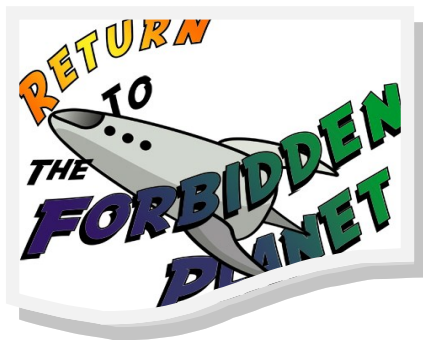




A view from the cast

Hold on to your craniums, and exert pressure in a downwards motion, we're about to reverse polarity!

Rehearsals are officially under way for this session's musical production, and the Music and Drama departments have come together once again – this time taking you where no man has



been before, into outer space! This year's production, due to crash land stardate: June 2012 is the Bob Carlton jukebox musical "Return to the Forbidden Planet".

Loosely based on Shakespeare's "The Tempest" and the 1956 film "Forbidden Planet", the musical is a smorgasbord of sci-fi and B-movie references, tongue-in-cheek humour and rocking 50's and 60's tunes such as "Good Vibrations", "Great Balls Of Fire", and the "Monster Mash" - sure to get you grooving at warp speed!

With a cast of talented senior school pupils from Forms 4-6, and to be performed in the newly-refurbished Gardyne Theatre, Return to the Forbidden Planet promises to be a rip-roaring musical spectacular.

Cairan McLaggan, F6



The school's budding entrepreneurs are getting busy as two teams have entered Young Enterprise this year. The organisation gives pupils experience of the world of business by setting up their own companies. Planning is already under way as they will be competing against schools throughout Tayside. The Bright Sparks, a group of 10 led by Holly Maxwell-Stevenson, are kick starting the year by selling Halloween sweets. A few students enjoyed their experience so much that they have entered again with George Sampson as CEO of Old Boys Enterprise. Much hard work and preparation is needed as they will soon be selling gloves to keep out the winter chill. (We wish both teams luck and are looking forward to hearing their developments as the year progresses.)

LAURA LEE F6



Lights, Camera.. Action.....

A film society has been set up for F6s by Mrs. Phillips and Jessie McGoff (F6). Every month, they will see a new film at Dundee Contemporary Arts, and discuss it over a coffee afterwards. We spoke to co-



founder, Jessie McGoff:

"I set up the Film Society with a simple goal: to get young people interested in films they wouldn't typically seek out – from independent British flicks to foreign arthouse obscurities. I felt Dundee Contemporary Arts to be the perfect venue for our monthly excursions; they have a very diverse programme and a very comfy cinema! I already work closely with the DCA as a Young Ambassador for their Discovery Film Festival. Film can be a very important and rich medium of expression, and I think non-regular arthouse-viewers will be surprised at how much they take out of them! As well as being entertaining, many relevant and interesting issues can be raised by films outside the mainstream. I am looking forward to enjoying discussion and debate with my fellow F6s about each film."

If you want to come along then you can pick up a form from Mrs. Phillips RF12 or contact Jessie McGoff.

Keep on running.. and on and on

On the 5th September, a group of students from F6 took part in the Great Scottish Run, a half marathon which took place in the city of Glasgow. The contenders - Jennifer Armstrong, Alister Bankhead, Ruth Batchelor, Angus Rodney and Chloe Scahill - ran for various charities of their own choice, including Arthritis Research, Marie Curie Cancer Care and Ward 34 in Ninewells Hospital. After months of preparation and training, the joggers put on their running shoes, tied their laces and set off on the 13 mile run through the city.

Chloe Scahill says, "The run was a challenge but you felt a sense of



achievement at the end."

A certain achievement for one of the runners was accomplished by Angus Rodney, who came 15th out of around 900 runners in the under 18s participants. As well as students, Mr MacKinnon also took part.

JENNY ALLAN

And if running's not your thing...

On the 11th of September, as arranged by the Interact committee, the High School of Dundee once again had a successful team as part of the annual Dundee Cyclathon, a massive 26-mile cycling event which circles around the city, seeing cyclists pedal from Camperdown Park to Broughty Ferry, all of the cyclists raising money through sponsors from friends



and family that would go to local charity, Cash for Kids. For the event, the school's team kept a sense of comradeship throughout. While this saw the occasional slip-up this made it a lot more fun and easier to overcome the mammoth course.

We managed to finish the event in just over two hours and raised a total of £652.23, a staggering increase on last years total. Interact vice president Fraser Docherty gave his thoughts of the Cyclathon shortly after.

"The event was highly successful with all high school participants completing the 26 mile course. I was particularly impressed with the overall group effort from pupils and staff alike. On behalf of the Interact Committee I would like to thank everyone who donated or sponsored this very worthwhile cause and in particular those who participated in the event." Andrew Davidson F6

King of the Swingers

DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL WINS SCOTTISH UNDER-18s' STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

July was a momentous month for one particular pupil- Josh Jamieson (F6), who won the Scottish Boy's Stroke Play golf tournament at Nairn's Dunbar course. This is a huge achievement, and something Josh himself had been training hard for: "it's a great feeling. It feels like finally all the hard work I've been putting into golf for most of my life, is paying off."



The championship itself is very highly regarded, and many well known Scottish golfers have taken part in their youth. Josh's family are also keen on golf, and this is one of the reasons why he took up the sport. Another factor, however, influenced him - his hometown. "Of course, being from St Andrews inspired me also." Take a look around the Old Course and this shouldn't be a surprise, what with beautiful scenery and historical buildings as the landscape.

I asked Josh if there are any golfers he particularly looks up to? "I think I quite resemble Rory McIlroy in technique, although obviously I'm nowhere near as good! He seems to be quite a nice guy as well." So what's next for this up and coming golfer? "Now that I've turned eighteen I'm no longer in the junior league, so hopefully I'll play for the men's Scottish team sometime. But I'll go to university first, then see what's next for me." Well whatever Josh does in the future, he has the High School's full support!

Niamh Carey F5

Curling Club

Winter is here yet again, bringing with it cold weather, shortened days and the start of the curling season! Every Monday, a school minibus takes pupils to the Dundee Ice Arena where the curling club takes place. Pupils learn the correct way to throw stones, how to sweep effectively and also how to form strategies and to decide what commands to give their team as the skip. This is followed by several games of curling.



In Curling the objective of the game is get your team's stones as close to the centre of a circular target, as possible. The team that has the most stones closest to the centre wins the game. Stones can also be knocked out by the other team or perhaps by one of your own teammate's stones! When a stone has been thrown, the other teammates can choose to sweep the stone which makes the stone keep its momentum for longer. A great deal of strategy goes into determining the exact amount of force to be applied to each stone, the direction of the turning of the stone and when to sweep. This results in some very intense and exciting games.

If you don't enjoy ball sports and prefer games such as chess or pool or if you want to try something different, then curling could appeal to you. The High School Of Dundee Curling Club lasts from 4.30pm until 5.30pm. Payment of £3 is required to enter the Dundee Ice Arena. Parents can pick up their children from the Ice Arena.

Patrick Cartlidge F6