



# HSD Remembers

**A programme of events to mark the centenary  
of the end of the Great War**



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# HSD Remembers... 100 years on

**As we approach the centenary of the first Armistice on 11 November 1918, we have put together a programme of events to mark this important anniversary, to which we extend a warm invitation to all parents, pupils and staff, past and present.**

The First World War was seen as the war to end all wars. It wasn't, of course. However, 1914-1918 were four years that changed the world, and at this time 100 years ago monarchies were collapsing, revolutions were breaking out and the political and social landscape of Europe and beyond was being transformed. FPs of the High School were involved in all areas of the war, including active service in the Royal Navy, Army and the nascent Royal Air Force. They also played important roles away from the fighting itself, in military hospitals, in code-breaking, logistics, planning and propaganda. FP nurses were even posted to Basra and Tbilisi in support of troops fighting against Iraqi rebels and the Bolsheviks respectively. The war also changed the USA's relationship with the world for ever, and hastened the reassessment of women's rights that continues to this day. It marked the beginning of the end for colonialism.



However, in other ways, it was no more than the 'end of the beginning' as the cataclysmic energy unleashed led to the rise of totalitarianism in Russia, Spain, Germany and Italy.

To mark this centenary we have organised a programme of events which we hope will be a suitable testimony to our ongoing debt of gratitude to those whose lives were changed for ever by the First World War and give us cause to reflect on how we can learn from the lessons of history.

**Dr John D Halliday**  
*Rector*



## **Exhibition: A High School Family and the Great War *During November***

An intimate, personal exhibition outlining the impact of the war on Daniel Stalker, FP, and his family.

Daniel won the Harris Gold Medal for Dux of the School in 1908.

His great-niece Morag Stalker has kindly provided the fascinating material for this exhibition, which will be displayed in the entrance foyer to the main building. Visitors should report to reception upon arrival.

## **Jute Poppy Art Installation**

*During November*

To mark the centenary anniversary, we are creating a striking art installation. The School's Pillars will be transformed as they are decorated with more than 2,000 beautiful jute poppies in tribute to those who fell in the Great War.

We are also selling identical jute poppies to raise money for Poppy Scotland. Find out more, and buy yours, at: [www.highschoolofdundee.org.uk](http://www.highschoolofdundee.org.uk)



## **First World War Portrait Exhibition**

*During November*

Inspired by stories and subjects from the period of the Great War, and asked to consider the difficulties and challenges they would have faced 100 years ago, our Advanced Higher Art students have produced a series of original paintings and vignettes.

The thought-provoking artworks will be on display in the Main Building.

Visitors should report to reception upon arrival.





## Commemorative Concert 1918: One Hundred Years

8 November, 7pm - 9pm

Trinity Hall

Join us for a poignant commemoration of the nine major battles on the Western Front in 1918. School ensembles and individual musicians will perform traditional Scottish melodies, pieces from around the former Empire, and music from Germany. Readers from across the School and from the CCF will take to the stage, and poems and diary extracts will come to life through drama performances.

This is a free concert but please contact the school in advance to reserve a ticket.

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## Armistice Parade

The School's traditional Armistice Parade will take place in the playground at 11am on Friday 9 November. As always, this will be a moving and poignant whole school event, with our CCF – which in February of this year marked its own 100th anniversary – Pipes and Drums and Banner Party, all parading in front of the school.

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## War Memorial Rededication

*Date to be confirmed*

Our memorial to those who served and those who fell during, and as a result of, WW1 records 710 names, including 113 who died. Since 2014 we have been researching the contribution made by FPs during the war and we have discovered 67 additional names: 21 men who were killed and 46 who served. The latter includes the names of 9 courageous women who had hitherto not been recognised. These 67 FPs will therefore be recognised on a new panel, which will be dedicated at a ceremony in school.

