

# HIGH SCHOOL OF DUNDEE

# NEWSLETTER



April 2010

The weather has curtailed many of the sporting activities this term but nonetheless it has been very busy. The SQA prelims passed off successfully and our pupils have been ensuring that they have the revision strategies in place to maximise their chances in May and June. Meanwhile there have been a number of notable events and achievements. The Interact Club has celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this term, the girls' football team won the Scottish Independent Schools championships and it has been an extraordinary year for our skiers.

Dr John D Halliday  
Rector

## Updates

### All-Weather Hockey and Tennis surfaces

As many will be already aware, our application for planning for much needed all-weather surfaces at Dalnacraig was turned down by the Council Planning Committee and then, to general astonishment, by the Reporter on appeal. This will not keep us from trying and we are about to reapply with a revised application. We will also be applying to level the rugby pitches on Dalnacraig, a much needed development.

### High School On-Line

Over the past year we have been steadily developing our strategy for the High School in relation to on-line resources and information. This has focused on three main areas:

#### 1. MIS

We have identified a more suitable management information system (MIS) for the school, which will enable us to manage the information held at school more effectively, consistently and efficiently. We are currently transferring data and the new system will be up and running by the summer.

#### 2. VLE

Over the past year we have also been developing our own HSD virtual learning environment (VLE). This is an online resource which enables staff and pupils to access materials and resources for learning and teaching. This is organised by academic department and co-curricular area and includes course information, homework tasks and other materials. This term we have begun to roll it out within the school. However, with effect from the end of April it will be accessible from outwith the school via login. This means that pupils who are absent from school for any reason or on study leave can keep in touch with their courses. Parents will therefore also be able to see what materials there are available in each department. I look forward to hearing feedback on how it has bedded in.

#### 3. Website Parent Zone

Finally we are in the process of developing our school website to enable parents to access information about the school via a password-protected portal. This will enable parents to access immediately letters to parents, policies, etc which are not suitable for public gaze. In time we would like to be able to give parents access to pupil reports and SQA information, for example. Our plan is to have this

completed in the course of the next academic session.

### Prize-Giving 2010

This will be an evening event once again, on 23 June. Our Guest of Honour this year is Mark Beaumont FP, whose programmes recording his recent epic journey through the Americas is currently being shown on the BBC.

### Staff News

Congratulations to Donna MacDonald of the Maths Dept and her husband Jamie on the birth of their new baby boy Matthew George on Saturday 9 January.

This term we say farewell to Christine Gill, our Senior Science Technician, who is retiring, and Nancy Myles, who is also retiring as the Assistant Development Officer. They have both made a very substantial contribution to two important but unseen areas of school life and we wish them health and happiness in retirement.

Mr Peter Hancock has been appointed Head Science Technician to succeed Mrs Christine Gill when she retires at the end of this term. He has been Mrs Gill's No 2, so his replacement has also been appointed, namely Mrs Isobel Pimbley. She has had considerable experience, including latterly at Abertay University. She starts on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Earlier this term we welcomed Mrs Elizabeth McIntosh as the School Transport Administrator.

# Achievements

## Charity Fund Raising

### 770 Anniversary Christmas Concert

We were able to donate £4,750 to Dundee Disabled Children's Association from the proceeds of the above concert, a fine effort.

### Haiti Appeal

We decided to devote our Non-Uniform Day this term to the victims of the Haiti earthquake. Exactly £4000 was raised, which has been passed on to the Disasters Emergency Committee who will allocate it as appropriate. That is an average of over £3 per head in the school community.

### Ann Gloag's Kenya Foundations

Ann Gloag spoke to the Junior School this term about the schools she has founded in Kenya. We have had a massive response to our request for donations of books and these are now being sent. We have also agreed to sponsor four children at the Mashimoni School in Kibera and our Junior School Council has also been discussing ideas for fundraising.

### Creative Writing – Pushkin Prize Success!

The Pushkin Prizes (Scotland) is a prestigious creative writing competition which is held between schools in Scotland and Russia. Two of our pupils, Alis Reid and Chloe Collins (both Form 2), have been selected as two of this year's ten Pushkin Prize-winners. Their prize is to attend a five day residential creative writing course at the Moniack Mhor Writer's Centre near Inverness (3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May 2010). A Prize-giving ceremony is to be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May in Edinburgh, to which the girls and their parents are invited along with their English teachers. Given that we have two of the ten prize-winners from the entire competition between Scotland and Russia, this is a major achievement by Chloe and Alis.

## Debating

This has been a leaner year so far with the departure of our internationalists last summer. However, a number of very promising debaters are coming through. Although our teams were not successful in getting through to the Oxford University finals there have been green shoots elsewhere.

- Law Society Competition: Zara Evans and Kiran Chita, a recent member of the debating team, got through the first round of the Law Soc at Morrison's in December. They then defeated Aberdeen Grammar, Glenalmond and Auchterarder in the second round to claim a place in the semis – last 16 in Scotland out of entry of 163. This was very pleasing in the middle of prelims. Unfortunately they just failed to make the final.

- English Speaking Union Mace Competition: In the first round on 11 January Rachael McLellan and April Shepherd proposed *TH supports the compassionate release of terminally ill prisoners* and won through to the second round. Then on 16 March Rachael and April beat Aberdeen Grammar, St Margaret's Aberdeen and Strathallan to progress to semi-finals. Well done!

- ESU Juniors: the 2<sup>nd</sup> round was on 18 March. Our team of Catherine MacKay and Andrew Kelly, F2, gave a valiant performance on the motion *This House Believes that Google should respect the censorship laws of foreign governments* but lost out to Robert Gordon's. Internationals Competition for Young Debaters (ICYD) 27 February, with three teams  
A Zara Evans /Joanna Tinson F4  
B Megan Wallace F2 / Holly Maxwell-Stevenson F4  
C Andrew Kelly / Catherine Mackay F2

The A team of Joanna and Zara were in the top seven teams who qualified for the finals day in Oxford in May. Great result.

The regional final of the East of Scotland Debater competition took place in Baxter Hall recently. The motion that *"This House Believes that all future EU trade agreements with China should be contingent on improvements in China's Human Rights Record"* was hotly debated.

**Senior Inter-house Debate** was held on 16 December 2009 the motion was: *This House Would raise the drinking age to 21*. Gordon Dick and Hannah Thomson won the debate for Airlie, with Wallace 2<sup>nd</sup>, Aystree 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lindores 4<sup>th</sup>. Zara Evans was awarded the trophy for Best Speaker.

### Geography Worldwide Quiz

Our Geographers qualified for the Scottish Final of the Worldwide Quiz, held at Dollar Academy on 12 March.

The team of Cameron Richardson F4, Cameron Pringle F3 and Marshall Macleod F2 had a successful day, reaching the grand final and were 4<sup>th</sup> overall. About 87 schools entered originally so our boys did very well.

### Go4Set Challenge

Six F2 pupils are involved in a 10-week green project to improve the school's green credentials. They are completing a waste audit and look at waste management and collection services before developing a strategy to reduce waste.

The team is lead by Dr Phil Taylor of the Chemistry department, and is made up of pupils Olivia Tait, Scott Lothian, Marshall Macleod, Sarah Emslie Smith, Adam Powrie, Laura Johnston.

# Achievements

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Congratulations to the following pupils who have recently successfully completed their Awards:

### Silver Award

#### F6

Howell Craske, Lewis Foggie, Andrew Kilgour, Amy Mitchell, Victoria Nicholson, Louise Soutar, Mark Wallace

#### F5

Suzanna Brown, Catherine Gordon, David Jones, Callum Leese, Anna Mackenzie, Heather Pringle, Elizabeth Webster, Cara Davidson, Calum Keddie, Tristan Leicester, Alistair Lynch, Helen Main, Lauren McNamara, Cameron Milne, Kirsty Mitchell, Emma Pattullo, Rebecca Reid, Katie Sadler, Hannah Sampson, Fraser Sinclair

### Bronze Award

#### F6

Gavin Tallett

#### F5

Cara Davidson, David Johnston, David Jones, Kasia Thomson, Maddie Thomson

#### F4

Lucy Abel, Lucy Arthur, Daniel Barton, Patrick Cartlidge, Sophie Chalmers, Robert Daly, Zara Evans, Ellen Eyles, Hannah Fearon, Ailie Fraser, David Hayes, Anomita Karim, Holly Maxwell-Stevenson, Isabella Oon, Sara Redford, Chloe Scahill, Ailsa Thomson, Joanna Tinson, Tom Ogilvie, Callum Strachan

## UKMT Maths Team Challenge 2010

This was held at Edinburgh University on 15 March. 23 teams took part but our line-up of Hannah Arnold, Andrew Kelly, Eilidh Lockhart and Joshua McLaggan came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Well done!

## Interact Club 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Interact is the youth wing of the Rotary movement. It aims to encourage young people to take an active part in their local community, under the Rotary motto of "Service above Self".

The High School Interact Club has been very active over the years and 26<sup>th</sup> March marked its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was therefore timely that we welcomed to the school the RIBI UK President of Rotary, David Fowler, earlier this month.

Our current Interact committee (Joanne Mulford, Howell Craske and Victoria Nicolson) gave a

presentation on their fundraising initiatives this year and Sabraj Gill and Rachael Jones (last year's President and Vice-president) returned to discuss last year's activities. For the first time we also welcomed the brand new Morgan Academy Interact Club members and staff too.

## Public Speaking Competitions

Congratulations to all on their success.

Senior (4-6): 1<sup>st</sup> place Holly Maxwell-Stevenson, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Catherine Gordon

Junior (1-3): 1<sup>st</sup> place Zarah Billah, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Andrew Kelly

## Outdoor Education Report

*We are fortunate to have a dedicated outdoor education teacher in Mr Gordon Ross. He has developed the programme of outdoor activities over the last few years. The wintry weather did not hold him or our pupils back, as his report of the Winter Skills Weekend indicates!*

The road was closed on Thursday and avalanche conditions were threatening our winter skills course for this weekend. By departure time the roads were clear and taking with us the knowledge of current weather and avalanche conditions we hit the roads to our chalets in Lochaber.

Seven intrepid explorers supported by four adults awoke early and we gathered our bags and drove to the Mamore mountain range. From Polldubh in Glen Nevis we gradually ascent a long valley to reach the bealach between the mountains Stob Ban and Sgurr an Lubhair. The weather was stunning with clear views south to Glen Coe and north to our neighbouring mountain Ben Nevis. After a challenging walk in, the final 200m of steeper ascent to Sgurr

an Lubhair was tiring and on reaching the top we enjoyed a well earned break before the bitterly cold wind encouraged us to begin our descent off the mountain.

On Sunday we rose a little wearily. In driving to Glen Coe and seeing the dramatic hills in full view the energy levels increased (power by the mountain of Spaghetti Bolognaise from the night before) and we began climbing a glen towards Stob Coire nan Lochan at a good steady pace. On reaching 1000m which is 115 meters shy of the summit we made a calculated decision to go no further. A short slope in front was heavily laden with snow and after assessing the snow pack by digging a hasty pit we decided to go no further.

With time on our side the group enjoyed a relaxing descent by watching some ice climbers in the glen and appreciating some play time in the fine soft snow. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Brett for their assistance throughout the weekend and well done to the pupils in their achievements.

# Music

## Senior School Music Competition

John Clark, double bass player with the RSNO, was the adjudicator this year and as always the quality of music making was superb. In fact it was as impressive as Mr Clark's stamina – he was judging from 9.30 in the morning until 9.00 at night! Our sincere thanks to him. In the evening the Finals were outstanding. A concert of superb quality. The results were as follows:

<b>Grade Five Strings</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sarah Hay (3LI2), 2 <sup>nd</sup> April Shepherd (4WA1), 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ailsa Purdie (3AI2)
<b>Grade Five Woodwind</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Alasdair Rennet (1AI1)
<b>Grade Five Brass</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel Cunningham (1LI1)
<b>Grade Five Percussion</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Harry Carstairs (3LI1)
<b>Grade Five Piano</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Charlotte Collison (3AI2)
<b>Grade Five Voice</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Claire Dobson (5AI2), 2 <sup>nd</sup> Eilidh Campbell (5LI2)
<b>Grade Five Guitar</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Mark Cant (4WA2)
<b>Grade Six Strings</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Lewis Davie (3AI2)
<b>Grade Six Woodwind</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Callum Strachan (2WA2)
<b>Grade Six Brass</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Euan Strachan (1WA2)
<b>Grade Six Piano</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Olivia McGregor (5AY2)
<b>Grade Six Voice</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Gillian Craig (5AY1)
<b>Grade Six Guitar</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Scott Lothian (2AI2)
<b>Grade Six Bagpipes</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jack Hamilton (2AI1)
<b>Open Strings (Larg Prize)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Anna Burns (6LI2)
<b>Open Woodwind (Larg Prize)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Harry Carstairs (3LI1)
<b>Open Brass (Larg Prize)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Eilidh Affleck (3AY2)
<b>Open Piano (Larg Prize)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Leeann Chen (3AY1)
<b>Open Voice (Larg Prize)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Amy Grieve (6LI2)
<b>Open Guitar (Larg Prize)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Duncan Strachan (4WA2)

Special congratulations to the following who won the evening events, as follows:

### Duet/Duo Class – Shared as indicated.

<b>Scott &amp; Duncan (guitars)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> = Scott Lothian (2AI2), Duncan Strachan (4WA2)
<b>Leeann &amp; Louise (violins)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> = Leeann Chen (3AY1), Louise Pattullo (3AY1)

### Southgate Prize for Ensembles 2010

The Winners of the Southgate Prize were the following for their excellent rendition of a movement from the Mozart Clarinet Quintet: Matthew Clark (4LI2), Leeann Chen (3AY1), Lewis Davie (3AI2), Gail Watson (3LI2) and Eleanor Robson (3LI1).

**Group I was Highly Commended** for its performance of a movement from Schubert's Trout Quintet: Caroline Li (6AY1), Joanna Waller (4AI2), Charlotte Collison (3AI2), Ailsa Purdie (3AI2), Leeann Chen (3AY2)

**Group G was also commended** for their performance of Fauré's Pavane: Anna Burns (6AI1), Becky Chapple (6WA1) and Harry Carstairs (3LI1)

### High School of Dundee Premier Quaich

Awarded for the best solo item.

Winner this year is **Siobhan Chien (5AI1)**

## Junior School Music Competition—Results

### Marshall Prize for Recorder

Anoushay Okhai (L5C)

### Prize for Brass (Grade Two)

Sandy Adamson (L6A)

### Prize for Guitar (Grade Two)

Rory Forster (L7S)

### Old Girls' Prize for Piano (Grade Two)

Malcolm Campbell (L6A) 1<sup>st</sup>  
Pippa Henderson (L7D) 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Prize for Strings (Grade Three)

Mhairi Millar (L6A) 1<sup>st</sup>  
Graham Watson (L7S) 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Prize for Woodwind (Grade Four)

Miranda Cook (L7S)

### Prize for Bagpipes (Grade Three)

Emily Wilson-Pearce (L6A)

### Arbroath Festival

A number of our pupils took part in this, with success as follows:

Grade 4/5 guitar solo winner  
Mark Cant F4

Grade 6 guitar solo  
Duncan Strachan F4

Guitar duet open class  
Scott Lothian, F2 and Duncan Strachan F4

Senior School Age Instrumental Recital Class winner  
Alastair Rennet F1 on saxophone. There were six competitors and he beat a 17 year old outstanding tuba player who is to be studying in London later this year.

**Perth Festival:** Samuel Cunningham, 1LI1 won the Horn in F, "Transitional" competition at the Perth Festival 19 March and received a First Class Certificate for his performance.

## Piano Day

This year's piano day on 24<sup>th</sup> February was another outstanding success.

The day commenced at 9.30 with performance classes for all the pupils who have piano lessons in school. At lunchtime six of our most talented pianists gave a complete performance of Schumann's 'Kinderszenen' or 'Scenes from Childhood'.

In an example of our integrated curriculum these 13 pieces were accompanied by original 'thoughts' written and spoken before each piece by some F1 English pupils.

The six pianists involved were: Nicol and Lewis Foggie, Leann Chen, Laura Lee, Charlotte Collison, Eleanor Mackie. The day finished with junior and senior recitals.

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## Senior Girls perform in Elijah

The 12 girls of the Senior Girls' choir were excellent at the Dundee Choral Union "Elijah" last weeked, performing as a separate choir in one of the items.

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## Leng Silver Medal

Mr Charles Maynes of the city music service adjudicated and was very pleased with the standard of the performances, especially by the quality of the boys' singing.

The Senior School silver medal was won by Karen Joss in F2 who gave a very musical performance of Morag's Cradle Song.

The Junior School winner was Louise Clark, L7.

## Associated Board Music Exams

Congratulations to the following on their achievements in recent AB grade exams:

Candidate	Subject	Grade	Cat
JENNIFER ALLAN	SINGING	04	Merit
RACHEL JANE ALLEN	VIOLIN	02	Merit
KATIE SADLER	PIANO	06	Pass
ALEX ASHWORTH	ALTO SAXOPHONE		04 Pass
SARAH BOYLE	PIANO	P	
BARBARA BRAID	VIOLIN	02	Merit
SASCHA BROOKS-MATHIESON	SINGING		05 Merit
FIONNLACH MCCLYMONT	GUITAR	02	Pass
EUAN STRACHAN	TRUMPET	04	Distinction
HANNAH ALIJANI	PIANO	P	
TRACY CHAN	VIOLIN	02	Distinction
SIOBHAN CHIEN	CLARINET	08	Distinction
JAMIE CLARKSON	PIANO	03	Distinction
CHARLOTTE COLLISON	PIANO	05	Distinction
EVE COWAN	PIANO	01	Distinction
NICOL FOGGIE	PIANO	08	Distinction
SUSAN GRAHAM	VIOLIN	04	Pass
KING HANG CHAN	VIOLIN	02	Merit
ELLA HUDSON	PIANO	02	Pass
KARYN JOSS	CLARINET	04	Pass
ANNA BURNS	SINGING	08	Distinction
SOPHIE KROBOTH	PIANO	01	Merit
KIRSTY LEIGHTON	VIOLIN	02	Pass
EILIDH LOCKHART	FLUTE	02	Distinction
ELEANOR MACKIE	PIANO	07	Pass
CAMPBELL MACLEOD	GUITAR	04	Distinction
KIMBERLEY MARSHALL	CLARINET	04	Pass
JAMES MATHER	PIANO	04	Pass
CAMERON MILNE	PIANO	04	Merit
LAURA MURPHY	PIANO	P	
MAYA NURBHAI	PIANO	P	
KATIE PATERSON	GUITAR	02	Pass
DUNCAN LEESE	TRUMPET	03	Merit
ADAM SHIMI	PIANO	01	Pass
ALEXANDRA VAGG	VIOLIN	01	Distinction
MAXWELL WIEWIORKA	GUITAR	01	Distinction
CATRIONA ADDISON	PIANO	P	
MARIAM ALIJANI	PIANO	02	135 Distinction
HANNAH ARNOLD	GUITAR	02	122 Merit
IAIN BALLANTYNE	GUITAR	01	133 Distinction
SUZIE BROWN	TRUMPET	06	101 Pass
VERITY BROWN	VIOLIN	01	123 Merit
REBECCA CHALMERS	PIANO	02	124 Merit
LAUREN CLAYSON	FLUTE	06	118 Pass
LAUREN CLAYSON	SINGING	06	125 Merit
JENNIFER COULL	VIOLIN	01	132 Distinction
JAMIE FORD	TUBA	03	109 Pass
KIERAN FORSTER	PIANO	P	PRE
RORY J FORSTER	GUITAR	02	118 Pass
HEATHER GOODFELLOW	VIOLIN	03	110 Pass
MOLLY GORDON	TRUMPET	02	ABS
SOPHIE KELLY	VIOLIN	03	127 Merit
ELLIOT KILLICK	GUITAR	04	121 Merit
KATHERINE LEYS	SINGING	04	123 Merit
JENNIFER LOTHIAN	VIOLIN	05	ABS
SARAH-JANE LOTHIAN	SINGING	03	125 Merit
VANESSA MATTHEWS	PIANO	04	114 Pass

# Sport

Rugby and hockey have been very badly hit by the inclement conditions since early December. However, these reports indicate that a great deal has been going on nevertheless.

## **Scottish Schools Cross Country Championships**

A small team travelled to Irvine for this. Well done to Howell Craske (F6) and to Hannah McCollum (F3) who came 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in their respective sections.

## **Dundee Schools Cross Country Championships**

We always put a good team in for this and our runners achieved a number of successes, with individual golds in four of the sections.

All our teams were placed though surprisingly we didn't win any sections, partly due to the absence of two or three key runners who if they had been present would have certainly given us three team golds.

Results: were as follows:

Individual:

F2/3 Girls, Georgina Black (F3) - 1<sup>st</sup>

F4/6 girls, Maddie Adamson (F5) - 1<sup>st</sup>

F1 Boys Euan Rose - 2<sup>nd</sup>

F2 Boys, Duncan Leese - 1<sup>st</sup>

F5/6 boys, Howell Craske (F6) - 1<sup>st</sup>

Teams:

F2/3 girls silver - Georgina Black, Kirsty Reynolds, Ellen McLean, Sarah Emslie-Smith, and Katie Fyffe

F4/6 girls bronze - Maddie Adamson, Jennifer Armstrong (F4), Heather Gray, Amy Mitchell and Hannah Henderson

F1 Boys silver - Euan Rose, Rhys Paterson, Andrew Guest, Mathew MacDonald, Alasdair Rennet and Euan Strachan

F2 Boys bronze - Duncan Leese, Rory Anton, Chris Jollands, Henry Sampson, Jamie Clarkson,

Charlie Caffrey and Guy Doogan  
F3/4 boys - 1<sup>st</sup> equal but were pushed into 2<sup>nd</sup> by virtue of highest placed runner - Chris Acheson, Callum Edwards, David Mitchell, Callum Rennet, Alex Sharpe, Callum Strachan, Cameron Lockhart

F5/6 boys silver - Howell Craske, Brett Hampton, Callum Leese, Adam Reid and Sandy Walton

## **Curling Report**

*Alan Dargie Curling Competition 2009*

The Dargie Trophy was competed for at Forfar Indoor Sports Curling Rink on Saturday 21 November with two teams of pupils playing against six teams of experienced adult curlers. There was one team of former pupils, two from Auchterarder Curling Club and two from Lundie and Auchterhouse Curling Club. The pupils playing were Gordon Russell, Katy Roger, Lucy Taylor, Lyndsay Hutchison, Callum Birtwistle, Andrew Davidson, Lewis Davie and Iain Wallace.

Auchterhouse Curling Club won the trophy. However, the school pupils played extremely well and successfully won four games out of six which was the best performance to date by the school. Many of the adult players commented on how well the pupils had played and also how they were excellent ambassadors for their school. Mrs Davie in the junior school also helps with the regular Monday after school curling.

Curling is developing as a school sport and this trend should continue. We enter the Scottish Schools' Championship and we have also registered the School with the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. Watch this space.

## **Football (Girls):**

***Scottish Independent Schools' Champions!***

Two teams travelled to Hamilton for the Scottish Independent

Schools' Finals. The "A Team" swept all before them to win the tournament. The A team, consisting of F2: Beth McIntosh, F3: Lana Ingram, Vanessa Matthew, Grace Nimmo, Hannah Stirling, Charlotte Collison, Iona Johnston, beat our B team 4-2, Heriot's 2-0, Jordanhill 3-1 and Hamilton 4-0.

Congratulations to all, including the B team of: F1: Rebecca Brown, Hannah Rhodes F2: Jemma Hudson F3: Lydia Avril, Natasha Henderson, Amber Merry, Kirsty Stout, Charlotte Thompson

## **Hockey (Girls)**

*U18 Girls Indoor Youth Cup - Runners-Up 2009/2010*

The first team had a very successful afternoon at the Bell's Sports Centre, Perth, on 16th January 2010 as they came through their pool matches against Granite City Wanderers, George Heriot's School, St. Aloysius' College and Berwickshire High School to defeat Strathallan in the semi-final on penalties.

Despite the absence of several senior players they played a great afternoon of hockey, losing narrowly 2:3 to Heriots in the final.

*Midlands U15 Tournament runners-up*

Meanwhile the U15 team played very well indeed in the Midlands tournament held at Mayfield on 23 January.

Leading the competition until the last match our girls were just pipped into second place by Strathallan by a single goal on goal difference. A fine achievement by a squad with great potential, but it was disappointing in the end given that they had beaten Strathallan 3:0 in the round robin.

*Senior House Competition*

After an enjoyable morning of closely fought hockey, Airlie and Wallace were tied on 7 pts but Wallace, captained by Jaimie McGregor, won the trophy by a single goal on goal difference.

Final placings: 1<sup>st</sup> Wallace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Airlie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lindores, 4<sup>th</sup> Aystree

## Netball

It has been a great season for our netballers. The F3 team, led by Iona Johnston, reached the semi-final of the Scottish Schools' Cup but were beaten 34 – 24 by Aboyne. A fine effort. Meanwhile our F2s travelled to

the Northeast of England on tour and ended up winning the tournament they had entered! Well done all.

## Rugby

Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> XV captain Ruairidh Voigt on his selection for the Caledonia U182 this season, joining last season leaver Struan Cessford.

## Scottish Schools U15 Plate Winners!

Congratulations to the U15 XV on their victory in the final of the Scottish Schools Plate competition. After beating

Preston Lodge 54:5 in the quarters and Boroughmuir 37:0 in the semi, they came from behind to defeat Hawick HS 24:7 in the final on the Murrayfield back pitches. Well done to the boys, captained by Craig Morrison, but also to coach Graeme Spowart. Zander Fagerson was named Man of the Match.

## Junior House Rugby:

**Primary** 1<sup>st</sup> Wallace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lindores, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aystree, 4<sup>th</sup> Airlie

**S1** 1<sup>st</sup> Wallace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lindores, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aystree, 4<sup>th</sup> Airlie

**S2** 1<sup>st</sup> Wallace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aystree, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lindores, 4<sup>th</sup> Airlie

## Swimming Gala 2010

Once again a busy afternoon was had in the pool, with many pupils and even some staff (!) involved the races. The results of the championship races are as follows:

Girls			Boys		
Aged 9 and under					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mhairi Pratt	Airlie	1 <sup>st</sup> =	Thomas Jarron	Airlie
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stephanie Mitchell	Aystree	1 <sup>st</sup> =	Alfred George	Lindores
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Susanna Porter	Aystree	2 <sup>nd</sup> =	Kieran Forster	Aystree
			2 <sup>nd</sup> =	Nathanael Fagerson	Lindores
			3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Glenn Davie	Lindores
			3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Tom Porter	Aystree
Aged 10 and under					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sophie Davidson	Aystree	1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Elliot	Airlie
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rachael Chalmers	Airlie	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Matthew Fagerson	Lindores
3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Eve Cowan	Airlie	3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Finlay McKillop	Airlie
3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Madeleine Tinson	Aystree	3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Lynden Nicely	Aystree
3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Rachel Murie	Aystree	3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Stefan Baldacchino	Wallace
Form 1 – Form 3					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Olivia Ritchie	Wallace	1 <sup>st</sup>	Harris Brown	Wallace
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Karyn Joss	Wallace	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alex Sharpe	Airlie
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pyla Bird-Leakey	Airlie	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jamie Mather	Lindores
Form 4 – 6					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Claire Dobson	Airlie	1 <sup>st</sup>	Glen Milne	Aystree
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Claire Stirling	Lindores	2 <sup>nd</sup> =	Peter Vannet	Wallace
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eilidh Campbell	Lindores	2 <sup>nd</sup> =	Richard Abel	Airlie
			3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elliot McKillop	Airlie

## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st AIRLIE  
2nd WALLACE  
3rd AYSTREE  
4th LINDORES

## Skiing

It has been an outstanding season for the High School skiers, thanks largely but not exclusively to the exploits of the Guest and Buchan families.

In the Scottish Schools' Skiing championships we won the individual gold medals in three out of the four categories, with two golds and a bronze in the team events.

Our thanks go to the Guest and Buchan families as well as our own staff who have supported our teams.

## Scottish Minors Skiing Championships

### Junior Boys

Fraser Buchan (S1) Individual Gold  
Chris Guest (S1) Individual Silver  
Scott Buchan (P6) 4<sup>th</sup> place  
HSD Team 1<sup>st</sup> - as above with Duncan Leese (S2)

### Junior Girls

Kirsty Guest (S1) Individual Gold  
HSD Team 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Kirsty plus Hannah Douglas (S2), Alice Burnett (S2) and Sarah Emslie-Smith (S2)

## Scottish Schools Seniors Skiing Results

Girls team -1<sup>st</sup> place  
Charlie Guest 1<sup>st</sup> individual  
Other team members Katie Guest (F3) 5<sup>th</sup> other members Rosie Gray (F5) and Hannah Douglas (F3)

## HSD Trio selected for the World Schools Ski Championships, 1-6 March, Italy 2010

After spending much of January on ski camp in France with the British squad, Fraser Buchan was selected for the Scotland team at the above Championships, where he joined the Guest sisters (Charlie and Katie) who had already been selected.

## FP News

### Iain Prain MBE

Congratulations to Iain Prain FP on the award of an MBE in the New Year's Honours List. He is Vice-Principal of the Royal Blind School in Edinburgh and was honoured for his services to education. After leaving the High School he attended Strathallan and then completed a degree at St Andrews before teacher training at Moray House. He then obtained an MEd before joining the Royal Blind School in 1978. In addition to his role in the school he is also heavily involved in schools in the EU and is a co-ordinator with MDVI Euronet.

### Caroline Cumming

Many will already have heard about the tragic death of Caroline Cumming on 1 January 2010. She was walking along the pavement of Arbroath Road when she and her boyfriend were struck by a vehicle that had left the road. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Caroline was a pupil at the High School until 2004, when she left to complete a BSc Honours degree in Forensic Psycho-Biology from Abertay. She was currently working in a club in the city whilst gaining work experience at her former Primary School, with the intention of becoming a primary school teacher. She was a vibrant, bubbly person who is much missed. Her brother Chris also attended the High School. Our deepest sympathies go to him and their parents and wider family at this time.

## Associated Board Music Exams

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KIRSTY MCROBBIE	VIOLIN	01	128	Merit
KIRSTY MELLOR	FLUTE	02	125	Merit
GLEN MERRY	GUITAR	01	125	Merit
KIRSTY MITCHELL	SINGING	05	135	Distinction
CHARLOTTE MORRISON	VIOLIN	02	120	Merit
KITTY MUDIE	PIANO	P	PRE	
ANUSHKA PATHAK	PIANO	01	133	Distinction
AILSA PURDIE	DOUBLE BASS	05	118	Pas
GORDON ROBERTSON	PIANO	01	125	Merit
ANDREW SADLER	CLARINET	05	123	Merit
KATIE ANN SADLER	TRUMPET	06	125	Merit
RHONNA SCRAGG	CLARINET	03	123	Merit
APRIL SHEPHERD	CELLO	05	125	Merit
MARTHA SPEED	VIOLIN	02	128	Merit
INDIA STOBBS	PIANO	01	134	Distinction
SOPHIE STOBBS	PIANO	P	PRE	
NEIL GUNN	PIANO	01	120	Merit
CHRISTOPHER STOUT	TROMBONE	04	120	Merit
RACHAEL STUBBS	VIOLIN	02	117	Pass
VICTORIA VITALE	PIANO	02	122	Merit
MATTHEW WIGGANS	TRUMPET	03	126	Merit

## Dido and Aeneas

17—19 June 2010, Trinity Hall

The High School of Dundee's annual school production will be stepped up a gear in 2010, as pupils tackle Henry Purcell's Baroque opera, *Dido and Aeneas*. For up-to-date ticket information visit:

[www.highschoolofdundee.co.uk/latest/events](http://www.highschoolofdundee.co.uk/latest/events)