

THE HUTCHIE HERALD

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RECTOR'S WELCOME

As we near the end of another school year and we head into Summer, with hopefully less rain to come, it's a good time to recall all that has taken place since the start of the year.

Much focus for the upper years in Beaton Road turned towards exam preparation in the new term as the hall filled with single desks and the Prelims kicked off. Also, during that period, we had our Entrance Exam days which saw a great number of applicants aiming to be offered a place at this wonderful school. I am delighted to say that we have a pleasing number of offers and acceptances. I am also very heartened to report that, through the continued generosity of donors, 1641 members and others, we have been able to support a good number of families with fee assistance and up to 100% bursary provision. The ethos and benefaction of the Hutcheson brothers remains at our heart.

Prelims, to parent evenings, to subject choices evenings meant a very busy few weeks for staff, parents and pupils in and around the half term, but sport continued, when the weather allowed. Rugby moved from 15s to 7s and Hockey from outdoor to indoor to a new 5s format – devised by our own Hockey coaches. Hutchie 5s – as it should now be known – was a great success and was enjoyed by all. More goals, more games, more running, more teams – and fun. Music also never stops. As well as the traditional concerts for Primary and Secondary, March brought us 'Born in the USA' where the Beaton Road assembly hall was transformed into a Music Club venue (3 stages and tabled arena with professional sound and lighting) and we were thoroughly entertained. How can I forget sitting with my wife and being serenaded with 'I just haven't met you yet' by Isaac as he made his way through the audience. Who needs Michael Bublé?

A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody – the NPA production was great fun. A farce in the best tradition of the genre and pulled off with style. Excellent comic timing, and genuine quality acting from six very talented performers. Romeo and Juliet quickly followed in our wonderful drama studio, with Legally Blonde ending the term with high energy performances and all things pink. Two very talented casts. Thanks to all the staff who supported these shows, much effort goes on behind the scenes, including wallpapering sets, and it is a joy to witness such a team effort.

The Primary School also lit up the stage, with performances from the likes of P4 with Roald Dahl's Cinderella, P2's Katie Morag, and not forgetting our P7's end of year show Madagascar - where the Kingarth Street assembly hall turned into an african jungle. There have been many other highlights including Toy Sales and Kiltwalks, along with World Book Day and Battle of the Books lead by our Librarian Miss Peebles.

The end of the session brings staff changes and we have a few retirements to mention and new staff joining. Peter Uprichard (Head of Chemistry) will be retiring after 34 years at the school. Ross Dewar (PE) is also retiring (early!) after 25 years. I, too, will be hanging up my gown for the final time at the end of Prize-giving. A mere 16 years from me. Rest assured; we have managed to appoint well for our replacements. I hope they will enjoy being part of the Hutchie Community, as much as we have. Since the last edition we have welcomed Mrs Laura Nicol to the school as Head of Marketing, Admissions and Communications. She brings great experience, enthusiasm and a host of great ideas and initiatives that will enable us to open up a window to show all that makes Hutchie so special. I wish her well.

This is a bitter-sweet time for many of our S6, who now, having made their choices for university are getting ready to flee the Hutchie nest. A varying mix of anxiety and anticipation, but I know they are ready. Compassionate, Creative, Independent, Curious, Honest and Resilient. We wish them well and hope they remember that they will always belong to this special community.

What else has been going on? Well, for parents and friends the fun has not stopped. We have had the HGSPA Quiz Night. A nice evening of 'friendly' rivalry then the Golf Day at Whitecraigs in May, organised superbly by the 57 Group members (huge thanks to Kevin Heverin) was held on the sunniest day of the year and has become a must attend event for many. The inaugural Tennis Day at Whitecraigs earlier in June was a hit (thank you Wendy Schenini) and as I write this the annual Summer Social at H@PP is about to take place, and which I look forward to attending once again.

The HGSPA are having a great time. They are a strong and fun community to be a part of and I would encourage you to get involved as they are a friendly bunch and there really is something for everyone.

There is so much else going on in school – such a happy and vibrant place to be. Brimming with purposeful activity and interaction. I hope the following pages will give you a flavour of just how much is happening. The whole Hutchie Community continues to Flourish.

Mike Martin
Rector



BOARD UPDATE



It has been a very busy few months since I was elected Chair of the Board of Governors on 13 September 2023. The single most important task that I will have during my tenure as Board Chair, was to lead the process for selecting and appointing a new Rector. A thorough recruitment process generated a list of outstanding candidates for the Board to meet and then select a candidate.

Mark Ronan, an experienced Rector for the past 16 years, stood out for us and I was delighted that he immediately accepted my invitation to become our next Rector. Mark will start with us on 1 August 2024. He, and his wife Fiona, have already visited Glasgow and are excited and humbled to be joining us.

Personally, I am excited for the school and very much look forward to working with Mark when he joins us. While he is still busy at his current school, Mark has been able to start making preparations and having initial meetings with senior staff members.

While the appointment of a new Rector has taken up a lot of time, the Board have remained focused on the strategic decisions necessary to ensure the School continues to thrive. Looking ahead to the next five years, setting a budget and fee increase is never easy, but I am delighted that we are likely to have one of the lowest fee increases amongst our peers for 2024/25. We know the sacrifices that many families make to send their children to benefit from a Hutchie education. We do not take this commitment for granted, and are ourselves committed to ensure we do all we can to be as competitive as possible in the market, while never compromising on the quality of education and cocurricular opportunities we can give the young people entrusted to our care.

This year the atmosphere in the school has been wonderful. Our hard working and dedicated staff have gone the extra mile to inspire and support our young people. We have had fantastic shows and musical events, while also bringing home silverware from our sporting activities. All of this while we celebrated one of the best ever set of exam results in the 2022-23 exam diet. Well done to everybody.

The Board is always looking forward. We know we have to ensure our S6 experience is the best it can be, and we will continue to make high demands of the senior leadership team to deliver on this key aspect of our school offering. We always have to look at our physical estate to ensure it provides the best possible environment to meet the school aims of Belong, Flourish and Achieve. During the summer we will start a programme to refurbish our classrooms some old desks will need to find new homes they will leave with many memories ... if only they could tell their stories!!

We are also mindful that 2041 and the opportunity to celebrate our quatercentenary is rapidly approaching. We will be reviewing our estate provision and developing a vision for the future. We aim to reach 2041 with an estate that is sector-leading and envied by all so we can hand it over with a real pride for future generations to benefit from.

As we come to the end of the school year, I want to pass on my very special thanks to our Rector, Mike Martin. Mike stepped up last year. He had perhaps been hoping for a final quiet year before retiring. Well things have not worked out that way. I know Mike has thoroughly enjoyed this year, and we have benefitted from his warm and friendly nature as he has led us with distinction. On behalf of all the Governors, and I am sure all his staff colleagues and our young people, we want to say a very big thank you to Mike. We hope you have a long and happy retirement. We know you will not be a stranger to us - we will always give you a very warm welcome back.

I wish all those leaving the school this year as they embark on new adventures, all the very best. I trust you have enjoyed your Hutchie experience. Please never forget the school, your teachers and the many friends you have made in your time with us.

John F MacLeod
Chair

CHARITY UPDATE

Our chosen charities for this school session were Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) in the Primary School and Cure Leukaemia UK in the Secondary School. However, both our junior and senior schools worked together on a number of fundraising events to raise as much for both charities as well as our combined whole school event Liv4Daniel, which raised almost £38,000 across the weekend for Cure Leukaemia and Doing It For Daniel.

Through a pupil vote, our junior pupils chose to fundraise for CHAS and we were pleased to continue with the work started in session 2022-2023 for the senior school charity, Cure Leukaemia UK. This cause remained one that resonated deeply for our community as one of our own pupils, Liv (S3), was diagnosed with leukaemia in 2020. We were all also deeply affected by the loss of Daniel Caplan, in 2020, when he was in S6, following his diagnosis of an aggressive brain tumour called DMG/DIPG (Diffuse midline glioma).

The Hutchesons' community is a close one, and as with a lot of communities, adversity brings the community together, and pupils, staff, parents and our wider Hutchie community, have worked hard to raise money this session. It has been a real labour of love, and we have made a real connection with the charities and the causes. We are so very grateful to everyone who contributed to raising awareness and much needed funds.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

In our junior School, pupils have raised a staggering £11,100 for CHAS. Fundraising highlights efforts included a Toy Sale which not only rased £640, but gave many toys a new home. The Eco-Committees Annual Swap Shop also repurposed unwanted clothing, embracing our sustainability values and raising £200. 89 pupils, parents, carers and friends, joined the Kiltwalk in April and raised an incredible £4,868, with Zoya (P6) contributing £756 through her own fundraising. Pupils enjoyed the P7 fundraiser and raised over £1,350.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Senior School highlights included Houses hosting a variety of events across the session. Stuart House held a pancake morning, a football tournament and a Taylor Swift disco. Even the Easter bunny visited to give lucky pupils a golden ticket to skip the lunch queue. Lochiel House were very busy with a Candy Cane raffle, a football match, Treepong, and Haris and Hamza in S6 enjoyed a very reserved charity sponsored hair-cut. The Lochiel House Captains organised a Lip Sync Battle which saw S6 win a very well-deserved first place despite some serious competition from staff. Our Argyll House pupils raised money in a variety of ways including an Easter Egg Raffle, egg and Scavenger hunt, and a guess the number of sweets in the jar. Finally, in Montrose House, there were Candy Cane deliveries, guess the sweets in the jar and wearing an item of pink clothing to symbolize awareness-raising. A number of pupils and staff made jewellery to sell and teachers were able to book a whiteboard cleaning service for a charity donation - most helpful! Final total amount raised in the Secondary School to be announced in due course.



Find out more about each of our incredible charities and the work they do:

- Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) visit www.chas.org.uk
- Cure Leukaemia visit www.cureleukaemia.co.uk
- Doing It For Daniel visit www.doingitfordaniel.org.uk

FOUNDERS' DAY

FOUNDERS' DAY, OUR ANNUAL SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION TOOK PLACE AT GLASGOW CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK AND WE WERE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME FORMER PUPIL SANDRA MCGRUTHER (C1968), AKA AUTHOR ALEX GRAY.

Our Primary 7 pupils, along with S4 - S6 senior pupils and staff, made their way inside with a rousing welcome from our Pipe Band. This was a highlight for many, with even the public stopping to listen on their way past. Rev Mark Johnstone welcomed everyone before, Rector, Mike Martin, gave words of commemoration. Head Girl Beth read The Old Testament Book of Psalms, Psalm 139 vs 1 - 12 and 23 - 24, while Head Boy Henry read Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 13 vs 4- 13, both speaking with grace and confidence.

Sandra McGruther, Scottish Author of the Detective Lorimer novels, spoke about her time at Hutchie, how her teachers inspired and guided her, commenting;

"There always will be teachers who are inspirational and who are keen to guide and encourage their pupils. I was lucky to have several of those sorts of teachers. When I was eight years old and in Miss Galbraith's Primary 4 class, she told us stories some afternoons, capturing my imagination with wonderful tales like JRR Tolkien's The Hobbit. Miss Galbraith must have seen something in me back then, since she told my parents I would "grow up to be an author", her words, not mine."

Sandra also spoke about her career as a teacher turned crime writer, and also how music has influenced her writing; *"Singing in the school choir was a joy and I remember my first rendition of The Hallelujah Chorus as a first soprano from the balcony in Kingarth Street. Music has also crept into my writing. The composer, Ken Walton, used some of the words from my novel, The Riverman, in his oratorio, "Colours of the Clyde," performed by Hutchie pupils in The City Halls."*

She continued;

"There will be teachers here today who inspire many of you the way my teachers did for me...the ethos of Hutchie today is such that I am certain there will be inspirational men and women employed to teach in Beaton Road. What they encourage you to enjoy now may very well last for your entire lifetime, enriching it in ways you can hardly believe."

Sandra also spoke about her writing passionately and the places that it has taken her and the people she has met as crime author; *"My 21st novel will soon be published, but apart from the actual writing and publishing, the books have taken me into many amazing places. I have lost count of the number of prisons I have visited in my capacity as an author, encouraging inmates to read and write, to express themselves creatively as an aid to rehabilitation."*

Sandra's inspirational speech, resonated with many and we were honoured for her to share her experiences and wisdom.

During the service the 100-strong school choir, made up of S1-S6 pupils and staff, beautifully sang Lux Aurumque by Eric Whitacre, and How Lovely Are the Messengers by Felix Mendelssohn, making it a sublime listen. It was a wonderful occasion, reflecting on our journey from the past to the present, and the path that lies ahead.

Special thanks to Rev Mark E Johnstone for leading the service and Glen Collie, Clergy and Office Bearers for their valuable assistance.



PRIMARY NEWS

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Stuart House were crowned champions of the Battle of the Books quiz in May. The popular P5-P7 house competition is only in its second year, but has already proved to be a great success.

Over the course of 10 weeks, each team had to coordinate and plan their preparation, attend weekly rehearsals, and read an incredible 12 books between them to ensure they knew every book from start to finish. It's an exciting event in the Primary School calendar and each House performed brilliantly in front of the school.



SCOTS VERSE & MUSIC COMPETITION

Primary 3 - Primary 7 pupils took part in the annual Scots Verse & Music Competition where they had to learn and recite a chosen Scots Poem.

Additionally our Primary 7 pupils had the opportunity to perform a piece of Scots Music, either playing or singing a Scots piece of their choice. Pupils who had performed both Music and Verse during the competition had a chance to receive the Sheena Hamilton Award.

Sheena Hamilton was a former teacher at Hutchie during the 1980s and 1990s and she enjoyed performing Scots songs and poetry, and for those who remember, she had sung on the White Heather Club programme on the BBC, and on BBC Radio 3, singing classical music. The prize for this award is kindly donated each year by Sheena's daughter Kate.



The Scots Verse Cup 2024:

- Winner - Mikey (P6)
- Highly Commended - Ben (P6)

The Scots Music Cup 2024:

- Winner - Annie (P7)
- Highly Commended - Ali (P7)

The Sheena Hamilton Award 2024:

- Winner - Priya Lal (P7)
- Highly Commended - Ali (P7)

AFRICAN DRUMMING

Primary 2 pupils enjoyed learning about African music in class this term through singing songs and having fun playing African drums.

Elsewhere, classes have also enjoyed learning about the bagpipes from our Pipe tutor, Mr Nevans. It has been music to our ears.



PATH TO PARIS

Our Eco and Charity Committees were thrilled to kick off the Path to Paris week recently with the whole Primary School embarking on a virtual journey from Athens to Paris, celebrating the Olympics and Paralympics 2024.

Everyone played their part in getting active, promoting greener travel and supporting our school charity. From walking to cycling to dressing up - it was a fun-filled week, but not only did we manage to walk to Paris three times (!!) but we raised over £400 for Children's Hospices Across Scotland.



P2 VIKING DAY

P2 pupils were invited to unleash their inner warrior at our epic Viking Day. From fierce battles, to ancient traditions, pupils discovered a world of legends and lore as they journeyed back in time to the age of the Vikings.

Over the course of the day pupils completed a range of challenges to earn their Viking honour. From creating a longboat to navigate the waters of Scotland to learning the ancient art of baking Viking bread and longhouse den making, our epic day of fun ended with a Viking funeral fit for legends.

Gathered around the fire, pupils paid homage to their Viking adventure by burning a fearsome dragon head - the perfect fire-fuelled send off.



SECONDARY NEWS

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Congratulations were in order to our record-breaking 80 pupils who successfully completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. We were delighted to welcome DofE National Director, Helen Anderson, and Local Operations Officer, Andy Hart-Bremner, to present certificates and badges at assembly at the start of the year.

Helen and Andy commended pupils for showing the determination, resilience, and commitment required to complete their award, of which many will go on to take up the final challenge of the Gold Award.



BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

In April we celebrated Biology brilliance at the Royal Society of Biology British Biology Olympiad with Craig (S6) soaring to success with a Gold Award, earning him a spot in the selection process for the UK team at the International Biology Olympiad in Kazakhstan. Aadam (S5) secured a Silver Award, while Mohammad (S6), Rebecca (S4), Holly (S5), and Harnisha (S6) shone bright with Bronze Awards.

Maryam (S5), Haroon (S5), Gabriella (S4), Zoe (S5), Myles (S4), Daisy (S5), Nikitha (S5), Aun (S5) and Connie (S5), received Highly Commended honors, showcasing their exceptional talent, while Thomas (S4), Phoebe (S5), Adeena (S4), Anna (S5), Zara (S4) and Ali (S5) were also Commended for their outstanding performance.

With over 15,000 students from 900+ schools worldwide participating, this Olympiad is no small feat as it tests problem-solving skills and core principles in biology and science, pushing students to new heights. A huge congratulations to all 21 Award winners for their dedication and excellence in biological studies.

Head of Biology, Mr Kerr commented;

"It is fantastic to have 21 Award winners this year and I am delighted that six from S4 have done well in a competition that is really aimed at S6 students. It is clear that their interest and commitment to their biological studies is exceptional."

He continued; *"An award at any level in the Olympiad is special but a special mention to Craig (S6) who was Commended in 2022 and achieved a Silver Award in 2023 and has gone one better this year with a Gold Award. An exceptional achievement especially as he did not even take Advanced Higher Biology this year."*



MIDNITE YOUTH THEATRE GROUP

Another highlight of this session was a visit from the Australian Midnite Youth Theatre Group. We have hosted the group on three other occasions since 2016, and they have never disappointed. S3 pupils enjoyed the production which focused on the themes of honesty, resilience and compassion - three of Hutchesons' core values.

Their new play 'On the Road to Win Friends and Influence People' explored the road travelled by Dale Carnegie, writer and self-help guru, who has the answers drawing from the lessons he has learnt along the way. We were delighted to be included on their tour and hope to continue hosting for many years to come.



HGS MODEL UN 2024

We were delighted to host our 4th Annual Model United Nations (MUN) conference at Beaton Road in February where we welcomed seven schools for a day of debating. The theme this year was *"Finding the Truth in a World of Disinformation,"* and committees discussed a wide range of international issues and conflicts.

The morning began in the Assembly Hall with the Opening Ceremony and welcome remarks from our Senior Depute Rector, David Campbell, and Guest Speakers Paul Sweeney MSP and Fraser McDougall (C2012).

Over the course of the day, delegates endeavoured to find solutions to the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the financing of terrorism; challenged the continued use of Guantanamo Bay, child labour, and the proliferation of cyber spyware; they also went back in time to the Cuban Missile Crisis and September 11 to consider alternative responses, and their implications.

It was a day of invigorating and enjoyable committee discussions and our Secretary General, Euan (S6), commented; *"We have been doing Model UN for multiple years and were so excited to be leading this conference. We have been to conferences all over Europe, from Manchester to the Netherlands, so we were excited to bring our expertise and experience back to Glasgow."*

Fiona Stewart, Head of Modern Studies, commented; *"MUN is a great opportunity for pupils to learn first-hand about the workings of the United Nations and allow them to develop key skills such as researching, public speaking, and debating important issues, such as climate change and human rights."*

Visiting schools brought interesting and enjoyable committee discussions, and overall it was a thought-provoking day whilst maintaining an important level of fun.



S3 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

In March of this year, our year group went on a trip to the East Brackenridge Farm in Strathaven to help assist our topic of farming in Scotland. The owner of the farm, Andrew Neilson, helped us improve our understanding of the challenges and advantages associated with not only his farm, but the dairy industry as a whole. We were taken on a tour around the entire farm and introduced to the technology and appliances that are used daily. During our tour, we began to understand the amount of work and patience that goes into the farm. Each cow is milked three times a day, which on average is 39 Litres of milk per cow every day. However, what intrigued me the most was the cost of feeding - averaging around £60,000 a month. As a year group, I believe we realised the commitment the farmers across the world provide to ensure we have enough food to consume. I think I originally underestimated how important farmers were in our society but now I am truly thankful for the work they put in every single day.

Written by Chloe (S3)



MULTILINGUAL DEBATE

Higher language students attended the annual Heriot Watt multilingual debate to experience live simultaneous interpreting in action. Participants were debating the motion 'This House believes that artificial intelligence could become a threat to our societies and way of life'. The debate was conducted in Spanish, French, German and British Sign Language and the students interpreted the event from their booths.

The audience could tune into the different languages via channels on their headsets and, in the end, voted in favour of the motion. It was an impressive performance. Post-Brexit, native English-speakers are more in demand than ever in Brussels and beyond and the Heriot Watt course has a very high graduate employment rate.



BERLIN TRIP

DURING THE FEBRUARY BREAK, THIRTY-THREE S2-S4 PUPILS MADE THEIR WAY TO BERLIN TO BROADEN THEIR CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE AND WIDEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE GERMAN LANGUAGE.

Pupils enjoyed a range of activities, including visiting Reichstag (German Parliament), making their own chocolate bars at RitterSport Chocolate World, and going up the iconic TV tower.

Exploring the main city sights on their private walking tour, pupils visited the Potsdamer Platz, Museum für Naturkunde (Museum of Natural History), and the Berliner Dom.

The Olympiastadion (Olympic Stadium), Alte Nationalgalerie (National Gallery), and German Spy Museum were also on the itinerary along with visiting the incredible East Side Gallery. Pupils also enjoyed the down time and the independence to explore the city and shopping malls at their own leisure.

It was a whistle stop tour with so many highlights, a fascinating and interesting visit with pupils commenting on some of their favourite parts:

"The trip was great for helping me understand Berlin's culture, whether it being tasting the delicious food, travelling about in the packed U-Bahn, or learning about the city's rich and complex history."

"What I enjoyed the most was the natural history museum as it was exciting to see all the different displays, such as the dinosaur skeletons and the mineral collection."

"What I enjoyed the most about this trip, was not just the visual and mental stimulation of this buzzing, modern European city, but it was also the incredible history and culture that reinforced the vibrancy of my experience and my excitement of being there."

"The best thing was the U-Bahn and the Brandenburg gate as the U-Bahn was exciting and it's edginess and the Brandenburg gate allowed us to see Berlin's historical past"

"My Favourite thing was visiting the museums and learning about the history of the city. As well as the cultural immersion opportunity, I think the four days truly helped us understand and appreciate the way the city lives, operates, and how the language is spoken. Seeing and meeting the people there also gave a sense of Berlin's rich atmosphere, which also reflected in the ease of commuting around the city on its iconic transport."

Throughout the trip, pupils showed impeccable behaviour, respect, and gratitude, and for that we are proud to hear our school values continued to be held outside the classroom.

A great deal of planning goes into a trip like this - thank you to Miss Farquhar for organising, and to Mrs Stark, Mr Dyer, and Dr Leslie, for all their help and accompanying our pupils to create an incredible experience.



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

DISABILITY SPORT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Alistair (P7) has been making waves in the swimming world with his recent success at the Scottish Disability Sport National Championships in Grangemouth.

Clinching a first-place finish and a Gold medal in Freestyle, along with a second-place Silver medal in Backstroke.

ETHICS CUP NATIONAL FINAL



Eight pupils attended The Ethics Cup National Final at The University of St Andrews where they were up against tough competition. Although they ultimately lost out to Manchester Grammar in the end, it was a terrific achievement and display of teamwork. Well done to Grace (S4), Anya (S5), Morven (S5), Phoebe (S5), Jamie (S6), Euan (S6), Grace (S6), and Jamie (S6).

"The Ethics Cup is "a more civil debate": a tournament in which teams of high school students match wits with each other and try to reach a consensus on a range of ethical issues of public concern. It has a dual purpose: to promote interest in philosophy among Secondary School students and to model and promote civil discourse on issues of public concern."

PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

Congratulations to our senior pupils who rose to the challenge in the British Physics Olympiad Round 1! From exploring the depths of theoretical physics to mastering complex concepts, our talented S5 and S6 pupils showcased their passion and dedication to the study of physics.

Special mention to Daniel (S6) for receiving a Gold Certificate - a remarkable feat that sets a new standard for excellence. Though narrowly missing out on a Top Gold, Daniel's achievement is truly commendable, and we couldn't be prouder.



SHOWJUMPING

Cara (S2) recently competed in the TopSpec Scottish Arena Eventing Championship Finals for showjumping. Cara came 2nd in the 80cm and 4th in the 70cm categories. She then went on to place 13th out of 50 top riders in the junior 80cm final for the Harry Hall One Club at the British Eventing ACE Championship Finals earlier this month.

TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLE SUCCESS



Congratulations to Melissa (P7) and Ellie (S4) on their Scottish Gymnast selection. Melissa has been selected to join the Scottish Gymnasts Tumbling Performance Pathway Programme, as well as the National Performance Programme for Trampolining. Ellie has been selected to join the Scottish Gymnasts Tumbling National Performance Programme.

The programmes work towards "providing clear opportunities across all levels to drive the development of both athletes and coaches onto the British Gymnastics pathway".

Melissa was also recently awarded a Distinction Tie by our Rector, Mr Martin. This award is in recognition of her continued success in trampolining with Scotland, training alongside Team GB at Lilleshall National Sports Centre, and winning Gold in Cardiff recently in the DMT league competition.

CLOAK OF MAGNIFICENCE

We celebrated our Cloak of Magnificence ceremony in the Primary School with the help of our S6 House Captains. The school song resonated with pride, accompanied by enchanting tunes from Mr. Nevans (pipes), Mr. Esler (drums), and Mr. Rhodes (trumpet) as the winners for this session were announced. Congratulations to:

- Argyll: Isla
- Lochiel: Alexa
- Montrose: Annie
- Stuart: Priya

Confetti cascaded down as Lochiel were crowned House Shield winner for 2023-2024!



SMC MATHS CHALLENGE AWARDS



Seven pupils recently attended the Scottish Mathematical Council Maths Challenge Awards at The University of Strathclyde.

Selected from S3-S6, they earned Gold and Silver Awards for their outstanding performance. A special mention to Ayyan (S2) for achieving a Silver Award in the Senior Maths Challenge division.

Pictured: Emily (S3), Eesa (S6), Daniel (S6), Anna (S4), Myles (S4), Thenoo (S4), and Ayyan (S2).

FLORIDA TRIP

OVER THE FEBRUARY BREAK, MRS MUNRO, MS ARMOUR, MR MCMULLAN AND DR WALKER TOOK A GROUP OF 35 PUPILS FROM S4-S6 TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA, FOR AN EXCITING STEM ADVENTURE.

On the first day, pupils got to experience a special educational tour of Universal Studios and see behind the scenes of some of the most popular rides and experiences the park had to offer. The pupils took delight in riding the rollercoasters as many times as possible, whilst Mr McMullan and Dr Walker provided lots of interesting facts about the physics and engineering behind them. In the evening pupils were able to watch the famous Universal Orlando Mardi Gras parade which was spectacular!

On day two, pupils attended a workshop at Orlando Science Centre where they took part in a Forensic Lab. Pupils discovered how techniques such as chromatography, blood typing and facial composite computer software have changed the world of crime solving. Pupils then used the various scientific techniques and their problem solving skills to solve a crime – pupils were focussed and hard working during this activity.

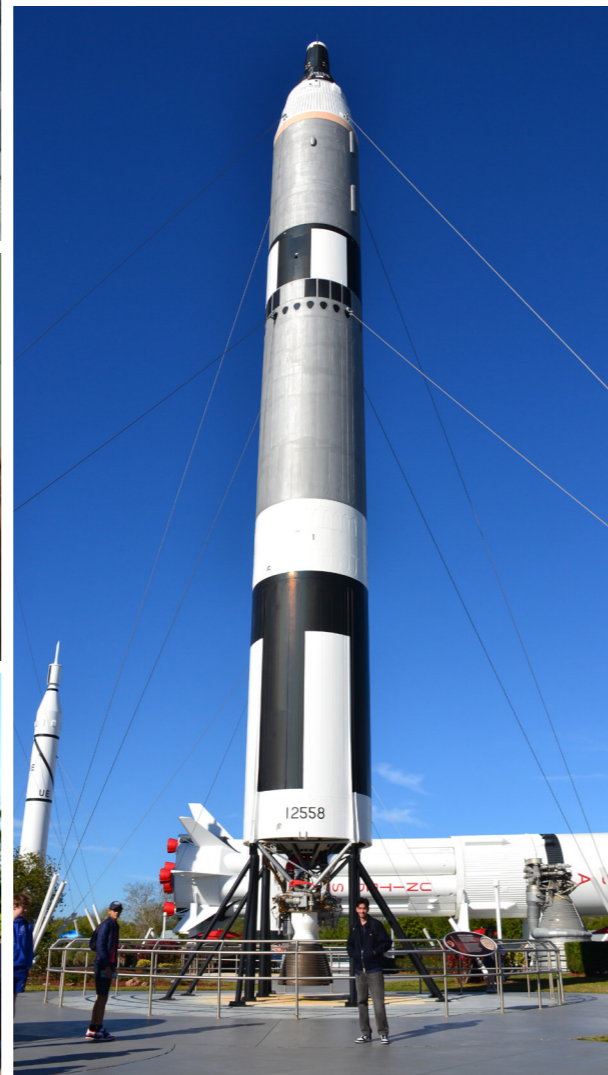
Later in the day pupils were able to experience indoor skydiving at iFly and learned about how the vertical wind tunnels were designed to allow people to safely experience the sensation of skydiving indoors. This was followed by a relaxing evening at a comedy dinner show and visiting the WonderWorks museum. Several daring pupils chose to take part in the astronaut training challenge where they could experience the feeling of weightlessness and the rolls and tumbles that astronauts feel when they are conquering missions in space; a brave move after all the pizza!

"The Florida trip was incredibly fun and memorable, from the action packed days at Universal Studios to the entertaining comedy show and arcade at WonderWorks. My favourite days were those spent at the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral, where we got to see the immensity of the Saturn V rocket that took mankind to the Moon. A truly out of this world experience!" Christian (S5)

Pupils returned to Universal on day 3, but this time visiting Islands of Adventure. Beautiful weather and the opportunity to relax, shop or thrill-seek meant that there was something for everyone. Our only complaint was that the day flew in far too fast. This was by far the pupils' favourite day of the whole trip and the teachers had a great time too! The finale of our trip was being able to spend two days at the John F. Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island. Pupils were able to stand nose to nose with the Saturn V rocket, get an up-close view of Atlantis, meet an astronaut and even take part in a simulation rocket launch. After visiting KSC pupils took a trip to a local shopping mall to do some final souvenir shopping before heading home the next day.

"Overall the Florida trip was an unforgettable adrenaline-fuelled experience. From the rides at Universal to going up on stage at a comedy show, I did things I never thought I ever would. The iFly indoor skydiving was a personal favourite, allowing for some not so flattering photos and a rush of excitement."
Ali (S6)

Pupils were wonderful ambassadors for the school and the teachers received compliments everywhere they went from activity leaders and the general public about how well behaved and respectful they were. Hopefully a similar trip will run again in future for more pupils to enjoy!



MUSIC NEWS - BORN IN THE USA

FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF LAST YEAR'S "BOND", IT'S NO WONDER THE TWO-NIGHT RUN OF BORN IN THE USA SOLD OUT QUICKLY. FOR THOSE LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET A TICKET, THE EVENING DIDN'T DISAPPOINT.

Showcasing Hutchie talent with hits through the decades from Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend to Teenage Dirtbag, there was something for everyone.

Daniella (S5) and Jamie (S6) hosted the evening and the show kicked off with a group performance of Born in the USA and continued with hit after hit. The commitment, depth, and diversity of talent, of over 80 pupils and staff, including the orchestra, in such a short space of time was something to behold.

The first half saw pupils sing:

- Bruce Springsteen -- *Born in the USA*; whole ensemble
- Billy Eilish -- *What was I Made For*; Nikitha (S5)
- Marilyn Monroe -- *Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend*; Rachael (S3)
- Frank & Nancy Sinatra -- *Something Stupid*; Zainab (S6) + Vincent (S6)
- Green Day -- *American Idiot*; Stop Changing the Name band
- Taylor Swift -- *Exile*; Daniella (S5) + Lucy (S6)
- Michael Jackson -- *Blame it on the Boogie*; Nathan (S3) + Mary, Kirsten, Kaiti
- Billy Joel -- *Vienna*; Finn (S6)
- Greatest Showman -- *This is Me*; whole ensemble
- Rent -- *Seasons in Love*; Hutchie Bellas
- Beyonce -- *Crazy in Love*; Lara (S5) + Chloe, Sofia, Lily, Lucy, Emily, Emma, Sarah, Abbey (S1s)

Following the short interval, pupils sang:

- Billy Joel -- *New York State of Mind*; Kyle (S6)
- Wheatus -- *Teenage Dirtbag*; Dave's Cave band
- Michael Bublé -- *I Just Haven't Met You Yet*; Isaac (S6)
- Bill Withers -- *Lovely Day*; Daniel (S6)
- Whitney Houston -- *I Have Nothing*; Leila (S4)
- Carrie Underwood -- *Before He Cheats*; Iona (S5)
- Stephen Sondheim -- *Send in the Clowns*; Nina (S6)
- Lady Gaga/Bradley Cooper -- *Shallow*; Sally (S4) & Vincent (S6)
- Barbie Movie -- *I'm Just Ken*; Hutchie Fellas
- Toto -- *Rosanna*; Southside band
- Alicia Keys -- *Empire State of Mind*; Rachel (S4)
- Faltemeyer -- *Top Gun Anthem*; Hutchie orchestra
- Celine Dion -- *Power of Love*; Emily (S6)

The evening flew by, and everyone had their own personal favourites as they joined in from their tables, most dressed in their American apparel. Performances were flawless, sound and lighting far exceeding a school production, with an all-round professional quality.

Tim Rhodes, Director of Performing Arts said:

"It was a phenomenal week for our Music Department, who not only put on the two sell-out nights, but also prepared the choir for the Founders' Day at Glasgow Cathedral and provided the music for the P7 show Madagascar which was but a few days later! The pupils and staff have been amazing and just brilliant all round. What an experience for everyone involved and I am so proud of everyone."



SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS AWARDS 2023-2024

Our annual Sports Awards celebrate excellence and achievement, helping us to honour the dedication and hard work of our talented pupils. Each award celebrates the spirit of teamwork, growth and resilience.

Team Captains reflected on their seasons, their victories and defeats, but the message was clear - their immense pride and importance of being part of a team. The camaraderie and team spirit that won't be forgotten.

Our 2023/24 award winners are:

- Commitment in Football - Jamie (S6)
- Commitment in Boys' Hockey - Alexander F. (S6)
- Commitment in Girls' Hockey - Emma (S6)
- Commitment in Rugby; The Stuart Lang Award - Alexander W. (S6)
- Leadership in Girls' Hockey - Anna (S6)
- Leadership in Boys' Hockey - Archie (S6)
- Willie Wilson Memorial Award for Leadership in Rugby - Logan (S5)
- 1st X1 Soccer Captains - Evan (S6) and Tobey (S6)
- 1st X1 Boys' Hockey Captain - Elliot (S6)
- 1st X1 Girls' Hockey Captain - Miranda (S6)
- 1st XV Rugby Captain - Campbell (S6)
- The Philip Noble Trophy - Isaac (S6)

The accolade of receiving the Philip Noble Trophy is undoubtedly held in the highest esteem by the 1st XV. Philip Noble tragically lost his life in a motor accident in his sixth year at school. Philip was an excellent player, extremely popular and a totally committed young man. His sense of humour, enthusiasm and love of life made him stand out from the crowd. Following his death, the Senior Pupils donated this beautiful trophy in memory of Philip.

This year the trophy was awarded to Isaac who has shown unwavering dedication and commitment to the team throughout his school career, very much in the way of Philip.

Congratulations to all pupils on their well-deserved awards, thank you for your unrelenting commitment to Hutchie team sports.



SPORTS SCIENCE LAB VISIT

Higher PE pupils embarked on an enlightening visit to the Sports Science Labs at Glasgow University earlier in the year to provide pupils with hands-on experience and insights into various physical fitness tests. The day involved an exploration of cutting-edge assessments such as V02 max testing, countermovement jumps, grip strength measurements, mid-thigh max pull strength assessments, and psychometric testing.

Distinguished sports science lecturers, Viki Penpraze and Nairn Scobie, guided pupils with their knowledge and played a pivotal role in facilitating the learning process, offering valuable explanations and demonstrations of the various tests conducted in the sports science labs.

Pupils were not only exposed to state-of-the-art equipment, but the visit also provided them with a deeper understanding of the scientific principles behind physical fitness testing.

Strength & Conditioning Coach, Callum Harris, commented:

"Overall, the visit to Glasgow University's Sports Science Labs was a memorable and educational experience for our Higher PE pupils, fostering a greater appreciation for the intersection of theory and practice in the field of sports science."



CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cross Country runners braved the torrential rain to compete in the inaugural Hamilton College Cross Country Championships earlier this month. Taking place at Hamilton Park Race Course, our Hutchie runners were one of five schools tackling the challenging course. Joining over 180 runners, pupils showed resilience and embraced the weather to earn fantastic team and individual performances.

Individual Races:

- Under 10 Girls: Holly (P5)
- Under 12 Boys: Sam (P7)
- Under 14 Girls: Erika (S1)

Team Races:

- Under 10 Boys (Ruaridh (P5), Hamish (P5), Calum (P5), Finlay (P5), Ruaridh (P5) and Yusuf (P5)
- Under 12 Boys: Sam (P7), Ben (P6), Andrew (P6), Jacob (P6), Hukam (P6), and Yusuf (P6)
- Under 14 Girls: Erika (S1), April (S2), Alyssa (S2), Lilah (S1), Martha (S1), and Orla (S2)

Well done to everyone for their dedication and brilliant team spirit throughout, and thank you to Hamilton College for having us.



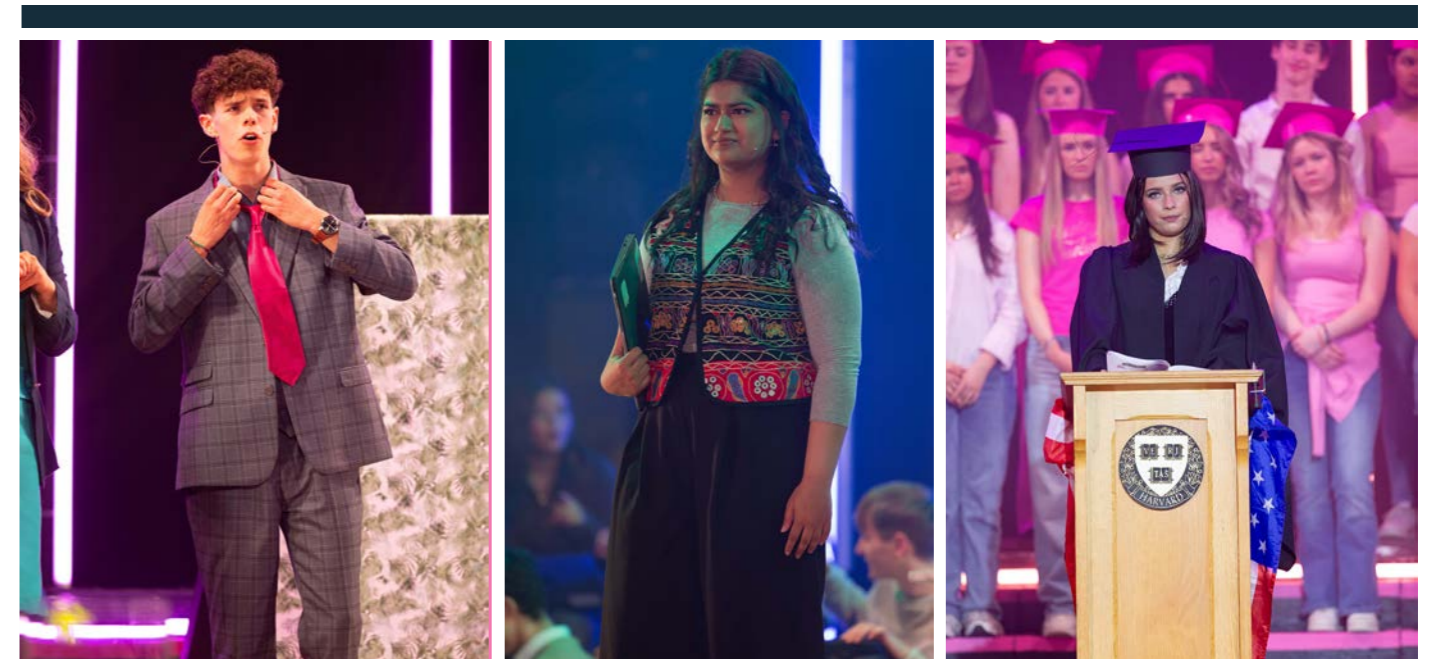
DRAMA NEWS

LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL

That's a wrap on "Legally Blonde The Musical"! Two casts, three days, four performances - with a spectacular, sold-out finale - it was beyond amazing! The show followed Elle Woods as she tackled stereotypes and scandal at Harvard Law, all while delivering memorable songs and dynamic dances - the musical was so much fun, it should have been illegal!

The enthusiasm and energy were off the charts, with Poppy and Rachel bringing Elle Woods to life with iconic charm and bubbly personality, and unforgettable performances by the entire cast. They all lit up the stage with stellar performances and heartwarming moments. Snaps to our canine stars, Thandi and Milo (Bruiser and Rufus) too.

The stage crew and orchestra were flawless, executing slick set changes and showcasing their musical talent. A massive thank you to everyone who came to watch our talented performers, and to our staff for putting together another outstanding show. Here's to the next curtain call!



ART NEWS

DIGITAL ARTWORK

Digital work has become much more of a focus in the Art and Design department over the course of the last two years. With 20 iPad, generously provided by the HGPSPA, now at our disposal, pupils are 'skilling up' and exploring the fantastic opportunities these devices offer as part of the creative curriculum.

S1 explored the weird and wonderful work of Yayoi Kusama creating their own 'Pumpkin' using Procreate. The S2, S3 and S4 classes also worked using this incredible software to create graphic designs and unique artwork.



PRIMARY 6 TRAMWAY VISIT

Primary 6 pupils took a trip to Tramway to see the first solo exhibition in the UK and Europe for the Sydney-based artist Ramesh Mario Nithiyendran. Born in Colombo, Sri-Lanka, Nithiyendran is famous for his bright and vibrant ceramic sculptures, where he introduced electricity, neon and other contemporary elements into ancient visual techniques.

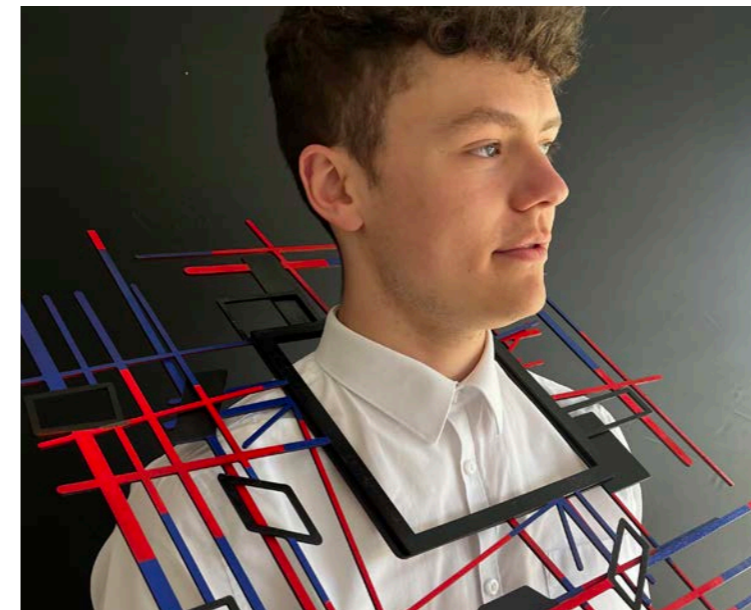
Pupils were given a tour of the exhibition by Alexander Storey Gordon, Assistant Curator at Tramway, and asked lots of pertinent questions about the artist's work. Pupils enjoyed the moment the fountains on the sculpture started working, along with the smoke machine and also looking for the hidden figure in the large bamboo 'temple' structure. Pupils then had the opportunity to make their very own sculpture in clay, with embellishments of ribbon and gold leaf.



S6 CREATIVE CURRICULUM

The S6 Advanced Higher course continues to attract pupils passionate about the subject whether or not they intend pursuing the subject beyond school. The nature of the course allows pupils to focus on their strengths and areas of interest with our students this year exploring a range of disciplines from jewellery and fashion to figure composition. In doing so, pupils have taken advantage of further opportunities that have come their way: Henry Abbot secured a place at the 2-day life drawing workshop at Kelvingrove run by The Steven Campbell Trust which aims to promote the legacy of the artist by supporting the new generation of enthusiastic artists. This intensive workshop introduced Henry to new approaches and techniques which in turn informed his own 'Childhood Relationships' themed folio. A fortuitous visit to the annual Open Studios, by a parent working for Scottish Ballet has resulted in the opportunity for Jessica Firth's 'Behind the Facade of Ballet' folio being exhibited later in the year.

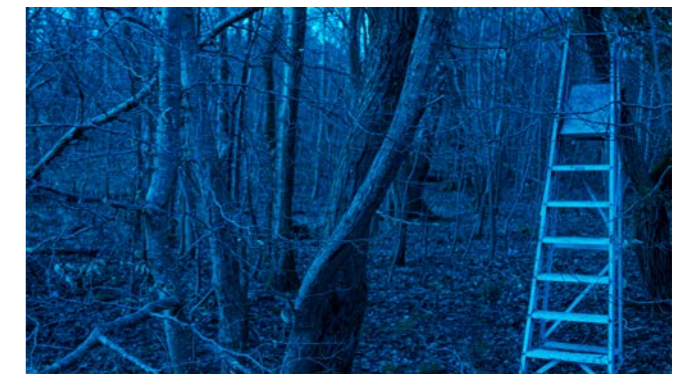
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LEARNING THROUGH COLLABORATION

S6 Higher Photography pupils have had the opportunity of working with Morwenna Kearsley, a Glasgow based visual artist and photographer. Morwenna has been delivering a series of workshops which explore light and time. Using Morwenna's large format camera, pupils captured still life objects which were developed in a darkroom session at Street Level Photo Works.

As well as working in the darkroom, pupils also met Simon Murphy whose exhibition, 'Govanhill' features stunning black and white photographs which documents local residents of one of Scotland's most diverse neighbourhood.



SCHOOL ARCHIVES

THE BIRTH OF THE SWIMMING CLUB

“MENS SANO IN CORPORE SANO” - ‘A sound mind in a sound body’ - heads the front cover of the history of the first Hutchesons’ Educational Trust swimming classes which date back to the time of the Rector Thomas Menzies. With the pupils’ education firmly in hand, the rector turned to making sure they were also ‘in sound body’ so in late 1877 he wrote to Bailie William Wilson, who was also on the school committee, and urged him to give Hutchesons’ the honour of being the first school in Glasgow to have a swimming class.

The scheme was enthusiastically devised, submitted and approved and on Saturday, 1st March 1879, the girls and boys of Hutchesons’ were admitted by ticket to the Greenhead Baths near Glasgow Green and from that day forward they had the exclusive use of the baths every Saturday morning from ten till noon.

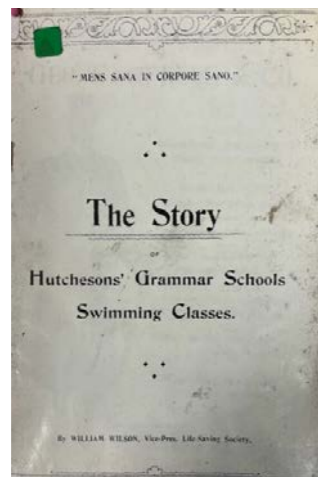
Lessons began properly on 8th March and, under the charge of their drill instructor, John Muirhead, 220 boys attended the baths. There were 250 boys on the swimming class roll book and 90 girls, with the girls receiving instruction in the ‘Ladies Bath’ under the care of Lady Superintendent, Miss Ingleton. Competitions were soon proposed, and the first annual competition was held on Saturday 31st May 1879 at Greenhead Baths. 400 boys were present along with friends, families, teachers and Bailie Wilson and the rector. The first prize was won by Peter Don. For the girls, the first series of competitions was held on Saturday 29th May 1880 and the first prize went to Jeanie Telfor.

There soon arose calls for ‘aquatic football’, called by some as ‘water polo’, and the first competition took place on Saturday 28th May 1881, but unfortunately no records survive of prize winners. The school magazine does record some matches being played at Arlington Baths.

In 1885 the classes found a new home. The Gorbals Baths had been formally opened in April of that year and so the school transferred to this newer, more modern building. Not only were there prizes for swimming races but also for ‘object dive’, ‘tub race’, ‘distance dive’, ‘blindfold race’, ‘travelling rings’ and ‘sculling’ throughout the years.

We are lucky to hold the records of these competitions and who was awarded medals dating into the 1900s and some names such as Lizzie Lyness and James Maxton pop out. Lizzie Lyness (better known as Dorothea Chalmers Smith) went on to become a militant suffragette and was sentenced to 8 months for arson and was also suspected of trying to bomb the Kibble Palace. She was a pioneer doctor in childcare and her Hunger Strike medal is held at the People’s Palace.

James Maxton became the leader of the Independent Labour Party after it broke away from the Labour Party in 1932 and was known as a leading figure in the Red Clydeside era. The school archive holds some of his swimming medals as well as those of others, such as Mary Watson, who was awarded the girls’ swimming captaincy from 1886-1888.



THE GIRLS’ DUX BOARDS & THEIR NOTABLE CREATOR

Many of you have probably walked past the Girls’ Dux boards in the Primary School assembly hall many, many times but you didn’t know you were walking past a piece by Charles Rennie MacIntosh.

A few weeks ago, one of our fantastic archive former pupil volunteers, who is looking into the history of girls at the school ahead of the 150th anniversary of girls at the school in 2026, was trying to find when the first girls’ school in Elgin Street was demolished. This building had been designed by John Honeyman when it was the Gorbals Youth School in 1868.

She was looking through the Honeyman, Keppie and MacIntosh workbooks (catalogues held by the University of Glasgow Archives) when she spotted a job entry for Hutchesons’ Girls’ School. In 1906, the then Rector, William Thomson, asked the company to create an oak gold medalist board for the school in Elgin Street. This job was written down in the workbook in the handwriting of Charles Rennie MacIntosh. The board was a simple design, but the gold lettering is very distinctively that of Charles Rennie MacIntosh.

The board was later moved to Kingarth Street when the school was opened in 1912 and subsequent boards were requested from the company but by that time Charles Rennie MacIntosh had moved down to London where he died penniless in 1928.

Dux medals for the girls started in 1886 so the names from 1886-1905/6 would have been painted by Charles Rennie MacIntosh. Subsequent years, we are not sure who would have painted the names on in his distinctive style, but his style was very popular amongst the ladies in Glasgow and within the school.

The front cover of the girls’ school prospectus for many years was very much in his style and Kate Cranston’s tea room, a few doors down from the old boys’ school in Ingram Street, had been designed by Charles Rennie MacIntosh. No doubt they would have been frequented by the mothers and girls from the school as pubs were very much men only spaces then, so tea rooms became fashionable places for ladies to meet up with friends.

We are researching more into this in the archive, but we hope you take a look at the Dux board the next time you are visiting the Primary School. If you would like to know more, take a look at the University of Glasgow catalogue on MacIntosh architecture, collection M260.

DUX WINNERS PROJECT

The Archivist has started a new project researching the lives of all the Dux winners- both girls and boys.

If you have a short biography of one of the winners, please send it to archives@hutchesons.org. No biographies will be published, or displayed, of any living person without their express permission.



FORMER PUPIL SPOTLIGHT

ALESSANDRO (C2019), JESS (C2019) & STRUAN (C2020)

With the Paris Olympics and Paralympics just around the corner, we caught up with three Former Pupils, who are hoping to fly the flag for Great Britain this Summer. They are Class of 2018, Alessandro Schenini, Class of 2019, Jess Buchanan, and Class of 2020, Struan Walker.



Pictured L-R: Alessandro Schenini, Jess Buchanan, and Struan Walker

If selected, Alessandro will be looking to pick up a medal in the long jump in Athletics, Jess will be hoping to defend her goal as goalkeeper in Hockey and Struan will be looking to score as many goals as he can in Hockey as well. Here's what they had to say about their training an inspiration:

How did you become interested in your sport?

A: I started athletics during the summer terms at school because I wanted a few extra days off! I was lucky enough to scrape into the Scottish Schools multi events international which gave me a taste of higher level sport and competition. I also found my first coach through this and progressed from there on.

J: Growing up I was always sporty especially having older siblings its was natural I would be into sport. I started off playing hockey in school, it was the main girls' sport at Hutchie and when I was asked to put the Team GB kit on I loved it from the start as I used to play football when I was younger and was naturally good at the basics of being a goalie.

S: It's hard to say what got me into it but I do remember being interested when Finlay (my big brother) walked in the house with a brand new stick and I thought whatever he did was cool so then I wanted a go. Clydesdale summer hockey camps were also where I definitely got the bug for it growing up - I always enjoyed my time there.

What is your goal in sport?

A: I think every athlete's goal is to win an olympic gold medal, thats the end goal. Realistically I look at smaller short term goals to help me to the finish line. For 2025 my goals would be to compete at the European Indoor Championships and the World Outdoor Championships as well as improving my own consistency and performances.

J: My goal in my sport is to continue to push myself to play at the highest level possible. It's always been an aspiration of mine to play for Great Britain and it's a dream come true to be part of the Great Britain hockey squad. I hope to encourage and inspire the younger generation to pick up a hockey stick or put a gk kit on.

S: My goal in sport is to enjoy it as long as I can at the highest level. In my opinion it's the point in all sports, to enjoy it, have fun and love the competition of it all. I obviously have ambitions as a hockey player but loving it is my no.1 goal.

How does it feel to have the opportunity to work towards that goal?

A: There are certainly an incredible amount of highs and lows that come with this opportunity. But I personally really enjoy the pressure, challenges and the life experiences that come with it.

J: It feels great to be able to work towards a goal that I have been working very hard for since I was 13 years old.

S: I'm so privileged to have the chance to dedicate my time to playing hockey. GB have given me the chance to be in a full-time programme where my soul purpose is to improve and play. Being with the boys every day is so much fun in general and it's hard not to enjoy that kind of lifestyle.

Has there been a change in lifestyle now that you are closing in on the opportunity to be part of the Olympics?

A: I have had to do so much short travelling to competitions recently to try and secure qualification and world ranking points. I had previously done small amounts but there has been a significant increase this past year. It has been draining and sometimes lonely but I am fortunate enough to see a lot of the world and meet people from all over, so it is something that I want to and look forward to continue doing for the next few years.

J: Yes, a change in location definitely and having to adapt to living in a different area and being part of a full time hockey program as well as finishing my uni remotely.

S: My lifestyle has definitely changed a lot. I've always been very ambitious and determined on the pitch, however when I was younger, I didn't really grasp how the extras would help, such as extra mobility, stretching, gym work, getting good sleep. These are all things I've dialled into now and benefitted from massively.

Any career highlights to date?

A: My career highlights would be representing Great Britain and Scotland throughout various age groups and senior moments for example at the Commonwealth Youth Games and the European Junior Championships among other internationals. In terms of performance my greatest highlight was jumping a Scottish Native Record at the Scottish Championships of 8.00m in 2023 to top the UK ranking list for that year.

J: Over the years I have had lots of exciting moments with Scotland age groups but the most memorable has to be playing at the European championship with Scotland Women last summer in 2023. It was a great experience.

S: A career highlight has to be scoring 2 on my GB debut. Can't say I did much more on the ball that day but my memory of that whole day and trip is pretty special.

What advice would you give a young you?

A: Do as many sports and events as you can until you find the right one for you and make sure you have fun while it's not too serious, nobody truly remembers that bad performance at 15 years old on a cold wet Scottish day that at the time feels like the end of the world. It is all part of the process. So enjoy it!

J: For my younger self I would tell her to follow your passion, challenge yourself in environments that push you and make you feel uncomfortable as this is how you will grow as a person and a hockey player. I would also tell her that hard work pays off and to remember to enjoy the journey.

S: Listen to Mr Dunlop on the importance of defending. This is something I didn't see as that important if your good on the ball. I've had to do a bit of catching up in the last 3/4 years once I started playing on the international stage.

FORMER PUPIL NEWS

CLASS REUNION

Our latest Hutchie class reunion was filled with laughter, reminiscing, and catching up with old friends as former pupils from classes of 2001 and 2003 were joined by Depute Rector Graham Dunlop, and Former Depute Rector, Jim McDougall, at their get-together in Shawlands recently.

It was an enjoyable trip down memory lane and a particular highlight for everyone was hearing stories from the acting world from Ed Corrie (C2001) and seeing some impromptu close up magic from full time professional magician and giggle doctor David Deanie (C2003), who had travelled from Manchester for the reunion.

Would you like to arrange a reunion or informal gathering? Or simply share your news? We love to hear how our pupils are doing after Hutchie, please keep in touch with our Alumni Officer at alumni@hutchesons.org.



DOUG MCROBERTS C1967

Doug took on an interesting new role in January 2024 – he was elected as Moderator of a new Church of Scotland Presbytery which covers nearly half of Scotland. Doug retired from full-time ministry in 2014 - when he was the kirk's minister in Malta. That's where he founded the Out of Africa... Into Malta refugee project which, in three very busy years, grew from a standing start to turning over more than €320,000 in assisting refugees from Africa, the Middle East, and central Asia; work that still continues. Now living in Inverness, he's still an active preacher – and when the Church of Scotland reformed its Presbyteries following a major decision of its General Assembly in 2019, Doug became involved with the Transition Team looking for the best way forward for the nine existing Presbyteries covering everything from the Western Isles to West Moray, and the Mull of Kintyre to John O'Groats.

The result is Clèir Eilean Ì - literally, "The Presbytery of the Island of Iona," reflecting its heritage right back to the mission work of Columba – and Doug is its first Moderator.

Doug who took the case for a single, large united Presbytery to the General Assembly of 2023, on behalf of the nine uniting Presbyteries says "It is a rare privilege to be part of the Transition Team – experiencing how committed minds focused on developing mission and ministry in new ways have developed and realised the vision of Clèir Eilean Ì."

GRANT MACLEOD C1981

In September 2023, Grant was made Deacon of the Incorporation of Masons in the Trades House in Glasgow for 2023-24. After leaving School, Grant studied Pure Maths at Glasgow University before joining the Army, training at Sandhurst, then joining the 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment in 1988. Grant graduated from Glasgow in 1995 with a MEd, working at Kelvinside as a Mathematics teacher from 1991, before joining Lomond School as Head of Department in 1999. He retired in June 2022 after 24 years although he returned to teach part time at Hutchesons' during the Autumn term this session - so returning full circle.

The Incorporation of Masons has existed since the 16th Century and is very much part of Glasgow's illustrious history. Its function has changed from looking after the welfare of stonemasons to one of a more charitable outlook, but still maintaining a link with young stonemasons by helping their progress where possible.

SUSAN C1984 & ELAINE MACDONALD C2010

Congratulations to Susan Lewis nee Macdonald C1984 and Elaine Macdonald C2010 who completed the Tokyo marathon together on 3rd March 2024. This was their 5th marathon major and the 3rd one the aunt and niece duo have run together. Their first marathon together was London in April 2015, the year Elaine graduated. Susan says "Elaine wanted to do something special in her graduation year", and it was after completing this course, they decided to join together to try completing the 6 majors. They completed Chicago in October 2018 and the Tokyo marathon this year on Susan's 58th birthday. Susan adds "The goal now is for us both to get places for Boston to complete the Abbott global 6 marathon majors. To date we have completed London, Berlin, New York, Chicago and now Tokyo."

The photo shows Susan and Elaine after the Chicago marathon. Elaine says "London is my absolute favourite. I have been fortunate enough to run it 3 times and I have also volunteered at it. It is such a humbling and special day whether as a runner, volunteer or supporter with so many people pushing themselves out of their comfort zone and being part of the world's biggest fundraising event.

Good luck Susan and Elaine. We look forward to hearing how you get on in Boston.

HAMZAH HANIF C2018

Hamzah Hanif, a final-year medical student at the University of Edinburgh, recently completed his overseas elective (a medical placement conducted abroad), which gives students the opportunity to further explore an area of medicine of their interest, build their CV's and experience a different health care system abroad.

Hamzah, who is interested in a career in orthopaedic surgery, contacted Mr Thomas Vanniasingham, an orthopaedic surgeon in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and was delighted to discover by chance that he was also a former pupil of Hutchesons' and was awarded the Dux in Maths in 1978. Hamzah himself was Proxime Accessit to boy's dux, Chemistry dux and won the school prize for Biology.

It turned out that Mr Vanniasingham "had not spoken to any alumni since he graduated and was stunned at the chance circumstances of the situation. He fondly remembered his time at the school - especially his favourite teacher Dr Rachel Douglas."

Hamzah completed his elective placement in March 2024 and said he "had a great time! I enjoyed spending time with Mr Vann and hearing stories from his time at Hutchie. He also really enjoyed the book of the school!"



Pictured L-R: Doug McRoberts, Grant MacLeod, Susan & Elaine MacDonald, and Hamzah Hanif.

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IQRA ALI C2019

At the end of last year, Iqra Ali won Young Achiever of the Year at The Scottish Asian and Business Awards, which was held in the Glasgow Marriot Hotel. Iqra was delighted to receive the award for her work at Edinburgh Medical School. As well as being a Year 2 medical student, Iqra is also a board member at Edinburgh Medical School and an advisor on the Student Curriculum Forum. In these roles, Iqra represents the MBChB students to help improve student learning and experience. Additionally, Iqra represents the medical school when working with the South Asian community in Glasgow with health radio shows on AWAZ FM and also Cancer Prevention studies in Muslim Women.

Iqra said, "It has sparked my interest in community medicine and women's health and I hope to continue my work in the community and within the medical school. I would like to thank everyone at Hutchie for shaping my personality to help me further on in my career".

STEWART BARCLAY C1978 & GRANT MACINTYRE C1988

Grant and Stewart, both Glasgow University Dentistry Graduates and Hutchesonians, albeit separated by a few years, worked together in the mid 1990's as "junior staff" at Glasgow Dental Hospital and have encountered each other professionally intermittently since then. They are delighted over the last 3 years to have had the opportunity and pleasure to work more closely once again as they have taken on their respective roles with the Royal College's Dental Faculty.

Grant McIntyre is a Consultant and Honorary Professor in Orthodontics at Dundee Dental School, having graduated from Glasgow Dental School in 1993. He was elected as Dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 2023, having been a Council member for several years prior to that.

He was unfortunate enough to suffer from Covid in the early months of the pandemic and has written of his experience in his book "Dying to Live" - fortunately, through the expert care of the NHS, he has made an excellent recovery, and is devoting his boundless energies to this important role with the Royal College.

He is currently supported in this role by Stewart, who is a semi-retired Consultant in Restorative Dentistry in Newcastle upon Tyne, where he has worked since 1996. Stewart was appointed as Honorary Secretary of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 2020

KIRAN SCARR NEE CHAWLA C1991

As an international lawyer, general counsel and legal COO, Kiran has spent a global career leading transformational change in the legal sector. Twice named General Counsel of the Year in the Middle East and widely recognized and awarded for legal technology innovation, compliance innovation, championing diversity and contribution to the in-house legal community, Kiran is a prominent voice on leading through change in the legal sector.

Kiran holds an LLB (Hons) (1995) and Dip L.P. (1996) from University of Glasgow and has worked 25+ years as a lawyer in the UK, Australia, Singapore and the Middle East. She most recently joined TAQA Group, a publically listed utilities company headquartered in the United Arab Emirates, as general counsel to lead a wholesale transformation of its legal, governance, regulatory and ethics and compliance functions. She is a qualified executive coach and active mentor coach to senior leaders in the legal sector.

Kiran's latest book, *The Conscious Lawyer*, is a simple, powerful roadmap helping senior lawyers uplevel their leadership, to advance the future of law.

J DAVID SIMONS C1971

J. David Simons' novels include *The Credit Draper* (2008), *The Liberation of Celia Kahn* (2011), *An Exquisite Sense of What is Beautiful* (2013), *The Land Agent* (2014), *A Woman of Integrity* (2017) and *The Responsibility of Love* (2021).

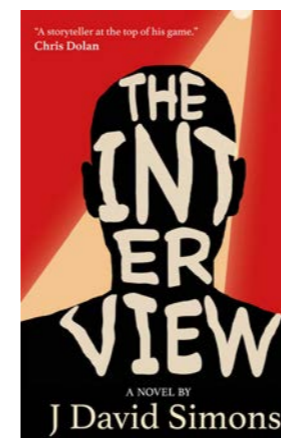
His latest novel, *The Interview*, (to be published by Saraband in August 2024) takes the reader from Scotland to Mexico and from California to Georgia in a story that is not only about speaking truth to power but also about speaking truth to oneself.

David was shortlisted for The Society of Authors' McKitterick Prize for *The Credit Draper* and he was also a previous recipient of the prestigious Robert Louis Stevenson Fellowship. The film rights for his previous novel *An Exquisite Sense of What is Beautiful* (Saraband, 2013) have also been optioned by an American film studio. He currently lives in Jávea, Spain.

GEMMA ROSE BREGER NEE CAPLAN C2002

Gemma Rose Breger nee Caplan C2002, fashion and celebrity stylist, together with beauty journalist, Samantha Silver are the expert duo behind *This is Mothership*, a unique fashion, beauty and lifestyle destination for time-pressed women who want to look and be their best. After climbing the ladders of the cut-throat beauty and fashion industries in London and New York, they teamed up to create a platform where they could share their wide knowledge base, as well as their own life experiences and time-saving hacks. Their first book, published in May 2024, an Amazon number 1 best seller at its launch, is a treasury of all the tips, tricks and life hacks that Sam and Gemma have learned over the years, both as industry experts and as busy, time-pressed mums.

Gemma began her career in New York, working in fashion PR. Returning to the UK to live in London, she worked for Topshop for six years as a stylist and helped launch their styling service in the US. She then went freelance, styling for various celebrities, brands, magazines and TV shows, including Britney Spears, Fearne Cotton, Frankie Bridge, Joanna Lumley, Glamour, Hello, Net-a-Porter, Marks & Spencer, ASOS and The X Factor amongst others.



L-R: Iqra Ali, Grant MacIntyre, Kiran Scarr, J David Simons, and Gemma Rose Breger and Stewart Barclay.

CALUM MURRAY C2021 SPOTLIGHT

We were delighted to catch up with Calum Murray C2021 following his appointment with EasyJet earlier this year...

What led you to pursuing a career in aviation?

I can't remember a time at which I didn't want to work in the aviation industry. From attending a nursery right next to Glasgow airport to having the opportunity to travel regularly with my parents, the fascinating world of flying has always drawn me. Just as I began Hutchie I had the opportunity to take a few trial flying lessons out of Oban, a small airport on the west coast, and that really set my eyes on the sky! At this point the journey ahead seemed like an almost impossible task but at every stage I had fantastic instructors who inspired me to do whatever it took to achieve my goal.

Where did you study after leaving School and what did this involve?

During my final year at Hutchie I applied to join a relatively new flight school at the time - Skyborne, in Gloucestershire, on an integrated Airline Transport Pilots Licence course. After passing the selection process, I embarked upon 28 weeks of ground school where your head is spent in books learning subjects such as meteorology, navigation, flight planning and human performance to name just a few. After this, the fun began in Vero Beach, Florida! This is where I took the controls of a single engine propeller aircraft, learning the very basics of controlling the aircraft to flying on my own for several hours across the state. After completing the single engine phase of my training I came back to the UK where I was introduced to the world of two engines. Then the Boeing 737 jet aircraft simulator, a big step up into the world of complex procedures and aircraft systems with everything happening twice as fast! This course was spent learning how to fly as part of a multi-crew team and was a great insight into some of the core competencies, including teamwork, situational awareness and communication, required to safely fly passengers. To complete my training at Skyborne, it was back into a small aircraft to learn some basic aerobatics and upset prevention and recovery training. Finally, it was onto airline applications and subsequently a six-week course learning the ins and outs of the Airbus A320 aircraft which I began flying in March this year.

What is your current role and what does this involve?

I am currently employed by EasyJet, as a First Officer flying their A320 fleet based at Bristol to destinations all over Europe and beyond. This involves arriving at the aircraft early to prepare everything we need for the flight, agreeing between myself and the captain who will be the pilot flying and who will be the pilot monitoring. As pilot flying your role involves all the navigation and any inputs to make the aircraft fly in the right direction. As pilot monitoring, you perform the aircraft inspection, receive weather information and flight plans, make all the communications with air traffic control and to help in any way to reduce your colleague's workload.

What have been your favourite moments so far? Any favourite destinations?

With such an exciting training pathway there are so many moments to choose from! I was lucky enough to perform a flyover of the Space Shuttle Landing Facility at Cape Canaveral which was a surreal moment, however I think the first time I took control of a passenger jet has got to take first place. This day, called base training, sees five brand new EasyJet pilots be taken to a quiet airfield to complete six successive take-offs and landings. This signed off the final part of my licence which allows me to carry as many as 186 passengers. However, a special mention has to go to my arrival into Venice which began dodging thunderstorms but ended with fantastic views over the iconic canal-capital of the world!

What qualities are important for the role?

My time at Hutchie had a massive impact on my development into the pilot I am today thanks to the strong influence of the school's core values throughout my education. Three of them stand out to me; curiosity - having the desire and drive to ask questions makes you a well-rounded pilot; independence - of great importance throughout training, from being sent to a foreign country to train, to being given an aircraft to yourself and having to make critical decisions, and resilience - the road to becoming a pilot can quite often be a bumpy one - having to get used to new surroundings or dealing with the job market, its very competitive nature. It's of great importance to keep going and do whatever you can to achieve your goal.



TOP MARKS FOR CATERING

We are thrilled to announce our catering provision, in partnership with Aramark, has been awarded an overall Gold in its most recent surprise audit, scoring an impressive 91% across Primary and Secondary.

The independent audit, carried out by Ideal Catering Consultancy, looks at areas including food and service quality, appearance of dining areas, and back-of-house procedures - which were commended as excellent.

The quality of the food was a winning factor with the auditor commenting, "There was very good evidence in both the kitchens of freshly prepared food being produced with good quality fresh meat, fruit and vegetables being utilised".

"The hot food was all excellent with a full roast lunch available of beef or gammon. This was extremely popular, high quality and very good value for money...."

"This was the best "school lunch" the ICC auditor has had the pleasure to have!"

The report also highlighted that:

- All sandwiches and wraps are prepared fresh on-site each day.
- The catering offers good value for money.
- Allergen and dietary requirements are catered for with all staff trained and promotional material is used to highlight the topic.
- The Bistro offer is very good and popular amongst pupils, with a range of options including bagels, ciabatta, and focaccia.

The report concludes, "Overall, a 91% second audit score is excellent for a contract of this size and the Aramark team should be congratulated on achieving this Gold rating."

John McColgan, Bursar, commented, "These surprise audit visits by a highly regarded industry consultant provide us with a helpful view across all our catering operations. The excellent results provide reassurance to everyone - pupils, staff and parents alike - of the outstanding quality and value for money, we provide via Aramark. We will now work with Aramark on suggested recommendations for improvement as we strive to maintain this standard and try to increase our score even higher next time."



HGSPA UPDATE

1957 GOLF DAY

The 1957 Group hosted another fantastic day in May at Whitecraigs Golf Club for the third annual Hutchie Golf Day. The highly anticipated event in the social calendar was made up of parents, former pupils, teachers, and friends of the school, who came together in the glorious sunshine for a round of team golf, a fun day out, whilst raising funds for key projects that benefit the school community.

As well as the golf competition, players enjoyed a wonderfully catered halfway house provided by Aramark, our school caterers, and then returned to the clubhouse for dinner and drinks on the terrace in the sunshine.

The day raised over £3,250 and overall winners were Nick Alexander (C2003), Chris Alexander (C2008), Phil Reilly, and Allan Lapsley for a second time, who were winners at our inaugural golf day. Winners of the longest drive, sponsored by Etellect Ltd, were Iain Wyper (Men's competition) and Tracy Fraser (Ladies competition). Nearest to the Pin winners, sponsored by Caribbean Eye Institute, were Paul Bunis (Men's competition) and Tracy Fraser (Ladies competition).

Thank you to our title sponsor, Corum Property, and Aramark who donated The Van, food and their wonderful Chef de Parties, Lisa and Alison, as well as Whitecraig's Golf Club and PGA Professional David Orr for welcoming us once again, Rob Lindeblade Photography and special thanks to Kevin Heverin for organising once again.



QUIZ NIGHT

Over 100 parents, staff and FPs attended the 1957 Group's annual quiz night earlier in the year. The fun and competitive night had a brilliant atmosphere, and the evening raised £1,300.

Artificial Intelligence won for the third year, with team members Iain Cochrane (C1995), Michael Sloan (1996), Jack McGill, Telfer Boyd (C1996), Adam Gordon (C1995), and David Appleton, making up the hat-trick team.

Special mention to our younger FPs (C2022), who attended their first 1957 Group Quiz - despite winning the wooden spoon, it was great to have them join in and enjoy the night!



TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The inaugural Hutchie Tennis Day was held earlier this month with over 130 current and former pupils, parents, teachers and friends of Hutchie coming together for a fun afternoon of tennis at Whitecraigs Tennis Club, which raised over £1,000.

Three separate tennis events ran on the day: a family doubles tournament, an adult doubles tournament and fun games for children. Winners of the family doubles were current pupils, sisters Carmen (S2) and Nina (P7), and winner of the adult doubles competition were former pupils Christopher Amner (C2022) and Finlay Taylor (C2022). Thank you to Hutchie FP Simon Coom (C1976) for giving his time to expertly organise and run these two tournaments.

The children had a wonderful time, with special thanks to Whitecraigs coach and Hutchie FP Matt Dickie (C1996) for leading the coaching team who kept the kids all so entertained with hours of tennis games. All children who participated were delighted to receive a special Hutchie Tennis Day medal at the prize giving at the end of the day. Aside from the tennis, participants were treated to a BBQ, a raffle with some fabulous prizes including an Andy Murray signed tennis ball, a fun children's tombola, glitter tattoo stall and helium balloon animals for sale.

Our thanks to Whitecraigs Tennis Club for hosting the day, and to Sportmax for generously providing all the tennis balls, many thanks to the 1957 Group for organising and running these wonderful community events, and in particular Wendy Schenini, and photographer Rob Lindblade Photography capturing the action.



THANK YOU

A massive thank you to all our parents from the 1957 Group and HGSPA, who give up their time to volunteer at these events, not only on the day but with planning behind the scenes. These fun and entertaining events bring together the Hutchie community to raise money for key infrastructure projects that benefit the Primary and Secondary schools.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **FP Coffee Morning** - Last Thursday of every month, 10.30am - 12.30pm, H@PP. All FP's and friends are welcome to join us on the last Thursday of each month for tea/coffee and a catch up at the School's new sports grounds just off Higgs Road. Stay for as little or as long as you wish, enjoying good company and discussions of Hutchie past and present. We look forward to seeing you there.
- **Ladies C1974 Reunion** - Saturday 14th September; Kingarth Street.
- **Class of 1984 Reunion** - Saturday 14th September; Beaton Road.
- **Ladies FP Golf Outing** - Autumn; date to be confirmed.
- **Class of 2024 Reunion** - Monday 16th December 2024

If you would like further information regarding any of the above events, please email alumni@hutchesons.org.



IN MEMORIAM



GRAHAM W A MACALLISTER C1962

1943 - 2024

Immaculately dressed, with academic gown, purposeful manner, rosy cheeks and distinctive moustache, Graham McAllister had something of a character from Trollope about him. Organised, courteous, diligent, well-spoken and steeped in tradition, he would not have been out of place in the cloisters of Barchester, dispensing wisdom and wry observations over a sherry in some book lined study. As it was, he made the cloisters and classrooms of Beaton Road his living for almost his entire life - perhaps never before has the phrase "man and boy" been more apt. For here was someone whose life, from young schoolboy to Interim Rector, Governor and beyond, was steeped in the story of Hutchie, who was as

well versed in the School's eventful, rich history as anyone could be. As news of Graham's passing, in his 81st year, filtered out, the affection which many alumni held for him was obvious, as witness the fine tributes to him, and the large turnout at his funeral service in Busby.

Graham joined Hutchie P5 in 1952, recalling the old Glasgow of Crown Street before moving to the then "bright and shiny new world of Beaton Rd". He excelled in many subjects, but equally important, he enjoyed excursions to Switzerland and Denmark. He was to repay that experience many times over as a teacher through his organisation of numerous and increasingly ambitious school trips. Always keen on history, he took a MA Honours in Medieval and Modern History at Glasgow, and after Jordanhill and a brief spell at Shawlands he taught at Hutchie, before promotion to Head of History at Whitehill Secondary school. In 1973, he returned to Beaton Road where he was to remain, working up from Head of department to Depute Rector, serving in many capacities and gaining valuable experience across the spectrum of school life, not least in Prize Giving, where his love of organisation and ceremony came into its own. To read his well-crafted prize citations is to hear that calm, succinct voice, that was authoritative but never hectoring. Allied to this, he assumed responsibility for national exams, a complex and ever changing role which he handled with great attention to detail and superb administration, a reassuring and calming presence for staff, pupils and parents.

He worked closely on the ambitious extension plans that were put in place under David Ward in the 1990s, while a highlight was undoubtedly the highly successful 350th anniversary celebrations in 1991. Further, he inherited oversight of the catering services, and from this he developed an expertise in events; staff dinners, exhibitions, reunions, meetings were all managed with a degree of style, and there was always a sense of occasion, especially in set pieces such as Prize Giving and Founders' Day. All the while he also taught, introducing Modern Studies and taking S6 General Studies, enjoying the stimulus of his "fascinating, demanding and challenging pupils".

Protocol, meticulous planning and devotion to duty were key concepts for Graham in all that he did, and he rose to the occasion when taking on the post of interim Rector in 2005, showing a gift for leadership, as well as compassion and courage when tackling the onerous duties that go with the position. He provided enormous support for the incoming Rector Ken Greig, and developed, as he had done with his previous Rectors, a very successful partnership; candid, discreet and supportive.

On retiring, Graham continued to serve the school, as a governor, where he brought his rich experience to the Board, also acting as a guide, mentor and friend to colleagues. He was especially supportive of the work of the Development Office and set great store on building lasting, fruitful relationships with friends and alumni of Hutchie. Nowhere was this more evident than in his long running association with the Canadian friends of Hutchie. He developed a close friendship with the late Iain Ronald, FP, and his wife Cristina, and from this, the Canada Bursary fund was set up. Keen to encourage the concept of legacy giving, Graham was the driving force of the 1641 Society, and he was assiduous in keeping in touch with former pupils, writing numerous cards and letters.

Last October he attended the 20th anniversary gathering of the Canadian supporters, and enjoyed a very happy time with old friends in Toronto; perhaps there more than anywhere else, his "ain folk", who, like him, cared deeply for Hutchesons' and the values which he most signally espoused and lived.

DOROTHY JENKINS NEE CARSTAIRS C1943

1926 - 2024

In the summer of 2018, Dorothy Jenkins visited Kingarth Street, the Girls' School as it was in 1943 when she left. What made the visit remarkable was that she was already 91 and had travelled, alone, from Australia, where she lived, by way of Singapore, Normandy and Paris, before revisiting Edinburgh, where she was born, and finally Glasgow, where she grew up. This pilgrimage was entirely typical of a lady who had a zest for life and an enormous interest and affection for her old school. She was excellent company, alert and curious, eager to explore the old corridors and classrooms of Kingarth Street, recalling memories of Miss McKendrick, the Latin teacher or the redoubtable Headmistress Margaret Kennedy, who prowled the corridors, more than likely chancing upon Dorothy who had been put out of class for giggling. Miss Kennedy had written the definitive French grammar book, and this gave her a love of the language, ultimately taking a BA in French later in life as a mature student.



A regular donor to the school, Dorothy was honoured to join the 1641 Society and receive her pin badge from the late Graham MacAllister during an enjoyable lunch which rounded off her visit, her first time back to Glasgow since leaving school. She had moved to Australia in 1974, with her husband Jim, (who predeceased her) living initially in Sydney, then Adelaide and finally to Tewantin, Queensland. She embodied many of the fine characteristics of her generation of Hutchie girls; intelligent, resourceful and independent. Formerly a keen golfer, in later years she took to walking and was a member of the Tewantin Tickers; in 2016 she was the first to complete her 500th 5km walk, aged a sprightly 89. She enjoyed art classes, too, painting in oils, acrylic and watercolours, as well as ballet, and had recently taken up mahjong.

Dorothy passed away, aged 97, on 18th January 2024 in the care home where she had moved only a few months earlier. She was "absolutely adored and surrounded by many friends, showered in love and best wishes". She thought the world of her Hutchie folk and we all thought the world of this life-enhancing, marvellous lady.



REVEREND JOHN H PATERSON C1953

1935 - 2022

Jack attended Hutchesons' from 1944 until 1952.

When Jack was aged around 12 his year group were streamed, and he was put in the lower set. However, as he wanted to be a lawyer so he knocked on the headmaster's door and asked if he could be put in the higher set so he could study Greek and Latin which he thought he would need. Jack's request was granted, and he enjoyed studying Greek and Latin.

A few months before his Higher exams he suffered a partial pneumothorax and was off school for some time, studying for his exams at home.

When he returned to school to take the exams, he was taken aback by how stressed the other boys were and, though he passed his exams, he decided not to continue with further study.

After leaving School in 1952 Jack went to work in the family business, The Welcome Fireplace Co. He was in his mid-thirties, when he decided to become a Church of Scotland minister and went on to Glasgow University to gain a BD.MAs a mature student, the Greek and Latin he had learnt at School came in very useful as they allowed him to study the original biblical texts and he took up Hebrew at that time too.

Jack had parishes in Airdrie and Kirkintilloch before retiring in 2000. Together with his wife, he went to live on Arran at that time where they very much enjoyed being part of the community, having loved and regularly visited the island over many years. Jack died at home on Arran in August 2022. Jack is survived by his daughters Jacqueline, Christine and Jennifer C1978.



FIONA WILLIAMSON NEE SCOTT C1960

1942 - 2024

It is with sadness that we announce Fiona's death in April 2024. Fiona died suddenly but very peacefully at home.

Fiona graduated MA in French, German and Spanish at Glasgow University and taught Modern Languages in Consett Co. Durham and at Queens Park School, Glasgow. She also worked as a translator.

She led a very busy active life, playing tennis and golf until recently and was a keen Bridge player. Fiona is survived by her husband Bruce and her sons Roddy and Brian and their families of whom she was very proud.

We shall all miss her quiet, gentle sense of humour especially her outrageous puns and for her friendship throughout the years

ALISTAIR W BAILLIE C1965

1946 - 2024

Alistair passed away on March 22, 2024, at the age of 77, having battled cancer and the side-effects of the treatments for 28 years. He passed peacefully with his beloved wife, Jennine, and daughter, Shona, at his side.

He lived near the sea in Laguna Beach, California, and was hugely proud of his Scottish heritage. At school, he was the Captain of Athletics and a key rugby player in the school's top team.

He emigrated to Toronto, Canada, in 1965, attending the University of Waterloo, where he got his engineering degree.

His first job upon graduating was with the Ministry of Transport, but the new IBI Group quickly hired him for his transportation expertise. In 1982, he moved to California to open two offices in Newport Beach and San Francisco, and in 1993, became the 11th Partner and Operating Director with IBI Group. Alistair helped grow the company to more than sixty offices, employing more than 3000 professionals in twelve countries worldwide.

Alistair was a fierce competitor in any endeavor he undertook, and had a lifelong love affair with sports, especially golf. He also played squash, rugby, snooker and racquetball. In California, he was a member of 3 different golf clubs.

He made friends easily, was a man's man, very generous and never walked by a homeless person without pulling a dollar or two from his pocket. His magnetic personality, tall, lanky stature and dapper style always brought beautiful energy to any setting.

He was a man for the ages and will be missed by many whose spirits were always lifted by his presence.



DOUGLAS TURNBULL C1956

1937 - 2024

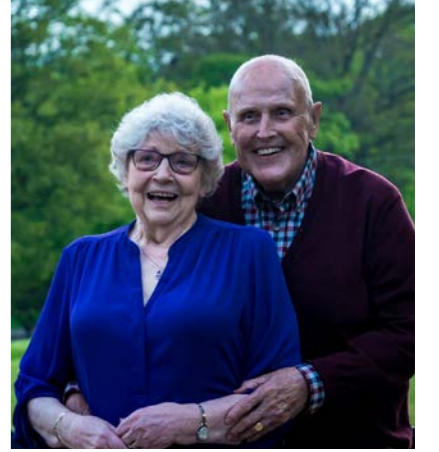
John Douglas Turnbull was born on December 21st, 1937, and grew up in the Garrowhill area of Glasgow. He was the first Hutchesonian in his family, attending Hutchesons' Grammar School for Boys in Crown Street. He was proud to represent the school and Glasgow schools at rowing and was later to be followed into the school by three generations of his family including his brother George (C1958), his sons Stephen (C1982) and Andrew (C1987), and his grandchildren.

Upon leaving the school he qualified as a Chartered Accountant and after learning his trade at several companies he went on to spend more than twenty years at White Horse Distillers Company, initially as Company Secretary and ultimately as Financial Director. The final decade of his career was spent as Compliance Officer for Murray Johnstone. Douglas was committed to his community and always got involved, welcoming the opportunity to help others. He was a member and elder in the Church of Scotland for more than 50 years, including serving as the finance convenor for Giffnock South Parish church.

He was fond of sport and enjoyed watching rugby and football. However, his real passions were badminton and golf. He played badminton competitively in the West of Scotland Church League. He was also a member of Pollok Golf Club for many years and held several offices for the club including being a past captain.

Above all he was a loving and devoted family man, having a smile and a kind word for friends and strangers alike. A big personality, he was the life and soul of any gathering. He put a great deal of energy into his extended family who are his true legacy.

Douglas passed away at home on May 23rd after a lengthy battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Elspeth, his sons Stephen and Andrew and his five grandchildren Blair, Mhairi, Rory, Hamish and Eilidh.



FORMER PUPILS

- Christine Robinson nee Wilson C1949, 1931 - 2023
- Patricia Reed C1950, 1931 - 2024
- Sheila B Carey nee MacDuff C1950, 1931 - 2024
- Donald H Milne C1951, 1933 - 2024
- Eileen Wyllie nee Cameron C1955, 1937 - 2024
- Dr Margaret Lind nee Phillips C1956, 1938 - 2024
- Jacqueline A Hill nee Joels C1957, 1939 - 2023
- Irene M L Christie nee Ferguson C1957, 1940 - 2024
- Alistair Galloway C1957, 1940 - 2024
- Dr Douglas Macadam C1960, 1942 - 2024
- David H Howie C1964, 1946 - 2024
- Susan A Lockhart nee Ferguson C1966, 1947 - 2024
- John H Crawford C1967, 1949 - 2023
- Barbara A Henderson nee Kane C1975, 1957 - 2024
- Alasdair Eggo C1990, 1972 - 2023
- Allison McIntyre née Thomson C1949, 1931 - 2024*

* Full obituary may follow in the next edition.

FORMER STAFF

- Joe Roulston, 'Coffee Joe', Member of Aramark Catering Team, 1953 - 2024
- Myra Dunlop, Former Music Staff, 1935 - 2024
- Isabel Anderson, Former Maths Teacher, 1940 - 2024



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