboth, Scott Lothian, James Lucocq, Campbell Macleod, Jamie Mather, Morven Millar, Vanessa Matthew, Louise Pattullo, Pallavi Pillai, Andrew Sadler, Gail Watson.

### Scottish Mathematical Challenge 2009

#### Junior Gold:

Bethany Cessford, Tracy Chan, Campbell Macleod, Akdas Hussain, Andrew Kelly, Duncan Raitt.

#### Junior Silver:

Hannah Arnold, James Lucocq, Marshall Macleod.

#### Junior Bronze:

Scott Lothian, Karyn Joss, Linzi Peters, Charlotte Collison, Sandy Gardiner, Rory Brown, Cameron Pringle, Kerry Voice, James Mulligan, Samuel Poon, Lana Ingram.

**Middle Gold:** King Hang Chan.

**Middle Silver:** Laura Lee, Charlotte Keatch, Ross MacDonald.

**Middle Bronze:** Siobhan Chien.

**Senior Gold:** Josh Ivinson.

**Senior Silver:** Fabliha Hussain.

### Physical Prowess

Alex Montgomery (F5) has been awarded a Nuffield Bursary to study opto-electronics in the summer holidays at Dundee University. She is also Dux of Physics and a very worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

### Poetry Competition

The Junior School Poetry Competition Final was a great success with all the children giving terrific performances. The eventual winner was Emma Walker L7 and the runner up Mhairi Millar LV.



### LOST PROPERTY

The PA would like to remind parents to continue to help in reducing the ever growing quantity of lost property in the school. Please ensure that all clothing is properly labelled which will ensure that items are returned to pupils without delay.

***Regular updates, news and information are available on the PA website.***

## Music

Elliot McKillop has been invited to join the National Boys' Choir for a three-day course later this summer.

## Associated Board Exams

Congratulations on the following on their success in recent AB music exams:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Instrument/Voice</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Result</u>
Katy Allen	Flute	2	Pass
Rachel Allen	Violin	1	Pass
Alex Ashworth	Alto Saxophone	3	Merit
Fraser Ashworth	Trumpet	1	Merit
Emma Bankhead	Piano	7	Merit
Barbara Braid	Violin	1	Distinction
Anna Burns	Singing	7	Distinction
Eilidh Campbell	Piano	3	Distinction
Rebecca Campbell	Clarinet	4	Pass
Eilidh Catherine Affleck	Trumpet	4	Distinction
Chui Shan Chan	Violin	1	Distinction
King Hang Chan	Violin	1	Merit
Louise Clark	Violin	1	Distinction
Lauren Clayson	Flute	5	Pass
Robert Daly	Tenor Saxophone	3	Merit
Sarah Douglas	Violin	3	Pass
Zara Evans	Clarinet	4	Pass
Sarah Hay	Violin	4	Merit
Dawn Hutchens	Flute	5	Pass
Ailsa Johnston	Piano	3	Pass
Karyn Elizabeth Joss	Clarinet	3	Distinction
Jakob Kroboth	Clarinet	2	Merit
Laura Lee	Violin	6	Distinction
Caroline Li	Violin	7	Merit
Jennifer Lothian	Violin	4	Merit
Campbell Macleod	Guitar	2	Distinction
Kimberley Marshall	Clarinet	3	Merit
Kirsty Morrison	Singing	7	Pass
Ruaridh Ogilvie	Alto Saxophone	3	Pass
Dougal Redford	Violin	2	Pass
Andrew Sadler	Clarinet	4	Distinction
Katie Sadler	Piano	5	Distinction
Emma Scahill	Singing	5	Merit
Rhona Scragg	Clarinet	2	Merit
Gayle Spinks	Piano	6	Pass
India Stobbs	Clarinet	3	Distinction
Sophie Stobbs	Violin	1	Merit
Callum Strachan	Alto Saxophone	5	Merit
Catriona Strachan	Violin	1	Pass
Rachael Stubbs	Violin	1	Merit
Olivia Tait	Violin	4	Pass
Ailsa Thomson	Clarinet	3	Pass
Logan Thomson	Violin	1	Merit
Marysia Thomson	Clarinet	3	Pass
Madeleine Tinson	Violin	2	Merit
Graham Watson	Violin	2	Distinction
Rebekah Wilson-Pearce	Clarinet	3	Pass
Isabella Xiang Oon	Clarinet	4	Pass

## **Pipes and Drums**

A group of our pipers and drummers were selected to make a CD with Gordon Stewart, an eminent organist originally from Dundee, recording an arrangement of Highland Cathedral by Noel Rawsthorne, organist of Liverpool Cathedral.

The proceeds are going toward the upkeep of the Caird Hall organ. The pupils involved were Charles Arthur L7, Jack Hamilton F1, Angus Milne, F1, Cameron Pringle F2, Hannah Robb F3, Ben Flack F4.

They have been asked to be in Pipe band uniform for the photograph for the CD cover.

## **Sport**

### **Athletics**

Congratulations to Callum Edwards (F3) on winning two Silver Medals at the Scottish Schools Athletics Championships this year, in the individual Long Jump and the Pentathlon.

Another fine achievement from a very consistent athlete!

### **Biathlon Invitational**

Well done to the following who have been selected to take part in the Invitational Schools Biathlon Championships as part of the Pentathlon World Championships at Crystal Palace on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>: Alex Sharpe F2, Callum Rennet F2, Nathan Wight F2, Georgina Black F2 and Euan Rose L7.

### **Cricket**

#### **Officials 2009**

Richard Abel F5 Captain

Kevin Singh F4 Vice Captain

### **Golf**

#### **Ailsa Summers (F3) - Scottish Schools Champion and Scotland International!**

Ailsa (F4) recently rounded off a superb term on the golf course by winning the Scottish Schools Girls' Championship. This followed earlier successes for the 15-year-old Carnoustie Ladies Golf Club member in the recent Angus County Junior girls championship before she then became the youngest ever Angus Ladies champion over the Montrose Links on 10 May. Ailsa, the No 5 qualifier, beat the top seed and past champion, Kathleen Sutherland (Royal Montrose), playing over her home course, at the 19th in the morning semi-final and then triumphed by 3 and 2 in the final over the No 2 seed, Heather Anderson (Alyth). Ailsa's mother Mary has also won the Angus title six times! She then became 9<sup>th</sup> best qualifier for the Scottish Ladies Amateur Championship at Southernness, winning the McInnes Shaw Trophy for the best aggregate nett. Not surprisingly, Ailsa was duly selected to represent Scotland U16 at the European Young Masters at the Golf National in France from 23-25 July. She will also be in the European Girls' Team Championships at Kokkola GC, Finland 7-11 July.

## **Dundee Schools' Athletics Championships (Caird Park, 19 June)**

This was another very successful day for High School athletes, with 35 Golds, 18 Silvers and 21 Bronze medals. Overall our athletes won six out of the eight age groups and Harris Brown (F2) with his sprint double won the Allan Wells Sprints Trophy, retaining it for the school. Congratulations to the following medal winners:

### **Group A Boys**

Gold: S Walton (2), E McGregor, C Mitchell, Relay

Silver: H Craske

Bronze: C Purdie, C Mitchell, A Bailwal

### **Group B Boys**

Gold: G McFarlane, G Sampson, C Edwards (3), G Smith, S Moyes, N Moorjani, A Clarkson, Relay

Silver: J McFarlane, G Sampson, S Moyes, R Mulford

Bronze: R Mulford, G Smith, A Clarkson

### **Group C Boys**

Gold: H Brown (2), Y Al-Agilly, J Kroboth, Relay

Silver: J Paladini (2), B Cochrane

Bronze: C Acheson, A Fagerson

### **Group D Boys**

Gold: J Clarkson, D Leese, J Forbes, Relay

Silver: J Forbes

Bronze: S Lothian

### **Group A Girls**

Silver: M Adamson

Bronze: H Coleman, J McGregor, Relay

### **Group B Girls**

Gold: R Batchelor, E Andrew, M Hutchison (2), J Armstrong, Relay

Silver: E Andrew, H Fearon, S Chalmers

Bronze: J Armstrong, H Fearon (2), E Andrew

### **Group C Girls**

Gold: T Chan, H McCollum, K Stout, Relay

Silver: C Collison (2), A Johnstone, B Cessford

Bronze: S Armstrong, K Guest (2)

### **Group D Girls**

Gold: Relay

Silver: K Reynolds

Bronze: K Reynolds, A Burnett

## School Tournaments

The Inaugural Stuart Gordon Memorial Trophy for the Junior School Championship was played on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of June as the thermometer nudged 25o centigrade in the shadow of the beautiful Angus Glens at Kirriemuir GC. Eleven Junior School golfers participated in the tournament and after a gruelling 4 hours of closely fought, but enjoyable competition, the Stuart Gordon Trophy was won by Andrew Gibson, L7C, with an excellent Stableford score of 31 points.

Harry Ogilvie, L7A, rued a calamitous closing stretch, scoring only 3 points in 4 holes to finish just 1 shot adrift. Fraser Brown L7D and Campbell Gibson L5C finished joint 3<sup>rd</sup> a further 2 points behind.

The Trophy was generously donated by Stuart Gordon's parents, who also kindly travelled from Fife to present the trophy. It commemorates one of the High School's bravest pupils. Stuart was born with Cystic Fibrosis and

despite ever-deteriorating health determinedly completed Senior School and remained throughout an enthusiastic and keenly competitive golfer, who never once complained or made an excuse about his disability, despite the very obvious problems that it caused him.

Andrew Gibson's name, therefore, is the first of many that will appear on a trophy that celebrates the life of a High School pupil whose memory deserves to be remembered.

The Boase Medal (Senior Boys) this year was won by Tom Ogilvie (F3). He tied with the current holder, Paul McNulty (F6) and George Sampson (F3) but won on the basis of a better score on the last 9 holes.

In the Staff v Pupils Match at Panmure the boys obtained a rather fortunate 2-2 draw! The Pirie Cup and Recordon Salver have still to be played.

## Tennis

**Junior Girls Tennis Champion: Katie Young F1**

**Senior Girls Tennis Champion: Cara Davidson F3**

Congratulations to our School Girls's tennis champions for 2009.

Meanwhile, Lewis Hall (L4) has been chosen to attend a training day in Paris to be coached by Roger Federer in tennis. Lewis already attends tennis coaching sessions with the Scottish Youth team at Stirling every week. A star for the future! During this session Lewis was selected for both the Tayside and North of Scotland Performance Squads. He is the current Strathmore 9 and under Champion. Lewis is also a talented hockey player, one of the youngest players to be selected for the Perthshire Hockey Development squad ( normally only open to L7 children) He is currently being selected on a regular basis for the Under 10 and under 12 team and he has also played for the under 14 team. He recently played in the National Hockey Finals in Edinburgh.

## Mayfield News

**Summer Sports Programme** – Cricket, Multi-Sports and Rugby between 6<sup>th</sup> July until 14<sup>th</sup> August. Please see the Mayfield website for further details.

## Skiing

### Multiple National Champion!

Charlie Guest F4 (see previous Newsletters for previous successes) competed in the Scottish Alpine Skiing Championships at Courchevel from 9-10 April and won 6 Gold Medals and 2 Silvers. Her Golds came in Ladies GS Lillywhite Cup, Ladies Junior Slalom, Ladies FIS Slalom – Top Scottish Juniors, Ladies FIS Slalom – Top Scottish Seniors, Ladies FIS Giant Slalom – Top Scottish Juniors and Ladies FIS Giant Slalom – Top Scottish Seniors.

She was also awarded the Kirsten McGibbon Shield for best female in GS and achieved her goal of reducing her FIS points to less than 100.

After excellent performances in the Scottish and British Children's Championships Katie Guest F2 has been reselected for the British Children's Team (U14) and now faces a summer of gruelling fitness sessions.

## Table Tennis

The school Table Tennis trophy was won this year by Oliver Baker (F3), with Mila Georgieva and Andrew Baldie (both F1) as runners-up.

## Support Craig Webb

Craig Webb, our Sports Centre Manager, is cycling from John O'Groats to Lands End in April 2010 in support of the Help for Heroes campaign.

Please sponsor him by contacting him at Mayfield on:

01382 454987 or the email address on the Mayfield website.

## Equestrianism

Congratulations to Ruth Batchelor on her selection for the Scottish Pony Club team at the UK championships at Windsor Great Park from 13-17 May in the presence of the Duke of Edinburgh.

## Kilgraston Scottish Schools Equestrian Championships, Gleneagles Equestrian Centre

The High School teams acquitted themselves very well at these championships as follows:

### 12 & Under: (16 teams plus 4 individuals)

Jessica Tinson F1 on Lord of the Manor II, Grant Harley L6 Burnside Bouncer and Madeleine Tinson L6 Bunbury Czar. Team: Overall: 7<sup>th</sup> Dressage: 7<sup>th</sup> Show Jumping: 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Jessica Tinson 3<sup>rd</sup> best individual in the show jumping

### 14 & Under: (12 teams plus 7 individuals)

Georgina Black F2 on Catchpenny, Lucy Harley F2 on Kiltinane Andrew and Catriona Wallace F1 on Wizard. Team Results: Overall: 7<sup>th</sup> Dressage: 7<sup>th</sup> Show Jumping: 6<sup>th</sup> with Lucy Harley 2<sup>nd</sup> best individual in the show jumping.

### 15 & Over: (12 teams plus 3 individuals)

Kate Foubister F6 on Puddledub Misfit, Mike Harley F4 on Meiklekins Secret Rosie Allen F2 on Jay and Barbara Shaw F3 on Daisy Do. A superb 2<sup>nd</sup> Place overall. Team Results: **Overall: 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Dressage: 3<sup>rd</sup>, Show Jumping: 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Rosie Allen as 3<sup>rd</sup> best individual in the dressage.

## Sports Leader Awards

This is the first year pupils from the High School of Dundee have been involved in the Sports Leader Award. The pupils received four full days training in June last year where they completed Module A.

Module A involved learning about organisational skills, communication skills, health and fitness, fair play in sport, the role of the umpire and opportunities in sport & recreation.

Module B was then completed between June and March by the pupils helping to run sports sessions for other groups of children – e.g. in the Junior School PE programme, in School co-curricular clubs, in other clubs outside the School and in the Mayfield summer camp.

The 16 F6 pupils who achieved the Award are: Amy Bryan, Liam Eyles, Jennifer Grewar, Jenni Hagan, Matthew Hay, Duncan Hedigan, Josh Ivinson, Rachel Jones, Rona Leese, Kirsty McEwan, Frazer Reid, Joanna Reid, Emma Scahill, Laura Sim, Rachel Sinclair and Jamie Williams.

## Staff News

### Valete

At the end of this term we say farewell in the Senior School to Mrs Lauren Boath (Physics), Mr Andy McKellar (Classics) and Mr Michael Stewart (English). Ms Tracy Grant (Computing) left us in early May.

Mrs Boath is moving to a post at Monifieth HS, Mr McKellar is taking up a post as Head of Classics at The Glasgow Academy and Mr Stewart is moving to new challenges in the Sudan.

We wish them all every success in their future careers and thank them for all they have done for the High School.

Their successors have now all been appointed: Mr Edmund Faulkes (Classics), Mr Stuart Hill (Physics), Mr Daryl Meechan (English) and Mr Joseph Rainey (Computing).

### Scotland Call-Ups for HSD Hockey coach

Congratulations to Miss Vikki Bunce, our hockey coach, on her recent selections for Scotland. So far this international season she played England twice in Manchester (lost 4.0 and drew 1.1). Then she travelled to France for an international tournament in Lisieux where Scotland finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.

She has just returned from a trip to Amsterdam where she played the Dutch Olympic Champions twice along with their under 21 side. After the end of term she will play in the Celtic Cup on 26 – 28<sup>th</sup> June at Peffermill, Edinburgh, followed by fixtures against Belgium in Stirling in July, and Spain and Germany, before selection for the European Championships in August. Good Luck!

### Mapping News

Mrs Val Vannet has been in print again, this time in an article entitled My Patch, aimed at younger geographers to help them with mapping skills.

The article appears in the latest edition of the Ordnance Survey's education magazine, Mapping News.

## British Geological Society

Our Physics and Geography depts. have been invited to join the British Geological Society Schools Seismology Project.

This is a very prestigious award and has only been offered to a limited number of schools in Scotland. We will be given a seismometer and training in its use to monitor the minute vibrations from earthquakes from all over the world!

George MacKay and David Foulds will represent the school. See the link for further info on the project: <http://www.bgs.ac.uk/schoolseismology/>

## International Recognition for Physics teacher

Lauren Boath from the HSD Physics Department (see also above) has won praise at an international gathering of science teachers in Berlin in March.

Lauren Boath, who has been working to introduce the PARSEL programme to physics classes, was invited to present her work at the four-day gathering of science teachers, educationalists and researchers.

The PARSEL project is designed to boost interest in science by ensuring that course content is relevant and interesting for pupils. The International PARSEL Conference was attended by around 100 leading science teachers, educators and researchers from around the world.

## FP News

### Lord Cullen of Whitekirk

We were delighted to hear that Lord Cullen FP, one of the most senior members of the Scottish judiciary, has been elected Chancellor of the University of Abertay. A former Lord Justice General and Lord President of the Court of Session (where he succeeded another High School FP, Lord Ross), he was appointed a Knight of the Thistle in 2007.

It is good to know our neighbour over the road will be in such good hands!

### Mark Beaumont

Our most intrepid FP has recently (27 May) embarked on his latest challenge to cycle the length of the Americas from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego.

He has currently just climbed Mount McKinlay (on foot!) and will also climb Aconcagua in Argentina enroute. He plans to arrive at Tierra del Fuego in mid-February 2010.

### Scotland A Cap

Congratulations to Richie Vernon on his recent appearances in the back row for Scotland A in their victories against Russia and France in the Nations Cup. He scored the winning try against France.

## HIGH SCHOOL OF DUNDEE WEBSITE

Our new website is now available online at [www.highschoolofdundee.co.uk](http://www.highschoolofdundee.co.uk).

This site is the next stage in the development of our online presence. In due course, we will also be launching a dedicated online resource for current pupils and parents.

We hope that you find the site both interesting and useful. If you have any questions or comments on the website, please let us know!



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*Ken Murray, Baritone*

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*Wednesday, 9th September 2009*

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