

# THE HUTCHIE HERALD

Winter 2024/2025



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**HUTCHESONS'**  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Class of 2024 Reunion** Monday 16th December 2024 (3pm)
- **Former Pupil Coffee Mornings** 10.30am – 12.30pm at H@PP, last Thursday of the month  
All former pupils and friends of the School are welcome.  
Next meetings will take place on:  
Thursday 30th January 2025 and Thursday 27th February 2025
- **The FP Council** Wednesday 5th February (7pm)  
The FP Council warmly invites all FP's old and new to attend the next meeting. A major overhaul and re-purpose of the council is currently being discussed, so to find out more and contribute, please come along and have an input. To confirm attendance or to find out more, please email: [alumni@hutchesons.org](mailto:alumni@hutchesons.org)
- **Class of 2014 Reunion** Saturday 31st May 2025
- **Ladies Class of 1975 Reunion** Saturday 20th September 2025
- **Men's Class of 1965 Reunion** Saturday 8th November 2025
- **Ladies Class of 1976 Reunion** Wednesday 13th May 2026

If you would like further information about any of the above events or are interested in organising a reunion for your class year, please email: [alumni@hutchesons.org](mailto:alumni@hutchesons.org)

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## RECTOR'S WELCOME



It is a privilege to serve as the Rector of Hutchesons' Grammar School, bringing my educational journey full circle as I return to Scotland. My teaching career began with PGCE training at Moray House in Edinburgh, with my major school placement at Inveralmond Community High School in Livingston. This role has also given my wife, Fiona – who is from Penicuik – the chance to appreciate why, when it comes to Scotland, "West is Best"!

When considering a leadership position, you must have an emotional connection to the school. For me, it was the strong sense of "Hutchie" evident in pupils and staff, and its place in the Southside community that resonated deeply. The senior prefects I met during my interview cared passionately about their school, its values, and its future.

Since the start of term, I've been equally impressed by our S6 pupils – their academic ambition, clarity of purpose, and commitment to improving Hutchie through thoughtful reflection and challenge.

This dedication was echoed by our more recent former pupils whom I met at the FP Edinburgh Reception. They spoke warmly about how their time at Hutchie prepared them for the transition to university. What struck me most was their quiet confidence – free of any sense of entitlement or arrogance.

The imposition of VAT on fees from January 1st is, of course, a significant challenge for the independent school sector, including ourselves. We are carefully considering how to navigate this changing landscape while remaining true to our mission: ensuring that every pupil feels a sense of belonging, flourishes both within and out with the classroom, and achieves their personal best.

I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of the Hutchie community. I end the day with a walk home to Pollokshields, near Strathbungo – recently named the 22nd coolest neighbourhood in the world by Time Out!

In the following pages, I hope you enjoy reading about fellow Alumni and news about the school. I have had the pleasure of meeting a number of former pupils and friends of the school since I joined, and I look forward to meeting many more. I feel privileged to be part of such a vibrant community.

**Mark Ronan | Rector & CEO**

## G&T AWARDS

On Friday 22nd March, the school were delighted to welcome Hope Blamire C1993, Artist, Prof Colin Espie C1975, Professor of Sleep Medicine and Lauren Young C2011, Actress, back into school to receive their G&T Awards. The G&T Awards are made by the FP Council each year to honour Hutchesonians who are regarded by their peers as “inspirational figures, whether by virtue of their academic or professional achievements; triumph over adversity; public spiritedness or the like”.

**Hope Blamire** is a well-regarded, popular Scottish artist who specialises in paintings of the west coast of Scotland. She started her journey to becoming a full-time artist when she attended Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art in Dundee thirty years ago, but she had always been drawn to art and languages, alongside a true passion for travel that saw her spend many summers overseas in France, Canada and Cyprus, including six months of her arts degree at University in Canada. After earning her degree, Hope started on a path of teaching art while living for four years in Africa. She spent two years teaching at an International School in Cairo, Egypt and two further years teaching in Malawi.

When she returned to the UK, aged 27, she earned her teaching certificate at Cardiff University and spent the next twelve years teaching at King Edward's school in Bath in the southwest of England.

All the while that she was teaching, she spent her evenings developing her art, experimenting with printmaking, ceramics and painting, settling on what it is that she does today, which are her true to life oil paintings showcasing the best of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, as well as the Arctic.

Hope's gregarious and outgoing nature translated perfectly to social media where she developed a large following and it was with this following that she realised she could bring to people's attention the need to help others through fundraising. To date, Hope has raised nearly £600,000 through her annual Christmas prize draw, calendar sales and limited-edition prints. This sum of over half a million pounds has been split across several charities, both locally and nationally, such as the Scottish air ambulance and mountain rescue charities,

Motor Neurone Disease – My Name's Doddie, Suicide Prevention and cancer charities.

Hope has been a full-time professional artist for nine years and her work can be found in private collections around the world, from Alaska to New Zealand.

In her address to pupils, Hope spoke about following your passions and interests and about learning from setbacks and not letting them hold you back. She spoke about the importance of giving back to those less fortunate and enjoying this precious life. She encouraged pupils to travel, learn about different cultures, and to make lots of new friends along the way.

**Colin Espie** is the Professor of Sleep Medicine in the Sir Jules Thorne Sleep & Circadian Neurosciences Institute, University of Oxford, Founding Director of the Oxford Experimental & Clinical Sleep Medicine research programme, and Clinical Director of the Oxford Course in Sleep Medicine. Colin is affiliated with the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences, is a Senior Research Fellow at Somerville College and Honorary Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Psychiatry, and an Emeritus Professor of Clinical Psychology at the University of Glasgow.

Professor Espie qualified clinically in 1980. Across a distinguished career, he has served as consultant clinician (Lanarkshire, Glasgow, Ayrshire, Oxford), NHS Clinical Director (Ayrshire), Director of Clinical Training (West of Scotland), and as a UK national assessor for clinical-academic positions. He is best known for his academic leadership at University of Glasgow where he served as Professor of Clinical Psychology (1995-2012) and Head of Department of Psychological Medicine; and subsequently as Professor of Sleep Medicine, University of Oxford (2013-present).

Professor Espie is internationally known for his work on insomnia and its treatment, using cognitive behavioural therapeutics (CBTx), has published over 300 scientific papers and several textbooks, is Deputy Editor of Journal of Sleep Research, and serves on the editorial board of Sleep Medicine Reviews. He was awarded the Mary A. Carskadon Outstanding Educator Award by the Sleep Research Society (2017), and the Peter Hauri Lifetime Scientific Achievement Award by the Society of Behavioral Sleep Medicine (2021).

Colin is a Fellow of the British Psychological Society, the Academy of Medical Sciences, and the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, and an Honorary Fellow of the BABCP (British Association for Behavioural & Cognitive Psychotherapies) and of the Royal College of

General Practitioners, and is actively involved in print, TV and social media (@ProfEspie) regarding the science of sleep. He also co-founded [www.bighealth.com](http://www.bighealth.com) the developer of Sleepio™ a digital CBT intervention which is now widely available in the NHS-UK and in the US healthcare system.

Colin spoke fondly of his school days and recalled his Latin teachers, particularly Mr McKie, who would give all the pupils Latin names.

Colin read excerpts from the poem 'Amalgamation' which appeared in 1974 issue of the Hutchesonian and what this joining together of the boys' and girls' school would mean. He also spoke about playing in the School Rugby team, their achievements and the booming voice of his PE teacher being a clear memory. Similar to the other recipients, Colin also encouraged the pupils to follow their passions. After the ceremony, Colin had a great time visiting a psychology class with his wife, Audrey also a psychologist, sharing some of their knowledge and passion with the class.

**Lauren Lyle**, twice named Scottish BAFTA winner, started her career as a lead in the BBC comedy RADGES and in The Old Vic's West End 5star hit – The Crucible. She was part of the National Youth Theatre REP company in 2015 and picked as a stand-out talent after her performance as Diane in Consensual on the West End.

Soon after, Lauren joined the phenomenally popular TV series Outlander as key cast Marsali Fraser for the last 6 seasons. She starred alongside Sean Bean in Jimmy McGovern's BAFTA award winning BBC drama, Broken, as well as in six-part thriller Vigil from World Productions for BBC One with Suranne Jones.

In film, Lauren was in Tell It To The Bees with Anna Paquin and Holiday Grainger – premiering in Great Eight at Cannes Film Festival and premiered at Toronto International Film Festival.

Lauren starred and executive produced feature Mercy Falls in 2022. She also recently wrapped on a starring role in upcoming StudioCanal thriller Something In The Water. Soon she'll be in much-anticipated feature The Outrun starring Saoirse Ronan. Nora Fingscheidt has

directed, and it has been produced by Ronan and Jack Lowden's new production company Arcade Pictures.

Currently Lauren stars as the title role in the much lauded and supremely popular Karen Pirie for ITV penned by Emer Kenny and produced by World Productions. When the first series aired on ITV in September, it quickly became one of the broadcaster's most-watched new dramas, averaging 6 million initial viewers across the series. Series 2 has been commissioned. She has since won best Actress Television for her performance at the Scottish BAFTA's 2023 and Favourite Scot on Screen BAFTA.

Next up she can be seen in Netflix/BBC drama Lockerbie and Karen Pirie Season 2.

Lyle is also the creator and presenter of popular podcast She's A Rec' – where each week she asks her guests to recommend the albums, films, books and female heroes that have most influenced their lives. Guests include Edith Bowman, Catriona Balfe, and Self Esteem.

Lauren spoke to pupils about following their dreams and overcoming obstacles. She spoke about the importance of putting in the hard work and how doing the small jobs was so important in realising bigger dreams. After



the ceremony, Lauren was thrilled to catch up with her former Drama teacher, Eleanor Meek, who helped inspire Lauren to follow her passion for Drama. We were also delighted when Lauren agreed to chat to a smaller group of Drama pupils during one of their classes, sharing some of her experiences via a Q&A session.

**If you would like to nominate someone for consideration by the FP Council, please send a short summary of your nominee and supporting reason to: [alumni@hutchesons.org](mailto:alumni@hutchesons.org).**



## FORMER PUPIL SPOTLIGHT – MASHAL AAMIR

In September this year, Former Pupil, Mashal Aamir (C2013) won the International Bar Association’s Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.

The Outstanding Young Lawyer Award was presented during a ceremony held in Mexico, to honour Mashal’s work on sensitive issues ranging from women and child prisoners, vulnerable witnesses, women’s rights, transgender persons rights, human rights in North Korea and the victims of crimes and harms caused by the use of drones.

### Judges from the IBA’s Young Lawyers’ Committee said:

“From Pakistan to Guantanamo, from South Korea to the UK, even before the United Nations, Mashal is leaving her positive mark everywhere. It seems she has done it all, but the great thing is... she is just starting.”

The International Bar Association presents an award to one young lawyer selected from thousands around the world who has shown not only excellence in their work and achievements in their career to date, but also a commitment to professional and ethical standards as well as a dedication to serving the larger community.

### On being the 2024 awardee, Mashal said:

‘I am grateful that this award recognises the people I represent. We might feel far removed from the sufferings in North Korea, we might not be able to relate to what it is like being in a prison in Peshawar, or being a woman in a rural village, but any violation of the rule of law engages our collective responsibility in this profession. Now more so than ever, we need the accountability of the law and for those who are far removed from its powers to be reminded that the law can reach them too. This award is a testament to the capabilities of many, when given the right support.’

Her commitment to humanitarian causes played a key role in her selection for this prestigious award. Mashal spent two years researching prisons in Peshawar, Pakistan, focusing on the marginalised community such as transgender prisoners. Her findings highlighted the beneficial communal and rehabilitative approaches in Pakistani prisons, which provided invaluable insights into different legal and cultural systems. She held an exhibit in Cambridge to highlight life inside prison.

In a letter of recommendation, Bada Nam, Secretary General of PSCORE, a Human Rights Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) based in South Korea, noted: ‘I believe Mashal is representative not only of the remarkable

### Of her time at Hutchesons’, Mashal said:

“Much of my work focuses on upholding what most see as basic rights, therefore I feel very grateful to have had the privilege to study at Hutchesons’ Grammar School. During my time at school, I was very supported and encouraged by my class teachers as well as my sports teachers, this emboldened me to develop my areas of interest. I am grateful the school supports their students to be well rounded, and mindful of causes on a global scale. All the teachers were skilled at recognising the individuality of each pupil and encouraging exploration therefore it has been so lovely to see the achievements of current, as well as former, pupils.”

capabilities of Pathan women but an inspiration to lawyers around the world. Mashal shows a lifelong commitment to benefiting the legal profession at large, mentoring the younger generation and upholding ethics, as well as insuring global awareness and compliance with fundamental principles of justice.’

Mashal’s commitment is reflected in her range of work around the world. Mashal currently works in South Korea to assist North Korean defectors who have faced severe torture, and to advocate for accountability against these crimes. This March she appeared before the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva with defectors who have fled North Korea, in order to highlight their continued suffering. This included the first disabled defector to testify. With Korean NGO ‘PSCORE’ she has submitted findings to the International Labour Organisation and the UN Human Rights Office.

Mashal was born in Glasgow and studied at Laurel Park School, and Hutchesons’ Grammar School before moving abroad. She returned to Glasgow to undertake an LLB (Hons) from the University of Glasgow. Mashal undertook her Masters from the University of Cambridge, where she was associate editor of the Human Rights Law Review and currently studies International and Human Rights

Law as a postgraduate at the University of Oxford. She is a Churchill Scholar at the Honourable Society of Grays Inn where she trained as a barrister. She has been a guest lecturer at the University of Cambridge and, alongside the International Criminal Court’s Judge Chang-ho Chung, at Seoul National University.

Previously Mashal has worked for Legal Aid USA, the British Government, the Supreme Court of Pakistan, an international law firm and news organisations around the world, as well as in assisting a Guantanamo Bay detainee. She has spent time at the International Criminal Court in The Hague and has upcoming publications with Cambridge University Press and Routledge focusing on international criminal law, perspective in prisons and minority perspectives in justice.

Mashal recently established a charity in Utmanzai, Charsadda a rural village in Pakistan to empower women by teaching them how to stitch in order for them to become financially independent. This initiative, aimed at helping women work from the safety of their homes, provides them with financial independence. Mashal was previously a UN delegate on the status of women and has been recognised by the Diana Award, ‘30 Under 30 Most Inspiring Women’ by Young Women’s Movement Scotland, as well as the recipient of the Young Scot International Award and commendations by Stephen Fry Public Engagement Award.



## REUNION & EVENTS



### EDINBURGH EVENING RECEPTION

On Wednesday 30th October, Rector, Mark Ronan, Graham Dunlop, Depute Rector (Ethos), and Louise Duncan, Alumni and Development Officer caught up with former pupils living and working in the Edinburgh area. It was the first get-together in the region for a few years and it was lovely to see how everyone was getting on. With a good mix of FPs, from recent leavers to those who have retired, everyone appreciated hearing news from the school. We look forward to catching up with all again soon.

### CLASS OF 1999

On Saturday 31st August, the class of 1999 held a reunion to mark 25 years since leaving school. They were joined by Graham Dunlop, Depute Rector (Ethos) and Jim



McDougall, former Depute Rector. It was a great day, with lots of laughs and fantastic to catch up with old friends. Talk has already turned to holding the same event in 5 years!

### LADIES CLASS OF 1974

On Saturday 14th September, over thirty ladies attended the Ladies Class of 1974, 50th Anniversary reunion at Kingarth Street. They all enjoyed a tour of the school by some of our current prefects, which was followed by a reception and afternoon tea in the dining room. There was much reminiscing and catching up on what former classmates had been up to since their last event in 2014. They also enjoyed a school update from the new Rector, Mark Ronan, and Depute Rector (Ethos), Graham Dunlop. Many of the ladies also met up in the evening for dinner and drinks in Glasgow.



### TORONTO ONLINE

Mark Ronan, Rector, Graham Dunlop, Depute Rector (Ethos) and Louise Duncan, Alumni and Development Officer were delighted to meet some of our Canadian FPs and friends online in November. Those present enjoyed an update from the school and on the Canadian Bursary Scheme.



### CLASS OF 1984

The Class of 1984 met for their 40th Anniversary reunion at Beaton Road on Saturday 14th September. Over 35 former pupils joined to celebrate this milestone since leaving school and they enjoyed catching up with predrinks at Clydesdale followed by a tour and buffet in the school. They also enjoyed a roundup of school news from Graham Dunlop, Depute Rector (Ethos). Special thanks must go to Randeep Kohli for organising the get-together and Norry Wilson for his words remembering those who could not be present. As one guest said "It really was a great night" with lots of chatter and laughter.

### COFFEE MORNINGS



We have been delighted this year to host regular coffee mornings at our new sports ground Hutchesons' at Pollok Park (H@PP). The coffee mornings, from 10.30am-12.30pm, generally take place on the last Thursday of each month and are open to all former pupils, former staff and friends of the school. The get-togethers are very informal, with friends dropping in for as long or as short as they wish, to catch up. All are warmly welcome.

If you would like more information, please email [alumni@hutchesons.org](mailto:alumni@hutchesons.org). The first coffee morning of 2025 will be on Thursday 30th January.

### CLASS OF 1965 REUNION

A few former pupils from the Class of 1965 held a reunion lunch at Ralph & Finns in Glasgow on Thursday 14th November.

Next year will be the 60th Anniversary for the class and they are keen to organise a get-together for the whole year group and not just those living locally.



If you would like more information about future gatherings for the year group, please email [alumni@hutchesons.org](mailto:alumni@hutchesons.org).

**Front row, left to right:** Leslie Verth, Mike Williamson, Hamish Robertson, Ian Gray, Colin Thomson.  
**Second row:** Hamish Whyte, Mike Redwood, Allan Gibson, Robin Cuthbertson.  
**Back row:** Philip Leckie, Jack Silverstone, Ian Walter.

## REUNIONS & EVENTS



### GOLF OUTING

This year's FP Ladies Golf Outing took place on 3rd October at the Ladies Golf Club, Troon. Sixteen players took part in a Greensomes Competition and were fortunate to be blessed by excellent weather. Coffee and scones were available before the golf and were delighted to have a visit from Graham Dunlop, Depute Rector, Ethos. On return to the clubhouse everyone enjoyed the good company and the delicious lunch prepared by the clubhouse kitchen staff.

The winners were Fiona Cameron, Troon Ladies, and Fiona Frier, East Renfrewshire. Runners up Sylvia Kemp, Turnberry, and Elaine Drake, Whitecraigs.

Sallie Harkness, who has organised the FP Ladies Golf Day for 15 years, retired this year. Moira Barnett and Andrea Church, both Ladies Club Members, will be taking over the organisation of next year's golf outing with support from Alumni & Development Officer, Louise Duncan. Sallie thanked the school and the lady golfers for the generous gifts she received on retiral.

If you are interested in playing in next years event, please email [alumni@hutchesons.org](mailto:alumni@hutchesons.org).



The  
**1641**  
Society



## LEGACIES – A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

In 1641, brothers George and Thomas Hutcheson left in their Wills a bequest to lodge and educate. Their foresight and vision led to the creation of Hutchesons' Grammar School.

The power of their gifts and the continued support of our loyal benefactors, generation after generation, have contributed enormously to the strong foundation on which Hutchesons' is built and will continue to thrive.

Leaving a legacy or bequest to Hutchesons' in your Will is one of the greatest gifts we can receive and

one that provides a real lasting benefit to the life of the School and to the lives of our pupils. They enable us to award Bursaries to pupils, based on academic merit and financial need, which is central to the philosophy of the School. They also help us plan for the future as we remain committed to delivering an excellent education of the highest standard within a caring, nurturing community for all our pupils.

To recognise and thank our benefactors in their lifetime, we have the 1641 Society, in honour of the first bequest by George and Thomas Hutcheson. Our members come from all over the world and enjoy being part of a group of like-minded individuals.

If you would be interested in finding out more about the power of leaving a legacy to the school or supporting the school in other ways, visit our website or contact the Development Office at: [development@hutchesons.org](mailto:development@hutchesons.org)

## SCHOOL NEWS



### ANNUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The standard of entries for our Annual School Photography Competition was once again exceptionally high.

Open to all pupils in S1 – S6, pupils who set to work capturing their best image that fell into one of six themes: landscape, portraiture, architecture, action, night-time, and abstract.

With a judging panel comprising of four of our S6 pupils who currently study Higher Photography, they split the entries into two winners: Junior (S1 – S3) and Senior (S4 – S6). They were very impressed by the technical and creative flair demonstrated in these winning images and were delighted to announce that the winners for 2024 were:

- **Senior Overall Winner - Lewis (S6)**
- **Junior Overall Winner - Benjamin (S2)**
- **Senior Runner-up - Logan (S5)**
- **Junior Runner-up - Lev (S1)**

### WINTER FAIR

The Hutchie Winter Fair made a welcome return this year at the end of November. It was a festive extravaganza to support our school charity, Merry-Go-Round Glasgow, and raised an incredible £2,563.

The fair had an array of pupil and staff led initiatives, and a selection of local businesses offering handmade items like soap, ceramics, paintings, textiles and much more. Live music along with the school choir singing made for a thoroughly festive time.



## SUSTAINABILITY

We have been celebrating all things sustainability with a new addition at H@PP in the form of one of the former Glasgow Subway carriages. Carriage 120 was greeted by our very excited pre-school pupils as it arrived at its final destination. The carriage will be used as an outdoor learning classroom for Outdoor Education.

We have also been celebrating the opening of our Pre-School Garden. This will be an additional outdoor learning space for our youngest children, with lots of opportunity for outdoor play as well as spaces for planting.

Finally, we have been celebrating the launch of our Sustainability for 2041 Action Plan with assemblies in our Primary and Secondary. The ambition of our Sustainability for 2041 Action Plan is “To reduce our environmental impact, improve our efficiency, and equip our pupils with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to address the challenges of tomorrow.”



## SCHOOL CHARITY

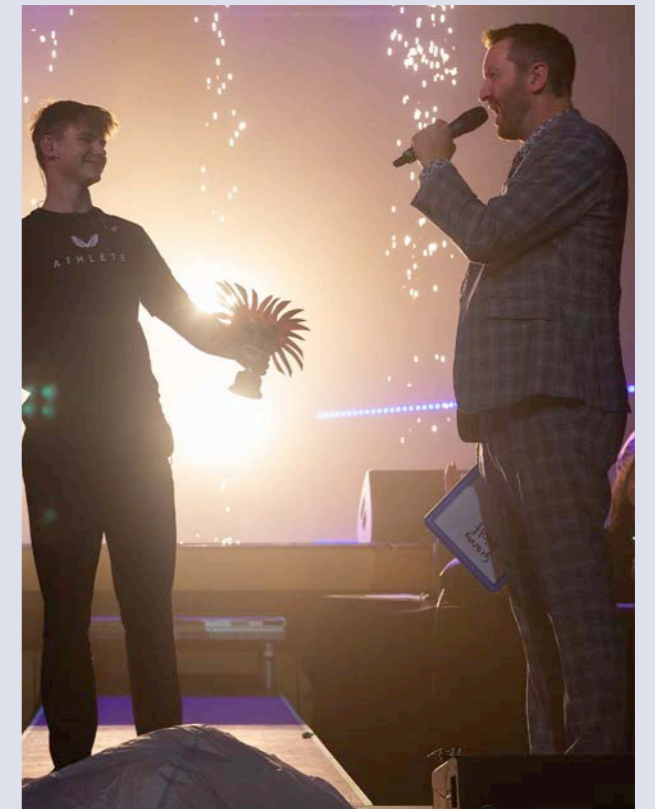
We are delighted to announce that this year’s school charity is **Merry-Go-Round Glasgow**.



Following consultation with pupils from both the Primary and Secondary School, a vote was taken, and an overwhelming number were in favour for the local charity.

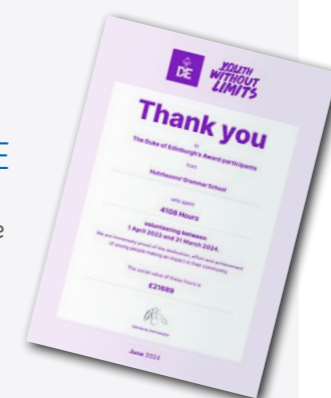
Merry-Go-Round Glasgow is a registered charity and community enterprise helping families grow up green. A boutique shop in the Southside of Glasgow, families can purchase high-quality second-hand children’s goods at low prices. Merry-Go-Round offers a supportive space with an events programme, as well as free goods and support for families who need the most help. They’re changing the perception of second-hand goods, saving families money, improving mental health and wellbeing, and reducing the quantity of new goods purchased.

More information about Merry-Go-Round Glasgow and the work that they do, can be found at: [www.merrygoroundglasgow.co.uk](http://www.merrygoroundglasgow.co.uk)



### DUKE OF EDINBURGH SOCIAL CERTIFICATE

Last year, our Duke of Edinburgh participants spent a record breaking 4,108 hours volunteering. When multiplying hours contributed by the minimum wage for a 16-year-old, this gives a social value of £21,689. An outstanding achievement and we’re proud of the dedication our pupils have shown in giving back to the community.



### THE HUTCHIE MASKED SINGER

In October we hosted our very first “Hutchie Masked Singer”. This hilarious, fun, and entertaining evening kept the audience guessing until the end. Similar to the ITV series, ten of our very own masked \*celebrities\* competed to be crowned the winner, while also raising an incredible £1,240 for charity.

The evening showcased the amazing talent amongst our pupils, staff and alumni, with many laughs throughout, and quite a few surprises. Congratulations to Ethan (S5) who was crowned the Hutchie Masked Singer champion with his terrific Hungry Shark performance of ‘My Way’ by Frank Sinatra.

## SQA EXAM RESULTS 2024

Hutchesons' is proud of its academic high standards and our experienced teachers support pupils to ensure they reach their full potential in whichever area of academic study their talents and interests lie.

Our exam results are regularly among the best in the country but we are equally proud of the pupils who have worked extremely hard to secure the best set of results for them, and this year was no exception.

### Sixth Year

- 91.8% pass rate at Advanced Higher level
- 78.1% achieved an A or B grade at AH
- 70.8% achieved an A or B grade at Higher level

### Fifth Year

- 64.5% of all Highers were awarded at A grade in S5
- 85.8% achieved at A or B grade
- Over half of S5 pupils gained at least four A grades
- 17 pupils achieved 6 A grade Higher awards in a single sitting

The average number of Highers sat by pupils remains high at 5.0

### Fourth Year

- 77.8% of all National 5 exams were awarded at A grade
- 91.7% received an A or B grade

\*Pre-Appeal

## FIRST CHOICE LEAVER DESTINATIONS

The vast majority of our S6 leavers have once again secured a university place with **88% of pupils** being accepted to their first choice. This year several pupils have received their places at **Oxford** and **Cambridge**, eight pupils accepted to the **University of St Andrews**, whilst 47% of pupils will enter other **Russell Group Universities**.

## S6 2024 DESTINATIONS

In 2024, our S6 pupils have been accepted onto the following University and College courses:

### Abertay University

- Game Design and Production

### Buckinghamshire New University

- Aviation Management with Commercial Pilot Training in Aeroplanes

### Edinburgh Napier University

- Graphic Design
- Journalism

### Glasgow Caledonian University

- Audio Technology
- International Marketing
- Optometry with Independent Prescribing Law

### Glasgow School of Art

- Architecture

### Heriot-Watt University

- Accountancy and Finance
- Business and Finance

### Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh

- Education Studies (Primary)

### Robert Gordon University

- Pharmacy

### The University of Edinburgh

- Artificial Intelligence & Computer Science Astrophysics
- Civil Engineering
- Earth Sciences and Physical Geography Economics and Politics
- Electrical and Mechanical
- Engineering International Relations
- Landscape Architecture
- Law and Spanish

- Mechanical Engineering
- Medicine
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy and Psychology
- Psychology
- Sport Management
- Veterinary Medicine

### University College London

- Classics and the Ancient World

### University of Aberdeen

- Accountancy
- Chemical Engineering
- Economics and Finance
- Medicine
- Law
- Law with English Law

### University of Cambridge

- Mathematics

### University of Dundee

- Dentistry
- English
- Law (Scots)
- Law (Scots and English Dual Qualifying) with Energy Law
- Medicine
- Product Design

### University of Glasgow

- Accountancy with Finance
- Biochemistry
- Computing Science/Physics
- Finance
- Finance and Statistics
- Mathematics
- Mathematics/Economics
- Marine & Freshwater Biology
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering with Aeronautics
- Medicine
- Music/Psychology
- Philosophy/Politics
- Psychology
- Product Design Engineering
- Scots Law
- Sociology/Politics (SocSci)

- Veterinary Medicine

### University of Leeds

- Law

### University of Manchester

- Law with International Study

### University of Oxford

- Philosophy, Politics and Economics

### University of St Andrews

- Computer Science
- Economics
- Geography and Mathematics International Relations
- Management
- Medicine

### University of Stirling

- Psychology

### University of Strathclyde

- Accounting & Business Enterprise
- Aero-Mechanical Engineering Biomolecular Sciences
- Business
- Business Enterprise & Finance Computer Science
- Economics & Finance
- Electronic and Electrical Engineering Engineering Academy
- International Business
- Law (LLB)
- Mathematics, Statistics and Finance Naval Architecture with High Performance Marine Vehicles
- Pharmacy
- Primary Education
- Product Design and Innovation Psychology

### University of Surrey

- Creative Music Technology

### University of Warwick

- Economics



## BELGIUM SAID THANKS TO BRITAIN, 1948

**A Post War Memory, written by Andrew Broom C1951**

In March 1948 a party of 500 excited British school children left home to spend an unforgettable three weeks in Belgium as the guests of Belgian families. This was at the invitation of the Belgian Government which wished to show its gratitude to Britain for all it had done to help the Allies restore freedom to Europe during World War 2.

Several Glasgow schools including Hutchesons' Boys were invited to nominate 4 pupils to take part, and I was one of the lucky ones, as were Donald Irvine and Donald Milne. (The name of the 4th escapes me.) Curiously, I don't recall if anyone from the Girls' school was invited. Does any alumna recall this? Girls were certainly included in the party from Glasgow with some, for example, from Hamilton Academy.

The prospect of visiting Belgium filled me with awe as well as anticipation. Newly 15 in March 1948, I had never been out of Scotland before, never mind visiting a foreign country. Wartime trips had been limited ("Is your journey really necessary?") to places like the Clyde coast and Loch Lomond. I doubt therefore if a trip on a space shuttle today could surpass the thrill I and my 50 companions from Glasgow schools felt on boarding the newly nationalised, steam-hauled "Royal Scot" train out of Glasgow Central to London Euston on Monday 22nd March 1948, a date forever engraved on my heart.

After the long, exciting run to London we were taken to our overnight accommodation which turned out to be the underground shelters on Clapham Common used by Londoners during the blitz in the early years of the war. I remember going down an endless circular stair until we reached the bottom deep underground and then being confronted with a well-lit, long line of double-high bunks extending in a gentle curve into a tunnel as far as the eye could see. The 500 of us were invited to choose our bunk for the night – no easy task with hundreds to choose from. After a not very comfortable night, we were driven in coaches through bomb-damaged London, an eye-opener in itself, for our breakfast, followed by a train journey from Waterloo to Dover to catch a ferry to Ostend.

I remember travelling past numerous oast houses in Kent before arriving at Dover Marine where we were transfixed by our first view of the amazing White Cliffs of Dover. In my case also, I was fascinated by the tall radar masts above the harbour which had played such an effective role in enabling the Battle of Britain to be won in 1940. Fortunately, the Channel was smooth and after a 3-hour voyage to Ostend we travelled by electric train, another "first" for me, to Brussels where the whole party of 500 children were allocated to their hosts.

Mine turned out to be Monsieur Leonard Bodino, a senior official of the National Bank of Belgium in Brussels, and his wife, Hélène. They were dear, affectionate souls who very much became in loco parentium during my stay. I was overwhelmed by my hosts' top-floor flat in the Avenue Brabançonne, which was of a much higher standard than my home in a modest Netherlee terraced house. Central heating – unheard of in a house in my experience – meant that all the rooms were always warm, but because there were no open fireplaces there was no obvious focus, and I didn't know where to sit! The electric self-operating lift serving all seven floors was a source of continuing fascination with its repetitive "clicks" as it hit trip-switches between each floor; equally the garbage disposal chute: you could hear rubbish rattling all the way down till it landed with a satisfying thud seven floors down.

My generous hosts took me on visits to a variety of places including Ghent and Antwerp, and a highlight was a visit to the huge monument to the Battle of Waterloo, an artificial conical hill on the site, topped by an enormous cast-iron lion. The monument also had a cinema close by, which included a film of the battle, in French but thankfully subtitled in English.

The city of Brussels lights at night were a source of continuing fascination. Although the blackout had long ended in Britain, power restrictions arising from coal shortages meant that there could be nothing much at home other than streetlights. Nothing therefore could have prepared me for the sight of Brussels at night – the sheer extent, colour, variety and ingenuity of all the winking signs, the brilliantly lit shop windows and the searchlight on top of the Bon Marché sweeping continuously across the night sky. "I could watch them for hours" I truly reported. The same degree of fascination has been equalled only twice in all the years since then, on visits to Las Vegas and Hong Kong.



A photo taken from the Evening Citizen which was published on the day we left Glasgow Central on the London train at the start of our adventure. Donald Milne C1951 and I are the two waving in the centre of the picture (Donald centre left and Andrew centre right). Another Hutchesonian, Donald Irvine C1952 – far left.

But the over-riding impression that comes over from my letters home is my total and understandable fascination with a ration-free society. In Britain, food and clothing were still rationed. Everything was in short supply as "austerity Cripps" held sway. Above all, children (and the whole nation) were sugar starved. Small wonder, then, that the young impressionable mind could only record with amazement the apparently unrestricted availability of everything in Belgium. My hosts saw to it that I was taken regularly into cafés for one of the delightful cream gateaux with which they were liberally stocked. They seemed to enjoy watching their young visitor tucking into the goodies and imbibing his first Coca Cola – so sweet it was the nectar of dreams.

I wrote six letters to my parents from Brussels during my three-week stay. They still survive in their original envelopes minus their Belgian stamps, steamed off by my father who was a keen collector. The envelopes are addressed in large block capitals as I was afraid the

Belgian post office staff might not read English very well, or worse, wouldn't know which country Glasgow was in. I re-read them now with mixed feelings including embarrassment at how childish they are.

Now in my nineties, these letters clearly show that at 15 I had the mental and emotional age of a 10-year-old today. We were so innocent and naïve in those days. Our sources of information were parents, school, library, the "wireless", magazines like Everybody's and Picture Post, comics like the Dandy and Radio Fun, and a regular diet of mainly American feature films at "the pictures".

Some years ago I offered the letters to Glasgow City Archives and was glad that they agreed with my view that these few letters could be of interest as a rare survival of such letters from a Glasgow youngster to his parents on his first overseas visit, at a time less than three years after the end of World War 2 when trips abroad were only a dream for most people in the UK.

## HUTCHIE DURING THE WARS

As we do every year on the 11th November, the school commemorated those who fell during the wars in assembly. This year, in our new school museum, we were also able to highlight over thirty of the sad stories of some of our former pupils who fell during World War I and II and included displays of our #LestWeForgetHGS postcard project.

Like so many others across the country, the staff and former pupils of the school responded to the call for men after the outbreak of World War I. Over 144 men from the school community sadly lost their lives during the 'Great War'.

Some of those pupils had gained some rifle practice while at school as they had joined the school cadet corps, which was started in 1913, by the then, rector W King Gillies. Over the next few years, the pages of the school magazine would be filled with obituaries, both of staff and former pupils, highlighting the tragedy of war and the bravery of those young men. Amongst the former pupils, the youngest to lose their life was only 16. They signed up as sailors, cooks, stretcher bearers, officers, drivers and even into the fledgling RAF. Some pupils even became prisoners of war, such as 16-year-old Hector Munro, who had been travelling through Germany to perfect his knowledge of the language. The school sent him a parcel of 'necessaries' at Christmas, and he was released the following year.

The Girls' school rallied round the soldiers and raised £15,000 to supply comforts for the troops. With food being rationed, the girls also gave up a box of sweets weekly to the nearby Hollybrook Special School and gave up their school prizes for the duration of the war.

On 1 September 1939, Germany invaded Poland, initiating World War Two. The pupils at the Girls' School were instructed to meet at the school on 2 September, to be evacuated to Sanquhar in Dumfries, as the building in Kingarth Street was to be used as an assembly school. Fifteen air raid shelters were built in the boys' playground. The boys remained at the school in Crown Street, using sandbags up to the ceiling. The school was only closed for two weeks in March 1941, after Crown Street was hit and the school's windows were blown out.

The school site at Crossmyloof had been acquired in

1938 but due to the outbreak of war, was turned over to allotments. Distribution of the Dux medal was stopped in 1942 through lack of materials and was not resumed until 1957. In 1942 the first Girls' Training Corps was inaugurated, and included drills and helping with the children and chores of women whose husbands were on active service. Large numbers of Hutchie girls also picked berries every summer at Blairgowrie. The boys worked in the fields too, with an agricultural camp at East Kilbride and forestry work at Ardentenny. In 1943 the rector rearranged summer closing so that Hutchesonians could help with the harvest.

But during this period over seven hundred Hutchesonians, male and female served. The rector sent out a memorial card to each of the families of those who fell, and letters were returned detailing their life and service, such as the father of one who wrote that his son "...never flew on a mission without his Hutchie scarf, and I have no doubt that it lies with him in an unknown grave somewhere in Holland". Many received distinguished medals or were mentioned in despatches.

The school archive holds several 'Roll of Honour' books relating to the war service of 'Old Boys' and former members of staff. Although acknowledged as a far from comprehensive listing of Hutchesonians on Service, these hand-written books are undeniably a most evocative record of what became of those Hutchesonians who fought for their country.



Top: **William Clarkson** – (first on the left, while training in Zimbabwe. He died in 1943 after encountering enemy aircraft.)  
Bottom: Girls Training Corps.

## LEST WE FORGET HGS POSTCARD PROJECT

Back in May 2024, the Archive Department and the History Department decided to embark on a postcard project which involved sending postcards out, with the stories on them of the former Hutchie pupils and staff who died during WWI. These postcards, written by our S3 pupils and the archive dept, were then sent to the last known addresses of those men who lost their lives during the 'Great War'. It was hoped that on Remembrance Day there would be over a 129 people thinking of these men who sacrificed their lives and not just the pupils and staff filing past the school's War Memorial that day. With John Buchan unveiling the war memorial in 1921, (his brother Alastair is also listed on it), the school made a promise not to forget the lives, service, and sacrifice of our former pupils and staff members.

Our archive former pupil volunteers, and the archivist, have been working for the last two years to uncover the stories of these men, and to bring to light the stories of those men who were left off the war memorial (their deaths were not reported to the school at the time.) Former pupil, David Galloway, (C 1968) has delved into their lives and helped us to find out more about these men, their families, jobs, and the regiments they joined. Their stories are often sad, some families lost several sons, some bodies were never recovered, the youngest was only 16, but the sense of pride in these men glows from their families' reports and their stories in the Hutchesonian magazines.

The project went live in early November with the hashtag online, '#LestWeForgetHGS' and the postcards starting to land on doormats the day before Remembrance Sunday. We received some lovely responses from the recipients, with many grateful for the "poignant reminder of how their community was once home to people who fought and died during WW1". Others were struck by the connections they had with the person who had lived at their address many years previously. One had investigated their house history and was touched to discover her sons, and the fallen soldier were the only boys to have called that house their home. Another revealed they had a Hutchie ancestor who had also been on a scholarship like the young man on their postcard. One recipient said in a thank you card to the S3 class "it was a really important moment of reflection for us both to appreciate he had lived here and at the same age had died fighting."

We were able to send further information, and an individual image of the fallen soldier, to these recipients.



It was a lovely way to engage with members of the public with the stories of the men on our war memorial and we hope this project helped us honour these men and the promise we made to them in 1921.





Barnet Shenkin & Brian Spear



Sandra McGruther



Jane Mallinson



Anna Rea

## FORMER PUPIL NEWS

### Barnet Shenkin C1968 and Brian Spear C1975

Congratulations to Barnet Shenkin and Brian Spear who recently won the bronze medal in the Senior Pairs (over 65) at the 16th World Bridge games in Buenos Aires, Argentina at the beginning of November. Brian and Barnet have been partners for over 2 years since Barnet returned to Scotland and this year they have played in the home Internationals Camrose, the senior Internationals - Teltscher and the European Senior Championships in Denmark.

Barnet is a professional bridge player and played for Scotland from 1972 - 1993 then in the USA for 25 years winning 3 US national championships and a Bronze Medal in the World Bridge Series Championships in 2018. He has also won the UK teams the Gold Cup 3 times and 4 runners up. Brian has won a Commonwealth Championship in India.

A special mention also to Michael Rosenberg C1973, who was Barnet's partner in the early seventies, who represented USA at the World Bridge Games this year and won the senior team event. Michael emigrated in 1978 and for many years has been regarded as one of the best players in the world. He is now a 6-time world champion.

Barnet has recently had his second book, Heroes Icons and Scandals, published by Masterpoint Press which has been well-reviewed. His first book, Playing with the Bridge Legends, was published in 2001.

### Sandra McGruther née Lang C1968

Congratulations to Dr Alex Gray, aka Sandra McGruther,

who was thrilled to be awarded an honorary doctorate of letters from the University of the West of Scotland last month. The lauration took place during the winter graduation ceremony in Paisley Abbey on 14th November. Sandra said, "It was a super occasion, the sun shone, and a piper played as the graduates emerged from the Abbey through a guard of honour consisting of the University Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and court (including myself) all applauding these successful students. My family and I were then invited to a lovely lunch at the university, and I was also given several gifts commemorating the occasion. I think you can see the delight in my face here following the ceremony."

In Spring 2024, Sandra launched her new book, Out of Darkness, book 21 in the Sunday Times bestselling DSI William Lorimer series. Sandra has been awarded the Scottish Association of Writers' Constable and Pitlochry trophies for her crime writing and is the co-founder of the international Bloody Scotland Crime Writing Festival.

To find out more about Alex Gray and the DSI Lorimer series, visit [www.alex-gray.com](http://www.alex-gray.com).

### Jane Mallinson C1967

In September 2023, Jane Mallinson celebrated a decade of service with Big Noise Govanhill. Jane and her colleague Isobel McCrae have both been part of the programme since its launch in 2013 and celebrated the milestone with a special lunch in February this year.

Jane and Isobel are part of a team of volunteers who dedicate at least one evening a week to support Sistema Scotland's Big Noise programmes across the country. They help musicians with lessons, socialise with and supervise the children and young people. They also assist with the smooth running of the programme.

Jane, a retired librarian, said "Volunteering with Big Noise has been the second longest-lasting 'job' I've ever had, and it has been very rewarding. She added "I've made some great friends, learned so much about orchestral music, and experienced the fantastic cultures that make up our community in Govanhill." Jane has had a lifelong connection with music, singing in choirs, currently Cathures Chamber Choir, and playing the piano. In mid-life, while working in the Music Department at Glasgow University, she studied music part-time and completed her PhD on the choral music of Hamish MacCunn in 2007.

More recently, she has taken up the recorder and is a member of the Scottish Recorder Orchestra. She has also started learning the viola. Jane said "It is a challenge, but it brings me a lot of pleasure. In all of this, the music teaching (mainly singing in my day) I received at Hutchie formed a part of my musical foundation and I remember with gratitude Mr Reid, Miss Campbell and Mr Graham."

### Anna Rea C2020

Congratulations to Anna Rea C2020, who graduated from the University of Edinburgh in the summer with a first-class honours degree in Law, LLB (Hons). Anna has just started her Diploma in Professional Legal Practice (PgDip) at the University of Glasgow in September and will follow this with a training contract with Pinsent Masons starting in September 2025. Anna said "The training contract is made up of four 6-month seat rotations in different commercial law departments. After the two years, I will then be a fully qualified lawyer- very exciting times ahead!" Well done, Anna, we look forward to hearing how you get on.

### Duncan Ireland C1992

Following two decades running university websites, Duncan took a leap into the world of whisky in July 2023, opening an independent, specialist whisky retailer in Inverness. 'Inverness Whisky' trades directly opposite the renowned Malt Room bar and came into being through a partnership with Malt Room owner Matt Macpherson, his sister Karen and bar manager John Donaldson. Stocking whisky from across Scotland and beyond, the shop serves both locals and tourists who stop off as they explore both the Highlands, and the wide range of Highland produce available. Do stop by and visit if you are in the area - [www.inverness-whisky.co.uk](http://www.inverness-whisky.co.uk).

### Gordon Casely C1961

Gordon Casely, Pipe-Sergeant of Banchory Pipe Band, was invited to take part in the Last Post ceremony held every evening at the Menin Gate in Ypres in September.

"The Last Post", the traditional final salute to the fallen, has been played every evening since 1928 to honour the memory of soldiers of the former British Empire who died

in the Ypres Salient during the First World War. Gordon, who didn't take up the pipes until age 30, marched to the Gate with a pipe band, and then played the lament "Floors o the Forest".

Gordon said "On Friday and Saturday nights, I was honoured to give The Exhortation (They shall grow not old...). On the second night, this was compounded by playing in the pipe band as well."

Gordon highly recommends attending the ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres if you have not done so before, "If you've never been there, you simply HAVE to do it... Most moving."



Duncan Ireland



Gordon Casely

## FORMER PUPIL VISITS

### NANCY (AGNES) MACKIE NÉE PATERSON C1948

Former Girls' Dux, Nancy (Agnes) Paterson C1948 was delighted to return to Kingarth Street in September to have a look around her old school. Nancy's son, Douglas, organised the surprise visit while he and his wife were over visiting Glasgow. The joy in Nancy's face says it all and in her words it "was wonderful" to return for the first time in years.



Many memories of her time at school came flooding back, especially when she saw her name on the Dux board and viewed classrooms off the main hall. The class of 1974 reunion was also taking place during the visit, so Nancy managed to see some old memorabilia and school uniform on display too. A very happy and memorable visit for Nancy and her family.

### STANLEY DALNEKOFF C1953

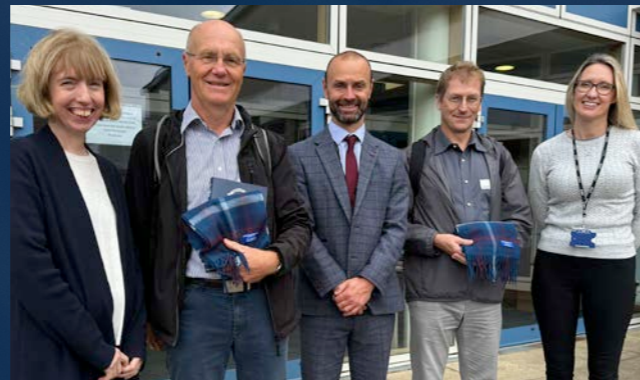


In August, Stanley Dalnekoff C1953 visited the School with his family as part of his "roots tour" of Scotland to celebrate his 90th birthday. The family, reunited in Glasgow for an eight-day visit, with one highlight being a visit to Beaton Road.

Stanley said "I cannot thank you, headmaster Mr Ronan, Ms. Devenney and the other staff members who gave me and my family such a warm welcome at the school during my 90th birthday "roots tour" of Scotland. This was, without a doubt, one of the highlights of our tour and I had not expected such an outpouring of kindness. What a change since my days at Crown Street (sad to think one cannot make toast anymore on the open fireplaces) but what a wonderful facility this generation has for learning. My grandchildren were absolutely in awe of the many facilities the school provides."

### HARALD BERTRAM

In September, we were delighted to welcome Harald Bertram to the School during his visit to Scotland from Germany. Harald's mum, Joyce Bertram née Hutchison C1950 attended Kingarth Street in the 40's and his grandfather, John Hutchison, was Rector of the Boys' School from 1955-1966. He was delighted to have a tour of both sites and learn more about the school from some of our current staff and pupils. Harald was also pleased to meet the Head of Primary during his tour of Kingarth Street and the current Rector over some lunch at the Secondary School.



During the visit, Harald was delighted to view some old school footage of his grandfather, taking assembly and sitting in the Rector's office, in the early days of Beaton Road and was delighted to learn more about his grandfather's time here as Rector. The footage also showed his grandmother handing out prizes at a school sports day! Harald kindly donated his grandfather's original Lochelly strap to be put on display in the school's museum in the Buchan Room at Beaton Road. Harald said "Thank you very much for the lovely Hutchie visit day. It was very nice and great to see everything and learn some more about my grandparents and mother."

Over the last year we have welcomed many former pupils and friends to the school, for reunions, tours and various school and alumni events and would like to thank all those who have given their time and/or shared their expertise/experience with our current pupils. If you are interested in visiting the school, providing help with careers, or sharing your knowledge/experience with our pupils, please contact the Development Office at: [alumni@hutchesons.org](mailto:alumni@hutchesons.org)

## OBITUARIES



### Prof Alistair M Ulph C1964, 1946-2024

Professor Alistair M Ulph C1964 was a distinguished academic and economist who died on 5th October 2024. He had been suffering from Motor Neurone Disease.

Alistair and his identical twin brother, David, were born within 5 minutes of each other in October 1946. They entered Hutchie in 1958 spending their first year at the old Crown Street School. After leaving Hutchie - Alistair as Proxime Accessit and David as Dux - they studied at Glasgow University from where Alistair graduated in 1968 with a First-Class Honours degree in Statistics and Political Economy. They both went on to postgraduate study at Balliol College Oxford.

Alistair held positions at the Oxford Business School, University of Stirling, and Australian National University before taking up a lectureship in 1979 at the University of Southampton where he rose to become Professor of Economics; Dean of Social Sciences (1989 - 1992) and, from, 1995 - 2001, Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

He moved to the University of Manchester where he served as Deputy Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Humanities from 2004 - 2010. Since the university had just been created through a merger, it was a time of considerable uncertainty, but Alistair was highly regarded by colleagues for the compassion and vision with which he steered the Faculty. He was an institution builder, launching a major initiative on social change between Manchester and Harvard, and founding the Sustainable Consumption Institute.

Alistair was an illustrious academic producing over 120 papers and two books and editing 6 others. He did ground-breaking work on environmental economics, particularly the economics of climate change. He was President of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists from 2000 - 2001.

**He had a wry sense of humour and, despite his great distinction, was very humble. He is survived by his wife, Nanette (née Linton C1965), two daughters, Karen and Fiona, and grand-daughter Sophie.**

Lorna M Smith née Muir  
C1981, 1963 – 2024

Lorna Mary Smith, (née Muir), 61, formerly of Lanark, passed away on 9th July at her home in Cobham, Surrey. She was born on 3rd February 1963 to John and Audrey Muir and brother to Quintin. Lorna is survived by Barry her husband of 33 years and children Alicia and Kyle.

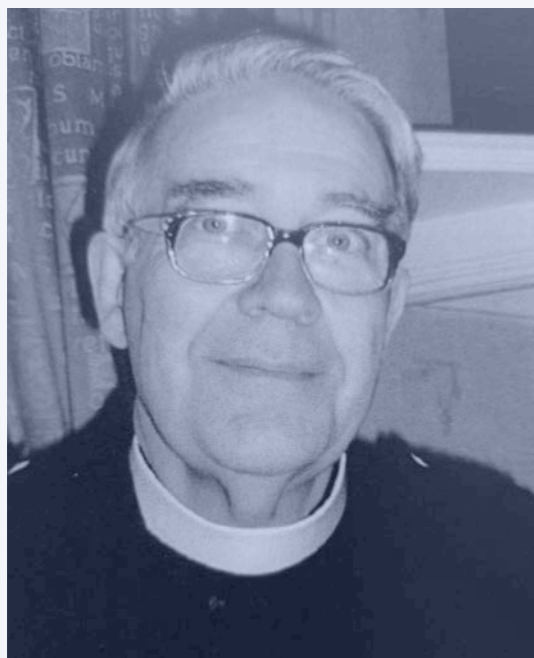
Lorna was educated at Hutchesons' Grammar School and Glasgow University and completed her MBA at Strathclyde University. Having worked at Scottish Enterprise, first in Glasgow and then London, she went on to work for Deloitte LLP before having children. She later became a business management lecturer at Kingston College, London.

She had a passion for fine art and spent most of the last 12 years, post-retirement, volunteering at the Victoria and Albert Museum, where she was past Chairman of the guides, or visiting museums and galleries on her extensive travels.



Lorna will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She lived a life full of love, joy and happiness and will be missed by anyone who spent time in her company.

Rev Ronald S Blakey MA BD MTh  
C1956, 1938 – 2024



Ronnie left Hutchie for Glasgow University where he gained gold medals in Old and New Testaments.

He held parishes in Kirkconnel, Bellshill West and Jedburgh Old with Edgerston and Ancrum. He was an outstanding preacher and musician. While in Jedburgh he was a JP and Leader of Roxburgh District Council.

In 1981 he became Secretary of the Education for the Ministry Committee in 121 George Street, and subsequently Secretary of the first Assembly Council.

As well as hobbies including classic books, he then edited the Church of Scotland Yearbook for thirteen editions.

He and his wife retired to Biggar where they enjoyed twelve happy years, until they returned to Edinburgh to be near their son, a financial journalist.

John A Robertson  
C1962, 1946 – 2023

When John entered Hutchesons' Grammar School he would have been two years younger than his classmates, as he had been home-schooled by an aunt during his pre-school years and was placed two years ahead of his age group when he entered primary school. Therefore, he was only sixteen when he graduated in 1962.

He went on to do a degree in history at Glasgow University and did some further study at University College, London. He spent a year teaching at New York State University in the United States. He entered the Civil Service in 1973 and worked in the Department of Employment, initially in London and then in Sheffield. He took early retirement in 1996. He then worked for several years with Dial UK, a charity for people with disabilities. In 1997 he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis which



became increasing debilitating. After retiring he did volunteer work with the Citizen's Advice Bureau and Diabetes UK.

John married his wife Judith in 1969. They had two children, Rachel born in 1976 and Ruth born in 1980. There are two grandchildren; Saul aged 16 and Marnina aged 3.

Allison A S McIntyre née Thomson  
C1949, 1931 – 2024

Allison McIntyre (née Thomson) passed away in June 2024, age 93. Allison stayed loyal to her roots throughout her long life, having moved only the short distance from Mossspark to Shawlands with her parents, and then on marriage in 1958 to her late husband Colin, to what was at that time the new suburb of Ralston being established on the outskirts of Paisley. It was there that she and Colin started a family and was where she lived happily for over six decades.

During the Second World War, Allison and her mother were evacuated to Girvan. Whilst she did not enjoy evacuation any more than she relished the powdered egg she had to endure during rationing, she did willingly share her recollections of the war, and lessons to be learnt.

Allison had a fulfilling career teaching at primary school level, including spells at McGill and then Mossspark Primary Schools. She had an active life, enjoying golf and bridge, and enjoyed walking until very late in life. She was a committee member of her



church's guild. Although Allison valued the anchor of having one home throughout her married life, she was a keen traveller. In fact, before marriage, she and Colin travelled to Switzerland and Italy, and when their children were at secondary level, the family had regular holidays in continental Europe. In retirement Allison remained adventurous and explored Canada and the USA.

After such a long life, Allison's passing has left a gap in the lives of many, but she will be warmly remembered for her interest in others, her engaging smile and her enthusiasm for life.



## Rodger Baillie C1955, 1940 – 2024

James Rodger Baillie was a respected sports journalist and a confidant of Scotland and Old Firm managers who worked for 65 years in an industry that he loved.

Rodger was born on 10 March 1940 and grew up in Merrylee, where he claimed an early memory was hiding under the kitchen table as German bombers flew overhead.

He attended Giffnock Primary School before moving to Hutchesons' Boys School, where classmates included Derry Irvine, a future Lord Chancellor. But when he secured a job as a copy boy at the Glasgow Evening News, aged 15, he was allowed to leave school a week before his final exams, with the words of a senior teacher ringing in his ears: "Your English needs some improving!"

When that newspaper closed in 1957, he was lucky to secure a similar job at the Daily Record before progressing on to their sports desk. He then moved to the Sunday Mirror, where he was the ghostwriter for Jock Stein's weekly column, before moving back to the Record as their number two football writer.

Rodger joined The Scottish Sun in the mid-1990s, where he was chief sportswriter until his retirement in 2005. He carried on working, though, writing for the Sunday Times, News of the World and Scottish Sun, while also volunteering to lecture Woodfarm High School students on sports journalism. He was

reluctantly forced to close his laptop, aged 80, at the start of the pandemic.

In all, he reported from the 1966 World Cup and then six more World Cups with Scotland, in 1974, 78, 82, 86, 90 and 98. He also worked at Euro 1992 and 96 with the national team, although reporting on the 1971 Ibrox disaster and 1985's Heysel disaster and death of Jock Stein were tougher assignments.

Other highlights included being invited into the Lisbon Lions' dressing room when Celtic won the European Cup in 1967, covering Rangers' Cup Winners' Cup success in Barcelona in 1972, and being Ibrox legend Jim Baxter's best man.

Away from journalism and football, Rodger was a lover of classic Hollywood musicals. He married Rosemary, in 1971 and they lived in Newton Mearns, Kilbarchan and, from 2007, Fenwick.

Their three children all attended Hutchie's secondary school, and all followed him into journalism. Andrew (C1990) is now Senior Manager Corporate Communications at the Western Australian Department of Water and Environmental Regulation in Perth. Michael (C1993) is a freelance journalist based in East Kilbride, and Louise (C1996) is a published author and Media and Communications Officer for the Children & Young People's Commissioner Scotland.

He also adored his five grandchildren: **Nina, Anya, Megan, Arthur, and Iris.**

## William C Thomson C1945, 1926 – 2024

William "Bill" was born in Glasgow to William and Helen. Bill thoroughly enjoyed his early days at Hutchesons', excelling academically and on the Rugby pitch. He had a particular memory of playing for Glasgow Schoolboys against Edinburgh, being greeted by the opposition Captain sporting a beard and moustache as well as smoking a pipe. Glasgow won.

Bill enlisted in the RAF hoping to be a pilot but was too young for active service. However, National Service took him to Cairo and Kenya where his wing threequarter skills, navigation skills and accountancy skills saw him offered a Commission with the RAF.

Bill decided to return to Glasgow to complete his Scottish Accountancy articles, marry Jessie, his childhood sweetheart, join Shell and head straight back to Cairo.

Bill's 35-year employment with Shell took him all around the world many times and culminated in him being appointed Board Finance Director of Shell Transport and Trading PLC. He was Chairman of The Shell Pension Trust and was on the Board for 25 years. He was Chairman of The Nickerson Group Rothwell Ltd, and a Director of Coates Viyella.



During his worldly travels, Jessie provided a home in many an inhospitable country and produced four sons whilst so doing in Cairo, Khartoum, Glasgow and Palembang respectively.

During his downtime Bill was a keen shooter and golfer, once being mistaken for William Thomson the Australian professional golfer. The professional who was chosen to play him realised the mistake and took pity on him!!

Bill passed away peacefully aged 98 and a half.

Gilbert J Fleming C1941, 1924 – 2024

Helen A Whyte (née Macdiarmid)  
C1944, 1926 – 2024

Prof Milton W Taylor C1949, 1931 – 2022

Ivan Tuck C1949, 1931 – 2023

Maureen L Hickey (née Cherrie)  
C1951, 1933 – 2024

Donald M C Irvine C1952, 1933 – 2022

Thomas B Dunn C1952, 1934 – 2024

Margaret A Gray (née Sime)  
C1953, 1935 – 2023\*

Valerie A Brotherton (née Hill)  
C1954, 1936 – 2024\*

Kitson Campbell Roxby C1956, 1938 – 2020

Sheona M Hegarty (née MacDougall)  
C1961, 1943 – 2024

Graham Neill C1962, 1944 – 2024\*

Dr Merril J Smullen C1970, 1952 – 2024

\*Full obituary to follow in next edition.

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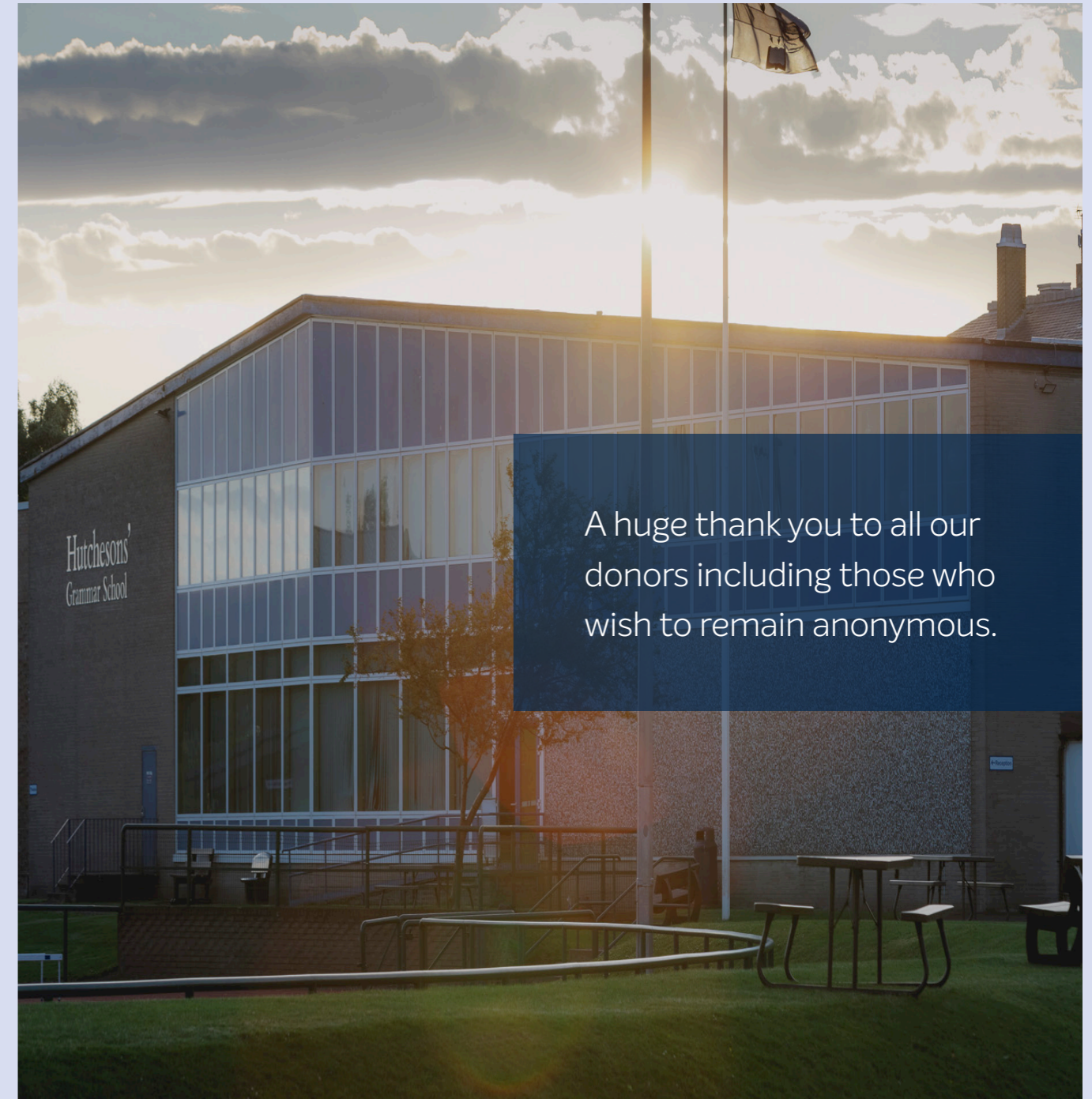
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Launched in 2002, the Annual Fund is a request to the whole Hutchesons' community, past and present, to support the school by investing in a variety of key fundraising initiatives.

Without the generosity of our Annual Fund donors (who you can find on our Donor list on page 28), many school projects would not be possible and we would be unable to widen access to a Hutchesons' education for a greater number of young people.

Thanks to the support of our donors, around 1 in 10 pupils receive a full or partial bursary.

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There are four key areas you can choose to support with your donation:

### 1. Bursaries & Helping Hands Fund

We want to continue to widen access to a Hutchie education to as many pupils as possible. Bursaries are at the core of the Hutchesons' ethos and enable us to help more pupils benefit from the high-quality education we provide.

The Helping Hands fund offers financial help to cover the costs of our rich and varied co-curricular activities that enhance the Hutchie experience for all pupils, whether that be biology and geography field trips, history study visits to WW1 Battlefields, or perhaps additional sports kit or music tuition.

### 2. Where it is Needed Most

Unrestricted gifts are extremely valuable as they can be put to wherever the school's or our pupils' needs are greatest. This could include support for new

approaches in teaching and learning, our growing international education programme or continuing community partnership projects.

### 3. Music & The Arts

Music has a long-standing reputation at Hutchesons'. With orchestras, jazz bands, choirs and ensembles, all types of music are celebrated through a variety of concerts and shows. A recent recipient of this type of funding is our Pipe Band which now has a thriving membership of Primary and Secondary pupils and regularly performs at school events. They have even competed in the World Pipe Band Championships.

### 4. Sport & Fitness for Life

We are committed to ensuring every Hutchie pupil takes part in sport and fitness during their time at school and beyond. We want to ignite passions and help pupils enjoy a lifelong commitment to sport and fitness. Our pupils have also found a great deal of success in sport, with many going on to represent Scotland. Donations to Sport and Fitness for Life will support our Sport Strategy and fund improvements in programmes and facilities.

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£100	£125	£75	£68.75
£500	£625	£375	£343.70
£1,000	£1,250	£750	£687.50
£5,000	£6,250	£3,750	£3,437.50
£10,000	£12,500	£7,500	£6,875





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