



THE COLUMNS

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This morning's Armistice Parade commemorated the lives lost in WW1, and all other conflicts, past and present, across the globe. The DHSCCF and Pipe Band led the school community in our tribute. The two minute silence at 11am was a poignant moment of reflection, an opportunity to honour the people who have died fighting for their nation, and to appreciate how fortunate we are.

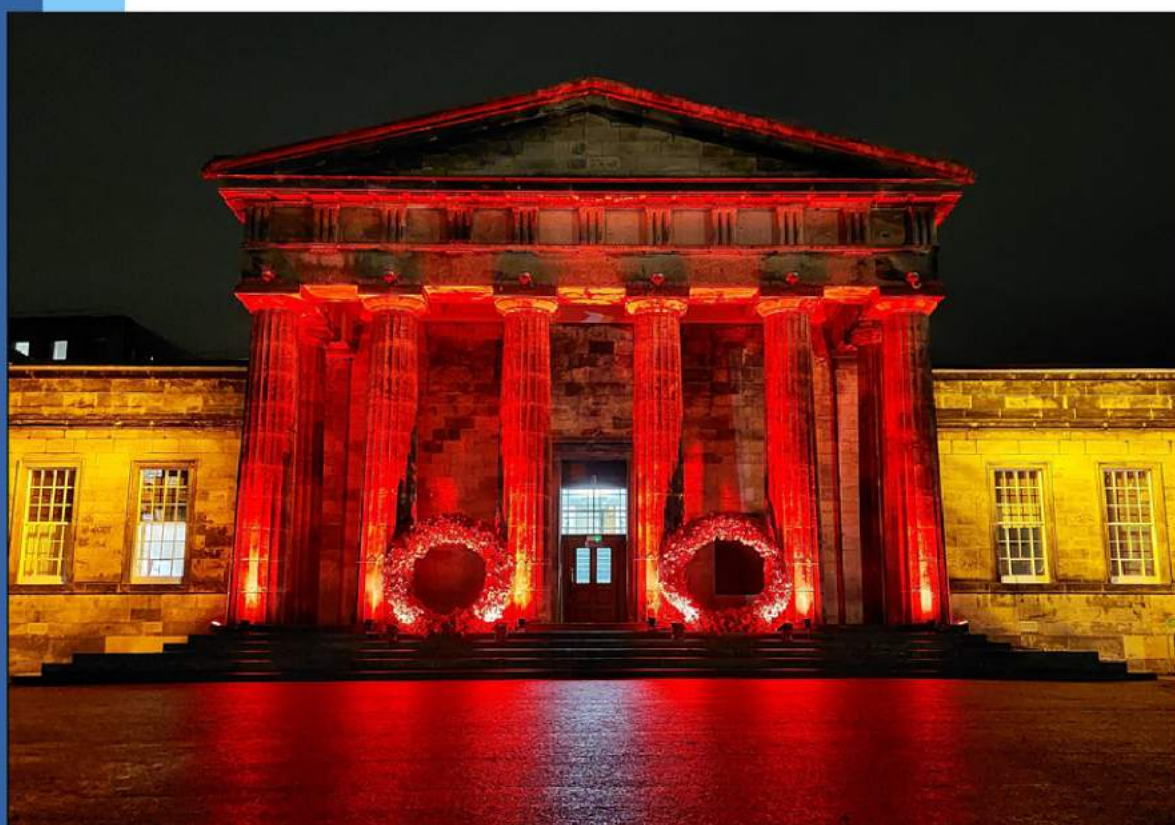
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them. - For The Fallen

Editor-in-Chief, Sahar Jafferbhoy



Armistice 2022 and the DHSCCF

RMS Jack Sandilands

Armistice is a very important event for our contingent here at the DHSCCF it is our biggest event of the year with weeks of prior training happening in the lead up. Armistice allows us to show our respects to the fallen and show our support for the serving men and woman that fight for our country.

I believe cadets is not just about the events or the camps but about the friends and experiences you have while being in the force through your times at school. Cadets allows you to make friends of different ages and backgrounds these friends are with you for life. The cadets opens many opportunities to pupils involved through promotions and expeditions in March and our main one in the summer.

For me the summer camp is the highlight of the year as it allows me to spend time with my friends and also do things that I enjoy that you can't get in any other co curricular experience such as an overnight exercise where you get to carry out an attack on enemy positions while shooting blank ammunition. There's also the range day where you get to hone your skills of marksmanship principals and see how good a shot you are.



The Trojan War

Izzy Clark

War is one of the constants of human society. In some form, long-lasting violent conflicts appear in all cultures and communities throughout human history across the world. Because of this, war and conflict are two of the key themes universal to human art, including visual works, stage productions and literature. One of the most iconic and oldest stories of war is that of the Trojan War, a debatable-real war between the kingdoms of Greece and Troy. The Trojan War is detailed in many different classical works, including most famously *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey* by Homer, but also in plays by Euripides, Aeschylus and Sophocles, poems by Alcaeus and Sappho, and the *Posthomerica* by Quintus of Smyrna.

The Trojan War was an extremely complicated conflict that can best be summarised as the fault of a Trojan man named Paris, who wanted to marry the Queen of Sparta, Helen, whose marriage was defended by the rest of the armies of Greece. During the ten-year mythological conflict, many battles were fought between the great warriors of Troy and Greece. Whilst the glorious topic of choice for many a classical playwright or poet, there is still debate over whether the Trojan War was a real conflict, with archaeological links to the Seventh Fall of Troy and the Late Bronze Age Collapse having been found and purported to correspond to the war.

Many significant mythological figures were involved in the Trojan War, and several of them died during the course of the war. The most well-known person involved during the Trojan War was Achilles, a Greek soldier with immense strength, who was rumoured unkillable. He is regarded as the most important person in *The Iliad*, and the poem opens with "Sing, Goddess, of the rage of Peleus' son Achilles". Unfortunately, Achilles' unlikable nature would not last forever, as Achilles was slain by Paris, guided by the support of the God Apollo. Another figure killed in battle during the Trojan War was Patroclus, a close companion of Achilles. He was killed by the Trojan warrior Hector whilst attempting to rally the Greek troops, disguised as Achilles to motivate them. The death of Patroclus marked a significant turning point in the Trojan War, as it encouraged Achilles to return to the fight, having quit due to a feud with King Agamemnon. Whilst tragic, this incentive inevitably caused the Greeks to win the feud.

It was not only men who died during the course of the Trojan War. The legendary Amazonian warrior Penthesilea fought on the side of the Trojans, and was killed in battle by Achilles himself. After discovering that the fierce warrior he had just killed was a woman, Achilles lamented the fact that they had met in such unfortunate circumstances. When the dead Penthesilea was mocked by a Greek kinsman of Achilles, the warrior defended her honour by killing him.

Finally, one of the most overlooked figures in the Trojan War is the woman whose death launched a thousand ships. Whilst it was Helen's honour and marriage being defended, it was Iphigenia who was sacrificed in order to ensure the departure of the Greek fleet. The gods, turned against Greece, told King Agamemnon that the winds would not blow and thus his ships would not set sail unless he sacrificed his own daughter, Iphigenia. In some interpretations of the myth, Iphigenia was actually killed, but in others, she was whisked away by the goddess Artemis. Regardless, her death marked the start of the most famous war in mythology.

Sol Y Sombra Review

Maisey Lafollette

Have you ever looked at a menu and wanted to get two or three things? Well the second years had the opportunity at the restaurant 'Sol Y Sombra Tapas Bar' in Broughty Ferry on a trip for pupils who took Spanish. We tried various foods from Spain in a Tapas bar sort of like a buffet place.

So you're probably thinking what are Tapas? Where are they from? Well tapas are small portions of Spanish food that came about around the 13th century. They're on a plate in the middle of the table for everyone to enjoy similar to a buffet place. There are many stories of how tapas originated, one of which being that King Alfonso X of Castile was sick and he became better by eating small portions of food with wine, and that when he recovered he ordered restaurants to only serve wine if it went with small snacks or 'tapa.' In Spain, Granada and Seville are two of the most famous places for tapas.

There are many foods served when you have tapas such as chorizó which is a sausage similar to pepperoni; gambas pil pil which is prawns that were cooked in white wine and garlic; there was also patatas bravas which translates to 'brave potatoes' - they are roast potatoes served with two different sauces (patatas bravas was my favourite). We also tried one of the most famous Spanish foods paella de verduras; there are many different ways paella is served - we were served it with rice in an orangey red sauce, and vegetables and chicken. We were also given the opportunity to try many other Spanish foods such as: ensaladilla rusa, which translates to Russian salad; queso manchego, a cheese made in the region of Spain called La Mancha from goat's milk; aioli, which is a garlic sauce with olive oil; pinchos de verduras y brócoli con salsa verde - they're vegetables and broccoli with green salsa on skewers; aceitunas, which is olives in a nice sauce; and frutos secos which are nuts.

The 'Sol y Sombra Tapas bar' trip was a unique way to learn about Spanish culture, trying foods we usually wouldn't eat, use some of the language we've been learning and it was even more memorable experiencing it with classmates. The restaurant was welcoming and friendly and both myself and fellow classmates will definitely go back to try other dishes and hope you do to. ¡Que aproveche!



BIFA NOMINATIONS

India Simpson

On Thursday, November 3rd, the nominations for the British Independent Film Awards were released. Under the 'British Independent Film' category, five films have been nominated:

The first is 'Living' directed by Oliver Hermanus, with the screenplay by Kazuo Ishiguro. It is based from the Japanese film 'Ikiru' (1952), which itself was inspired by 'The Death of Ivan Ilyich', a 1886 Russian Novella by Leo Tolstoy. It is set in 1953, in London, and is about a bureaucrat facing a terminal illness. 'Living' stars Bill Nighy, and premiered at Sundance Film Festival 2022 (21st January), and was released in the UK on November 4th. The films reviews are good, especially praising Nighy's performance. 'Living', and their cast and crew, were also nominated for Best Director (Oliver Hermanus), Best Screenplay (Kazuo Ishiguro), Best Music Supervision (Rupert Hollier), Best Supporting Performance (Aimee Lou Wood), Best Lead Performance (Bill Nighy), Best Costume Design (Sandy Powell), Best Casting (Kathleen Crawford) and Best production Design (Helen Scott).

'Aftersun' was also nominated. This is directed and written by Charlotte Wells, a Scottish director with this film as her debut. It is centered around Sophie, a young girl on vacation in Turkey with her father (Calum). Twenty years later, Sophie thinks over the trip and her relationship with her father. It was released in the US on October 21st 2022 (A24), and will be released in the UK on November 18th (Mubi). It premiered at Cannes Film Festival 2022 in International Critics' Week and it won a jury prize. It was also screened at multiple film festivals, including the Edinburgh International, Melbourne International, Telluride, Toronto International, New York and Adelaide Film Festivals. It has and will be distributed throughout the world, and wherever it has been seen, it has received critical acclaim. Both Paul Mescal and Frankie Corio received much praise for their performances, and 'Aftersun', Charlotte Wells, and others among the cast and crew have received and been nominated for many awards since its first showings. At BIFA, Wells was nominated for Best Director, Best Screenplay, Douglas Hickox Award (Debut Director), and Best Debut Screenwriter in this year's nominations. A.O. Scott with New York Times said "Wells, with the unaffected precision of a lyric poet, is very nearly reinventing the language of film, unlocking the medium's often dormant potential to disclose inner worlds of consciousness and feeling." Frankie Corio has been nominated for Breakthrough Performance, and Best Joint Lead Performance with Paul Mescal. 'Aftersun' was also nominated for Best Cinematography (Gregory One), Best Editing (Blair McClendon), Best Production Design (Biller Turn), Best Casting (Lucy Pardee), Best Hair and Make-up (Oya Aygor, Murat Cagin) Best Sound (Jovan Ajder), Best Original Music (Oliver Coates) and Best Music Supervision (Lucy Bright).

Third nominated was 'Blue Jean' written and directed by Georgia Oakley. It is set in England, 1988, and centered around a closeted gym teacher who is challenged by a student threatening to expose her sexuality. It was released on October 8th (UK). It was also nominated at BIFA for Breakthrough Performance (Rosy McEwen), Best Director (Georgia Oakley), Best Screenplay (Georgia Oakley), Douglas Hickox Award (Debut Director) (Georgia Oakley), Breakthrough Producer (Helene Sire), Best Debut Screenwriter (Georgia Oakley), Best Casting (Shaheen Baig), Best Ensemble Performance (Amy Booth-Steel, Lucy Halliday), Best Lead Performance (Rosy McEwen), Best Editing (Izabella Curry), and Best Supporting Performance (Lucy Halliday, Kerrie Hayes).

Also nominated was 'The Wonder' directed by Sebastian Lelio, and starring Florence Pugh. It is set in 1862, in the Irish Midlands, and is about a young girl who stops eating but, somehow, remains alive and healthy. A nurse (Florence Pugh) is brought to the village to observe the girl, Anna O'Donnell. Tourists and pilgrims also come to the village to witness Anna. It was written by Alice Birch, Emma Donoghue and Sebastian Lelio and based on the novel by Donoghue. It premiered at the Telluride Film Festival 2022 (September 2nd) and has been in select cinemas from November 2nd, and will stream on Netflix on November 16th 2022. As with all of Pugh's recent work, critics are praising her excellent performance in The Wonder. Lelio's directing and the fascinating storyline have also been much praised. At BIFA, this film was also nominated for Best Breakthrough Performance (Kila Lord Cassidy), Best Director (Sebastian Lelio), Best Screenplay (Alice Birch, Emma Donoghue, Sebastian Lelio), Best Hair and Make-up (Lorri Ann-King, Morna Ferguson), Best Production Design (Grant Montgomery), Best Sound (Ben Baird, Hugh Fox), Best Cinematography (Ari Wegner), Best Costume Design (Odile Dicks-Mireau), Best Ensemble Performance (Elaine Cassidy, Brian F. O'Byrne), Best Lead Performance (Florence Pugh), and Best Original Music (Matthew Herbert).

The final nominated film for British Independent Film is 'Good Luck to You, Leo Grande' directed by Sophie Hyde and written by Katy Brand. Emma Thompson and Daryl McCormack star in it. Premiering at Sundance Film Festival 2022 (January 22nd), it was then released on the 17th of June. It was also nominated for Best Director (Sophie Hyde), Best Screenplay (Katy Brand), and Best Joint Lead Performance (Emma Thompson, Daryl McCormack).

The Best International Independent Film nominations were 'Decision to Leave', 'Everything Everywhere All At Once', 'All The Beauty And The Bloodshed', 'The Worst Person in the World' and 'Close', all of which have been recently nominated for many awards since their release. In 2021, 'After Love' won Best British Independent Film, along with many other awards, while 'Flee' won Best International Independent Film.

If you are interested in any of these movies, they often screen at independent cinemas, have a look at the DCA and the Perth Playhouse and other cinemas similar to these. The winners in each of the categories will be released on Sunday the 4th of December.

HARRY POTTER: DID YOU KNOW?

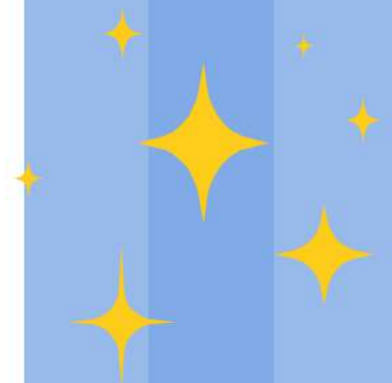
Maisey Lafollette

For all you Potter Head out there you probably know you have to be eleven years old to go to Hogwarts, so here's eleven fun facts to get you there!

1. All Harry Potter fans love Quidditch but did you know in many universities there is a World Cup. Sadly there's no flying on your Nimbus 2000 or Firebolt yet!!
2. Everyone knows Harry Potter has a lightning bolt scar, did you know in the movies they had to apply it to Daniel Radcliffe's head nearly 2000 times!
3. J.K Rowling was rejected by 12 publishers, before someone liked 'The Boy Who Lived' (those 12 will be kicking themselves now.)
4. The Golden Trio may have saved the Wizarding World, but only one actually finished Hogwarts, for Potter Heads, it's easy to guess it was Hermione who wanted to finish school.
5. Many people love Halloween, but for Ron, Hermione and Harry, this day marks the day 'the Golden Trio' was formed!
6. Fred and George Weasley are the two lovable jokester brothers of Ron, and their birthday is April Fools' Day, which perfectly sums up these two.
7. In Hogwarts, there are no A's or D's, they have O for Outstanding, E for Exceeds Expectations and A for Acceptable being the passing grades. While the failing grades are P for Poor, D for Dreadful and T for Troll.
8. J.K Rowling may have made billions on a magical world but she doesn't actually believe in magic herself.
9. Like Dundee High, Hogwarts has its own four houses- Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Slytherin and Hufflepuff. Did you know that J.K Rowling took a Sorting Hat Test and was put in Hufflepuff?
10. Harry Potter is a New York Times Bestseller and it was the first book for children (or the young at heart) to make the list since Charlotte's Webb in 1952.
11. Every fan knows that Harry Potter is set in Britain but did you know the cast for the movies had to be British? J.K Rowling even turned down American actors Robin Williams and Rosie O'Donnell who would have worked for free!



Senior Charity Ball: A Night In Hollywood



A NIGHT IN HOLLYWOOD

Laura Daniela Marsh



SENIOR CHARITY BALL 2022



A NIGHT IN HOLLYWOOD

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SENIOR CHARITY BALL 2022

A NIGHT IN HOLLYWOOD

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SENIOR CHARITY BALL 2022



Reflections of an Old Boy: Struan Baptie

Years attended HSD?

1986 to 1992

What is your fondest memory of HSD?

The race up to the lunch hall to find it was Chicken noodle soup day! Also, the brilliant fun with friends who are still dear friends 30 years on

What is your most traumatic memory of HSD?

Forgetting my Rugby shorts and having to put my hand into the sweaty, festering lost property bin at Dalnacraig, to find that the only available garment was an oversized Netball skirt, that I had to hold up as I ran around the pitch!

Who was you best friend?

Ed Hollywood (honestly his real name!)

Who was your nemesis?

I'd rather not say, as he is a good client of mine today!

Your favorite subject was?

History

Worst subject was?

Physics, never knew if the work book was the right way up or not....it made no sense at all!

Who had the greatest positive impact on you at HSD and why?

Mr Wilson my dear History teacher, he told me that if I worked hard & applied myself then I would get on in life, simple and sound advice which I have never forgotten - he was correct.

Who led you astray and what happened?

Rather not mention names, however I once tagged along with a small group to Jimmy Reid's variety store in the Seagate to have a look around - only to discover a few of the boys producing a trumpet and a trombone from a sports bag & trying to sell them to the pawn shop, saying they had been left in the cloakroom by former pupils, only to find out that they had been left that morning by current pupils who were looking for them to go to band practice!

Who was your favorite teacher and what did you like about them?

Mr Wilson for his passion in his teaching & his sound lifelong advice. Mr Spowart for treating us like adults in the early years of secondary school, and for his cool dress sense. Mr Rouse for teaching me how to absorb a clout to the ear for no reason, then having to thank him for it!

Who was your strictest teacher and did you ever get a punishment exercise? If yes, what did you do?

Mr Smart or Killer Smart, Chemistry Teacher – very much old school and a no nonsense kind of man – too scared of him to do anything wrong in his class! I don't think I ever saw him smile once....he must have hated Chemistry!!

Where did you hang out at school?

Pillars in the summer and the cloakroom in winter months, I was once lifted and hung up on the metal coat hooks, it took me 20 long, slow minutes for my pants/trousers to rip before I could get back down!

What was the common room like?

Wonderful until someone broke the Pool table, still would love to know who did it!

Did you play in any sports teams or where you in any clubs?

Rugby - I was first name on the team sheet each week as reserve for the B team - even when there were only 14 people available to play!

What is your biggest regret about HSD and what was your greatest achievement ?

Biggest regret - not working hard enough from 1st to 4th year. My greatest achievement - final Higher results which took me to University and set me up going forward

Mrs Watson's Weekly Jokes

Why couldn't the pirate
learn the alphabet?
*Because he was always
lost at C!*

Why don't they play poker
in the jungle?
*Because there are too
many cheetahs!*

What's a skeleton's
favourite musical
instrument?
A trombone!

What's orange and sounds
like a parrot?
A carrot!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Sahar Jafferbhoy

Although Prelims are nearing, school is getting busier, and dissertation and UCAS deadlines approach, remember that it's only 6 weeks till Christmas! There's so much to look forward to: adorable Nativity scenes, festive Strip the Willows, Christmas music, and regi Secret Santas :)

I'd also like to give a big thank you to Miss Doig and Mr Mutch for their unwavering support in the publication of The Columns each Friday. On a final note, in the words of Mr Clarke, Smile at the little things. The bigger things will take care of themselves.

happy friday!

THE COLUMNS TEAM