



## Talented Pupils Hit The High Notes

### Sophie Taylor (F6)

The vocal talent of our school was put on display in a fantastic performance at the singing recital on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

This was enhanced by the vocal master class given by Pat McMahon rounding off the Music Department's Singing Day, which was a resounding success.

The recital featured solos from those who undertake voice lessons in the school. Some of the songs included 'Santa Lucia,' transcribed by Teodoro Cottrau, 'Somewhere,' from West Side Story and 'Le Secret' by Faure.

Though that was not all, the musicians had another trick up their sleeve, the beautiful, sometimes even haunting, duets.

These included gifted singers, such as Steven Moyes and Eilidh Campbell, who have



(Above) Performers at the singing recital.

previously performed as the leading roles in the most recent school production, 'Dido and Aeneas.' With all this great ability, the Music Department

should be proud of having such outstanding vocalists and having such a successful and enjoyable day!

## Tin Pan Ali: The Musical

### Eilidh Campbell (F6)

Forms 2 and 3 are combining forces for their musical performance of 'Tin Pan Ali'.

The familiar story of Ali Baba; the Arabian peasant whose discovery of a magic cave containing a trove of stolen riches leads to wealth and relentless pursuit by a band of forty thieves.

Except now the setting is prohibition-era Chicago, our hero is a street sweeper, and the thieves are a bunch of inept gangsters.

'Tin Pan Ali' is directed by Mr Cowieson with Mrs Scott-Brown as musical director. The shows will take place every night from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Trinity Hall. Tickets are on sale now at £8 (£6 concession) and can be bought from the school office or by post (see school website for more information). Everyone is welcome!

## Dusting Off An Old Book

### Jill Stevens (Editor)

Next week brings that time of year again when we announce together "We will remember them." In light of Armistice on 11th of November, Mrs Hudson shone light in assembly on a book displayed outside the office.

Pupils walk past this book day in, day out and have no clue what it contains or represents. To many peoples surprise it holds the names of every former High School of Dundee pupil who fought in the World Wars.

Every week one of the janitors turns the page and leaves it open on display for all to see. So the next time you are walking past the office take a look at the open page, read each name and pay your respects; for these men fought so you could live your life in peace.

# Peru Trip

**Kiera Ingram (F6)**

At 4am on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, 28 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year pupils embarked upon their arduous journey to Peru. After two very delayed flights the groups arrived in the “generalised metropolis” that is the capital city of Lima.

A well deserved sleep later and the groups set out on their Peruvian adventure. Team Alpaca travelled deep into the Manu jungle where they took a zip-line through the jungle canopy, played beach football and undertook conservation work.

Meanwhile Team Llama ventured into the Andean mountains on the Salkantay trek where they camped in temperatures below freezing and battled with the horrendous effects of altitude sickness. After reaching the peak at a staggering height of 4800m, they went on to

visit the ancient Inca ruin of Machu Picchu.

During their time in Peru the groups volunteered at the Azul Wasi project, a boys orphanage in Oropesa, where they built a shelter and made friends with the boys. The volunteers visited their school; played games with the children and taught them simple English songs like ‘Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes’ and ‘Twinkle Twinkle’.

Towards the end of the trip, the groups took time to relax; visiting the stunning islas flotantes (floating islands), bathing in the thermal hot springs and visiting the Cruz Del Condors where they saw many magnificent condors in flight.

The end of the trip approached quickly and after a final day dune buggying in Ika (Alpacas) and enjoying the spectacular light and water park in Lima (Llamas) everyone



began the long journey home and 36 hours later, landing in Edinburgh the trip was over.

The groups would like to say a big thank you to Mr Ross for organising the trip and to the teachers who went with us for making our time in Peru completely unforgettable!

# Sixth Year Pupils Strike Gold

**Hannah Henderson (F6)**

On August 15<sup>th</sup> four groups set out to conquer the Great Glen and to embark on their final Duke of Edinburgh expedition: The Gold Award.

On their first day, it was a pleasant surprise to see that the sun was shining and that they were staying in a proper campsite for the first night.

Their first leg of the journey was to tackle Neptune’s Staircase, a series of eight locks in the Caledonian Canal.

The first Loch they had to overcome was Loch Lochy, and despite its 20km in size the groups were all able to complete it by the end of the second day even in the face of high winds and a lot of rain.

The following morning the weather had started to clear up, and up next was Loch Oich, a mere 8km long.

Once they had travelled up the small loch they reached Fort Augustus at the foot of Loch Ness, the groups had to then navigate all eight canoes through the town centre on wheels before setting up camp in fields at the end of the Loch.

At the start of the fourth day, despite not being able to see the end of the 37km Loch, it was crucial they got moving to complete the huge Loch in the day and a half they had left.

With relatively calm weather all three groups were able to get through the majority of the Loch by the end of the day.

By the fifth morning with the end of the expedition in sight the groups set off early to complete the rest of the Loch Ness and continue up the canal until they reached Dochgarroch in Inverness.

With everyone completing the five day award in time there was a feeling of achievement as they left to go home.

# Sign Language Club Takes Off

**Jill Stevens (F6)**

The High School of Dundee is proud to announce the start of a unique and rather unusual group; the Sign Language Club.

Over the next few months we will learn the sign alphabet, conversational sign, key words we use in every day life and ways of communicating with the deaf.

This club is open to anyone; teachers and pupils alike. Feel free to come along on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November to RFO3 (Mrs Ovenstone-Jones’ classroom) for our taster session and see if you would like to learn about this unique language and the people who use it.

Again Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> in RFO3. See you there!

## Our Clubs And Societies Want You!

### Callum Birtwistle (F6)

The school runs a medley of different clubs and societies catering for all different tastes and interests.

The High School offers a substantial number of student associations ranging from Table Tennis, Cartoon, Drama and Photography clubs to Chess, History, Music and Warhammer societies and everything in between.

Feeling argumentative? Then join the Debating society and challenge your friends on an

assortment of different themes. Fancy working in business or marketing? Why not try Young Enterprise which will give you an insight into business and give you the opportunity to market your own product.

Each union will give you opportunities you never thought you could get; the Drama department recently gave young thespians the chance to visit Italy for the mid-term break.

So just remember, these clubs and societies are there for your enjoyment, so keep an eye open for new information concerning clubs and societies in the Daily Bulletin and the CCN.



(Above) Table tennis club members have a quick match.

## Girls Thrilling Football Match

### Kiera Ingram (F6)

Only a few training sessions into the term and already the HSD Girls Football team have had their first match.

Playing for the first time in their new strips (thank you Mr Beckett!) the girls took on the Dundee University Medics team led by two high school former pupils; Amy Bryan and Jennifer Grewar.

There has been an exceptional turnout for girls football this year with over 20 HSD pupils taking part in the match. This meant that 3 short games had to be played and with help from their new coach, former professional footballer David Hannah, the girls only conceded a few goals.

Despite the best efforts of the whole team and the superb goal by Ailsa Johnston F4 the girls were defeated.

However, having only narrowly lost to such an experienced team we have high hopes for the team in the Under 18s tournament down in England next Spring.

Good Luck Girls!

## Unsung Hero: Mr Ireland

### Bilal Hussain (F6)

**Why did you decide to help out at cadets?**

“Mr Nichol of the School’s CCF is my best mate and we have known each other for over thirty years, so when he asked I could only say yes. The other reason was that I love teaching and passing on what I was taught in the Army.”

**What was your best moment at cadets?**

“Camp this year made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up, the contingent reminded me so much of my Delta Company 1st Battalion The Black Watch (RHR)

known as The 42<sup>nd</sup>.”

**Who was your favorite cadet?.**

“The only one that sticks in my head is Contingent Sergeant Major S Nimmo; it would have been awesome if she had gone into the army. But saying that you are all awesome!”

**Did you enjoy your time with the DHS contingent?**

“Every minute spent with the DHS contingent was fantastic; each and every Cadet from the oldest to the youngest just gave their best and are a credit to the School.

I am proud to say that I was part of the best that leave the rest behind. Not to forget the wee man- Mr Nichol. Dundee High School CCF- I wish you all the best for the future.”



# McManus Galleries Trip

**Cara MacLeod (L7)**

Miss Carrie, the L7 history teacher organised a trip for all the L7s to go to the McManus Galleries to “develop the understanding of the use of historical sources, so children can develop their own research skills.”

During an hour and a half the pupils travelled through 400 million years, answering questions on a worksheet using the information in the museum.

There are many fascinating displays on show and there is also a Victorian gallery which was perfect because this term the L7s are learning about Victorians. Annie Porter, who had never been to the museum before said, “My favourite part of the trip was seeing a shrunken head.”

It was an interesting trip and everyone enjoyed it!

# Crannog Loch Tay

**Sophie Davidson (L7)**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 L4 classes visited the crannog at Loch Tay.

Before they went inside the crannog they visited the museum. Inside they learnt how the Celts slept, ate and what they wore. They saw all the ancient artefacts like the real Oak Bank crannog legs and jet beads.

During this excursion the L4's learnt how to make holes in rocks to start fires. They also learnt how to use a drop spindle to weave thread, and make clothes.

When they got back to school that day they were given crannog names and had to act like they were Celtic families living before Jesus was born.



Scott and Fraser Buchan and Tom Crockart with their Skiing Medals.

# The World of Warhammer

**Lucas McConnach (L7)**

It is the year 40000 and the fate of the universe rests on your shoulders as you enter the futuristic world of Warhammer.

People with no imagination should not consider playing this game. They may just be plastic figures but if you use your imagination they come alive and then you are right there on the battlefield with your men and not in a classroom.

Choose your army from a wide selection, roll the dice to determine the fate of you or your opponent. Will you charge into battle or use a more cunning strategy to be victorious?

To play a game of Warhammer you need to be patient and have your own dice, measuring tape and codex if you wish to further your interest. A game consists of two armies at either end of the table and like in chess you take turns.

First there is the movement phase in which you can move your men, next the shooting phase. This is when you can try to shoot your opponent's troops and finally the assault phase but that's too difficult to explain.

If you think you might be interested then come along to Mrs Goddards classroom on a Friday, 3:10-4:30.

# Slalom Success

**Rory Johnston (L7)**

On the 9.9.10 Scott Buchan, Tom Crockart and Fraser Buchan went to Hillend, Edinburgh to compete in the LSRA Bairns and Lassies Dry Slope Slalom Race.

This competition was open to anyone born 1996 or later. The race was two runs on a twenty eight gate slalom course from the top of Hillend Dry Slope.

After the two runs Tom was third in the 00-01 section, Scott was third in the 99-98 section and Fraser was first in the 96-97 section and won fastest overall boy.

Following the success, I interviewed Scott Buchan who is trained by Dave McCulloch at his club Mochart and Snowsport Club. He was happy with his result as he was competing with the year above. Scott felt that taking part with Tom and his brother was “good because they make me work harder”.

Scott has recently won the Scottish Slalom 11-12 age group, the Blues grand prix 10-11 age group and was third in the Scottish GS.

He is going to compete in the British Mat Championships on the 26 and 27.9.10. Scott's ultimate goal for skiing is to ski in the olympics.