



Junior School pupils preparing for the Nativity

## Top in Scotland!

**High School pupil Rachael McLellan has been named Scotland's top-performing pupil in the 2010 SQA examinations.**



Rachael, who left the High School in June at the end of Form 6 and is now studying Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Balliol College, Oxford, achieved the top marks in Scotland in both Advanced Higher Modern Studies and Higher Economics, and also achieved 100% in her Advanced Higher History exam.

As a result of her achievements, Rachael was short-listed for the SQA Star Award 2010 for Academic Excellence, which aims to recognise outstanding achievement at Higher and Advanced Higher. She was named overall winner at an awards ceremony in Glasgow in early November.

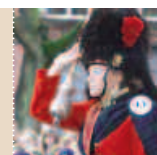
Rector of the High School, Dr John Halliday, said: "We are all thrilled here that Rachael's efforts should be recognised in this way. Throughout her school career she has always shown a passion for discussion and debate. She has never taken things at face value, preferring always to investigate and question until she has found an answer. Supported by the staff here at the High School of Dundee she has gone well beyond the established curriculum, reading voraciously and using the knowledge gained to analyse and compare, often with great flair and imagination. It is wonderfully gratifying to see that talents and achievements of this nature and calibre are recognised so generously by the SQA."



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## Rector's introduction



The sudden onset of arctic conditions over the whole of the UK certainly affected us in an unprecedented way at the High School.

Thank you to all pupils, staff and parents who showed such good heart and loyal support in those difficult few days. However, these challenges have not dulled the gleam of success as enjoyed by so many of our community. It is a source of great pride for all of us to see Rachael McLellan named as top pupil in the whole country for her SQA results this summer. That is a rare honour, and one to be enjoyed. It is also a very gratifying indeed to see our mathematicians emerge victorious in a Scotland-wide mathematics competition. Equally though there have been many other instances of personal and group success and achievement by many members of the High School community. This edition of the Pillars tells the stories of some of them, and as a collective they all generate enough warmth to dispel the gloom and cold of any Scottish winter! I hope you enjoy the read!

With all good wishes, .

Dr John D Halliday  
Rector

### Office bearers

Congratulations go to all those appointed as office bearers across various clubs and activities within the school. They include:

Orchestra Leaders	HSD Interact Club
Joanna Tait & Laura Lee	President
Senior String Ensemble	Bilal Hussain
Laura Lee	Vice President
Concert Band	Madi Adamson
Siobhan Chien & Lauren Clayson	Secretary
.....	Amy Shearer
Rugby 1st XV	Treasurer
Captain	Callum Keddie
Calum Keddie	Committee members
VC	Jamie Milne
Callum Leese	Cameron Milne
Hockey 1st XI	Kirsty Mitchell
Captain	Alistair Lynch
Heather Pringle	High Helpers
VC	Co-ordinators
Lauren Clayson	Bilal Hussain
	Keira Ingram
	Gemma Riley
	Lauren Clayson

### Piping success



A quartet from the High School's CCF has taken third prize in the Scottish Schools CCF Trios and Quartets Piping Competition.

Pupils Ben Flack, Cameron Pringle, Tom Ogilvie and Angus Milne (pictured) were one of fourteen quartets from school across Scotland taking part in the competition, and were only beaten by two teams from Dollar Academy.

A second quartet of Jack Hamilton, Hannah Robb, Stewart Rodney and Charles Arthur also competed.

## SQA Results 2010

It has been another year of outstanding examination results for our pupils.

The Higher remains the gold standard in Scottish Education. F5 pupils performed very well to achieve a Higher pass rate of 92.2%, matching the results of the last two years. 50% of all papers were A grade passes and a fifth of all candidates achieved five straight As. 43% of pupils achieved at least three A grades and 59% achieved five Higher passes.

F4 pupils also performed extremely well, achieving a 97% pass-rate at Intermediate 2. In addition, 91% of Standard Grade papers were passed at Credit level. For the second successive year three quarters of all exams were passed at the top grade, equalling last year's record. 40 pupils achieved eight straight As, and 74 (64%) managed at least seven top grades.

Form 6 pupils achieved a very high standard for Advanced Highers, with 48% of papers passed at A grade, and 74% passed at A or B. Two pupils gained an outstanding total of 4 Advanced Highers at A grade.

Rector Dr John Halliday said: "Academic excellence is one of our strengths and so I'm delighted to see our pupils achieve the grades they deserve. As always there have been one or two wobbles along the way, but led and encouraged by our dedicated staff they have managed to pull off another very fine set of results. With focus, enthusiasm and a structured and supportive environment it is amazing what young people can achieve. I'm thrilled for them all!"

### High School is top of the table in Enterprising Maths

High School pupils Chris Acheson F4, Harry Carstairs F4, Hannah Arnold F3 and Jamie Mather F3 have fought off competition from schools across Scotland to take the top prize in the Scottish Enterprising Mathematics 2010 competition.

The final, held at the University of Glasgow, saw 58 teams from schools across Scotland compete for the coveted award.

Roy Middleton of the Maths Department, who organised the High School's entry and mentored the team throughout the competition, said: "Our team worked extremely hard all day and put in an outstanding performance. They were competing against 58 teams who had already qualified at earlier rounds to get to the final, which made their win a fantastic achievement."

### An Africa Adventure



F5 pupil Lucas Paas spent three weeks in Africa during Summer 2010, working with orphans in support of the Sentebale charity.

During his time in the city of Lethoso, Lucas helped with general maintenance work as well as spending time playing with and getting to know the orphans under the care of the charity. A full report of the trip is available on our website.

### Strowan Scholarship strengthens NZ links



Links between Dundee and New Zealand have been strengthened after the High School of Dundee invited 17-year-old Christchurch resident Kate Boyer to join classes as part of her Strowan Scottish Scholarship, which funds her to undertake a tour of Scotland.

Kate, who is a student at St Andrews College in Christchurch, is spending three weeks in the UK. As part of her trip, she is spending time at schools all over Scotland, joining classes and visiting local sights.

During her three-day visit to the High School, Kate was invited to stay with the family of pupil Joanna Waller (F5), and made trips to see local attractions, including Discovery Point, Glamis, and St Andrews Castle.

Kate, a keen debater and a member of the New Zealand u17 Fencing team, completed a rigorous selection process to win the scholarship.

On her return to New Zealand, Kate will give a presentation on her travels to her teachers and fellow pupils, including those who hope to apply for the Scottish Scholarship next year.

### Author Nicola Morgan visits HSD



Pupils have come face to face with one of Scotland's most popular children's authors, Nicola Morgan.

Nicola, best known for her teenage novels *Fleshmarket* and *Sleepwalking*, is the author of over 90 books, including home learning texts and picture books.

During the course of her visit to the school, Nicola spoke to Form 1 and 2 pupils about her latest novel, *Wasted*, and shared her own experiences as a writer. Five older pupils from Forms 3 and 5, who meet regularly as part of the School's book group, also joined the award-winning author for lunch and a detailed discussion of the author's works.

Nicola has been shortlisted for numerous awards during the course of her writing career, including the Coventry Award, the North East Book Award, the Manchester Book Award, the RED Award and the Essex Book Award.

### Animation prize for Ellen

F2 pupil Ellen McLean has been named as a winner in Manchester University's Animation 10 competition.

For her animation, "Life as a boring piece of paper", Ellen won Highly Commended for her age category, Best use of Scratch (animation software) and Special Recognition: Most Inspirational Film. The competition, is held each year to raise awareness of Computer Science.

# Academic

## Goethe Institute prize for Harry



F4 pupil Harry Carstairs has had his skills in German recognised with a prize from the Goethe Institute in Glasgow.

Harry secured second prize in the Intermediate category in the Institute's October language competition, after constructing a series of phrases in German.

## Arkwright scholarship



Duncan Strachan (F5) has been awarded an Arkwright Scholarship with effect from September 2010.

This UK-wide Scholarship Scheme, named after the pioneering engineer Sir Richard Arkwright, was initiated in 1991 to encourage and stimulate high ability young people in 4th year and above to consider engineering and technology as a career. Arkwright Scholars pass a rigorous selection process and act as ambassadors of flourishing Design and Technology and Maths Departments in their schools.

Scholars are assigned a sponsor and expected to complete a design and technology project as part of the scheme. Sponsors are actively encouraged to develop the partnership with their sponsor which can result in work experience, specialist support and even sponsorship through university.

# Co-Curriculum

## Charities Christmas Fair

The annual Charities Christmas Fair has raised more than £900 for local charities. In addition to the usual range of stalls selling unusual gifts and Christmas items, younger visitors had the opportunity to visit an Elves Grotto, where they could write letters to Father Christmas and design their own Christmas cards.



## Hallowe'en disco



F1 and F2 pupils raised funds for Barnardos at a recent Hallowe'en disco organised by the Interact Club.

Around 100 pupils took part in the event, taking part in a variety of traditional Hallowe'en activities including a fancy dress competition for the best costume.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

The High School raised a mug in support of Macmillan Cancer Relief's World's Biggest Coffee Morning event.

Juice and crisps were on sale at the High School's distinctive pillars, which were decorated for the event with Macmillan banners and balloons. In total, more than £375 was raised for the charity. F6 pupil Gemma Riley, who led the team of pupils running the event, said: "The coffee morning is a great opportunity to let our staff and pupils know about the work of Macmillan Cancer Relief."



## Interact Cyclathon



10 pupils, accompanied by two members of staff, raised £569.25 in support of Radio Tay's Cash for Kids in the recent Dundee Cyclathon.

The pupils are all members of the Interact club, the Junior arm of Rotary International. F6 pupil Bilal Hussain, President of Interact, said: "We chose Cash for Kids because we wanted to help make a difference in our area. This is a very worthwhile cause, and I hope that they find this donation useful."



## Remembering the fallen

The High School held its annual Remembrance Parade on Friday, 12 November 2010.

Staff and pupil members of the Combined Cadet Force paraded in front of the School, watched by members of the School community. Rector of the School, Dr John Halliday, read the exhortation, and Reverend Keith Hall of Dundee Parish Church St Mary's led the gathering in prayer.

Pupils have been working on projects to mark the Armistice, including a large Poppy artwork and writing projects. As part of History classes, pupils have also explored the lives of former pupils who fought and died in the two World Wars.

Head Boy Callum Leese, and Head Girl Katie Sadler, together with Junior School pupils Iona Wallace and Stefan Baldacchino, laid a wreath on the School memorial.

Lt Colonel Colin McAdam of the CCF said: "This is always a very moving occasion for all those involved - whether cadets, pupils or staff. It is more important than ever that we continue to remember those who have given their lives for us over the years, and I am proud that we continue to mark this occasion and ensure that the key messages of Remembrance Day are passed down to the next generation."

## High School pupil in Pakistan rescue effort



F6 pupil Matthew Wood unexpectedly found himself part of the relief effort in Pakistan, after he was caught up in the flooding in August during a summer trip.

17-year-old Matthew, who was in the area as part of a British Schools Exploring Society expedition, had intended to spend the five-week trip climbing and carrying out scientific studies. However, after the flooding began, Matthew's team switched their efforts to supporting the local rescue attempt.

The students carried out tasks ranging from rebuilding bridges and repairing irrigation systems, vital in keeping the village supplied with safe drinking water, to helping to provide medical assistance and information.

**"We saw at first hand how the flooding directly affected people's lives,"**

said Matthew, who shared his experiences at Assembly in September. The School held collections in support of the Pakistan Flood Appeal, and donations from staff and pupils raised more than £1700.

It is estimated that over 20 million people were affected by the flooding.

## High School pupils spread their wings

Staff and pupils have been flying the High School flag all over the world in the past few months, as the annual programme of trips and expeditions reached its peak. Over the summer holiday almost 30% of the Senior School roll, plus 15 staff, spent time outside school. This summer's schedule included trips to Peru, Iceland, Malawi and France, not to mention the CCF Summer Camp and Duke of Edinburgh Gold and Silver expeditions.

Exploration continued during the October break, with a group of 40 pupils departing for a drama trip to Italy to study the history and performance techniques of commedia dell'arte. The group also visited Verona and Venice during the trip - scene of some of theatre's most enduring plays.



Participants in the Peru trip

## Tin Pan Ali



Senior School pupils have taken to the stage in a production of "Tin Pan Ali", which ran for four nights in the School's Trinity Hall.

The production, involving almost forty young actors and actresses, is based on the story of Ali Baba. This version, updated by Jeremy James Taylor with music by David Nield, is set in Chicago during the Prohibition era of the 1930s.

The cast was drawn almost exclusively from Forms 2 and 3, many of whom were making their acting debut. In addition to those appearing on stage, pupils from all year groups worked hard making props and scenery, putting together sound effects, and working on stage management and choreography.

**"This is the first time we have staged a large-scale production with pupils of this age, For many of them, this was their first experience of taking part in a real theatrical performance in front of an audience, but they have risen to the challenge, and put in a performance worthy of much older actors. This was a fantastic production, enjoyed by the audience as much as the performers and the backstage team."** Iain Cowieson Drama

# Performing Arts

## A celebration of song

Thirteen Senior School pupils took to the stage recently in a celebration of song. An Evening of Song saw vocalists perform works ranging from Phantom of the Opera, West Side Story and My Fair Lady, to pieces by Handel, Scarlatti and Mendelssohn.

The day also featured a Vocal Masterclass for advanced pupils, led by Patricia MacMahon. During her career, Pat has specialised in concert, recital and oratorio work, frequently recording for the BBC. Her profession has taken her to Israel, Aix-en-Provence, Norway, St Petersburg and Brussels.

She has performed in London with the English Chamber Orchestra in the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the Barbican and St John's, Smith Square, and has sung frequently with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, among others.

Head of Music at the High School, Mrs Jean Melville, said: "This was the first vocal masterclass that we have staged at the High School, and I'm delighted that we were able to welcome Pat MacMahon. Our pupils found this an extremely useful and enjoyable event,

## A very musical Christmas

As we went to print, pupils and staff were halfway through a packed programme of musical events in the run up to Christmas.

Musicians from both the Junior and Senior School have been preparing for the annual Christmas Concert, the Carol Service, the Junior and Senior School end of term services, and the CLIC Sargent Christmas Concert. Several thousand pounds will be raised for charity this month thanks to the efforts of our pupils and the music department.

## HSD Musicians with RSNO

Seven Senior School pupils were selected to sit in the orchestra and play side by side with the RSNO at their schools concert in the Caird Hall at the end of October. The event was a tremendous opportunity for all the pupils involved, who included Laura Lee, Louise Pattullo, Joanna Waller, Ailsa Purdie, Siobhan Chien, Eilidh Affleck and Katie Sadler.

and I'm very pleased that parents, pupils and staff had this opportunity to hear them perform."



Pat MacMahon with pupils in the Masterclass

## Commonwealth Games call for Vikki



**High School Hockey Coach Vikki Bunce was selected for the Scotland Women's Hockey Squad at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi in October.**

Midfield player Vikki, who joined the High School in January 2009, had previously been capped 110 times for the Senior Scotland Squad, and has represented Great Britain 11 times. Her selection for the squad, which eventually finished seventh overall in the tournament, followed appearances in the European Championships and the World Cup Qualifier against Chile.

**"I was delighted to have been selected to make the trip to New Delhi," said Vikki. "The playing conditions were extremely challenging, and we faced some very talented sides, but it was a wonderful experience."**

The High School of Dundee was well represented on the Scotland team, with Former Pupil Ailsa Robertson also joining the squad. The 26-year-old Bonagrass Grove player has been capped 65 times for Scotland.

In addition to her coaching duties at the High School, Vikki also plays for the Dundee Wanderers Hockey Club, and is involved with the Tayside and Fife Institute of Sport.

# Sport

## Swimming

**Our Under 16 Boys Relay Team met with success in the Midlands District Schools Swimming Championships (Nancy Riach Championships) at the end of October.**

The team of Alex Sharpe, Callum Rennet, Harris Brown (all F4) and Jamie Mather (F3) finished in 1st place with a very impressive time of 1.53.95. Special mention should go to Harris who was called up at the last minute, and made a mad dash from rugby training at Mayfield to Olympia with five minutes to spare! In addition to the team win, Alex finished 4th individually with a new personal best time.

## Ski success at Hillend

**High School pupils have put in a top performance at the LSRA Bairns and Lassies Slalom Race, held at Hillend Dry Slope in Edinburgh.**

Open to all children born in 1996 or later, the race covered two runs on a 28 gate slalom course.

Pupils racing from the High School of Dundee included Fraser Buchan, Scott Buchan and Tom Crockart. All three did exceptionally well. Fraser (F2) won the 96-97 Section and was also the fastest overall boy, Scott (L7) came third in the 98-99 section and Tom (L6) took third place in the 00-01 section.

Their combined times for both runs resulted in the High School of Dundee winning the Boys Team School Trophy.

## Pentathlon call up

**Congratulations to Callum Edwards on his selection for the Scottish Schools Pentathlon team. Callum will participate in the international fixture at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow in early December.**

# Foundation News

## Events

**A very successful Charity Golf Day, Drive for Dough, was held at Scotsraig Golf Course, Tayport, in support of the High School of Dundee Foundation.**

Over 60 golfers took part and braved the sometimes damp and windy conditions before returning to the Clubhouse for a wonderful buffet supper, followed by an interesting auction conducted by FP David Adam. The prize giving followed with prizes awarded in team and individual categories. The Team category was won by Kingennie Holdings Ltd and the Individual Trophy by Mary Forster.



Thanks must go to everyone who sponsored the event, provided the auction prizes and of course to the golfers who took part and helped provide much needed money for school bursaries. This was the first Golf Day of its kind for the Foundation and everyone agreed that it should become a regular event in the Foundation calendar, so plans have been made for the next event which will be held at Scotsraig on Tuesday 30th August 2011. Anyone interested in taking part should contact the Development Office on 01382 220056.

## Medical Bursary

During the course of 2010 two local medics, Dr John Dent and Dr Carrie Pringle worked with the Foundation to develop the idea of a bursary funded by the medical profession.

Former Pupils and Former Parents were contacted to see if they would take part in this exciting new initiative. There was a tremendous response and at the end of August, the Rector and Chair of the Foundation, Sheena Leadbitter hosted a reception for all the doctors who had agreed to take part by donating a regular sum by direct debit, over a six year period. Donors were presented with a unique lapel pin in recognition of their support and Sheena was thrilled to announce that enough money had been raised to fund 2 full time bursaries for pupils attending the school. Thanks to the hard work of Dr Dent and Dr Pringle, the idea proved to be really popular with the donors and will be tried again in future years. If anyone would like more information and would like to take part please contact the Development Office on 01382 220056.

## Celebrations

2011 will see the 10th anniversary of the Foundation and plans are already being made to celebrate the success of the fundraising efforts in support of the school.

At the start of a new decade of Foundation fundraising, we are very aware of the continuing need to look to the future and to continue to provide a spring-board of opportunity for pupils. We need to make sure that the School continues to develop and remains dynamic and diverse, whilst achieving its enviable academic record, as well as maintaining its excellence in music, sport and drama and other areas of the co-curricular programme.

To be able to enhance every pupil's experience at the High School, the Foundation will launch an anniversary annual appeal in the spring term, supporting the provision of bursary funds, vital in this present economic climate and necessary so that we can continue to offer support to talented children, who meet the entrance criteria, irrespective of their parent's financial means. Please help us celebrate our tenth anniversary by taking part in this appeal.

A celebration Garden Party will be held on Sunday June 19th at the home of Dr and Mrs Reid, who hosted a very popular similar event several years ago. A beautiful garden, light music and strawberry fizz, what a wonderful way to spend a summer afternoon! Please make a note in your 2011 diary and we will let you have more details in the Spring edition of the Pillars.

# We'll Meet Again

## 2010 Reunions

### Class of 1979 & 1980



On Saturday 13th November the classes of 1979 and 1980 joined forces for their 30 year reunion. Over a year in the planning, the organisers, Catriona, Dan, Cam, Karen and Maggie arranged for over 75 former classmates to congregate in the Girls School Hall to be greeted by the Rector, Dr John Halliday. Mrs Sheena Leadbitter then told the group about the work of the Foundation in raising much needed funds for bursaries, before they left for a tour of the school. The classmates visited their primary classrooms as well as the old gym and senior school in the Main Building, ending in Trinity Hall where the annual Christmas Fair was in full swing. Photographs on the Pillars followed before the groups headed for the Dining Hall and lunch with former teachers and the first showing of the powerpoint presentation of school years past! That evening the groups went to local hotels where more former pupils joined them to reminisce into the wee small hours. Here's to the 40th Reunion.

### Class of 1986

Nearly 30 former pupils from the Class of 1986 met on 14th August in Dundee and later at Discovery Point for an evening of reminiscences. Joined by Mrs Irene McGrath they enjoyed catching up on their careers and family lives. Congratulations to Fiona Morrison for arranging such a successful event.

### Class of 1990



FP Jenni Lyall recently organised the reunion for the Class of 1990. She told us "On the night we had 37 attending, and it was really super catching up. Mr Wilson and Sandy Hutchison showed up which was lovely. The drinks flowed and so did the chat. We had a wee toast to thank everyone for making the effort, and we also had a toast to remember Susie Carmichael who tragically died in a climbing accident and was really missed from the party, always full of fun she'd have been there with bells on!! We all had a great night, so much so that we've decided not to wait for another 10 years, we're going to do a silver anniversary in 5 years, and the planning has already started!!!"

### Class of 2000



The first week-end in October saw the Class of 2000 congregating in Trinity Hall at the school for their 10 year reunion. This was the first time that many of the former pupils had been back since they left in the millennium year. Over 30 classmates chatted and renewed friendships on a crisp autumn day as they toured through their former class rooms. The school bell rang at noon to muster them for their class photo on the Pillars and former teachers joined them for lunch, before the group left to enjoy catching up with their news at the Rugby Club. Thanks to Kate, Andrea and Caroline for organising the event.

### 2011 Reunions

Class of 1961 are organising their 50 year reunion on May 14th next year, closely followed by the Class of 1967's reunion on the 24th September. Please contact the Development Office at [development@highschoolofdundee.org.uk](mailto:development@highschoolofdundee.org.uk) for more information about these two reunions or for future events.

# Profile



## A Passage to India – My Delhi Journey

**Ailsa Wyllie (Robertson) Class of 2000** recently represented Scotland at the Commonwealth Games. Here is her personal account of her experience in Delhi.

After a long summer of pitch sessions, running and heat chambers to get us ready for jetting off to India for the 2010 Commonwealth Games, the day finally arrived for Team Scotland to meet at Glasgow Airport. Exciting times as over fifty members of the Scottish team were flying out on the same day – a sea of royal blue tracksuits. After a short stop in Dubai at about 3am we arrived in New Delhi ten hours after departing. Unfortunately I do not remember my first sites of India as I slept in the bus all the way to the Games Village! After all the negative press about the Games before we left it was really hard to know what to expect, although we had faith in the Team Scotland management that had been out for over a week helping to clean up and get our block ready. Needless to say the accommodation was more than liveable and we were looking forward to our three week stay.

Exploring the village where all the athletes stay was the first thing on the agenda and also the way to try and keep us all awake to ensure we got into a good sleeping pattern from the off! The village included lots of training facilities, wi-fi hotspots so we could keep in touch with friends and family, an outdoor training pool, gym and most importantly a 24hour dining hall!

The first week flew in with lots of time on the pitch, team meetings and getting used to the heat – it was hot! Before we knew it the opening ceremony was beginning and our first game was the next day, because of this we unfortunately have to forego the chance to attend and just watch the action from the big screen in the village.

On the fourth of October the games had opened and the first day of competition had started, we were playing the host team in the 19,000 capacity stadium and were so excited – this was what we had trained for. The atmosphere was amazing and although the stadium was not full it was still thousands more than we ever play in front of at home. The crowd really lifts you – even although the majority were not cheering for us we could still hear the Scottish support from the stands which is a great feeling. After an exciting match it ended as 1-1 a really good result for us as India are a good hockey nation, so a great start to

our campaign. The rest of the week saw us meet South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago and Australia, we beat Trinidad and although a really close game against South Africa lost 2-1 which was really disappointing. The eventual winners Australia won 5-2 and left us finishing 4th in our league and playing for 7th and 8th place against a team we know really well – Wales!

Our cross-over game went to extra time and then to penalties, which was exciting for the crowds, but nerve racking for us, although eventually resulting in a Scottish victory. The hockey was a great experience, one that I learnt a lot from and revelled in the chance to play these commonwealth nations.

With the hockey over we had three days to enjoy going to other sports including rugby and athletics, visiting a wonder of the world – the Taj Mahal, which was an amazing site to see and enjoy some time to chill out at the village, before attending the closing ceremony and flag handover to Glasgow! Our three weeks in Delhi came to an end and before we knew it we were back on the plane home – Team Scotland with a great 26 medals, but unfortunately no hockey ones! It was an amazing experience and a great games definitely giving me the appetite for more - so who knows maybe I will see some of you in Glasgow!

# Tributes and passings

## Yvonne Waugh nee Pride 1928-2010

Yvonne was an FP from the Class of 1946 and a member of the Old Girls' Club. On leaving school she worked as a cashier with the Northern Assurance company and there met her future husband David. She and David lived for the first 10 years of their married life in Birkhill where their daughter and son, Ian and Sheona were born. They moved then to Penicuik and then to Peebleshire, where Yvonne enjoyed gardening, embroidery and walking the banks of the Tweed. In later life Yvonne and David travelled widely and spent precious time with their children and grandchildren.

Yvonne died on 29th October 2010

## Louisa McGregor nee Taylor 1905-2010

One of our oldest FPs, Louisa McGregor, died in January this year. As Louisa Taylor she was a member of the Old Girls' Club and in the Class of 1923.

Louisa died on 1st January 2010

## Dr Kenneth Mackintosh 1930-2010

Dr Mackintosh moved to Fife from Torphins in 1935 when his father also a Doctor took up a post in Newport. Following in his father's footsteps he studied medicine at St Andrews University and finally became a GP in Newport, where he practised for 38 years.

Kenneth died in October 2010

## David Anthony McGregor 1939-2010

David, more commonly known as Tony, attended the school during the 1940's and 50's where he was very interested in gymnastics and rugby and played for the FPs. He was also involved in the cadets. David was part of the Class of 1957 as well as an Old Boy and regularly met up with other former classmates in Dundee.

On leaving school David gained a degree in engineering from Dundee Technical College and later a degree in antique restoration and married another FP Moira, nee Malone. During his life David was heavily involved in the timber business.

David died on 8th October 2010

## William Watson Harrow 1928-2010

William was an FP in the Class of 1941. Sadly he died in July this year.

William died on 12th July 2010

## Catherine McLeod 1954-2010

Catherine was in the Class of 1972. Sadly she died in July this year

Catherine died on 19th July 2010

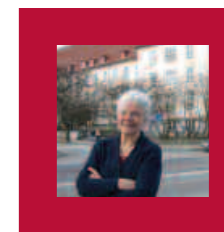
## Brigitte Coupar 1927-2010

Brigitte Coupar was a teacher of modern languages at the school between 1975-1987 after graduating in French and German from Dundee University. Originally from Landsberg in Germany she arrived in Dundee in 1949 and met and married a young British soldier, Bill Coupar. In the mid-fifties she had five children under the age of 5 including two sets of twins!

In her early life she became a refugee during the 2nd World War and she and her family experienced dreadful hardships. At this time her own education came to an end and that loss encouraged her to educate herself when she arrived in Scotland. Brigitte attended art classes with Mackintosh Patrick and evening classes in French, Latin, Spanish, Russian and Portuguese. This led to her enrolment at Dundee University and the start of her career in teaching.

Often approached by former pupils she took one of her greatest compliments to be "Of course you never forget a good teacher." She was proud to have been a teacher at the school and one who lit flames in peoples' lives.

Brigitte died on 27th August 2010



# HSD Community

## Brian Taylor's Big Debate



Trinity Hall played host at the start of term to a live BBC broadcast of Brian Taylor's Big Debate.

Over 100 pupils and members of the public, including delegations from other local schools, posed questions on issues ranging from dog licences to renewable energy.

Presenter Brian Taylor, himself a Former Pupil of the High School of Dundee, was joined by panellists John Letford, Lord Provost of Dundee; singer Sheena Wellington; Joe FitzPatrick, the SNP MSP for Dundee West; and Sanjay Samani, the prospective parliamentary candidate for the Liberal Democrats in Angus during the last election.

## JOGLE for Help for Heroes

An intrepid High School employee recently cycled from John O'Groats to Lands' End in aid of Help for Heroes.

Craig Webb, Manager of the Mayfield Sports Centre, undertook the gruelling 1048-mile journey with support from his brother-in-law, Graham Hunter, a captain in the 16 Air Assault regiment based in Colchester.

The two set off from John O'Groats on Friday, 6th August at 7am, heading south to Inverness and down the West Coast to England, reaching Lands' End ten days later on Sunday 15th August. Craig, who spent more than twelve months training for the journey, raised more than £1000 for the charity.

**"Help for Heroes is doing an incredible job, and is well worthy of our support," said Craig. "I hope that our journey will also help to raise awareness of the work of this amazing charity."**

Craig and Graham are also aiming to run the London Marathon next April to raise additional funds for the charity.

## Former pupils in the limelight

Former pupils have been hitting the headlines this autumn, with success in the literary and sporting worlds. Congratulations to:

**Patrick Barclay** on the recent publication of his new biography of Sir Alex Ferguson, entitled "Football - Bloody Hell!"

**Neil Forsyth** for the adaptation of his latest book Bob Servant, *Hero of Dundee* for BBC Radio, starring Brian Cox.

**Alasdair Dickinson** and **Richie Vernon** on their selection for the Scotland rugby squad for the autumn tests against New Zealand, South Africa and Samoa.

## Open Morning

The annual Open Morning, designed to give prospective pupils and their families an inside view of life at the High School, took place in early November. Around 120 families attended the event, which included department displays, interactive activities and information on every aspect of school life. Junior and Senior School pupils acted as tour guides for the event, and hundreds of staff and pupils were on hand across the School to answer questions from visitors of all ages.



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