



The Victorian 2018

QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL





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Vision Statement

Ethos

Queen Victoria School embodies, demonstrates and promotes the following values:

- Integrity and honesty
- Respect and responsibility
- Justice and equality
- Compassion and empathy

Academic

The School strives to help each pupil realise his or her individual academic potential to the full at each stage of his or her school life.

Non-Academic

The School strives to provide a wide and diverse range of extra-curricular activities to develop the whole person.

Civic and Service Responsibility

Queen Victoria School is an asset to the Ministry

of Defence, and through it to the personnel of the Armed Forces. It provides a Service benefit by offering stability and continuity of valued Scottish education to the children of serving military personnel who are Scottish or who have served in Scotland.

Pastoral

Queen Victoria School aims to ensure that at least one adult member of staff takes a continuous, proactive interest in the development of each pupil, meeting with him or her regularly and providing both structured and responsive discussion. Through its boarding house structures the School provides a valid and valuable alternative to the pupil's home environment during term times. Partnership with parents and carers is welcomed. The School encourages parents and carers to involve themselves actively in their children's learning and in the life of the School.

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From the Headmaster

As you maybe know, we have a set of values we strive to live by at QVS. Students chose the values of Independence, Responsibility, Trust, Equality and Respect. Staff chose Pride, Excellence, Nurture, Integrity and Positivity. So we have those values – how do we live them?

In terms of Independence and Responsibility, students chose those because they felt there were too many rules and regulations here and they wanted a little more freedom. We decided to give them the chance to live those values by making Friday evenings a 'free' evening, with no prep and senior students allowed to go out for meals and cinema trips, just like children who live at home. This proved a very popular idea, as you can imagine, and our students have acted with responsibility to make sure the change worked and will continue to work in the years to come. We brought a halt to Primary, Maths and English classes on a Saturday morning (strangely enough, another popular move and not just with the students) to give the students that extra bit of time to recover from their busy weeks. However, we had to Trust that students and parents would accept that even though some could go home on a Friday, if a student had a school commitment, they had to meet that commitment. We trusted them. They, and you, showed Respect in return and accepted the importance of sporting, ceremonial and other QVS commitments to life here.

Around the school, the additional responsibility has generated a number of new events for students. Fraser Arnott and Charlotte Sowden organised a mini-commonwealth games, the S6 students organised movie nights for the young ones even S3 students are getting in on the act – with Caitlyn Martin organising a Primary 7 party recently. The great thing about all of those student-led events is that they are designed to make student life that little bit better – and who can argue with that.

Equality has been a priority on our agenda this year – we've had talks from students on LGBT rights and had a dress down day to show

support for those rights and for equality for all. We will continue to have a big push on this over the coming years. We've had our new Mental Health Champions created and there has been a big student involvement in this, including presentations created and delivered to the whole school by those Mental Health Champions, showing that it's not just staff who value Nurture, our students are willing to Nurture others too and have the Integrity to act in confidence for the benefit of the entire community.

Over the course of next year, we are going to look at further changes – we force our students to sit down and do prep for 90 minutes every night? Is that the right thing to do? Should they have the responsibility and independence of do their own prep at a time of their own choosing, as long as it is handed in on time? It's a difficult question to answer but we will be asking all of you in due course. Interestingly, we asked a group of boys what they thought would work in terms of getting them to do their prep – they stated that we should take away all their devices and supervise them in classrooms – that's the only way they would work hard. A very honest reply! We want to look at changing the boarding house structure – as you know, all boys from S1 to S6 currently mix together in the senior boarding houses. Is that the right system or should we have one house for S1-S3 and one house for S4-S6? And in terms of equality, we surely need to consider the same for the girls. Any changes we make to life here at QVS are so we can Nurture our students more effectively – anything we put in place is for their benefit. We want to provide Excellence in boarding, excellence in education, excellence in all aspects of school life. We know we can provide that in partnership with you, our parents and the students themselves. And it is that partnership which is key. You can see why there is so much positivity around this whole community at the moment – you as parents are trusting us to do the right things for your children, we are trusting your children to do the right things (which they mostly do...) to allow us to nurture them and provide excellence for them. We all make mistakes, a good number of students have made them this year, I've made them this year, mistakes are all part of life – I respect those



Monitors.

students who make mistakes and then clearly learn from them and move on as a better person.

A couple of events stand out above all others this year in terms of Positivity, Pride and Excellence. One of those was the naming ceremony of the HMS Prince of Wales at Rosyth Dockyard, in front of HRH The Prince of Wales and Lady Camilla. Our students were utterly fantastic at that event, piping, drumming and dancing to perfection in the shadow of the aircraft carrier.

The CCF beating retreat took place at Edinburgh Castle this year and the event will live long in my memory. Fraser Arnott led the massed pipes and drums with confidence and pride, while the dancers took centre stage in the massed display, standing out gloriously in their ceremonial uniforms and actually knowing how to march properly. A superb night. Fraser did the same job at Holyrood Palace the very next night, really outstanding work.

The dancers too have continued to model excellence. QVS has brought home a total of 6 overall winners trophies, 4 runners up trophies and numerous 1st-6th place medals. This is extremely impressive as they have been won from either intermediate or premier levels where competition is fierce.

I've had the pleasure of working with 4 superb orderlies this year – Euan Lee and Rays Gurung will be accompanying me later today but they have been ably supported by both Owen Nicol and Darran Young. Robert Cordiner also deputised in their absence.

Modelling Nurture, Positivity, Responsibility, Integrity and Respect are the MAD group – the MAD group, named because they really do make a difference to people in the local community and beyond – they've had a truly action packed year. All interact clubs such as our MAD group have to nominate a local and an international project but this year they are so hard working and enthusiastic that they nominated two of each. At home, Strathcarron Hospice and the

Scottish Air Ambulance Charity have benefited from their fundraising, whilst across the world, the group supported the Shoebox appeal and collected 107 shoeboxes, thanks in part to your generosity as parents. Those shoeboxes have reached children as far away as the Ukraine. The second international charity was the Uphill Trust and QVS fundraising has helped build and maintain a school in Uganda which has made a massive difference to the lives of many and I understand that students of that school have graduated for the first time and can move onwards to their next positive destination. They helped many other charities too, notably the duck race in Dunblane when Molly Horne and others dressed as a giant Duck to help sell tickets – and following in the footsteps of Kenna, Arras and Hannah last year, daredevil Rebekah Sloan abseiled from the Forth Bridge to raise money for the Royal Caledonian Trust.

We've always excelled in Sport and this year was no exception. In hockey, 6 girls were selected to be put forward for Midlands U14's trial, showing the depth of quality we have in hockey at QVS. Two P7 teams represented the school at the Stirling primary schools gymnastics competition for the first time. Out of the 12 teams they were 4th and 5th, quite remarkable as they are a brand new group. In Rugby, the largest Conference in the Schools competition, with 9 schools competing: S1's were second, S2's were 2nd, U16's were 2nd and U18's were 4th. This is a significant achievement at all levels given that we are such a small school, punching well above our weight. In addition, U16's won both the Central Cup and the Central 7's competition at their level and the seniors won the U18 Central cup. Rajeb Thapa, Subaashish Gurung and Tom Main are all training with the Caledonia U16's at present. Tom Main has been selected into the U16's team itself and will be representing the school at this level over the summer. Sam King has been selected for the U20's Caledonia Squad and training hard with a view to playing for the team next season. Josh King was selected to be the captain for the Caledonia U17's team, who beat Glasgow, the Borders and Edinburgh, to be crowned winners of the inter-district Cup. Due to his performances, he was subsequently asked to represent and Captain



Top to bottom: Cunningham House prefects; Haig House prefects.

the Scotland U17's team. He is now training with the U18's Caledonia and Scotland teams in preparation for next season.

This year we had 14 athletes at Scottish Schools. Rajeb Thapa (long jump), Michael Draunidalo (long jump) and Theo Natiri (hurdles) all came 4th in their events. Josh King achieved a bronze medal in discus and also a bronze medal in javelin. The P7 Girls team came 2nd out of 28 schools in the Stirling Schools Primary X-Country Competition and this was followed up with the entire Primary 7 athletics team competing against 32 other Primaries at the Stirling Primary Schools Athletics Championships and through amazing performances by all, secured third place overall. This particular group of P7s have a bright sporting future ahead.

Lloyd Owen competed for Great Britain at the World Men's Classic Powerlifting Championships in Calgary. In the Sun – Junior 83kg category, Lloyd not only achieved personal bests, he is now ranked 6th in the world. What an amazing achievement – and what I like about Lloyd is he is almost equally as good at everything else – including Advanced Higher Maths, which gets a big tick from me!

One thing that sums up QVS and how we live all of our values was the new Sponsored Walk and Highland Games which ended our activities week at the start of June. Mr Adams led the whole week itself – thanks are due to him for making it such a success – and Mr Laing came up with the idea for the walk and Highland Games and like many things at QVS, the whole community got together to make it happen. Hundreds of our students, along with many staff and many dogs, headed up into the Sherrifmuir woods for their walk and then returned to QVS to do some traditional highland games events, before having a school barbecue. Everyone was happy, smiling and having fun, while competing in good spirits and the whole week will be even bigger and better next year. A wonderful addition to our annual calendar and very much what QVS is all about.

Just before I finish off, I'd like to pass on my thanks to a couple of departing staff. Mr John Porter, a long-serving member of the



Top to bottom: Trenchard House seniors; Wavell House prefects.

teaching staff, is leaving us today. John has served the school in many ways, particularly as a promoted member of the Haig House team and as a Computing teacher. He's worked tirelessly on behalf of our students and has been a massive support to members of Haig House in particular over the years. We wish him all the best in his retirement. Also leaving us today is Spanish teacher, Mr Ross Smith, who has made a big impact in his year with us. Ross is moving on to

an independent school in Glasgow and we send our good wishes with him too.

On that note, to all our leavers, to all of our students, families and friends, enjoy the rest of Grand Day and have a great summer ahead.

Thank you.

From the Senior Monitor

Grand Day Speech

Good morning, Inspecting Officer, commissioners, members of staff, Victorians past and present, guests, friends and family. May I say on behalf of the student body how excited yet sad I am that this day has finally come round.

2130 days, 304 weeks and 51 120 hours ago I sat in this marquee for the very first time, listening to the Senior Monitor, Jordan Angus, stand up here, just like many senior monitors before him and give the annual grand day speech. At that moment in time and I'm sure like many of you now – I wasn't really listening.

However one thing that Jordan said and has really stuck in my mind throughout my time here is that 'The Senior Monitor post is whatever The Senior Monitor of the year makes of it. There is no specific job description and each year every Senior Monitor leaves behind a different legacy.' At first this message wasn't clear to me but as I grew up – in years rather than inches clearly – and the gap between the past Senior Monitors and I became smaller, I began to understand his words.

I believe that the individuality that each Senior Monitor is able to bring to our school is both thrilling and inspiring and it's been a huge privilege to play my part in QVS History. What I found a little bit intimidating was that there were NO guide lines or booklets entitled 'How to be a good Senior Monitor – for dummies' – although I'm sure Josh King will need one. This means that my legacy as I drive out of those gates this afternoon – can only be defined by what I put into my role as Senior Monitor 2018.

This year has been an incredible experience. When I was appointed, I saw this role as an opportunity to make a promise to the school. I promised that I would be the link between the staff and pupils, that I could be a mediator in times we, the student body, needed support and that I would make the school an environment that was more than just a place for learning. There were definitely times that my promise wasn't easy to keep and this position has undoubtedly challenged me as a person. You'll all have heard the phrase 'Don't shoot the messenger' – Well this messenger has definitely felt that they've been caught in the crossfire a few times this year when I've been bearing bad news. However I'd like to thank the Victorians for backing me up, even when it's been a challenge. It's been a learning curve for us all.

My promise to improve the school environment could not have been kept without the help from my year. I made this promise to improve school life, for very personal reasons. I'm a Victorian who has always been far from my family across the last 7 years. Having my parents in Kenya for most of my time here means that QVS has literally been my home right through my school life. Because of this, I had a real drive to make the weekends the best they could be for our boarders. This is our home and I saw it as my responsibility to make it as fun, supportive and enjoyable as I could. I hope that our hard work has started a tradition of pupils working together to make the weekends the best they can be. I'd like to thank you, S6, for the time and effort that you have put into supporting events like our ceilidhs, discos, movie nights and the Talent show, it's something I'll forever be grateful for and I hope that sixth year boys dressing up as women and Friday night activities become our legacy to the school. I wish our new S6 an immense amount of luck; you do have big shoes to fill

and I hope you have as much fun as we did in your role.

I could not mention the contribution of my year without of course thanking Morgan, the Deputy Senior Monitor. He has been nothing but supportive all year and despite our rocky start and your consistent reminders that your drill is better than mine I don't think I could have asked for anyone better to be my deputy. And the joy of being your line manager has NEVER got old!

Although my year group have made my year as Senior Monitor run smoothly, it's my best friends and sister who made the harder days bearable. I would like to thank my Higher History class for helping me go over the parade a few TOO many times right before Friday night practice, my sister, Dion, for being a phone call away when I needed her and lastly the S6 Wavell girls for their unconditional love, laughter and support. There is an African proverb that says 'It takes a village to raise a child' and Wavell has been the village that raised and supported me.

As my time as a Victorian is finally coming to an end I'd like to take a moment to reflect on everything the school has given me and all the leavers. We came to the school as children and I feel confident in the fact we are leaving as adults. QVS taught us that despite any bumps in the road we Victorians have a support group that will last us a lifetime. Standing up here today, surrounded by confident, independent young people who are all going out into the world to begin the next stage of their journey makes me feel very proud. Whatever path we have chosen, we have had the support and encouragement to become the best version of ourselves. It is a scary thing to step outside this 'bubble' after feeling so sheltered and protected across the years but I think that we are ready and it's positive that we are all feeling so excited to begin the next part of our life, even though we are very sad to leave our QVS family behind. QVS has given us countless opportunities to excel in so many fields and achieve what we might have thought impossible whether that's been flying a plane, jumping off a cliff into freezing water, captaining a team, leading a massed band or performing in a concert with professional musicians. There is no way we can truly give back for everything our school has done for us but I hope that our final year as seniors we have been able to show our strong sense of gratitude and appreciation for a school that is as unique and individual as we are.

I feel it is a privilege to stand up here and express my sincere thanks to the staff that have inspired me to attain the highest standards possible, not just this year but across the whole time I have been a Victorian. I am so grateful to have had their support and advice which has helped shape me into the young woman I am and made me feel able to fulfil my role this year no matter what. Thank you each and every one of you. You know who you are. I would also like to thank Mr Shaw and the SLT for the opportunity to be the Senior Monitor this year. As all the Victorians and staff are aware they are all extremely positive people and whenever our paths crossed, I'm left feeling happier and I hope one day my presence can do the same to others. I think that as leaders they are all able to be approachable as well as firm and they have helped support me this year in my very own Leadership journey.

Mrs Adams our year head has worked tirelessly all year being our number one supporter, in order to make S6 as enjoyable as possible.

We really do appreciate all your efforts – even though it might not feel like it at the time – and we know 100% that you always have our back. We are not sure how many hours you actually HAVE in your day as it can't just be 24 but we are grateful to you for taking the time to make our S6 a fun, happy and enjoyable end to our school life. Thank you Miss, on behalf of the sixth year leavers I think we might even miss your awfully filtered pictures of us and your cackle of a laugh.

We all know that this afternoon wouldn't be possible without our school Sergeant Major, Mr Stacey and I want to thank him for his patience. Wait! I'll explain. At the start of this year my drill was not great, but thanks to the help of Mr Stacey's 'calming voice and gentle words', I can now do my job as parade commander with some confidence (he's no miracle worker). Not only has he helped me with my drill but he has also helped me grow in ways I couldn't have imagined and I've come to admire and respect him for his unique brand of 'tough love'.

For the past four years I have been incredibly lucky to have Mrs Morea as my tutor and mentor. Words cannot express my appreciation for everything Mrs Morea has done for me over the years and I will forever be in debt to her. She takes that role so much further than 'just' being our tutor and our tutor group take great pride in calling her our 'school mum'. She truly tells it like it is and ultimately wants the best for all of us and I wouldn't be standing up here today if she hadn't given me so much support and guidance along the way. To the new S2 girls, you're in good hands, you've got the best Tutor in the school.

Throughout my time here at QVS all the staff from Rab in his buggy, Roland in the porters lodge to Mr Shaw in his office, have been so supportive and encouraging to me. The QVS family is something that is very hard to explain – but even harder to leave.

So on a personal note I would like to thank you all, please can we put our hands together for all the staff here at QVS We can never repay all that you have given us.

Queen Victoria School has given me a home away from home when my family were 7 and a half thousand miles away, friends which I will have forever and memories to last me a lifetime. Now that my speech is coming to an end and I pass the baton on to the next Senior Monitor I feel a mixture of emotions: I'm both excited to begin the next chapter but incredibly sad to be leaving behind such a huge and important part of my life. On behalf of the 2018 leavers thank you, good luck and I know that you will take great pride in becoming old Victorians when you march off the field for the final time this afternoon.

In case you didn't know I grew up in Africa – I'm going to leave you with a – Kenyan farewell KWAHERI to you all and I hope that whatever you go on to do that you find much success and happiness.

Thank you

Madison Robb



Art: Isla Dalrymple S1.



Top to bottom; Carley Cunningham S3; Greer Walker S3.

Evolution

As we all know QVS opened as a boarding school for boys in 1908. It is remarkable today to look at photographs taken at that time and to see how the main building stood, like an island, on empty ground with very few trees and no sign of Dunblane. Over the last 110 years how our little island has changed with many more pupils, trees everywhere, and many more buildings!

One of the older buildings is the swimming pool, built in the days when only boys were at OVS and privacy was considered wimpish. When the girls arrived changing areas were simply divided but remained communal, one area for boys and one for girls. Whilst this may have been just about satisfactory at one time for QVS, it hardly meets 21st Century standards and it really does not work when we have visitors or when the school is used by others in the holiday. I am delighted therefore to be able to tell you that DCYP has found the necessary funds to give us some proper changing areas and other refurbishments to the pool and that the works should be complete by next spring.

Our new teaching block continues, as I said at Grand Day, to move through the various committees and processes that precede construction. The new facility will have capacity for 360 pupils initially but with the capability of being extended to approximately 480. This means that for a while at least we will have more teaching accommodation than we have boarding accommodation although eventually the boarding accommodation will also increase. In the meantime however, the Commissioners and the Senior Leadership Team have been considering how we will make best use of the facilities we have now, and will have in the not too distant future. One of the most promising ideas is to take in day pupils, a way forward that a number of other Scottish boarding schools have successfully pursued. There is a lot of planning to be done before we can make this a reality and there are important safeguards that need to be in place to protect the ethos and spirit of the School but assuming these safeguards can be established then it seems that this may be a very sensible way to proceed and make the maximum use of those

assets who foundations were laid all those years ago, whilst continuing to offer our unique educational experience to more Service families.

Rear Admiral Roger Lockwood, known to very many pupils and parents past and present, retired as a Commissioner at the end of April this year. Roger and I started as Commissioners on the same day in 2006. Roger's long career in the Navy made him a wonderful addition to the Board and as well as his role in the Parents Liaison Group he was Chairman of the Commissioners in which capacity he offered both powerful support and a sounding board for me over the last six years. Roger is now going to take up a senior role in the RNLI and we all wish him well in that new position.

Roger's role as chairman of GPC is being taken over by former Royal Navy Surgeon Ian Ritchie who was until recently President of the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh) and Senior Orthopaedic Surgeon at Forth Valley Hospital. Ian became a Commissioner in 2013 and is already thoroughly involved in his new role as Chair of GPC.

Finally, and very sadly, I have to tell you that Colin Ross who became a Commissioner in 2010 died at the start of July after a very short illness. Colin's work as an architect is known and respected throughout the United Kingdom, not least for his work on the refurbishment of Fort George some thirty years ago, but also such iconic buildings as the Edinburgh Festival Theatre and the Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre. We were very fortunate to have his exceptional skills available when we began to consider the new teaching block and he continued to offer advice until shortly before he died. Major General Mike Riddell-Webster represented the Commissioners at the funeral as I was there as a friend of the family and Nigel Cunningham, School Business Manager, represented the School.

Alan J C Plumtree, Chairman







Prize Giving

Primary Prizes

1	Attainment	P7	Ceara Gowans
2	Progress	P7	Litia Seru
3	Fowler Art Prize	P7	Swayam Limbu
4	Music	P7	Millie Keightley
5	Paul Mcshannon Quaich	P7	Jayden Gregory

First Year

	Attainment	Progress
1	Business Rays Gurung	Lily-Grace Methven
2	Computer Studies Madison Bailes	Lexine Mccappin
3	English Madison Bailes	Sasha Walker
4	Fowler Art Anju Gaha	Lilly-Grace Methven
5	French Ellie Robinson	Lewis Andrews
6	Geography	
7	Guildry of Stirling History Prize	
8	History	
9	Mathematics Lexine Mccappin	Lauren Mcculloch
10	Modern Studies	
11	Music James Mathieson	Lexine Mccappin
12	Physical Education Female – Sasha Walker	Male – Theophil Natiri
13	Religious, Moral & Rachael Brown	Ruari Imrie
	Philosophical Studies	
14	Science Lexine Mccappin	Arran Scott
15	Social Subjects Rebecca Gurung	Samuel Leweni
16	Spanish Anju Gaha	Abbie Gibson
17	Technical Studies Madison Bailes	Alexander Skinner

Second Year

	Attainment	Progress
1	Nanda Seru	Mirren Wood
2	Mckenzie Smiles	Mitchell Pratt
3	Grace Hutchinson	Joseph Long
4	Millicent Macdonald	Subhaashish Gurung
5	Millicent Macdonald	Alexx Skinner
6	Nanda Seru	Alexx Skinner
7	Grace Hutchinson	
8	Gabrielle Glass	Samay Limbu
9	Gabrielle Glass	William Cook
10	Simoon Pun	Lucie Evans
11	Grace Hutchinson	Lucie Evans
12	Female – Millicent Macdonald	Male – Subhaashish Gurung
13	Simoon Pun	Megan Clarke
14		
15	Subhaashish Gurung	Irena Watson
16		
17	Simoon Pun	Subhaashish Gurung
18	Gabrielle Glass	Millicent Macdonald

Third Year

1	Biology	Rebecca Anderson
2	Business Management	Hollie Scott
3	Chemistry	Rebecca Anderson
4	Computer Science	Kaitlyn Martin
5	Design & Manufacture	Erin Sim
6	English	Jake Leatherbarrow
7	Fowler Art Prize	Carley Cunningham
8	French	Rebecca Anderson
9	Lab Science	Carley Cunningham
10	Geography	Hollie Scott
11	Graphic Comm	Christopher Skinner
12	Guildry Of Stirling History Prize	Kaitlyn Martin & Cameron Morrison Smith
13	History	Jake Leatherbarrow
14	Mathematics	Rebecca Anderson
15	Modern Studies	Greer Walker
16	Music	Rebecca Anderson
17	Physical Education	Jake Leatherbarrow
18	Physics	Christopher Skinner
19	PDD	Mollie Alexander
20	Spanish	Aird Mathieson
21	Woodwork	Kristen Sibeth

S4

1	Art	Amy Gray
2	Applications of Mathematics	Dannii Blyth
3	Biology	Anna Gurung
4	Business Management	Shauney Lee Young
5	Chemistry	Anna Gurung
6	Computer Science	Rhys Owen
7	Cyber Security	
8	Design & Manufacture	Anna Macpherson
9	English	Rachel Loudon
10	Eric Drew Memorial Prize – French	Rachel Loudon
11	Geography	Rhys Owen
12	Guildry of Stirling History Prize	Lily Miller
13	History	Mackenzie Berry
14	Mathematics	Anna Gurung
15	Modern Studies	Ross Merrick
16	Music	Christian Mcbrearty
17	Photography	
18	Physical Education	Stewart Brown
19	Physics	Anna Gurung
20	Politics	
21	RMPS	Anna Macpherson
22	Science	Amy Gray
23	Spanish	
24	Sports Leader	
25	Woodwork	Marcus Wakefield
26	Williamson Salver for Girls	
27	HMC Centenary Quaich	
28	DUX Medal	

S5/6

	Rebecca Kane
	Evie Clarke
	Amy Main
	Evie Clarke
	Ethan Rowe
	Henry Aldwinckle
	Cameron Crawford
	Evie Clarke
	Jasmine Gurung
	Tiernan Bark
	Alexandra Barron
	Benjamin Adam
	Madison Robb
	Charlotte Gothard Oliver
	Rebecca Kane
	Charlotte Sowden
	Richard Dunbar
	Madison Robb
	Caitlin Richardson
	Charlotte Sowden
	Samuel Irwin
	Madison Robb
	Pabina Thapa
	Richard Dunbar

Grand Day Trophies & Awards 2017

1	Cameronian Shield For Piping (For The Best Piper)	Benjamin Adam	6	Victor Ludorum Trophy (For Best Sports Person)	Morgan Leatherbarrow
2	Senior Drum Majors Shield (For The Senior Drum Major)	Fraser Arnott	7	The Ben Philip Senior Memorial Bowl	Samuel Drummond
3	Highland Dancing Callum Pearson (Highland Dancing Society of London Cup)		8	The Ben Philip Junior Memorial Bowl	Deeyana Gurung
4	Combined Cadet Force (For The Best CCF Recruit)	Eilidh Paterson	9	Annual Challenge Cup (For Outstanding Contribution To Wavell)	Olivia Williams
5	Sir Charles Grant Memorial Trophy (For Outdoor Pursuits)	Tiernan Bark	10	The Dr Lindsay Memorial Salver (For Leadership 'On' and 'Off' The Games Field)	Morgan Leatherbarrow
			11	The Prince Philip Medal (For Outstanding Contribution, Participation and Achievement during their time at Queen Victoria School)	Madison Robb



Cunningham House.

Cunningham House

I had the privilege recently to visit a famous whisky distillery on the west coast of Scotland. You will be pleased to know, parents, it wasn't an actual House Social, but it was for 'Academic' purposes on my part – honestly! What was striking was the combination of what looked, at first sight, a very complex and technical procedure, but deep down was a process that was both simple in its basic ingredients and a well-worn understanding that through subtle nurturing and with time, brought maturity. A process as old as the nation and one that has worked for centuries, that allows simple ingredients to turn into something very special indeed. On my way back, which thankfully I wasn't the designated driver, as the hospitality at the end of the tour was second to none; I began to see a possible metaphor with Housemastering, especially in a boarding environment.

The raw ingredients appear always in S1 and yes they may have subtle characteristics, ideas, thoughts and abilities but boys are boys and it is up to the House team to blend these subtle characteristics with each other throw in the simple House ideals and above all add the school values. Once this has been done the team needs to watch carefully, stir and start to distil over the coming years. This subtle, structured nurturing on the part of the actual distillery workers was also evident to see, on my tour. The pride they had in their jobs, the understanding of what needed to be done, the early intervention – sometimes on a daily basis all allowed the product to develop, mature and reach its final status. The same is true with the Cunningham Tutors and Matron. They are always at hand to listen, give honest advice and to steer the boys towards their goals. May I take this opportunity, as Housemaster, to say a big thank you and appreciation for all your hard work, focus and behind the scenes help – which sometimes I never see, towards the Cunningham boys and their on-going maturity and development. I must also take this opportunity to say a massive thanks to Mr Duncan Davey who will be transferring downstairs to Haig next year. Duncan has been with the House for nearly eight years and in that time he has supported the House, looked after his tutor groups very well and has been very

reliable. Duncan has an extremely dry wit, which is very incisive and cuts through complex issues. Once the boys have realised this subtle, but clever skill, their understanding and enlightenment is great to see. The House and I will miss him, but there will always be a place in the Cunningham fold for him. A big thank you to our Cunningham leavers who have matured just right to complement their natural attributes. I thought I would link you to a 'wee dram'.

To Morgan who balanced his very busy responsibilities of both House Captain and Deputy Senior Monitor. I certainly valued his honest and forthright opinions which allowed me to sort out the House many times (Aberlour A'Bunadh Cask). Lloyd who quietly trained and entered the world championship for power lifting in Canada, without anyone really knowing about it, and to his credit and natural ability he came 5th in the World! Lloyd also does this with his academic subjects and is totally modest in his attitude (Craigellachie 17YO). Josh who was a key member of the colour party and with a very talented mum supplying fantastic cakes and biscuits to the House – thank you. (Aberfeldy 12YO). Dobbie whose true character came out, over the last couple of years due to a major injury to his knee, as he is a very talented sportsman, but this did not reduce his commitment to his year group or the House. It was so pleasing to see him being awarded IC Colour Party this year. (Port Ellen 37). Fraser who led the schools Ceremonial Band as Pipe major and due to his commitments was on at least three television Channels, that I saw (Lagavulin 12). Sam D who I can sum up by saying that he won the Ben Philips prize, this year. This is awarded to the best boy at QV who has committed himself unselfishly to the broader life of the community. Sam is an extremely worthy winner of this award. (The Glenlivet Founder's Reserve). Sam K who we called 'jobs man' due to the number of external jobs he managed to fit into his very busy schedule. The House though were very grateful for his last job as he managed to infiltrate PAPAS the local fast food outlet. Cunningham's orders always came first after that (Highland Park Dark Origins). Finally, but not least Dylan who is leaving us to study Engineering who is a quietly confident, steadfast, reliable individual with a good



sense of humour; notes, which he offered to both his year and the Cunningham community (Talisker 10 YO).

Finally what I can say is that the Cunningham 'Distillery' produces many outstanding, but different boys, from the basic raw materials they bring to the House when they start. Through the on-going years maturity will always take place and a rounded, robust, unique, but subtle boy is produced who leaves the House and school ready for transport to the world. I am rightly proud that QVS Cunningham boys have made and will continue to make their mark on the world.

With Gaelic toast to finish...

"Slàinte mhòr agus a h-uile beannachd duibh."
(Great health and every good blessing to you.)
Or the one I like and to complete the metaphor is
"Today's rain is tomorrow's Whisky"

Mike Eastham, Housemaster



Haig House.

Haig House

The old adage, "nothing changes here", certainly cannot be said of Haig House this year. The academic year, which seems to have flown past, has witnessed a series of "changes" for many of us. From the arrival of our happy band of 57 boys, we have seen a new HoM, new Depute HoM, new Assistant HoM and a new Matron. With the addition of four new pupils to the school, our 57 boys quickly settled into the routine of the house, and have enjoyed a series of house events, as well as a lot of hard work during the year.

There have been a variety of year group events ranging from the initial Design your Pizza night for S1, through our S4 Chinese new year celebrations, Dinner for the S6, an S2 Movie night, S3 games night, and the S5 Christmas celebration. Already a variety of events are being planned for the coming year, enabling the boys to have time to relax together with their peers and to build a true sense of community. As a whole house, the boys have enjoyed a very successful Halloween Party and ghost walk arranged by the S6, a whole house Christmas Party, our first ever Burns Supper and our Easter Scavenge Hunt. Having a healthy balance of activities has been the aim for 2017/18, and these events have been well supported by staff and pupils alike.

Our House Council has become well established, and I am grateful to Ms Taylor for undertaking the leadership of this group this year. Already actioned from their comments has been the creation of the S5 and S6 Senior Common Room, known affectionately as the monochrome mancave. Thanks to the S5 pupils who willingly picked up paint brushes to decorate, and who also took time to identify their furnishings and additional extras. Already the darts tournaments have started, although judging by a few additional holes in the wall, perhaps some further refinement of aim is required. We look forward to Mr Wright taking up this important role as leader of the House Council in the next academic year.

The addition of this extra social space has allowed the Senior and Junior pupils their own areas of relaxation within the house, and it appears to have been greatly appreciated by them. This coming year

will see the development of the Junior Common room, in line with the House Council requests.

It is said that every cloud has a silver lining and it would appear that the accidental damage to our Sky dish, which has rendered it inoperable, has been a boost to community development. The introduction of board games, especially Chess, has witnessed serious competitions between and within year groups. Skills have been shared and honed and it is wonderful to see this social space as a place of interaction, conversation and laughter rather than one of passive watching. These social spaces, each with their own developing characters, allows there to be a place for everyone within the house other than their rooms, which is very much my aim and goal for Haig.

The changes within the promoted team could have been unsettling for our boys, however, we have been most fortunate to have gathered a team of committed tutors and teachers. In the appointment in October of Ms Taylor as Depute Housemaster, we have an experienced member of staff. Ms Taylor has worked in Wavell House and Trenchard House during her twenty years in QVS. She has previously served as a Depute Housemistress and later as Assistant Housemistress of Wavell House, so with this wealth of experience we are fortunate to have her in this role. Mr Wright, while new to the school, was appointed as Assistant Housemaster in October too. As a rugby referee he has a natural affinity with our strong sporting ethos, and has quickly fitted into the house. Mrs King our new Matron was no stranger to the school, with her five children having attended it over a period of years, one still resident in Cunningham. Mrs King's creativity, ability to relate to the boys, coupled with her high standards for the house have been noted already by a number of parents. We are delighted to have her on our team.

In October we saw Mr Porter step down from the role of DHoM after some ten years. Mr Porter was synonymous with Haig and we were pleased to see him continue in the house as a Staff Tutor. Mr Porter retired from QVS on Grand Day when the boys made a presentation



to him as an expression of their thanks for his many years of dedication to the house.

I would like to end our Haig article for 2017-2018 by expressing my sincere thanks to the boys of Haig for making the many changes in House life so simple and straight forward. From S1 to S6 you have been supporting of one another, encouraging of the house developments, it has been a pleasure to work with you throughout it all. Special thanks, however, go to our House Captain, Callum, Deputies Shafal and Ryan, and their able assistants Jack and Richard. We are sorry to see you leave Haig, but look forward with interest to hear of your many achievements in the years to come. Remember that our door is always open and you will always be welcomed back with enthusiasm and interest. May the road rise up to meet you, may the sun shine always on your back, and until we meet again, may you be safe and happy in all you do.

Ron Boyd, Housemaster

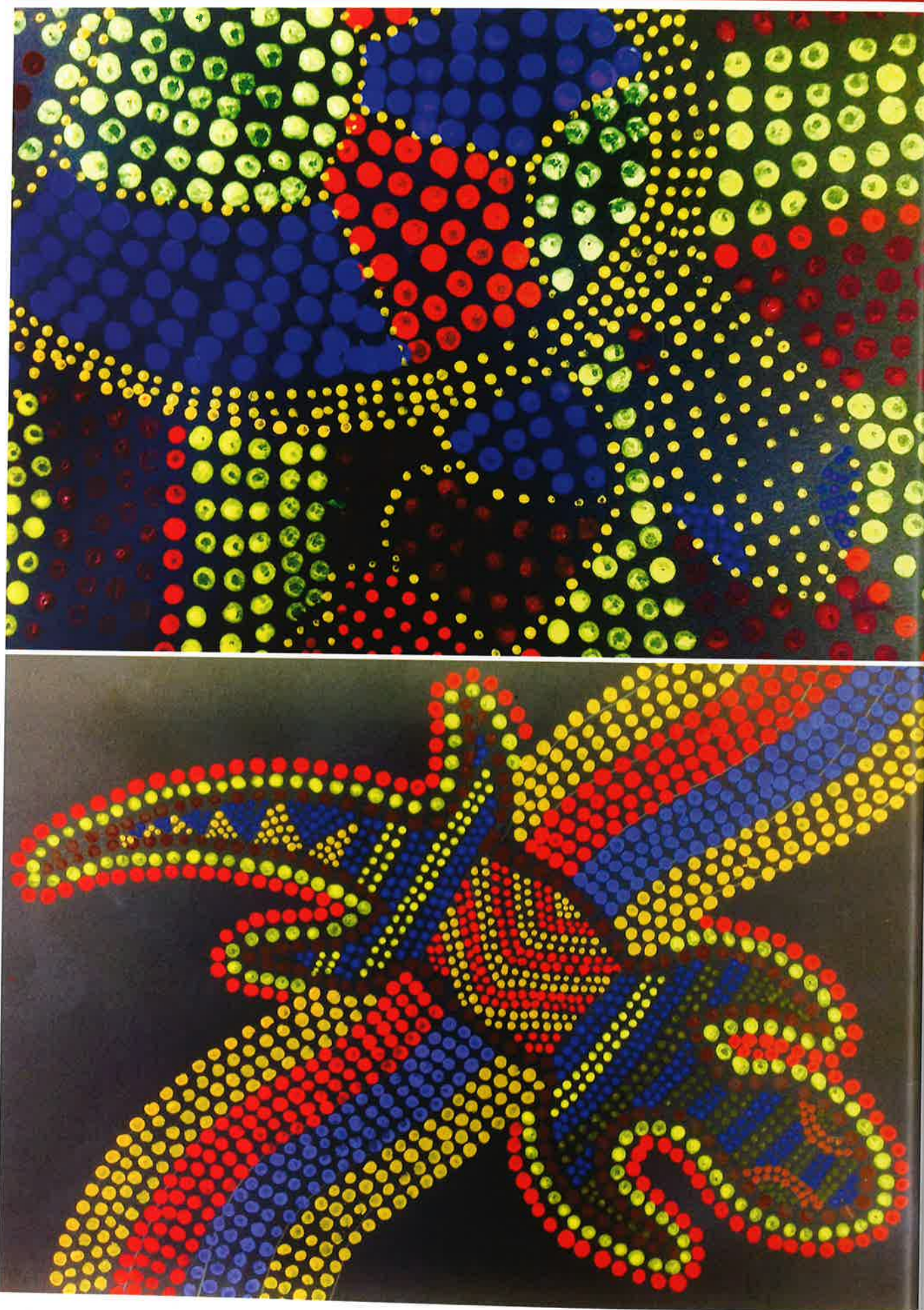
It has been an honour being House Captain in Haig this year. This year has probably been the most unusual time for Haig as we have gained a new Housemaster, Deputy, Assistant and Matron. These changes, have however, made Haig a better house than ever before. As House Captain, I, along with my S6 team, have tried to help make

Haig be the best house it can be. As an S6 we have planned parties and events for the year.

For Halloween, we continued the usual Ghost Walk around the school, trying to scare the Juniors with the tale of Drummer Boy. At Christmas the staff joined in the organisation of the party and we played some of their own favourite games, moulding the reindeer from Play-doh, singing along to some of our favourite Christmas hits. This year we decided to add an Easter Party where we split the house into five groups and sent them on a location hunt around the school, this proved to be a huge hit. Last, but not least, our Summer Party ended the year with a Bucking Bronco and Inflatable Assault Course, which everyone enjoyed, including Mr Boyd, who took on the Bronco challenge. As usual we finished off the year by handing out gifts and awards to both staff and pupils.

I am so thankful and grateful for the experience of being House Captain and all that it has given to me. I believe that Haig will continue to grow to be the best it can be and wish good luck to the new S6, whom, I hope, will continue the legacy well and help Mr Boyd, Ms Taylor, Mr Wright, Matron and the staff to make Haig greater than ever.

Callum Pearson, Haig House Captain 2017/18



Top to bottom; Millie MacDonald S2; Robyn Lindsey S2.



Trenchard House.



Top to bottom; Highland Dance; Junior Minstrals.



Wavell House.

Wavell House

This year in Wavell has been an amazing one, led magnificently by our S6 team and Wavell House staff.

The year began with socials for S6 and S5, followed by the 'death' of Miss Taylor and a murder mystery Halloween extravaganza. (Fortunately the real Miss Taylor is still safe and well!)

A whole host of tutor trips and events followed including seeing the show Chick Witington at the MacRobert Theatre and a pyjama party themed Christmas party. The girls have been to numerous tutor trips to Lazer Quest, Maley's Chocolate Factory, Namaste and Frankie and Benny's restaurants to name a few. We have had a huge number of Wavell events organised, some of the most memorable being our Big Sister nights, Avon Spa nights, Eurovision night and sweepstake and our Royal Wedding weekend.

Our Winter Formal and Spring Fling events were both very glamorous and our girls also balanced this out by taking part in weapons handling training and cycling at Millport during Activities Week. We rounded the year off with our School Prom and our amazing 'Grease' themed Summer Party. Organised by the S6 girls and Mrs Hiddleston, our girls had a go at all sorts of fairground attractions. These included

an amazing blow up Helter Skelter, an Assault Course, a fishing game, Bubble Soccer, Coconut Shy, Tin Can Alley, 'hit the teacher' with a wet sponge and finally we had our very own Gypsy Rose Lee (aka Mrs J Adams) who read the girls' palms! What a night it was, described by the girls as legendary, our S6 and Mrs Hiddleston have really set the bar extremely high for next year!

I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who worked so hard to make this year a success, including our wonderful Wavell Tutors, Mrs Sword and Mrs Macintosh. I would also like to say a huge thank you to our Wavell House Prefects, Olivia, Jasmine and Pabina and to Madison Robb, our Senior Monitor. They have been an impressive team throughout this year and have worked tirelessly in support of our girls.

Finally it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mr Smith this year. Mr Smith has been a fantastic tutor within Wavell and a fabulous Spanish teacher to all of our girls.

I would like to wish all of the girls in Wavell a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing you all next term!

Miss R Appleyard, Wavell Housemistress



This year it has been an honour being the House Captain of Wavell. It is a stressful job but thanks to Jasmine and Pabina (Wavell's Deputy Heads of House) and the rest of the S6 girls, I think we have done a great job even if I do so myself!

The Halloween party was brilliant to organise with the sad 'death' of our beloved teacher, Miss Taylor as the theme. It was a laugh finding that it was indeed Mrs Macleod who murdered her! (don't worry, she didn't actually die!)

What better way to spend Christmas than with hot chocolate and in your pyjamas. That was this year's Christmas party idea with the highlight being covering all the staff in shaving foam and cheese puffs.

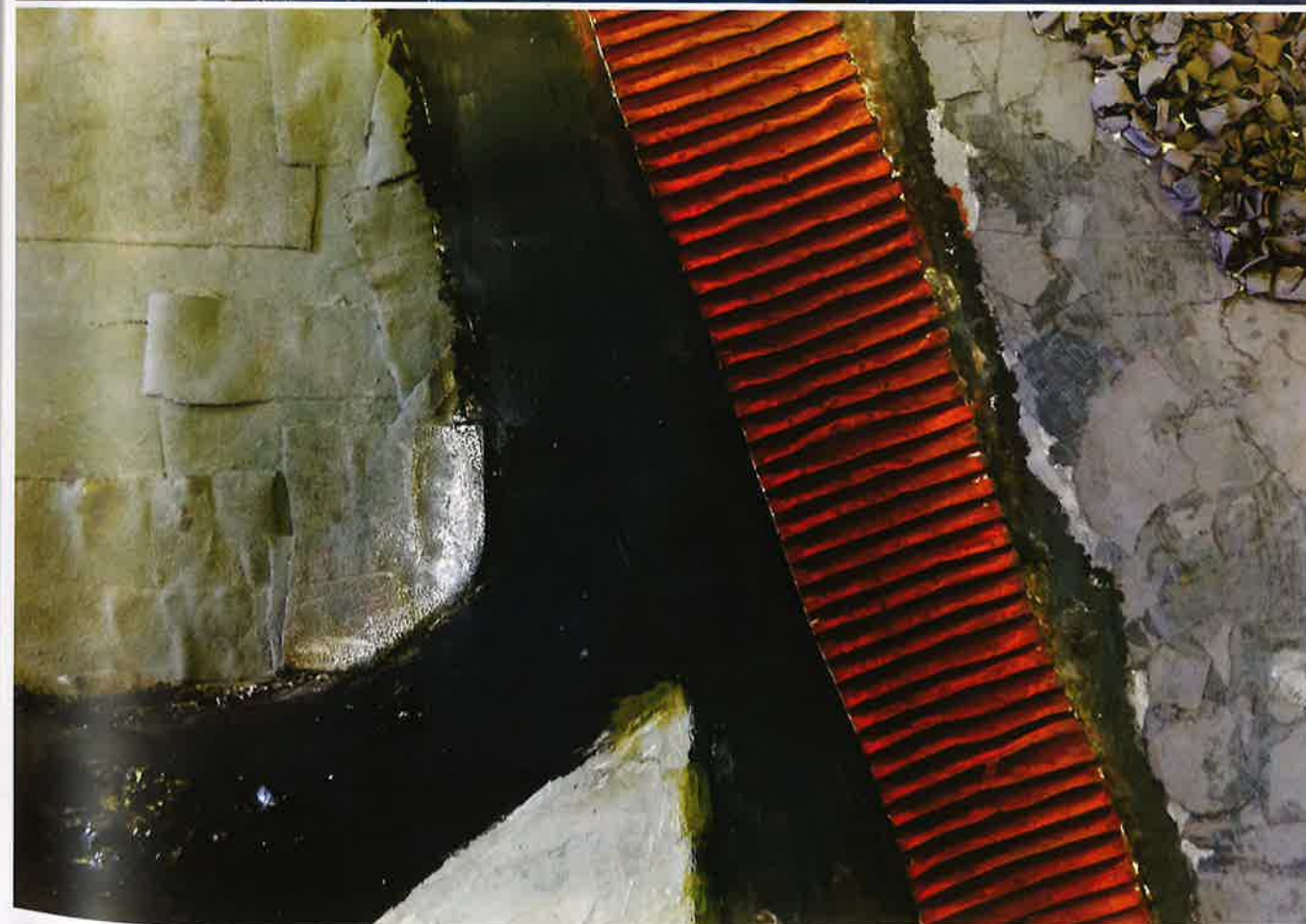
Finally, best until last, the Summer party, which was by far the most

enjoyable Helter Skelter, bouncy castle, bubble football and fairground stalls. From fortune tellers to a photo booth and splat, we had our very own Grease themed fair! At the end we also announced the new Head of House, Charlotte Gothard-Oliver, who I wish the best of luck to for next year... no pressure!

Now I would like to say a massive thank you staff! Miss Appleyard, Mrs Hiddleston and Miss Stinson, you have all been amazing and helped the girls so much this year, so on behalf of them, thank you. Also thank you to Matron for always keeping us looking good and providing us with clean clothes!

Good luck to next year's S6, Head of House and Deputies. I wish you all the best for the future!

Olivia Williams, Head of Wavell House



Top to bottom; Samuel MacPherson S1; Katie Wilson S1.



Clockwise top to bottom; U16; 1st XV; U15 Rugby.

Rugby

P7

Since taking over the coaching of the P7 rugby squad in January 2018, it became apparent to me that every time our boys pulled on their QVS jerseys, they wore theirs with pride and wanted to perform well for their coaches, team mates, school and families.

Throughout the latter half of the season I was impressed with the squads' improvement in several key areas of the game. Firstly, the P7's worked hard to improve their effectiveness at the breakdown and showed real willingness and tenacity to compete for the ball on the floor. Another notable improvement in our game towards the end of the season was our shift in mindset whilst running onto the ball at pace and forcing the opposition into making decisions and mistakes. Overall I was delighted with the marked improvement in our effectiveness to tackle the opposition whilst they ran at us at pace.

Nothing worthwhile comes easy and although we were disappointed

with our overall results, we never wasted time dwelling on aspects of our game which were out of our control. Instead we focused on the things we knew we were good at as a squad and what we needed to work on as a team in training and on match day.

Within competitive team sports at any age category, there is an inevitable desire to win at every opportunity. It is sometimes easy to forget that QVS rugby is about more than winning and lifting trophies. As a coaching staff, we are focused on creating leadership opportunities for our boys, building their confidence on and off the field, nurturing a positive team ethos, creating an environment of fun and inclusion for all. Underpinning everything else is our desire to promote respect and tolerance of one another including coaches, parents, officials and opposition players, regardless of circumstance or individual abilities.

I have found it an honour and a privilege to lead out the QVS P7



Clockwise top to bottom; 2nd Year; P7; 1st Year Rugby.

rugby team this year and believe that each and every one of my players have been wonderful ambassadors for rugby. They have represented their school and families with integrity and pride. Thank you to all our wonderful parents who have supported us in all weather conditions. Please don't underestimate how much your presence on match day galvanises your son and his friends and gives them a real boost. Your support means so much.

I have no doubt that this year's squad will follow in the footsteps of current and former Victorians by going on to have lots of success in their future QVS plying careers.

Mr Mackay

Captain's Report P7

The P7 team formed at the start of the school Year, getting to know each other despite some of the team never playing rugby before, but we have improved a lot since then. At the start of the season we found it difficult to play as a team. Once we all knew the basic rules of the game we started to improve, especially Kieren Horner who had never touched a rugby ball before.

Positives

Our passing has improved a lot with people passing more often. There have been signs of the team attitude improving which can be continued next season.

Our sportsmanship has always been good with no one arguing with the ref and we can carry forward this next season.

Towards the end of the season we started to really gel as a team with better team communication.

Hopes For Next Season

To improve our fitness levels so we don't make mistakes towards the end of a game.

Improve our basic skills of tackling and passing. This includes keeping our structure on defence and attack as it has not been our strongest point.

Summary

Overall our season has been pretty good despite difficult games. We won two games including the last one of the season against



Morrison's. The skills that we have learnt this year will hopefully be carried on to next season and we will improve. I would like to thank Mike and Mr Mackay for helping us through the season.

Daniel Evans, P7

S1

The S1 team has enjoyed a fantastic season playing in a range of conditions and with positive results. They have demonstrated a strong desire to improve their performance and this has shown in their confidence on the pitch. A particular highlight was the boys' desire to continue playing, despite arctic conditions, against Balfon. With the season now over there is an excitement in the team as we build towards the S2 season.

St Columbas	27
QVS	23
Ayr	23
Balfon	21
Lomond	18
Morrison's	17
Marr 1	5
Jordanhill	11
Carrick	9
Lenzie	6

Mr Bryce

S1 Captains Rugby Report 2018

The S1 rugby team started off the year a lot better than last time with lots of great wins specially in the barbarian conference. We played amazingly well and only just missing out on winning by a couple of points. This season we have had lots of new players stepping up and scoring great tries and making lots of big tackles and a special mention to Arran who has improved a lot since P7 and is now a great contribution to the team. As a whole, our S1 team come on so much as we have started bringing in different plays such as M1's, M2's and doubles D's are forwards have also come on a lot as they are also bringing pods into are game. One of our hardest matches I would say was against Kelvinside as the score was so much closer than last time and although we didn't win we all saw how much we had improved since the last time we played them, mind you the state of their pitches didn't really help. We carried on the season looking forward to the 7's tournament and working on our plays. When the 7's tournament came we were all very excited but had quite a lot of



pressure on us as QVS normally does well at the 7's tournament. Our first match was against Herriots, who we won against and I think Mr Bryce was happy about that as it was his old school. Mr McLay then thought he saw Neil Lennon and sent Daniel over to find out, Daniel then did the worst casual stretches ever and couldn't even tell it was him. We lost our next match which put us down into the plate, we then just managed to pull off a final win which put us in the semi-final. At the start of the match we scored two quick tries by Michael and as we had just started to think we had won it when they came back with three more tries leaving the final score at 20-10. Although we didn't win we all really enjoyed it. The next match we played was against Balfon where we couldn't even see five meters in front of us but it was still quite fun to play in. As the season came to an end our last and final match was against Morrison's. We dominated throughout the match and got a couple of plays in from both forwards and backs, the final score was 75-30 to us and we were all very happy that we won the last game of the season again.

S2 Rugby report 2017-18

It is with a huge amount of pride that I write this S2 rugby report. They have performed superbly throughout the year and have demonstrated a willingness, dare I say eagerness, to improve both as individuals and as a team. I was aware that this was a successful team in the 2016-17 season, so I was very much looking forward to help the team in their journey of development and success. The team did not disappoint. When I say team, I refer to every single player of the squad this year. All the players should be proud and their continued commitment to school rugby. It must not be underestimated the commitment required to train throughout the winter season, come rain, snow and yes even hailstone. Their positive attitude to get up early on Saturday morning, when many of their friends are still tucked up in bed, and to travel around Scotland in the pursuit of success, should be commended.

Talking of positive mind set the team were keen to embrace the importance of personal and collective responsibility both on and off the pitch. At the start of the season the team met to discuss and agree a simple set of expectations that they would try to live by for the season. I was also keen to ensure that their positive contributions on the rugby pitch were displayed in the classroom and boarding houses. This is what the boy's agreed:

One Game...One win!
"Live by it..."

1. ALWAYS do what is best for us.
2. Strive to improve and succeed
3. 100% effort, 100% of the time



4. Do the right thing... all the time.
5. Look out for your mates
6. Don't be an idiot!

The team adapted well to meet the demands of S2 rugby. They took the defensive techniques and structures from training and quickly applied them during game time, which inevitably helped keep the conceded points tally down. With flare, courage and a clear mind set to play an evasive game, the boys were able to keep the ball alive, support the ball carrier and avoid unnecessary contact to accrue a huge amount of points throughout the season. They played an exciting style of rugby, one which we will continue to develop next season. The team adapted early to the law variations and applied their newly learnt knowledge, skills and techniques to overcome more physical opposition. The majority of the team seemed to relish the physical combat of the sport and rarely did the ever come out second best. Particular mention must go to the captain Subhashish and Jake who were outstanding throughout every training session and fixtures. They led by example and committed their body to the cause of QVS. When refereeing I was often within a few metres of contact areas (if I could keep up with the pace of the match!) and could literally feel the impact of some of their tackles. I have to admit I would not have liked to be the opposition! The forwards continued to develop throughout the season and become a formidable unit. They worked tremendously hard to retain and protect the ball and set up a platform for the backs to strike from, and strike they did! We had speed, power and agility from all positions and the confidence to test and defeat opponents. What we didn't have in physical stature we made up for in courage, dogged determination and a desire to win.

Statistics:

We played 15 games, won 11 and lost 4. We conceded 24 tries and a total of 79 points, whilst scoring 79 tries and scoring a total of 299 points. A phenomenal record over a full season. The top scorer was



Subhashish with 23 tries followed by Amena and Amenio with 15 each. Throughout the season, 11 players managed to get on the scoring sheet. Overall, we scored nearly 4 tries to every try conceded, which is a fantastic 'strike rate' for any team to have. However, it should be remembered that all of these tries were created by the team, not just by the try scorer. The team's mind set was simple, we win as a team and we lose as a team – all equal, all players are important to the success of the team.

From a coach's perspective, it was a pleasure to help this group of boys grow and develop as rugby players and young men. It has been thoroughly enjoyable and I am extremely proud of this group of Victorians. I must admit, I am very much looking forward to coaching them next year.

Remember boys, "One game...one win."

Mr Adams and the S2 Rugby team

U16

Barbarian Conference U16 Table

	P	W	L	D	Points
1 Marr College	9	8	0	1	26
2 QVS	9	8	1	0	25
3 St Columba's School	8	4	4	0	16
4 Lomond & Helensburgh	8	3	4	1	15
5 Lenzie Academy	7	4	3	0	15
6 Morrison's Academy	9	3	6	0	15
7 Balfon/Strathendrick	9	3	6	0	15
8 Ayr/Wellington	7	3	4	0	13
9 Jordanhill School	9	1	8	0	11
10 Carrick Academy	5	2	3	0	9

It has been a hugely enjoyable part of my first year at Queen Victoria



School to be tasked with coaching the U16 rugby team. For the first term, I worked with the gap year student, and Scotland Academy player, Billy Sullivan. The boys gained huge benefit from having a player of Billy's calibre leading them and QVS had a very strong effort in the Barbarians conference, finish runner-up to Marr College from Troon. The U16 team were unlucky not to progress further in the plate competition, Bellbaxter's disappointing withdrawal saw us matched against with a squad of 20 boys. Billy left following the end of his gap year in December 2017, and I personally would like to thank him for his tremendous efforts with the U16 rugby team.

Success as an U16 team is a double-edged sword, and due to the outstanding effort from our older players, many of them made the deserved step up to 1XV following the close of the conference. Congratulations to; Josh King, Cameron Taylor, Cameron Crawford, Keir Dillon and Rhys Owen, who became regular starters in the 1XV team. Following the loss of these players, our far younger U16 team struggled against some more settled opposition in the Spring term. There was also the unfortunate run of snowy weather which saw us having to cancel matches as late as March, however, a run of victories including winning the Central Schools Cup, and Seven's Central Cup – enabled the boys to finish the season on the high.

It has been a tremendous effort from all the boys who have represented the U16 team this year, and with the majority moving onto 1XV rugby next week they are well equipped with skills and physicality to cope with the demands of U18 rugby. Queen Victoria School have done well to have a strong representation in the Caledonia regional set up; well done to Brodie Paterson (S4), Tom Main (S3) and Rajeeb Thapa (S3) for gaining recognition at this level. Even more impressively Josh King has gone from strength to strength this year, his physicality, athleticism and unrivalled work rate has seen him captain Scotland U17 this year, a tremendous achievement, and I feel Josh could have a very exciting future in rugby ahead of him.

A season of victories and losses, exciting tries and missed tackles, Beasts from the East and a few rays of sunshine. There's nothing more enjoyable than seeing staff, pupils and parents alike cheering on QVS pupils and appreciating the rugby shown by both teams on a Saturday morning. The boys bring pride, passion and fun onto the pitch...rugby in its purest form.

Mr Wright

This season started very positively as the whole team were ready to carry on from the success of last season. In the first 3 games, we didn't concede a single point, which gave us confidence for upcoming matches. Our ego was too high and went into the game against Marr and got completely played off the pitch. After this we knew that the next game against Morrison's had to be a win. Against our rivals we all felt prepared, intense work from forwards using Poot and backs using set pieces meant that we managed a 36-26 victory over them. The following games we had the same desire and tenacity to win and did so, but sadly with the loss against Marr we came second overall losing by only one point, although disappointed we are all very proud in such a great result.

In the school cup we started off anxious as we were drawn against Culloden. Not knowing anything about them we went with focus on the game to make no errors, needless to say we beat them 60-0. The next match was against St Columba who we had already played earlier in the conference and beat, so we were ready to play them again and won that game. We were supposed to play Bellbaxter as our next opponent, but they had obviously seen our stats and pulled out of playing us, this meant Strathallan was our next game. After getting beat quite considerably a few weeks before we wanted to give them a better game and the win would be a bonus. We managed to hold them away from our try line a lot more than previous but sadly it wasn't enough and we got put out in the fourth round. The furthest the school has ever got in the cup.

We entered the Scottish Central Cup facing against 5 other teams and won them all confidently, Balforn must have thought they would win it again as they 'forgot' to bring the trophy. After our outstanding performance in the Central Cup we almost didn't get invited to the sevens Central Cup. With perseverance from Mr McLay we got our place. Only conceding two tries throughout the whole tournament we managed to win that as well.

The whole season just gave us positives to take in and use to thrive and attain for the next season. With that in mind I hope we can make the upcoming season even more positive than this one.

1st XV Rugby

Barbarian Conference U18 Table

	P	W	L	D	Points
1 Morrison's Academy	9	6	2	1	27
2 Marr College	9	6	2	1	22



3 Lomond & Helensburgh	9	6	2	1	22
4 QVS	9	5	4	0	19
5 Ayr/Wellington	9	5	4	0	19
6 St Columba's School	8	5	3	0	18
7 Jordanhill School	9	3	6	0	15
8 Lenzie Academy	9	2	7	0	13
9 Carrick Academy	8	2	6	0	12
10 Balforn/Strathendrick	9	0	9	0	9

1st XV v St Columbas 5-47

The team was ready for a competitive match against a formidable opposition. Many of the players had been back for pre-season and had had a hard two days working on fitness and basic skills.

Although we were evenly matched in certain areas of the game e.g. breakdown, team defence etc, St Columbus hit us out wide with a particularly strong runner and before we knew it we were 26-0 down at half time. We also lost key players throughout the game through injury and with very little depth on the bench we ended up losing 47-5. The boys never gave up, even under difficult circumstances and we took a lot from the game. Man of the match was Josh Beard, who seemed to be at every tackle and breakdown.

1st XV v Carrick 39-12

With only 16 players we made our way down to Carrick on a perfect day weather wise. With the addition of Ghale at 10, we have made a few positional changes and in training it was starting to come together. The first half was a tense affair in which our defence was tested. However the team worked together and prevented Carricks big forwards from getting over the line. With one successful penalty we went into half time 3-0 up. After a half time talk reiterating playing to our strengths and using the off load, the team very quickly put two tries in. Well timed passes and effective off loads meant that Leatherbarrow and Beard were able to exploit space and score. With renewed confidence in attack, Dunbar used his pace and agility to exploit the space created and jinked his way over the line. Carrick had a spell where they regathered their form and scored twice but only to concede very quick tries from the restarts from King, Dalrymple and Dunbar. Final score was 39-6 to QVS, man of the match was Jack McNeilly who created the link between backs and forwards effectively and put some great tackles in on their big runners.

1st XV v Balforn 51-0

After a week of rain, we woke to sunshine splitting the trees. The team was ready to build on the success of the week before but

Balforn were new to the Conference and we were not sure what we would be coming up against. Unfortunately, they could only field 13 players so we adapted accordingly and matched their numbers. The team started off where they left off against Carrick with quick rucks and great support on shoulders. We quickly went up with tries from Dunbar, King and Beard with McNeilly being accurate with the boot. Dunbar went over again in the corner with a well-timed run onto a grubber from from McNeilly and Drummond cut back in against the tide to powerfully go over the line after a jinky run through the defence. By half time Balforn had gone down to 12 and we were asked to give over a couple of players and move into a development match. Another great performance, with a great team spirit being formed. The score ended 51-0 to QVS

1st XV v Marr 5-28

This was going to be a real test for the team as Marr were posting some big scores against the other teams in the Conference. It was a lovely clear day and our second home match of the season. We started off well and our tactic of staying out of defensive rucks and blitzing them was working well. So much so that after several big hits in the mid field we turned over possession and scored in the corner. We stayed at 5-0 until about the 25th minute when the team lost focus for one second and through a miss tackle the Marr flanker ran in a well-deserved try. This then opened the flood gates and through fatigue and a lack of focus we ended up losing 42-5. They also changed their tactic after half time and started to use their forwards a lot and as a result battered their way over the try line several times in the second half. We ended up losing 43-5.

1st XV v Strathallan 12-36

This was our first 'friendly' match of the season and again proved to be a hard match for the team. We were up against older boys who were physically bigger and stronger than us. However, we once again stuck to our game plan and defended as a team and again 20 mins in to the game, although we had very little possession, we were 5-0 up. Sam and Josh King were putting in tackle after tackle which was then forcing errors which we were quick to capitalise on. However inevitably the team tired from continually defending and Strath then started to exploit weaknesses and score tries.

1st XV v Morrisons 5-39

Morrisons had managed to keep the majority of their players from last year and it was obvious from the scores of their previous games that they were a good side. We were short of a couple of key players but managed to compete for the first 25 mins through a phenomenal

work rate from the King brothers. In fact, the video showed that out of 82 effective takes, Sam and Josh put in 35 of them. Although it was 39-12 at the end of the match, the team was pleased with the second half performance.

1st XV v Hutchesons 12-27

Our last match of the half term and we had some tired bodies on the park. We had had a tough run up against some big opposition, however we had a real opportunity to beat Hutchy this year. It was a wet, slow pitch which made it difficult to get any speed in to our attacks and our backs were nullified by a strong defensive line. The Hutchy forwards relied on the pick and go, however we defended our line time and time again. Unfortunately, the boys got tired and holes started appearing which the opposition exploited.

1st XV v Lenzie 53-12

The day didn't start well with the team having to change outside due to the changing rooms being locked. However, it was a lovely sunny morning and the boys aren't shy, unfortunately for the locals. With a quick change, we were on to the paddock and ready for action. At first Lenzie proved difficult to break down as their defence was strong, however when we realised that their fitness was an issue we started to move the ball around more and take advantage of the space. Lloyd scored a hat-trick from powerful pick and go's and also speed through the middle. Morgan also put in two well-constructed tries. Thankfully we were back to our winning ways and consolidated their last win.

1st XV v Jordanhill 48-17

Never knowing what quite to expect, the team started this game making unforced errors. However, once they relaxed and realised that Jordanhill could be beaten through well timed passes pre-contact, they started to dominate the game. The Kings went on the rampage with two tries a piece, Sam never wanting to be out done by his 'little' brother, Josh. Ryan McGuinness also scored his first try of the season which he celebrated by almost smiling. Cameron Crawford also scored his first try, having recently moved up from the U16's.

1st XV v Marr 37-5

On our return match against Marr, we felt confident that we could make amends for the mistakes made in the Conference match. We turned up on a beautiful morning and the players were excited to be playing on a 4G pitch. Straight from the start we pressurised the opposition with great defence. Every time a hit went in the boys motivated each other through praise. The confidence grew and grew until the point Marr could not cope with pressure. All of a sudden, the players started to play evasive rugby, passing off shoulders and passing pre-contact. The support lines proved to be unstoppable and we scored try after try with McGuinness, Merrick and the King boys scoring.

1st XV v Hutchesons 21-27

The team looked forward to our second match against Hutchy as we knew their strengths and weaknesses. It was played on a wide open park, which suited out speed merchants, Richard, Owen and of course T'Beau... This time we knew that we had the beating of them in the backs and Fraser and Morgan ran great lines all game, which kept the opposition backs guessing. With tries from Josh B, Lloyd and Josh K and fabulous conversions from Jack we came so close to beating Hutchy. The last play of the game saw us right down on their line but unfortunately, we panicked under pressure and lost possession and the game was lost. Great game though and boys emptied the tank on the day.

1st XV v Morrisons 10-10

After a long break due to the half term and matches being cancelled due to weather, the team were champing at the bit to get back onto the park and have a go. It just so happened that it was against Morrisons, our local rivals. The boys were so focused and psyched up, it was obvious that this game meant a lot to them. The first half was a battle of attrition with both sides running effective lines but being stopped by all out defence. We saw out the first 15 mins where Morrisons had a lot of possession and forced error after error with ferocious tackling and great line speed. Forwards turned possession over in rucks and the backs pressurised the Morrisons back line by double hits in the mid-field. However, it soon became obvious that the team would have to try to understand the referee and adapt to his way of thinking as we gave away penalty after penalty. The game ended 10-10 with both teams having ample opportunities to score but through solid defences and at times a lack of discipline failed to get over the line. The Morrisons coach was keen to know what we had fed the boys the night to get them so focused and psyched up for the game.

1st XV v Balfron 29-0

Last game of the season was to be the Central Cup Final against Balfron. We knew that their team would have been strengthened by players available during the week and therefore could not be complacent. It was a small pitch which meant it would be a very physical game and the team needed to adapt so that they could create space to attack in. The first half proved to be quite frustrating, as we made many unforced errors due to players not releasing the ball at the right time and looking for contact. Once we realised the key to success was actually listening to the coach and playing with support runners on shoulders and passing pre-contact, we opened up their defence and we were able to flood through to then go on and score tries. Sam went over the line twice, with other tries coming from Lloyd, Morgan and Josh. It was a great game to finish off on and a well-deserved win.

It was great to get back with the 1st XV and this proved to be one of my most enjoyable seasons to date. The players took ownership of their game and the team spirit, even when under the cosh, was always high. The seniors led by example and the young guns rose to the challenge.

Fraser Arnott proved to be a sound choice of Captain, with his level head and tactical awareness, ably assisted by the other seniors, Morgan Leatherbarrow, Sam King, Jack McNeilly, Josh Beard, Lloyd Owen, Sam Drummond, Richard Dunbar, Ryan McGuinness and Shafiq Dura. You will be missed next season and good luck in the future.

A special mention must go to Josh King, for not only Captaining the Caledonia U17's District side to a Championship win but also for then going on to Captain the Scotland U17's side against England. A real motivating success story for our aspiring youngsters!

Mr McLay

1st XV

For the First XV it was a year of ups and downs. Mentally and physically, pre-season worked well and as a team we were on a high until we met our first competitors, St Columba's at home. Our first game ended in a thrashing for the First XV and the general aura in the days after was that this season would not be successful, as over recent years we had been evenly matched with this side. Although the following couple of games resulted in good scores for QV totalling



90 points. The next 4 games caused QV heads to drop as we lost 4/4: leading QV to drop down the places in our national conference. Coming out of the October holidays, some players struggled to handle the idea of finishing worse than our rivals. Our first game back against Lomond resulted in a defeat for QV but was a very close game and we were very disappointed with the score. With the conference heavily on our minds, our next three opponents were to expect nothing less than a matured QV team, approaching the height of their season; and this led to four wins from four: Wellington, Lenzie, Jordanhill and Wellington again (out-with conference). A poor finish in the Conference, in comparison to last year's win, meant that the First XV felt that after 7 years of representing school (8 for Sam King) they had something more to give when they returned in the new year.

The start of the new year, and a refreshed team welcomed a strong Kelvinside team at home, and although we lost, we were in a positive mindset as we had a lot to build on for the rest of the season in preparation for the closing matches. The next week, I believe, really changed the course of the teams season. The team travelled to Marr and thrashed our opponents on an AstroTurf pitch. We had a lot to take from this game, and in the coming weeks we really worked on our strengths and weaknesses. A couple more wins and the game before our February break was away to Hutcheson's. This team had recently, although the score line doesn't read it, thrashed us in almost every area of the game, and the First XV knew this would be a tough match. With an unexpected warm up on a sand pitch, I'll blame Hutcheson's early score on QV's mindset not yet prepared for the game. We had great periods of play during this game, and with seven mins left 2 converted tries were required to win it. Camped on our try line and defending off a scrum, we managed to turn over the possession, march up the pitch and within a couple phases bring the score to within 6 points. We again marched up the pitch, only to be awarded a disallowed try during the final play.

With many cancelled fixtures due to the weather, it put more weight on our shoulders to finish the regular season off with a win on derby day. We hosted Morrisons at home, who had recently thrashed us

away. After seven years of endless battling with this side, we decided that there was no other way to finish an era off better than beating our closest rivals at home.

Every member of the team knew that there would be no hiding in this game, and a full shift was required from every player. With an early score for QV (Leatherbarrow) we started the game well and knew that this would be no easy side to beat. Penalty after penalty, endless attack from Morrisons and halftime could not come quicker, as a missed penalty kick meant that we could not go those extra points ahead. And in the later stages of the first half Morrisons too managed to get over the line and the score was tied at 7-7 going into the break. By this time there were definitely a lot of players out on their feet. The second half resulted in more poor decisions against QV, but our defence was not being broken yet: with a handful of try saving tackles. With every member of the team getting stuck in at every point on the pitch, an unfortunate 2nd and 3rd yellow card were awarded against us. Even then it took the majority of the sin bins for Morrisons to score once more. Although being exhausted having defended for so long, this did not stop us finally getting the ball back and the ball in hand proved to be helpful as 5 metres from the line, front row McGuinness amazed to throw a ridiculous offload (that every international prop would be proud of) to his front row compatriot Dalrymple. A missed kick set the score at 10-10 as QV returned to a full complement for the remaining minutes of the match. In my opinion, there is no worse way to finish a season with a draw, but it seemed fitting as it ended our 7 year rivalry with Morrisons on level par.

After an emotional year for the First XV, it's safe to say that we leavers have thoroughly enjoyed our time playing rugby for this school, and we have learned a lot playing such a great sport with our closest friends. Congratulations to all of the S4 & S5 pupils who stepped up to bring together a great team and to give the leavers a memorable year.

Morgan Leatherbarrow



Clockwise top to bottom; U15; S2; S1 Hockey.

Hockey

S1 Hockey

The 2017/2018 Hockey season was a very tough journey. We started off on a not so great first match but that's when we realised what we were doing wrong. Since then, our team got stronger and stronger every week by improving our communication and self-confidence. There were lots of great games, sometimes even a few of the P7s would join us so they had experience for next year. There were times when a handful of S1s were chosen for the S2 matches, even though at the end of them we were gasping for water trying to keep up! Our best match as a year group was when we went to the High School of Dundee. That's when we worked the best we ever worked as a year group. We were able to take the win with a great score of 2-0. That day we all came together and put our differences aside and just fought hard. Luckily, the weather blessed us as well. We have all made so many memories in Hockey this year. Obviously we had our

downs but most of the time it was all up. I'm really looking forward to next season; to see everyone's skills improve and come together to work better as a team is exciting. Well done girls!

Lily O'Neill

1st XV Hockey

With this season sadly over, it is fair to say that the First XI have had an outstanding year, despite losing many top players. Looking back at the start of the season at our first game against Mary Erskines, it's like watching a completely different team play as our skills and cooperation have improved massively.

As the season has gone on, our winning streak has remained high,

with us winning a majority of our games. The defence this year kept a strong formation throughout the year and saved us from many 'close calls' by working well together to clear the ball out. The defensive part of the team included Emily Collins, Anjipa Malla, Pabina Thapa, Anna Gurung, Jasmine Gurung and the newest member, Rosie Welsh.

The midfield made up of myself, Sophie Murphy, Charlotte Sowden, Charlotte Gothard-Oliver and another new player, Olivia Oatley. As a section, we all helped provide a strong platform for the attack and bringing the ball up the pitch to our strikers. Moving onto our strikers, Garys Dodd, Shauney Lee-Young, Madison Robb and Elisha Bura.

As a team, we have all closely bonded and helped each other get through the gruelling training sessions every freezing or raining Thursday night with a smile on our faces. In games, the support we have for each other is immense and no player was ever left behind. This close friendship showed in our performances as we played as a

team, won and lost.

A final thank you on behalf of the team has to go out to Miss MacPhee. Regardless of being the 'new teacher', you've been fantastic for the team and also to Mr Oatley, who has dedicated so much of his time to come down every week to train with us... no matter how horrendous the weather is! However, without his wise words of wisdom like "Hockey players are the fittest people in the world" and "Hockey players never walk on a hockey pitch!" and clever tactics, we wouldn't have developed as much as we have and been as successful as we have been.

It has been an honour being captain of this year's First XI and I thank everyone for working hard and playing their best! Good luck to next year's team and captain, I hope you have a successful season.

Olivia Williams





Gymnastics.



Inter-House Competition

The Inter-House Competition enables the pupils at the School to compete against their peers in an array of sports. This year, due to the changes made to Saturday morning classes, we added other activities so that those staying over the weekend had meaningful activities to fill their time on a Saturday morning. We all know how much teenagers love to be up early and active! The major competitions of rugby, hockey, athletics, football and of course the favourite, cross country were fiercely competed for with rugby, hockey and football being won by Bannerman. Cross country was taken by Ormond and Liddell, against all odds were crowned athletics champions through some great team work and solid performances on Sports Day. Our new minor competitions of swimming, badminton, triathlon, basketball and short tennis all added to the rivalry and

provided more opportunities for more pupils to represent their team. The scores were as follows

	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Total
Bannerman	140	180	130	450
Liddell	205	190	80	475
Ormond	195	120	90	405

This means that Liddell are the overall winners this year, which is only the third time they have been Champions since 2007.

Congratulations Liddell!



Athletics

Sat May 5th Wellington/Lomond

The season started with 5 teams going down to Ayr to compete against Wellington and Lomond. It was great to see so many smiling faces at 07:30 in the morning, looking forward to a cooked breakfast in preparation for the 1500m!

This is always a great start as it is a relaxed, fairly informal competition that allows all of the athletes to compete but more importantly see where they are at regarding personal bests.

Sat May 12th Hutchesons/Glasgow Accies/ St Aloysius

This is one of our main fixtures of the season and a great opportunity for the athletes to pitch themselves against some top school/club athletes. It was a beautiful summers day and both the boys and girls teams competed with enthusiasm and confidence.

Mon May 14th Morrisons/Balfron

Although we normally compete against Morrisons, we invited Balfron along this year as they have a lot of athletes who are keen to compete. It proved to be a real success and with the added bonus of fine weather, many of the pupils from all three schools managed to attain PB's on the day.

The results at the end of the day were:

P7	
QVS	94
Morrisons	86

S1	
QVS	157
Morrisons	121
Balfron	159

S1	
QVS	155
Morrisons	149
Balfron	127

Mon May 21st Lathallan

We had a long but easy trip up to Montrose and when we arrived the sea had come in and it was even difficult to make out the start of the 100m. It is a lovely setting and the P7, S1 and S2 girls and boys were really up for the competition. Despite the track being on an angle, runners managed to still beat PB's.

The results were as follows:

P7's	
QVS	98
Lathallan	68

S1's	
QVS	101
Lathallan	91



S2's

QVS	101
Lathallan	87

Tues May 29th Stirling Secondary Schools

With the likelihood of competing against some formidable club athletes, the teams seemed to be a little more apprehensive. We made our way over to Stirling University where the other 7 secondary schools in the area would congregate. Throughout the day we had notable success and we proved to be worthy contenders due to the pupil's ability to perform sound technique and also have the confidence to perform in front of others.

Notable successes on the day were as follows:

Name	Event	Time/Distance	Position
Lily O'Neil	100m	14.12	1st
Rays Gurung	100m	13.8	1st
Michael Draunidalo	100m	12.75	1st
Connor Paterson	800m	2.23.24	1st
S1 Boys	Relay	54.52	1st
S2 Boys	Relay	51.67	1st
Rajeb Thapa	Triple Jump	11.20	1st
Euan Lee	Long Jump	4.46	1st
Theo Natiri	Shot Putt	9.31	1st

Fri June 1st Stirling Primary Schools

We knew we had a strong girls team and the boys were starting to develop as the term went on. We were back at Stirling Uni but this time against 31 other primary schools in the area. It was a long day but the pupils really stayed focused and QVS came third overall on the day. This is an amazing result considering that there were 32 primaries involved.

Notable successes on the day were as follows:

Name	Event	Time/Distance	Position
Girls Relay	Relay	1.14.68	2nd
Mica McLeod	150m	22.25	3rd
Aailah McLeod	600m	1.56.00	2nd
Deeyana Gurung	Shot Putt	7.07	2nd

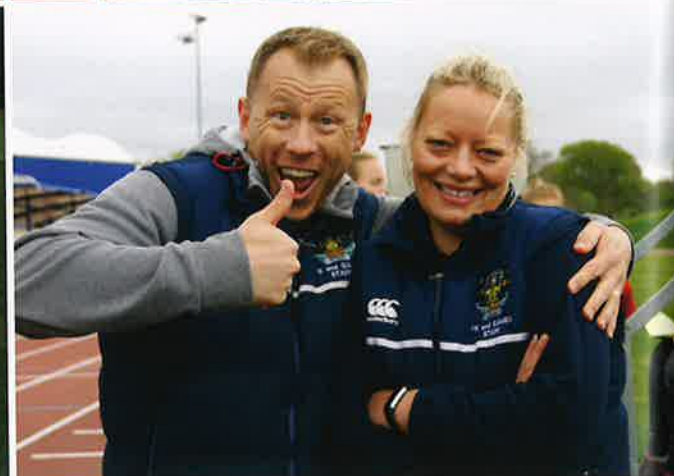
Fri June 8th SSAA Champs

This year saw all of the listed pupils achieve the standard to be selected to go to the Scottish Schools Track and Field Championships. It is over two days and held at the Grangemouth Stadium and the athletes compete against the finest from all over Scotland. Again, our pupils did themselves and the school proud and competed with confidence and focus. What was encouraging to see was the number of young athletes who were achieving the standards who still have another year and more in the same year group. Look out for some great results in the years to come.

Notable results over the two days were as follows:

Name	Event	Time/Distance	Position
Josh King 3rd	Javelin U17	41.71m	3rd
Josh King 3rd	Discus U17	37.61m	3rd
Tom Main 5th	Javelin U17	36.48m	5th
Lily O'Neil 4th	Discus U14	20.72m	5th
Michael Draunidalo	Long Jump U14	5.00m	4th
Michael Draunidalo	100m U14	12.93	6th
Theo Natiri	80m Hurdles U14	14.06	4th

As a result of his performances over the two days, Josh King was selected to represent Scotland against England, Ireland and Wales at Javelin. He did so, achieving a personal best of 44.22 and achieved



5th place. This gave Josh his second International cap of the year.

Tues June 12th Dollar

Our Dollar competition was always going to be tough, as Dollar is a much bigger school and fiercely competitive at sport. However, it would be a great opportunity for the pupils to test themselves against some real talent.

Notable performances include:

Name	Event	Time/Distance	Position
Magnus Gothard-Oliver	Javelin	24.45	1st
Connor Paterson	800m	2.19.14	1st
Subaashish Gurung	Shot Putt	9.15	1st
Amena Caqusau	High Jump	1.40	1st
Mica McLeod	100m	13.54	1st
Mica McLeod	200m	30.34	1st
Deeyana Gurung	Javelin	18.45	1st
Euan Lee	Long Jump	4.56	1st

Tues June 19th Sports Day

Sports Day is now one of the major events of the year with well over three quarters of the pupils participating in some shape or form. This year Liddell surprised everybody with wins at both the Intermediate and Senior level, making them overall winners on the day. They achieved this through, not necessarily winning very event but making sure every event have someone competing in it. It was a great example of working for the team and working as a team. This rounded off a memorable term of athletics in which it was great to see individuals grow in confidence over the term. The results on the day were:

Scottish Schools Athletics 2018

McCloud	Aaliyah	Girls	D	U14	High Jump	1.40	Friday 8/6/2018	4:00pm
King	Josh	Boys	B	U17	Javelin	39.45	Friday 8/6/2018	12:00pm
Main	Tom	Boys	B	U17	Javelin	38.50	Friday 8/6/2018	12:00pm
Malcolm	Alex	Boys	B	U17	Triple Jump	11.70	Friday 8/6/2018	3:00pm
Thapa	Rajeb	Boys	C	U15	Long Jump	5.31	Friday 8/6/2018	11:00pm
Horsburgh	Alden	Boys	D	U14	Discus	25.42	Friday 8/6/2018	3:00pm
Loe	Euan	Boys	D	U14	Discus	24.70	Friday 8/6/2018	3:00pm
Natiri	Theo	Boys	D	U14	Shot Putt	9.20	Friday 8/6/2018	2:00pm
Gurung	Rays	Boys	D	U14	Shot Putt	9.40	Friday 8/6/2018	2:00pm
McCloud	Aaliyah	Girls	D	U14	Long Jump	4.10	Saturday 9/6/2018	12:00pm
O'Neill	Lily	Girls	D	U14	Discus	20.55	Saturday 9/6/2018	4:00pm
King	Josh	Boys	B	U17	Discus	32.84	Saturday 9/6/2018	12:00pm
Malcolm	Alex	Boys	B	U17	Long Jump	6.73	Saturday 9/6/2018	10:00am
Caqusau	Amena	Boys	C	U18	100m	12.44	Saturday 9/6/2018	11:20am
Draunidalo	Michael	Boys	D	U14	100m	12.66	Saturday 9/6/2018	11:05am
Draunidalo	Michael	Boys	D	U14	Long Jump	4.80	Saturday 9/6/2018	2:00pm
Main	Ben	Boys	D	U14	Javelin	28.45	Saturday 9/6/2018	2:00pm
Lee	Euan	Boys	D	U14	Long Jump	4.80	Saturday 9/6/2018	2:00pm
Gurung	Rays	Boys	D	U14	Long Jump	4.80	Saturday 9/6/2018	2:00pm
Gurung	Rays	Boys	D	U14	High Jump	1.45	Saturday 9/6/2018	10:00am

Athletics really tests pupils, not just physically but mentally and is a great vehicle for developing characteristics such as resilience, determination, self-belief and the ability to encourage team mates even when the going gets tough. I would like to congratulate all of the pupils who achieved personal bests this year as well as competing against other schools and within the school against their peers. I would also like to say that these opportunities would not exist if it were not for a small contingent of staff who give up their time selflessly so that these events can run. A special thank you to you all.





U14 Football.

Mini Highland Games

The idea of holding a Highland Games at QVS had been talked about for many years therefore the end of Activities Week opened up the opportunity to stage the first one.

Blessed with glorious weather, the proceedings started with the Gathering of the Clans: Bannerman, Liddell and Ormand followed by them marching behind their respective banners, down the hill and onto the sports fields, with our pipe band and Chieftain Mr Tom Shannon, leading the way. After a short briefing, the excited participants dashed to their events and the action got under way.

The main arena saw some keenly contested competition, ably organised and managed by Mrs Scott Laing and her team of helpers. The 3-legged race (using old dancing socks to tie legs together), sack race and tattie 'n spoon races, produced much drama, excitement and close finishes. Tossing the Caber proved to be a skills test and crowd puller. Mr Lawrence, Mr Porter and Mr B Wright used all their knowledge – which amounted to very little – to guide the participants safely through the E's and O's of this event. Mrs Rodger was kept very busy all afternoon recording and sorting out times for the Obstacle Course, which was in the form of a giant inflatable. Pupils also took part in a Hill Race, Welly Boot Throw, Puttin' the Stane,

Weight O'er the Bar and Drumming and Dancing. Mr Shaw, Mr Renwick, Mr S Wright, Mr McConnell, Mr Clark and Miss Stinson must be thanked for organising those events at fairly short notice. Mrs Adams warmed up her megaphone for Sports Day by ensuring things ticked along nicely and as usual supplied us with some merry wit and banter! The games came to a conclusion with Mr Stacey overlooking the Tug O War. With the competitors roared on by the close spectators, the atmosphere was loud and boisterous especially when the Staff beat the Pupils in the final challenge.

Finally, Chieftain Mr Shannon gave a vote of thanks to all involved which was followed by the Inter-house competition results and a BBQ. Thanks also go to Mrs Hiddleston and HWB team for supplying refreshments and all who contributed to making our first Mini Highland Games a great success.

Results

Junior	Liddell 117	Bannerman 96	Ormond 87
Intermediate	Bannerman 88	Ormond 84	Liddell 74
Overall	Liddell 191	Bannerman 184	Ormond 171



Girls Day

Cross Country on Active Girls Day

On Friday 6th October all the girls in QVS took part in active girls day. Every girl got to choose one of the following activities; gymnastics, badminton, tennis, yoga, netball, hockey or cross country. Some of the S5 girls took the warm up for everyone in the sports hall at the start of the morning. Mrs Adams took eight girls out on a cross country run. Half way there we stopped at a park in Dunblane for a break. It was really fun because we got to go through forest paths

and through long grass. We did about three miles and at the end of our run we got a chance to race against the speed camera at school. The fastest was Abbie Gibson at 16mph.

A great morning was had by all!

Ceara Gowans and Eva Rennie



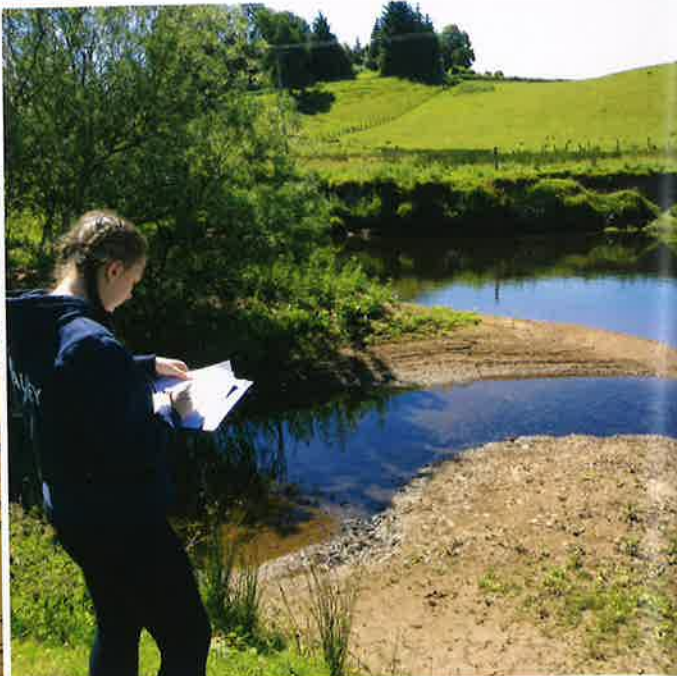
Geography

In October the Higher Geography pupils left the QV bubble behind and headed to the city of Glasgow. They visited the city to collect information for their assignment research project looking at defining the CBD of Glasgow. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their day however found it hard to stay focused on their assignment with the distraction of clothes shops and the lure of fast food!

A bit closer to home, the National 4/5 Geography pupils also completed a research project investigating where was the most suitable place for a weather station at QVS. The pupils used weather instruments to collect weather data in certain locations over a number of days. They then compared their data to the Met Office forecast as well as local weather stations. They completed this during the

Autumn term however it would have been interesting to record the weather during the dreaded 'Beast from the East' although I don't think the pupils would have thanked me for that!

The Junior Phase pupils have also utilised the QVS grounds to enhance their geographical skills whilst making the most of the sunshine in the summer term. The S3 pupils have been working on a research project about the environment of QVS. In processing the results, we have made use of our new online software, Digimap for Schools, where they have created annotated maps of their data. The pupils have really enjoyed using the new software to create professional looking maps and diagrams. Gone are the days of bad photocopies of OS maps and dodgy colouring in!



History

As part of the theme of Conflict, S2 study the Cold War. They learn why the Cold War started, who was involved and why, before going on to look at different examples of how tension between east and west was created. The unit ends with pupils writing an essay on the different causes of tension during the Cold War. Some of the essays were excellent, showing a clear understanding of the unit. Well done! Here's a sample of some of the outstanding work.

Cold War Essay 1

How important was the Cuban Missile Crises in causing tension during the Cold War?

The USA and the USSR have a long history of disagreeing and ended up in a Cold War. A Cold War is a war where there is no physical fighting between two countries, but there are threats and talking. The USSR was communist and believed everyone should be communist, whereas the USA was democratic and believed everyone should be democratic. This caused an awful lot of friction/tension.

In 1963 the USA was suspicious of Cuba and the Soviet Union relationship, so the USA flew two U2 planes over Cuba and took photos of the Cuban missile base. After discovering the missiles, the USA felt threatened due to the fact that the coast of Florida was 92 miles from Havana, the capital of Cuba. The types of missiles discovered were IRSMs and SAMs with a range of 2,000km and 3,500km respectively. America retaliated by making a ship blockade around Cuba ordered by John F. Kennedy, the president of the USA in 1962. Castro, the Cuban president, felt very threatened and asked the Soviets to help but they just stopped delivering missiles. All of this caused a lot of fear, tension and suspicion. The American people were scared of an imminent attack and it upset the Soviet Union that the USA was stopping its plans to spread communism. This all caused a massive build up in the tension of the two superpowers and caused a lot of upset around the world. It also made America suspicious and caused them to stop trusting Cuba.

After the 2nd World War ended in 1945, Germany was split into two halves. East Germany was owned by the USSR and West Germany was owned by the Allies, France, USA, UK etc. East Germany was strongly communist under Khrushchev's rule and West Germany was democratic. However, the capital of Germany, Berlin was in the East but the Soviet Union wanted Berlin and as a compromise Berlin was split into four quarters, USA, France, UK and USSR. To keep control of his people Khrushchev decided to build a wall around his part of Berlin to stop the spread of democracy and western influences. On the 13th of August 1946 the Berlin Wall was built dividing cities, families and ruining lives. After the Allies tried to talk to Khrushchev about the wall Khrushchev got so angry he shut the borders in spite and anger, just to prove he was in charge and in control. NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) didn't want to interject as they feared it would cause a nuclear war with the USSR, so they left the wall up until 1989 when the people of Berlin dragged it down after all of Germany reunited. The effect of this was a lot of distress and ultimately gave the USSR more power than they deserved and provided a lot of tension and upset.

In conclusion I think the Cuban Missile Crisis was extremely important in causing tension during the Cold War. It was at that time that the tension was highest and I believe that without the Missile Crisis the Cold War might not have happened. The Berlin Wall also

caused tension but not as much as it wasn't a predominant threat. The two superpowers would've caused more death and pain than the Berlin Wall in the long run.

Lucie Evans, S2

Cold War Essay 2

How important was the Cuban Missile Crises in causing tension during the Cold War?

The Cold War was tension between the USA and USSR (Soviet Union). The two superpowers, USA and USSR were involved. The East (communist countries) and the West (democratic countries) were also involved. They were involved because the communist and democratic ruled their countries differently and they believed their way was the right way. The Cold War was caused by tension and things like threats, fear, action etc. It happened between 1945 and 1989.

The Cuban Missile Crisis was important in causing tension during the Cold war. Cuba became a communist country. The USSR put missiles in Cuba. Cuba wanted protection from the USA. They both worked together to strike at the USA. However on October 14th 1962, an American spy plane took pictures and found that Cuba had long range missiles. This was tense because the USA was only 92 miles from Cuba. President Kennedy (American president) was worried. Would the USSR attack them? Many people thought that it was best to invade but the President was scared of another World War. He decided to send war ships and surround Cuba and hoped that it would force the USSR to remove missiles. Over the next days the crisis was intense. The USSR said they were not going to remove the missiles. Kennedy thought that there was no choice but to invade on the 24th. Eventually they came to an agreement: the USSR would remove the missiles and the USA would never invade Cuba. The crisis was very tense and played a big role in causing tension during the Cold War. For six days a nuclear war was possible.

Another example that caused tension during the Cold War was the Vietnam War. Vietnam was split into two parts North and South. Ho Chi Minh rules the North, while President Diem ruled the South. It was divided because the 'domino theory' was put to the test. It was suggested that if one country was communist, the communism would spread like dominos falling. Ho Chi Minh wanted to make Vietnam a communist country whereas President Diem wanted to make Vietnam a democratic country. President Diem wasn't very popular. The USA decided to help President Diem because they didn't want communism spreading. On November 1st 1955 the Vietnam War started. America was worried, would Ho Chi Minh invade the South? Would communism spread? Their terrain was a jungle. America was confident that the South would win because of their money and advanced technology but they lost. The North set up many booby traps, ambushes etc. America spent \$2 million per year. Many soldiers died. Tension in America rose, as many veterans, hippies and celebrities like Muhammad Ali protested against the war. America was worried. Too many young lives were wasted. On January 27th 1973 the war ended. Ho Chi Minh had succeeded. The war was also very tense. It played a huge role in tension plus the war lasted almost twenty years!

Overall I think the Vietnam War caused more tension than the Cuban Missile Crisis. Although the Cuban Missile Crisis was tense and nuclear war was possible. I think the Vietnam War was more tense. The Vietnam War had lots of social tension with veterans, hippies celebrities etc. protesting against the war. Also it lasted for nearly twenty years while the Cuban Missile crisis didn't even last a year. This was the only war America lost and America spent millions of

dollars on war. Lots of young soldiers unfortunately died, whereas nobody died at the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Simoon Pun, S2

Cold War Essay 3

How important was the Cuban Missile Crises in causing tension during the Cold War?

The Cold War was increasing tension between the USSR (the Soviet Union) and the USA from 1945-1985. The East (USSR) was run by a communist party whereas the West (USA) was run by a democratic government. Due to the high amount of friction and tension because of the different types of Government it resulted in the Cold war. The Cold War doesn't involve attacks only threats such as the Cuban Missile Crisis.

The Cuban Missile Crisis played a big role within the Cold War. President Khrushchev felt as though his country wasn't gaining any power along with Fidel Castro, who wanted to take over US businesses, stored extremely powerful and dangerous weapons in Cuba which was 92 miles from Florida in 1963. This worried the US Government tremendously and made them feel slightly threatened by what was occurring. NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) sent no troops in fear of beginning war so as an alternative JF Kennedy sent ships boarding Cuba to see what sort of bombs and dangerous weapons were being sent and what was going to be done with them. Although it wasn't a clarified war, both the USA and USSR claimed victory as the USA put Cuba in a position to either get rid of the weapons or be attacked. This caused tension because it made the US feel scared and threatened due to the weapons being powerful

and dangerous. As a result the US retaliated and left Cuba with no choice but to step down. The USSR surely weren't happy about this and felt threatened by the actions made by the USA. As an end result of the Cuban Missile Crisis it did nothing but make the situation more tense.

The Arms Race is an equally important but not the same sort of situation. It began when NATO was created by countries in the West including, USA, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Italy, Denmark, Norway, Iceland and Portugal. This was created so all in NATO would protect each other. The USSR didn't like this and decided to speed up their nuclear policy and create hydrogen bombs. They then created the Warsaw group full of Eastern bloc countries. The USA and NATO wanted better weapons than the USSR made so they improved their weapons to be better and so on. This was the Arms Race. The USA began to worry and created something called Star Wars which had a DEWline (Distant Early Warning line) which detected any bombs/missiles being sent by the USSR before they actually arrived, to protect the US citizens and the country. It caused tension because each side felt the need to be better than the other and the US making Star Wars caused tension because the USSR couldn't do it and anything they did wouldn't affect the USA because they could prepare for anything coming.

I think the Cuban Missile Crisis was more important in causing tension because the USSR were storing weapons in Cuba, only 92 miles away from the country they were preparing to attack. Although the Arms Race was important in causing tension it seems as though the Cuban Missile Crisis was more of an effect to tension.

McKenzie Smiles, S2



Parliament Week

Pupils from S1-S6 took part in a variety of activities during Parliament week (13th-19th November) to help them to understand the importance of politics and ways in which they can get involved. We held a mock election with the S2, with pupils campaigning and then casting their all-important votes. They created their own political parties and wrote a detailed manifesto. Badges and posters were also made and a great deal of arguing why they were definitely the best choice. At times it was all a bit real, making Westminster look warm and fluffy. Promises were made and broken and eventually we had a victor, Jaheem from the Lib Dems came out with an overall majority. Who knew! The power of personality had a huge impact as his pledges really engaged his fellow voters.

S3 took part in making news reports during BBC School News which looked at issues they felt were important to them. Pupils enjoyed interviewing staff and each other on some surprisingly frank and hard-hitting topics, including the loss of parents, the use of steroids in sport and of course the old classic "School Food". Finally, we had a visit from a member of the House of Lords. This was very interesting to gain insight into the unelected body which is currently causing a storm in British politics. The Earl of Kinnoull was very honest with his answers and really illustrated why our pupils need to challenge the government and be aware of what is happening around them. Pupils found the activities thought provoking and different from the good old classroom teaching. Even Mrs O'Neill enjoyed seeing the pupils question each other regarding their policy choices during the elections. Roll on next year's Parliament week...



Commonwealth Games

As a culmination of their first year in Social Subjects, S1 pupils completed a four week cross curricular unit on the theme of the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Pupils spent one week studying the geographical, historical and Modern Studies aspects of the Games, before undertaking a unit assessment in the final week.

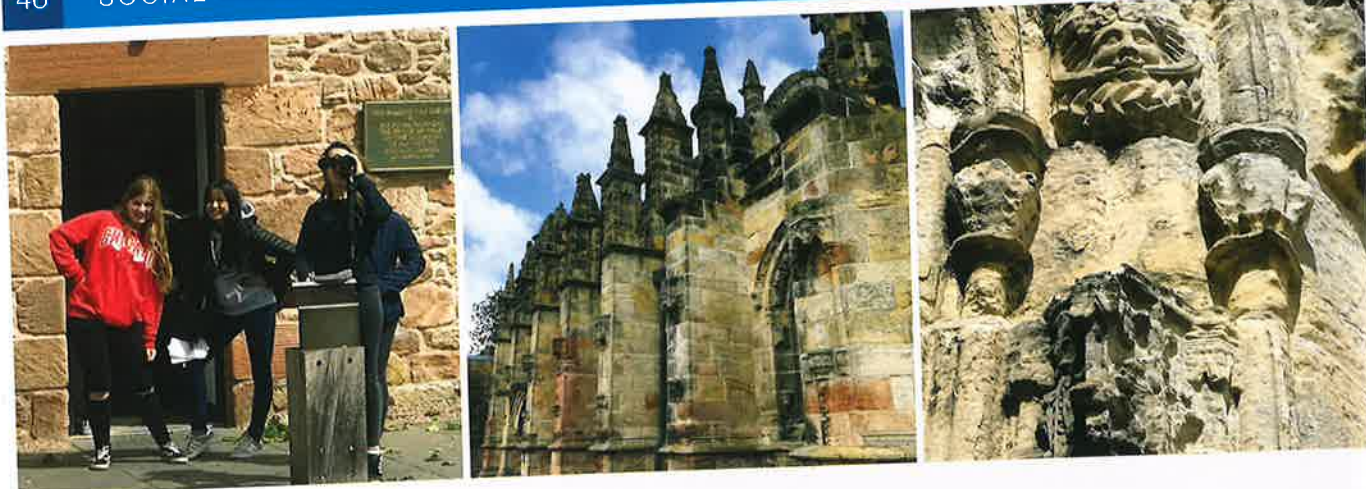
In Geography pupils learned the features of the Gold Coast which made it a suitable host venue. They compared and contrasted the features of developed and developing countries, which have limited the number of nations capable of hosting the Games. Pupils were then able to compare the positive and negative impacts of hosting the Games and provide their own assessment of whether hosting the games would benefit a city.

History lessons explained the background to the Commonwealth and the journey from the original Empire Games to the modern Commonwealth Games. Pupils worked in groups to investigate and understand the historical significance of the Games' baton, logo, mascot and motto and were given the opportunity to create their own versions of these for the 2022 Games in Birmingham.

The Modern Studies element of the unit, encouraged pupils to compare and contrast the rights of citizens across a variety of Commonwealth countries. It also explored the concept of having different age restrictions for different sports, applicable to the demands of the sport. Pupils were also challenged to use their business and numeracy skills to design a trip to the Games on a limited budget.

The final unit assessment encouraged pupils to use technology to research city they believe would benefit from hosting the Games in future. Pupils then documented their research by creating a booklet in support of that city's application. Included in the booklet was historical information about the host country, details of climate, weather and geography and a range of political and social information.

Feedback from pupils was that this unit was a fun and challenging way for them to display all of the skills they had developed in their first year of Social Subjects, while the quality of the finished assessments was testimony to just how far they have come!



RMPS Trip to Rosslyn Chapel

On Thursday 14th June we embarked on our annual visit to historic Rosslyn Chapel. Accompanied by S3, Mr Boyd and Miss Appleyard, we explored the Chapel and its grounds, examining the significance of key figures associated with the Chapel and its history.

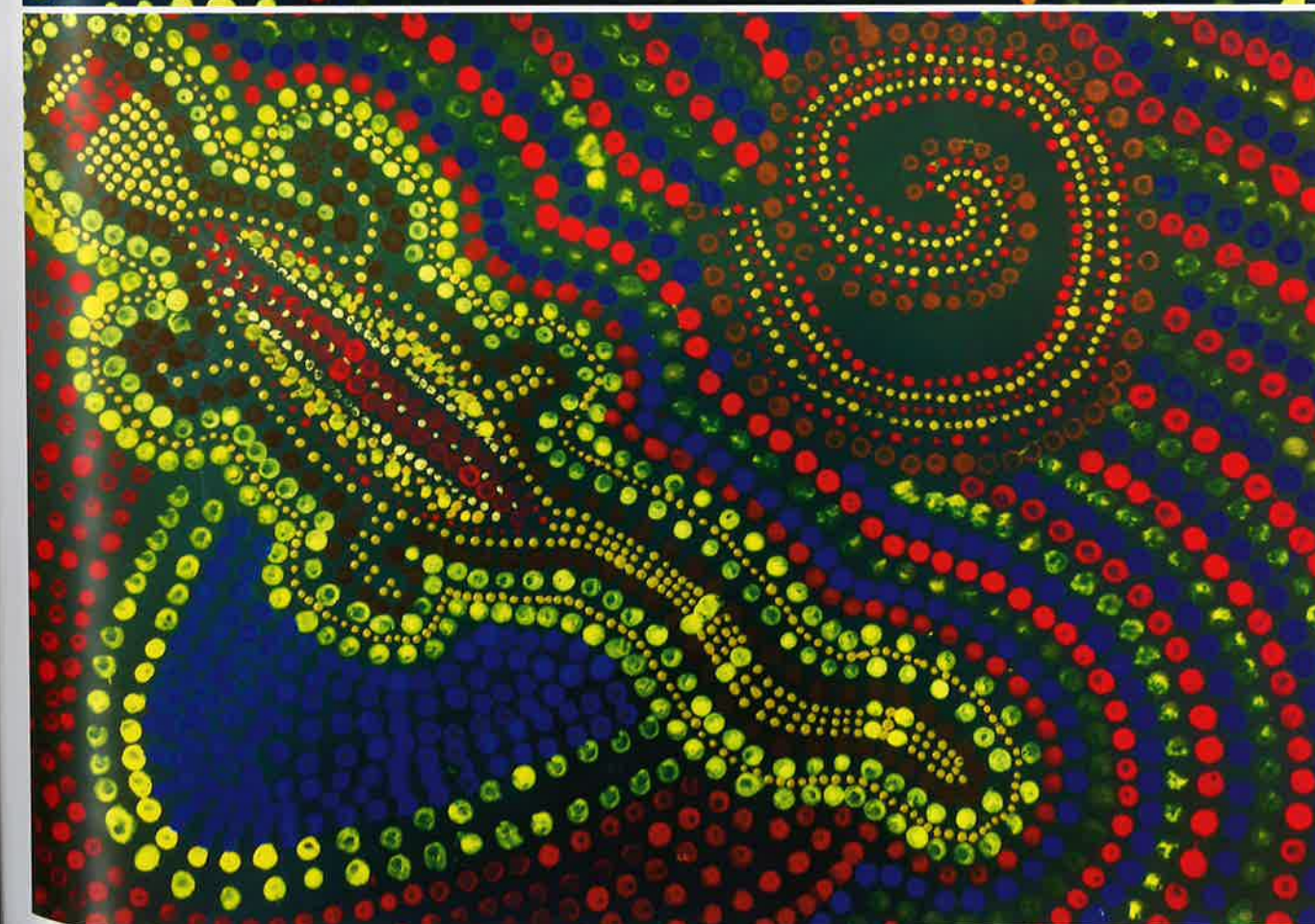
Rosslyn Chapel was built in the mid-15th century by William Sinclair, first Earl of Caithness. Tiny as Rosslyn Chapel is, Sir William ordered his architect and stonemasons to create a building decorated with as many biblical and theological stories as possible, but also allowed his

stonemasons to let their imagination run riot and carve jokes, green men, monsters and mysteries into the stone.

Rosslyn Chapel came to worldwide prominence through *The Da Vinci Code*, a novel written by Dan Brown, which was published in 2003. In the story, the main characters, Robert Langdon and Sophie Neveu, investigate a murder in the Louvre and, in doing so, follow a set of clues to unravel a mystery, taking them to London and then to Rosslyn Chapel.



Art; Isla Gilbert S3.



Top to bottom; Simoon Pun S2; Mckenzie Smiles S2.



Dounans

We went to Dounans for 3 days and stayed over for 2 nights. We met our Group Leaders; they gave us a tour of the place and showed us to our dorms. Within three minutes we already had midge bites, it was really annoying! We went to our classrooms where we took part in two activities; both were fun! Then we went back to our rooms, unpacked and headed to the dining hall. The food was spectacular! We also had a practice fire alarm just before tea! Then we all camped in our rooms, away from the midges – as soon as you opened the door about 50 midges would come in! Darran ate a spider...! After tea we did the egg challenge; we had to do many challenges to get as many materials as we could to protect our egg! We enjoyed free time after this, and went to sleep late!

The next day some of us went water rafting, others went pole climbing and the rest went activity walking outdoor, which was really fun – we got to see a waterfall, and drink the fresh water. We learned that if Roz told us to drink out of the water, not to, as she pushed our heads under water for a joke! The rafting was very fun – we were set a target to make a floating raft and everyone actually managed to do this. We discovered how brave Robert was, as he was the first one to jump in the water! Robert says “the water was freezing cold, I got everything we needed, and Leon left me in the water!” Leon managed to find a duck called Sir Quack-a-lot, and earned our teams loads of points. That night we had Highland Games since the disco was cancelled. Arran beat Rays in the Welly toss and he is very cheesy about it! We also had a nappy race, where we had to run, put our buoyancy aids on like nappies and run about! The Caber toss was

very hard; Jamie and Rays did this, and got it to go far. Some of the groups joined together, with teachers too, and we did a Tug of War. On the last day we had the Night Line and had to walk blindfolded with a rope connecting us together. The leader changed parts of the course each time, and we had to listen for instructions, like “Watch your head”, “Look out for the tree”. We also completed an obstacle course.

We got back to school on Wednesday evening, and on Thursday we set off early and went to Millport. We cycled 10.25 miles – Robert, Riley and Reagan really liked their bikes. The weather was really nice and Riley found crabs on the beach. Jamie found a massive one. We got to go to Largs and we had access to a chippy, amusement park, subway, arcade, Poundland, co-op and a subway.

On the last day of Activities Week, we did a Sponsored walk to raise money for Scottish Autism. It all brought us memories back (JM). It was a very long walk. Riley had to wait a lot, as he walked a lot faster than everyone else. After we had a Highland Games – Duncan was a legend, and the highlight was the Tug Of War and the Assault Course because in Tug Of War Duncan’s team managed to pull Bannerman and Ormond to the floor. Arran beat Jamie at Weight Over the Bar, and Robert and Reagan came 1st and 2nd for the Tattie and Spoon Race.

Arran, Robert, Riley, Rays, Jamie and Reagan



The Highland games were great fun. There was a large variety of activities to do such as caber toss, wellie toss, putting the stone the tattie and spoon race and more. I did the caber toss and got to finals. Overall the Highland Games were very enjoyable and I hope it is a yearly tradition.

James Mathieson

I really liked the Millport trip because cycling is my favourite sport. The path we took wasn’t very difficult and the stop at the beach was nice. It was so hot that my cheese sandwich melted.

Sam Macpherson

I really enjoyed Dounans because I love going on residential trips and all the activities we done we all really fun I also loved the Millport cycle “the scenery was amazing” and I really liked the free time in Largs I hope we can do something like that next activities week.

Euan lee

I really enjoyed Dounans because I loved all the activities like pole climb and raft building I really like going on residential. I have been to a residential before. I also liked the Millport cycling and liked having free time in Dounans. I hope we do something like this again.

William Kurisaru

I really enjoyed Millport because the beaches were good. There was a park with lots of things to do and a small hill next to the road so we could look at the ferry coming towards the island we were on. The cycling between the three places was fun till we caught up with the groups up ahead where we would have to slow down so we stayed in our groups.

Elliot Jones

I enjoyed the Dounans trip, it was great fun, especially the food; it was great! My first activity was archery that was good. My favourite activity was raft building, apart from the water being freezing.

My favourite day was Tuesday because the activities were fun, also we got to go to the Co-op to get some snacks, it was fun. We played man hunt after supper. It was fun our instructor was Roz she was nice and funny.

Millport was really fun apart from the bus journey; there we cycled around the island with some stops like going to the beach with a chippy at the end.

Rauri Imrie



What I liked about Activity week was living with all my friends from Cunningham and Haig. The best part was probably our trip to Aberfoyle, getting food and having a feast at night time.

What I didn't like was the amount of midges there were.

It was nice to sleep away from school with my friends.

The best activity for me was the raft building because it was funny when me and Jamie tipped the raft on purpose.

I really enjoyed cycling in Millport, it was a really nice day and we got to paddle at the beach. Me and Jamie got a fish supper, sat down and ate it next to the water.

I liked racing on the big inflatable with Darran at the Highland Games.

Ben Main

What I liked about the activity week is all the activities we did, the thing I miss the most is the food, the food was nice, why can't the school do that?

The first activity we did was jumping over the wall.

Then on Tuesday we did pole climbing, raft building, archery and a discovery walk. The best thing was walking to the co-op and buying Ben and Jerrys. That night we all felt sick because of the amount of ice cream we had.

On Wednesday we did this activity called Living Outdoors, when our

instructor, Pete, gave us hints about how to survive living outdoors and an activity called catwalk which was not that scary for me, it was for some people. That was the last activity before we left. Pete, was kind and funny, we wish he got a job at school.

On Thursday we went to Millport to cycle around the Island, it was fun stopping at the beach to have a small dip, looking at the beautiful sea.

Theo Natiri

My Activity Week was good overall. In Dounans we had good fun just like we would get at home, all the activities were fun. The bedrooms were nice, but cramped. The staff there were nice and supper was the best. Midges were the worst because I got bitten alive. My best activity was Cat Walk.

Millport was my favourite part of the trip, it was nice weather and cycling was fun and easy. I got in trouble for over taking, but it was alright. I got a foot long subway in Largs.

The sponsored walk was fun but it was too long for me, it was too hot and I was tired from the trips. Luckily I made it back to school; I would not like to do that again!

In the Highland Games my favourite part was the course we had to do. Tug of War was really competitive but Mr Stacey helped the girls win most of them.

Lewis Andrews



S1 Trip to Millport and Largs

On Thursday 7th of June S1's set off on their Millport adventure. We got the bus at 8am to go to Largs. We then got the ferry to Millport. When we arrived in Millport, we got our bikes that we had hired in advance. We all set off in our groups with five minute intervals.

By the first five minutes we were all really tired because it was 23 degrees but luckily we had a cool breeze to cool ourselves down. Our first break was four miles down the road, near the ferry terminal. After a drink and sun lotion top up, we set off on the next part of our cycle round the island. We cycled until we came across a beautiful white sandy beach which had rock pools and clear blue sea. We all paddled until we spotted some crabs! We had our lunch here, which was filled with sandwiches, fruit, water and a Mars bar!

We continued our journey by cycling on this really gravelly road which took us to half way, then all of the groups merged into each other so we had to wait a few minutes so we could separate out again. Once

we were off it was really fun and the view was amazing. We continued our journey until we reached the park where we had a short break. Everyone was running around and laughing while we were here.

We then had to get back on the bikes and cycle the last 10 minutes back to the bike shop where we gave the bikes back. After all the bikes had been returned we made our way back onto the bus and got the ferry back into Largs. When we returned into Largs we had over an hour of free time to explore Largs. Some of us got a chippy, some of us got a subway and some of us went to Costa. All of the teachers got some ice cream; they said you can't come to Largs without getting an ice cream! Before it was time to go, we got a picture in front of the big Viking on the sea front.

We all had an amazing day and would love to go back again!

Lily, Freya, Katie, Ellie, Lucy, Sasha and Freya C



Sponsored Walk

The final day of our inaugural Activity Week involved all P7 to S3 pupils taking part in a Sponsored Walk in the morning and a Mini Highland Games in the afternoon.

After an early morning briefing – to ensure all knew where they were going and indeed which direction they were going in – pupils gathered in front of the dancing hut for a trek up to Sheriffmuir. Leaving at three minute intervals, to the sound of Mrs Adams whistle, the groups, accompanied by their tutors (and staff who quite rightly thought this would be a much better gig than their day job) headed out the school gates – destination 'Macraes Monument'. With the groups all armed with an idiot's guide and map, Mr Shannon leading on his bike and Mr Eastham and his fluorescent jacketed team helping guide the walkers through the local streets, they headed for the hills. Onwards and upwards was the cry.

When reaching the monument they were greeted and given refreshments by Mr Shaw – who saw this as a great opportunity to get out of the office and get some running in – and Mrs Scott Laing who saw this as a chance to race Mr Shannon on her bike! Suitably fed and watered, the walkers headed back down to school, through the forests and along the trails hopefully taking in the fantastic views of Perthshire and ensuring that they did not get run over by the afore mentioned on their bikes!

About two hours after setting off, approximately 170 walkers (and the odd blister) returned safely back to QVS in time for a well-deserved lunch.

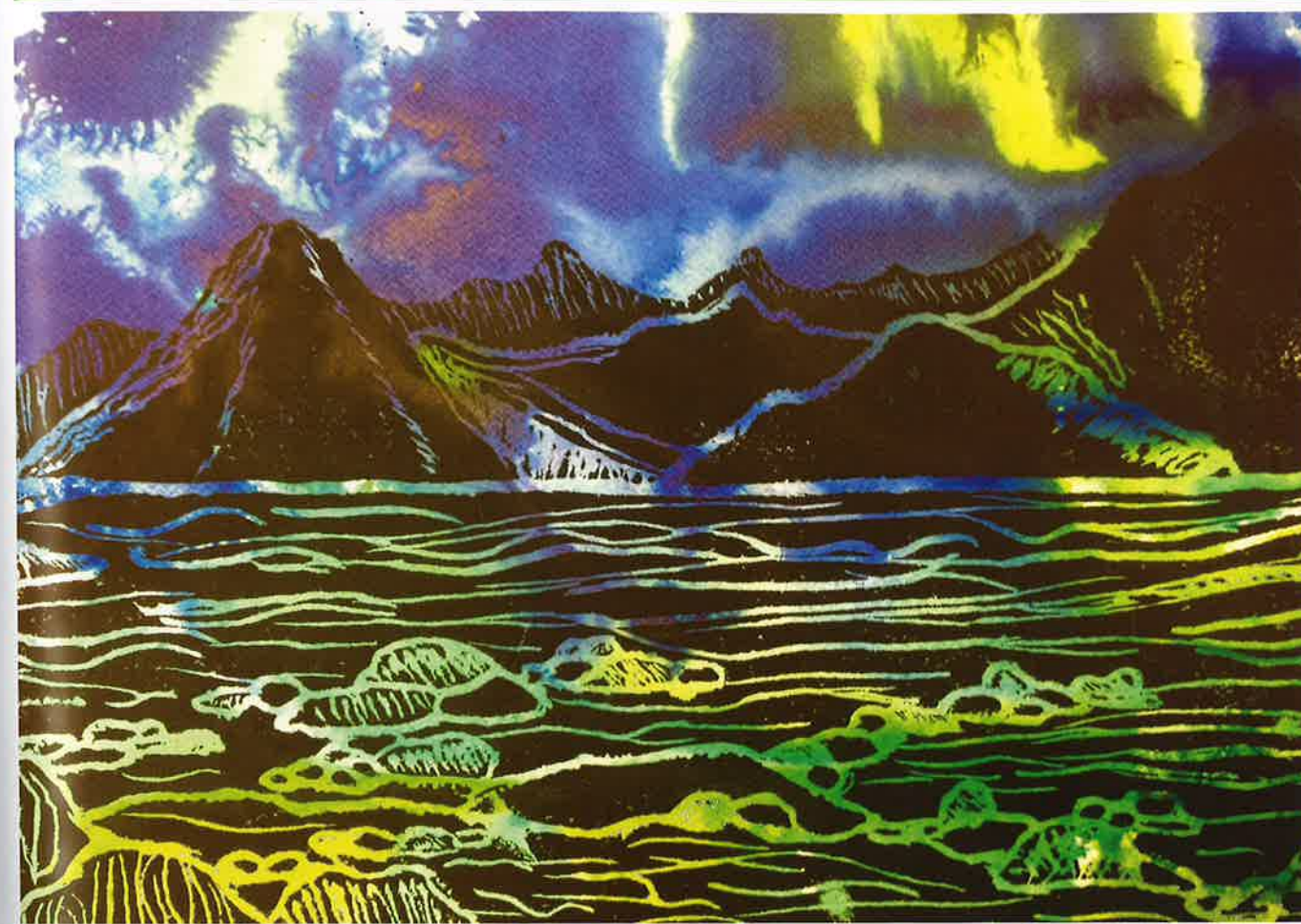
The event was in aid of Scottish Autism and the superb sum of £1,538.04 was raised. Very well done to all tutors, tutees and volunteers who made this a successful and enjoyable morning.





QVS Rotary Shoebox Appeal 2017





Top to bottom; Carley Cunningham S3; Greer Walker S3.



Netball Hobby Trip to UWS Sirens

During hobby time, on Wednesday lunchtime, we went down to the sports hall with Mrs Adams and Mrs Bairner to play Netball. It was great fun and everyone loved playing games. One time the teachers asked if we wanted to watch a fixture and this is what happened.

For our trip we went to the Emirates Stadium in Glasgow, where we watched the Netball match. We went to McDonalds before the game. The game was against the Celtic Dragons, but we were supporting the UWS Sirens. The Dragons were keen to win. In the first couple of minutes they had scored more goals but the Sirens were catching them up quickly.

The sirens won the first quarter and there was no way that the Dragons were going to beat them. By half time the Dragons had caught up but still they were not going to win. Also at half time, we watched two schools try and shoot some hoops and every time they got a goal they put out a letter to spell SIRENS. Half time had finished and the sirens were back on the game.

At the end of the match the Sirens won by 65-43. Hooray! We met some of the players from the match, including the captain, and got some photos with them too. We had an amazing day and learnt quite a few things as we watched the match.

Darcey Clark and Deeyana Gurung



Gymnastics.



Modern Languages

The introduction of Spanish at the beginning of the academic year marked the start of a new era in Modern Languages at Queen Victoria School. P7, S1 and S2 pupils will study both French and Spanish, and I hope that many more will choose to study one, or both subjects, as they progress up the school. We also rolled out the programme of 'Language Ambassadors', a select group of pupils who contribute to the promotion of languages throughout the school, and who can provide support to other pupils studying a language either through mentoring or by pointing them in the direction of help when needed.

As ever, we celebrated Languages Day, and during our Languages Takeover of Morning Assembly, the P7s, led by Mr Smith and Mr Breignan, performed Spanish songs, encouraged the audience to join in, and taught us all some information about Spanish culture.

To celebrate the launch of our new subject, a group of 27 pupils accompanied by myself, Miss McBlain and Mr Wright (who answered to 'Roberto' for the Spanish centre staff!) headed to the Arbolar Centre in Murcia, Spain in October. Each day started with Spanish lessons which matched one of the day's activities. As is typical of QV pupils, the trip participants gave everything offered a go, for example; Zumba and salsa dancing, sailing, beach sports, preparing (and eating!) Spanish dishes and games night! We enjoyed a day trip to a market, where pupils put their Spanish to the test, and visited Cartagena's Roman Theatre. I hope that you will enjoy reading the pupils' own accounts of the trip. We would like to say a huge thanks

to Lorena, Anna and Adela, our Centre co-ordinators who made sure that everyone got a taste of Spanish culture and lifestyle.

Ahora, gracias to Señor Smith for all his hard work this year in introducing Spanish to QVS. The pupils and staff have all benefitted hugely from your time here, from your work in the Modern Languages Department to Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, minibus driving, your baking skills and the very popular chocolate hobby, to name but a few of your projects here! Spanish at QVS is off to a great start, and I'm sure that it will continue to grow in popularity. We wish you all the best for the future, and hope that you'll come back and visit.

Spain 2017

The trip to the Arbolar Centre in Murcia allowed pupils to participate in a variety of activities, while improving their Spanish. Here is an account of the trip in the words of our pupils.

Journey there.

It all started off at 3.45am on Thursday 28th September meeting everyone in Central Hall. A while after, our bus arrived to take us to Glasgow airport. We arrived at 5.15am and checked in. After a long two hours, we boarded our plane at 7.00am. About 3 hours later, we landed in Alicante airport. Half an hour after we landed, our coach arrived to take us to Arbolar. *Megan Clarke*

**Day 2**

Day 2 started with a Spanish lesson and then on to some Spanish cooking where we cooked some lovely soup. After a lunch break we went on to water sports which included kayaking and sailing.

Kayaking was so funny, as my group messed about and fell in a lot but we had to be careful of the safety nets.

Sailing wasn't very hard, we did a couple of tasks on the boat, but to new sailors it was clear they felt sick.

After dinner we ended the day with a music quiz. *Euan Lee*

Day 3

We started our morning with a Spanish lesson about how to buy clothes and food in Spanish, so we could go to the market and buy stuff in Spanish.

Then we went to the traditional Spanish market and there were many things to buy like clothes, food and souvenirs.

Later that day we danced to some Salsa and learned a song called Shakey Shakey with a cool dance to it. After we danced to some salsa we had a BBQ and just relaxed for the rest of the night!

Alexx Skinner

Day 4

On the fourth day we went to Cartagena, the nearby Spanish town. While we were there we had a tour round the Roman Theatre, which had some amazing views. Afterwards we were given questions about the town and as soon as we answered them we got to go to the souvenir shops, but most importantly we got to go to the frozen yoghurt shop, delicious. Once we'd got lunch we went to the shopping centre. There were shops like Primark, McDonalds and Flying Tiger. After a long day of shopping, we returned to Arbolar.

Gabrielle Glass

Last night

On the last night of Spain we played lots of games and challenges. One of the challenges was where you had to flick your shoe flip flop onto a table so that it landed perfectly. After that, we had a massive talent show and everyone really enjoyed it. *Marykate Charnley*

Journey back

After having breakfast, we collected our things and got on the coach and headed to the airport. Once we arrived at the airport we once again checked in and boarded our plane at 12.15. When we arrived in Scotland it was of course wet and miserable. Our coach arrived and took us back to school where we unpacked and settled back in.

Alexx Skinner

My Year at QVS as a Foreign Language Assistant

Working in QVS this year was a rewarding experience. First of all, it allowed me to remarkably improve my English (it was not an easy task to understand the accent at first) thanks to the Higher English classes I had the chance to take, but also the contact with the pupils and members of staff in both French classes and Trenchard. I am glad that I had the chance to discover Scotland and fully enjoy my experience in the country throughout my stay in this mythical school full of traditions. I have loved every School event (such as the Cunningham Burns Supper or S6 Ceilidh) that allowed me to see what Scottish traditions are like and more importantly made me feel included in them despite the fact that I did not know anything about those at first. I was also pleased to have the opportunity to try some traditional hobbies like drumming and Scottish dancing. I would like to thanks all of QVS' staff members and pupils for this incredible year and more especially Laura Bairner for being so caring and helping me when needed. Even though I wish I could spend more time among you, I am leaving QVS with my head full of good memories.

Nolwenn Rébillard



Maths

UKMT Team Maths Challenge

This year in Mathematics pupils have participated in several events testing their Mathematical skills. The S1 Maths Challenge Hobby introduced challenging games, puzzles, and problems aimed at developing problem-solving skills. From this a group of four S1 pupils: Rachael Brown, Katie Meikle, Ellie Robinson and Alex Skinner took part in the UKMT Team Maths Challenge at Forth Valley College in Falkirk. The team performed admirably, working through the problems with enthusiasm and really enjoyed testing their ability against other schools.

UKMT Individual Junior Maths Challenge

On Thursday 26th April 2018, 1st and 2nd year pupils participated in the UKMT Individual Junior Maths Challenge. The challenge consists of 25 questions and is a real test of the pupils' Mathematical problem-solving skills. I am delighted that this year there were 2 silver awards and 6 bronze awards.

Silver: Lucie Evans (S2), Lexine McCappin (S1)

Bronze: Gabrielle Glass (S2), Grace Hutchinson (S2), Ellie Wynne (S2), Arran McLeod (S2), Nathan O'Brien (S2), Freya Costello (S1).

Mr Johnstone

Maths Challenge

All S1 and S2 participated in Queen Victoria School's annual Maths Challenge's consisting of the following three rounds:

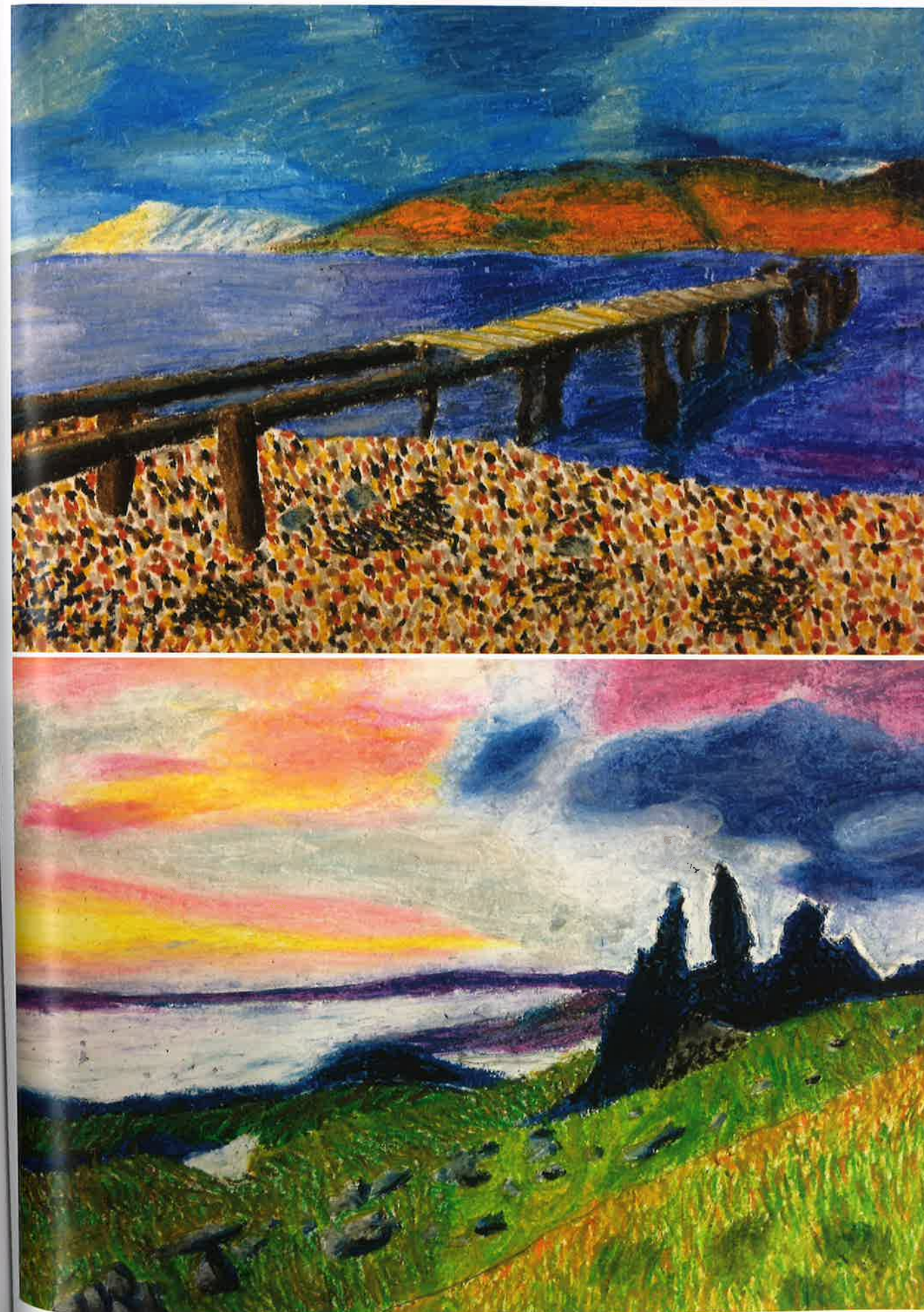
- Round 1 – STEM project (S1) or problem solving questions (S2).
- Round 2 – Practical maths puzzles
- Round 3 – Relay

S1 winners: Ben Main, Abbie Gibson, Lexine McCappin, Ruari Imrie.
S2 Winners: Samay Limbu, Michael Draunidalo, Leah Wight, Nathan O'Brien.

C McBlain



Highlights from the maths twitter page 2017/18. Follow us @qvmaths.



Top to bottom; Greer Walker S3, Magnus Gothard-Olver S2.



P7 Outdoor Learning Week

During Outdoor Learning Week, P7 took part in lots of challenging Maths and English activities in Wavell Woods. I had lots of fun completing these challenges in teams. Some of the activities that we did were, making a human skeleton from natural resources around us, planning a three course meal in our master chef kitchen, designing a dream forest and making different pictures with objects from around the woods. They were really fun.

The English activities that we did were poems. We did a variety of different poems. One was called A Pot of Adjectives. We picked different describing words from a pot and then had to find an object that matched its description. I loved creating these poems.

The Maths activities that we did were also really fun. We had to create a Carroll diagram about the different shapes, sizes and colours of leaves that we found in the woods. My favourite activity was creating the human skeleton because I used lots of different things from the woods.

If I was in P7 again next year, I would definitely want to do this week again.

Eva Rennie and Mrs Adams



Blair Drummond Safari Park

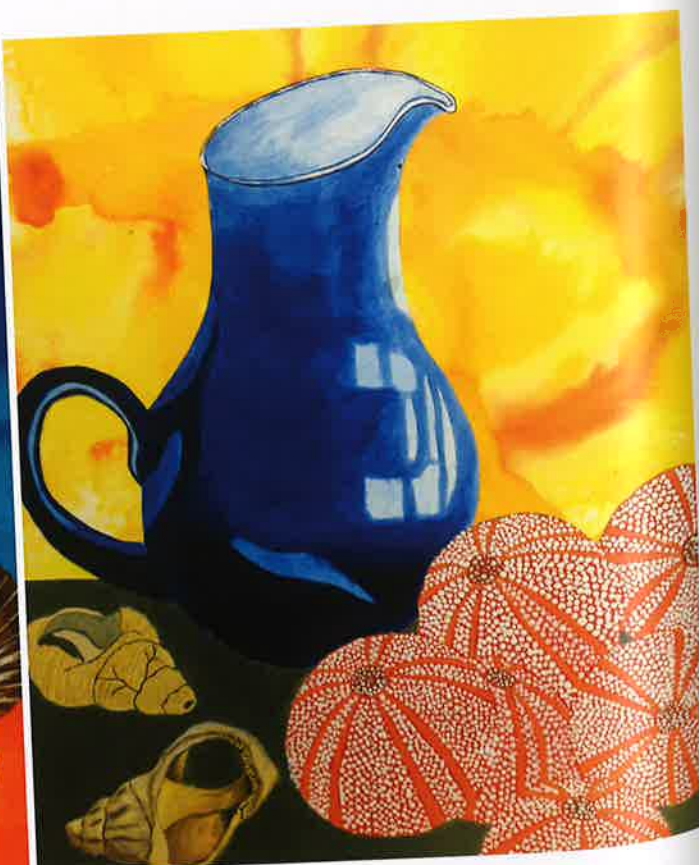
At Blair Drummond Safari Park we had a barbecue with hotdogs or/ and burgers. We got given 10 pounds, which we were allowed to spend. There was something called the flying fox which was a zip line. There was a Sea lion show that sea lions performed in. The sea lions had jumped of high things and swam through the water really fast while doing cool tricks. There were paddle boats, shops, play grounds and a birds of prey show.

When we were there we had time to walk around freely enjoying the different activities, such as the animal enclosures, the lemur habitat, the helter-skelter, the wavy slide and the shops that sell ice cream.

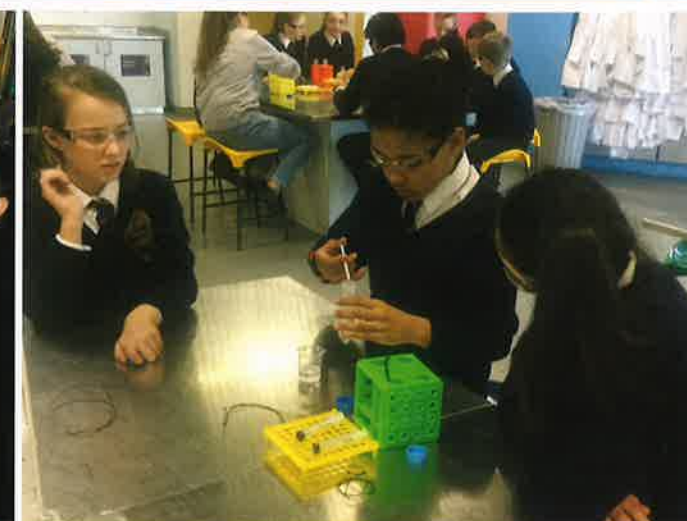
We had three roll calls at the park therefore we had to be careful to make it on time. At the start there were lots of animals. There were monkeys, elephants, deers lemurs, lions, and lionesses.

There was a play park that everyone was playing in and having fun whilst they were waiting for the meeting. In it there were several slides and swings which everyone played on.

Alfie Walker, Vatilai Nakau and Holly Hunter



Art left to right; Amelia Forsyth S4; Amy Gray S4.



Glasgow Science Centre

On the 22nd of March the whole of P7 went to the Glasgow Science Centre. We had a lot of different activities to do. We got to extract our own DNA by scraping the inside of our cheeks and putting it in a test tube. Then we added chemicals to preserve it and we then got to take it home with us. There were three floors to walk through with lots different games and activities to do. One of them was the bottle

cannon. There was also a station where you got to build a dam out of duplo. The whole day was very enjoyable and to top it off there was a shop. We had a fiver to spend so everyone bought something.

Connor, Ethan and Boyd



P7 Election Week

This year's election week was a close one with seven teams desperately trying to succeed in their debate. With high hopes, they all prepared for a week for a nerve racking presentation in front of the class, house staff and SLT.

The teams:

Ceara with Pink pool party
Finlay with Nutrients
Kasey with Recycling
Millie with Wood workers
Eva with Time changers
Swayam with Wefe
Aaliyah with Time changers

In order to prepare, we had to get into a party and organize roles within the group and decide on what we are going to do. It nearly took one week but we all managed to pull it off.

As expected from juveniles, majority voted for WiFi as most of us are data hungry. As a result, WiFi won but there isn't a guaranteed chance for the group to succeed against the SLT.

Suyen, Finlay and Lewis

General Life in P7

Activities week was really fun; mountain biking, sponsored walk, highland games and kayaking,
Creative games and challenges in Outdoor Learning Week,
Trying new things in different places,
Interesting hobbies like netball, cross stitch, hockey, football, chess and arts and crafts,
Various trips to the cinema, bowling, shopping, swimming and ice skating,
It's all really fun and keeps us busy at the weekend,
Tutor trips too like pizza and movie night,
In the house you will find common rooms to chill out in,
Encouraging us to try new things,
Smiles on faces all year round!

Libbi Brown

Mr Mackay is our Trenchard Housemaster,
You will defiantly enjoy your time at QVS,

For our non-strike treat we get pizza and a movie,
Interval break biscuits are the best,
Rugby and hockey are the sports we play during the winter,
Summer term we do athletics in the sun, when it actually comes out!
The school provides you with good education,

You will always have something fun to do,
Every year we do a few parades, the most important ones are Grand Day, Remembrance Parade and Rookies Parade,
Archery, gymnastics, netball, arts and crafts, football, circuits cross stitch, are just some of the hobbies we do during the winter and spring terms,
Rookie parade trips are really fun at the start of the year,

All the staff are really nice and friendly,
Tutor trips like Jimmy Chungs, Lazar tag, cinema and Nandos, we are really lucky to go to all these amazing places,

Queen Victoria School is one of the best choices I ever made,
Very exciting and nervous at the start but you will get used to it after a while,
So many more opportunity's at QVS.

Sophie Glen

The best house out of them all is definitely Trenchard, you get great staff and seniors, great trips with the staff and most of all you get great sports opportunities. When you start P7 you go up to a teacher either Mrs Adams, Mr King and Miss Hastie, and then when you meet them you get your timetable which tells you what classes and breaks you have and at what time. Also then as you go through the year you go on great school trips, for example you go to the Battle of

Bannockburn, Edinburgh and Stirling Castle, and much more but the best trip out of them all was definitely the Blair Drummond Safari Park, where you get a tenner and you can go around and get ice creams play on the massive fort that is there, or hire a Barbecue and enjoy it.

In Haig you get less opportunities, so make the most of Trenchard, the years go so fast but the memories you make there last, I have a memory I won't forget, that I got gated on my first day and if you want to know why, ask Jason Osei-Bonsu.

Personally, My favourite thing about P7 is the sport. I loved to play rugby, I always tried my hardest and when I came off the pitch I knew that I tried my hardest and so did my teammates. I think next year's P7 will enjoy as much as we did because you will have the new housemaster his name is Mr Mackay. He takes you swimming almost every Friday and he is really funny, our year is glad that we had him for the six months he has been here, also I bet that you will enjoy having him much more than we did.

Finally most of all, the thing I'm sure you will enjoy the most is the house trips. You have the chance to go to Time Capsule or ice skating but they are examples I'm sure that that'll be the best school year of my life even though I've not been in Haig yet.

Ayden Paterson

P7 is one of the most exciting years at QVS you get different types of trips such as science trips, safari parks, tutor trips, money trips, Edinburgh Castle, Stirling Castle, Bannockburn museum and we also went to the cinema a few times.

P7 in general is a really good year. The classes are really fun. In PE we do hockey for the first term, second term we have done gymnastics and basketball.

In the summer we do athletics. As we do athletics in the summer we then do competitions with other schools. QVS is such a big school for sports. When it comes to sports this school always tries their best to beat their goals.

Boarding at the beginning for P7s is normally a completely different thing to start. We feel like boarding with your year makes you come so much closer to your friends. Living with your friends makes it feel like you're having a sleepover every night, it's really fun. Boarding is such a good opportunity, it also means that we make friends for life and we don't move around as much and lose friends. And you can get really good friends in this school like Abbie. She has been my first roommate and she will always be my best friend. This is why QVS is the best!

Mica, Abbie and Saskia



Above and below; Pipe and Drums; Wind Bands.

Music Department

Another exciting and interesting year for music at QVS. Lots of highs and a few lows!

The year started with the arrival of the new P7 including a number of talented young musicians. As is our tradition we visited Sauchie Church for our 'P7 Minstrels' performance. Our pupils were excellent as ever with poetry, dance and music. We had our normal collection of P7 soloists as well as help from some of our seniors. Callum Pearson performed his Higher Dance contemporary choreography showing what a fine all round dancer he has become.

Near the start of term we had a music trip to the Alhambra theatre in Dunfermline. Last year it was opera and Bizet's Carmen this year a musical, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, starring the X Factor's Joe McElderry. Our coach load of pupils had a great time and were singing all the way back to QVS.

In the Autumn we had four pupils presented for their ABRSM performance exam. Grace Hutchinson Grade 3 piano, Millie MacDonald Grade 1 flute and Molly Horne Grade 4 Alto Sax all gained merit passes, and Lucie Evans Distinction in her Grade 1 Violin.

As usual we have had our two annual music concerts, our Christmas concert returned to its old format of two performances. One on the last evening for the pupils and one as the last act of the school before the holiday for the parents. We had a range of groups, soloists, and a wide variety of material. Who can forget the ukulele group with our two GAPs Michael and Billy. We had some beautiful singing and playing from Ellie Hutchison on clarsach and Lilly-Grace Methven leading us all in Away in a Manger. Our P7's were great acting as the front line vocalists to get us all singing. Thanks again to all the wind band for their excellent playing.



RAF 100. Clockwise top to bottom; Final video shoot; QV girls with Scottish Opera Youth Chorus; Christian at recording session; QVS and Langbank Primary record Mud to the Stars.

Summer concert is a time of mixed emotions with our seniors leaving. This year my amazing group of Ellie Hutchinson, Callum Pearson, Rebekah Sloan, Sam Drummond, Kenny Berry, Richard Dunbar, and Shafal Dura were all departing. What a team. Between them they have played flute, piccolo, clarinet, bass clarinet, side drum, xylophone, clarsach, marimba, ukulele, guitar, saxophones and singing. These pupils have matured from P7 into fine young adults. I have had so much fun listening to and watching them perform both in concerts and at exams. They have been a pleasure to work with and I wish them all success in their future. The concert was great fun with the wind band playing a selection of old and new music. At the concert we had the leavers almost make it through a piece specially arranged for them. Kenna and Christian McB fulfilled a long held ambition to perform the Raiders of the Lost Ark theme, on tuba and piccolo! We had an extensive range of instruments on show, with everything from cello, Kaitlyn Martin, to piccolo and some excellent piano from Ben Adam, Grace Hutchinson, and an exciting performance of Mozart's Rondo alla Turca from Christian. Christian also was instrumental in a wind ensemble performance of two movements from Vivaldi's four Seasons with Ellie and Callum on Clarinets, Rachel Brown and Christian on bassoons, Kenna on flute and Molly Horne, Eleanor Codd and Sam on Saxophones. We had the comedy of Super Mario Rebekah and Shafal and the guitar and voice duo of Lilly-Grace and Fraser Arnott.

We may have lost some of our core players but with sax and clarinet solos from Iona Duffy and Millie Kieghtly and a total band of twenty six players we have lots of new talent developing.

This year we have had some new instrumental tutors arrive, some of our regulars leave and one of our newbies already head hunted by an exciting career in Frankfurt. It has been really sad to say goodbye to Joanne Greer who has been our vocal teacher for an entire generation of QV students. Jo and family have moved from the area and we wish them all the best. We have Miss Henderson joining us on piano, we had for half the year Mr Ronan Wittern on piano and bassoon, Ronan has been given the chance to work in his favourite music field playing bassoon in the world leading Ensemble Modern based in Frankfurt. Next term Ronan will be replaced by another piano and bassoon specialist Victoria Jose Lopez Paz a member of the half Scottish half Spanish Genovia quartet. Other new staff include Mr Torrance on guitar and ukulele, Jamie is a superb classical guitarist, Mr R Digney is joining me teaching clarinet and saxophone. He is a talented young orchestral player at the start of his performing career. We have two new string teachers Mrs J Thewlis and Miss J Lindsay. With an almost complete compliment of staff we should be ready for the year ahead.

RAF 100

This year the RAF celebrates it's 100th birthday. As part of a national project to produce performance materials for schools our pupils were involved in the Scottish Opera based "Mud to the Stars" project. Our pupils worked at QVS, with Iain Piercy (artist & film-maker), Matthew Brown (composer and musician). Andy McTaggart (singer and music animator) from Scottish opera, on a number of occasions before Christmas. The pupils developed materials which have now been recorded to be used as a resource for all Scottish schools to celebrate RAF 100.



Clockwise top to bottom; Stirling MP Steven Paterson with pupils on Grand day; Colours march on Grand Day; 2018 march.

In June the pupils travelled to the Scottish Opera recording studios to complete the recording and filming. Callum Pearson, Christian McBrearty and I went one day before the rest of the school to play with the professional players from Scottish Opera to record the orchestral parts.

This is what Christian thought about the experience;
Reflections from Scottish Opera.

As part of the centenary of the Royal Air Force, a group of QVS pupils were invited to take part in a number of workshops involving music, dance and art. Callum Pearson, Mr Breingan, and I were invited along to record some music with the Scottish Opera Orchestra. What a real privilege it was to work alongside professional musicians who work at such a high level. We played through a number of medleys composed specially for the hundredth anniversary by school children from all over Scotland. The best part of our once-in-a-lifetime experience was definitely meeting so many different people. From young to old, musician to technician, everybody was just so welcoming and I am thoroughly grateful for the opportunity I was given.

From the final choir recording Mitchell Pratt wrote;
I enjoyed the RAF project because the whole experience was great. The lead up to the recording was a surprise because I had no idea what so ever that I was going to be singing with the Scottish Opera.

Our pupils worked incredibly well in the professional studio and were delighted and amazed with their tour of the technical centre including the props and costumes department. As usual they were a credit to themselves and the school. We received this email from the project leader after our visit.



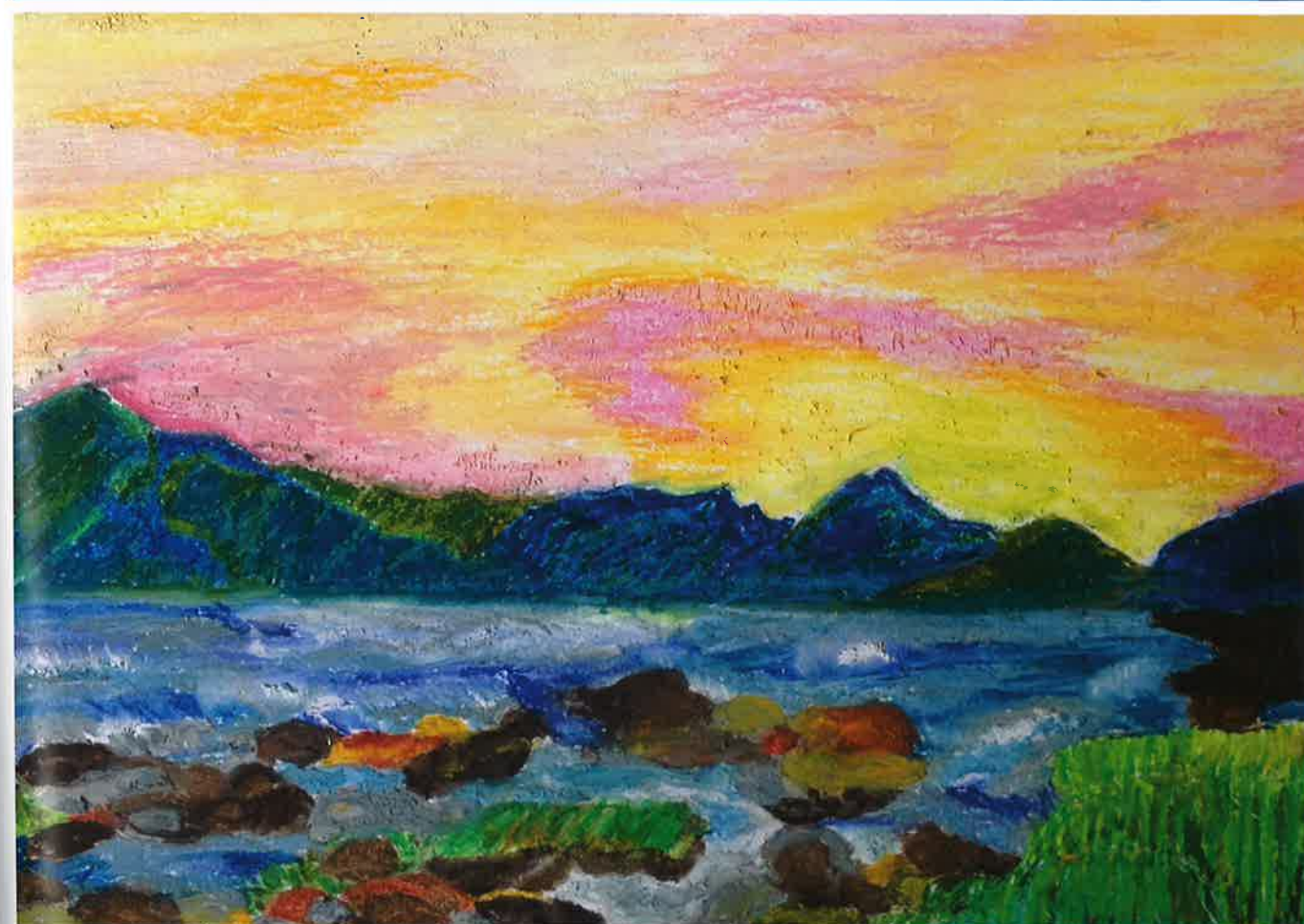
Jane Davidson MBE, Director of Outreach & Education
Firstly can I say how much we all appreciated having your pupils at last week's recording sessions for our project. They were all an absolute credit to themselves and to their school and I have had many compliments about their behaviour and their enthusiastic responses to the tour of the production facilities from my colleagues.

The final element of this project will see our pupils performing in the Royal Concert hall in Glasgow in October as part of the RAF 100 concert.

This years SQA group extended the school's excellent record with the higher group of Sam Drummond, Ben Adam, Charlotte Gothard-Oliver, and Cerys Hutchison scoring 2 A's, a B and a C pass, the N5's Daniel Wight, James Skinner, Christian McBrearty, Molly Horne and Marcus Wakefield also had 100% awards and the Advanced Higher trio of Ellie Hutchison, Callum Pearson and Kenna Berry completed this years results with two B's and a C making 20% of the school's advanced higher results.

Sadly room 20, the old music room, has finally been considered unusable and condemned. This has been the centre of music teaching at QVS for years and is probably 20 years over its sell by date. On my first day in the school (17 years ago) Brian Raine, the then headteacher, asked if I wanted the inside of the building redecorated with the words, "I'm not sure its worthwhile as this building will be replaced next year"! We are now waiting for funding to build a suitable replacement for class music teaching and will have to try to fit pupils and instruments into the slightly more modern room 19 until we get our new build. If anyone has a spare £35,000 please feel free to get in touch.

D V Breingan



Top to bottom; Caeley Cunningham S3; Isla Gilbert S3.



Top to bottom; Army; Navy; RAF.



The Combined Cadet Force

The Royal Marines

The session started with a day with the Royal Marines. The marines spent three days in the school, which they used as their base and were visited by a variety of school and college groups. As QVS hosted the marines we were given a day all to ourselves.

The Biennial Inspection

Last October the Contingent Biennial Inspection took place and the Army provided the Inspecting Officer Lt Col Toby Gaddum VR, who was very impressed and wrote a very complimentary report; "I visited Queen Victoria School on 4th October 2017 and found them in good form. I was greeted by the Contingent Commander, who looked after me very well throughout my visit. I spent some time with the Headmaster before the parade who was keen to share his enthusiasm for the CCF and the positive impact that it made on the whole school. He explained his concerns about the lack of a full time SSI and the resulting workload that was put on the CCF staff. None of them grumbled about this issue and keen to get on with their roles. But it was clear throughout my Conversation with the Headmaster that the CCF is an important part of school life with huge benefits to the cadets involved.

I was then taken to my position as the reviewing officer for the parade. The pipes and drums band struck up and I was immediately taken by how extremely good they were. Clearly some musical talent within the ranks. The cadets were smart and even though some of the marching lacked some polish, the enthusiasm from everyone shone through. It was good to speak to a variety of cadets who were happy to share their CCF experience. All positive from those who had just joined at the start of term to those who had 3-4 years' experience.

Post parade the Contingent Commander gave me a guided tour of the school's facilities and a chance to see a variety of groups doing their training. The RN section were having lessons on knot tying and command tasks. I was impressed to see that it was the senior cadets that were taking the lessons overseen by the staff. The RAF section were doing leadership tasks again with the senior cadets taking the lessons. I missed some of the Army lessons but managed to see the signals lesson where cadets were practising VP. What was a real plus was the additional teaching from a parent (a regular Signals captain) who had given up his time to come in and pass onto the cadets some of his knowledge. A great example of engagement where there is a willingness of parents to come in and help.



The RAF section is still undermanned by staff with only one member of staff to run it. This is a concern and it is hoped that the school can find someone else to support Flt Lt Gilhooly who is doing a superb job in keeping this section together. He clearly has some good senior cadets that help him deliver training. But he did, explain that due to poor numbers they had to join the Army section for summer camp.

On the flip side I was very impressed with Lt Renwick's drive to start a CCF brass band, which really motivates those cadets that aren't as naturally inclined towards the military way and can channel their enthusiasm through music. It will take a couple of years for this band to become fully functioning, but needless to say it was impressive to see not one band but two.

My visit went all too quickly. I was fortunate to address all the staff and cadets at the end of the afternoon. They are a strong part of school life at QVS. They were well prepared for my visit, the parade was well rehearsed and delivered. This is indeed a thriving CCF with dedicated and professional staff, enthusiastic cadets and excellent facilities. It would certainly help them to have a full time SSI, but they understand the constraints on funding. I came away with a very good impression."

Naming Ceremony of HMS Prince of Wales

The Pipes and Drums with the Dancers were invited to be part of the celebrations at the naming ceremony of the Prince of Wales. Ten of

our cadets formed a guard of honour for HRH The Prince of Wales and the other VIP guests. After the ceremony all the pupils were invited to lunch with the ships company and their families.

HMS Montrose

An affiliation with HMS Montrose was set up in to commemorate Jamie Graham a former pupil of the school and member of Montrose's ships company, who was tragically killed in an accident. I was proud to represent QVS at HMS Montrose's Rededication ceremony and reaffirm our affiliation.

1st World War Commemorations

Our Cadets have been taking part in a number of commemorative events in our local area, remembering the 100 year anniversary of important battles and events.

Ski Camp to Italy

The ski area of Pila is high above the town of Aosta and is accessed by a modern telecabine, the bottom station of which is only a short walk from some hotels. The sixteen minute journey up to the ski area must be one of the most spectacular telecabine rides in Italy, rising over 1200 metres to its destination at nearly 1900 metres. The lift crosses over several villages en route and the stunning views of the Aosta Valley will not fail to impress even the most seasoned skier.

The skiing in Pila is extremely varied and suitable for all standards



because there are a large number of green, blue and red runs and, for the more advanced, several blacks and excellent off-piste skiing. For beginners there are some wide, gentle slopes and a good progression up to some long blue runs which meander through the trees. Intermediates will enjoy the variety of skiing in Pila and make the most of what is a very quiet unspoilt resort. Much of the time you may be skiing alone on the piste, and lift queues are very rare.

2018 Drill Competition

Flt Lt Gilhooly and I were delighted to once again be invited to help judge the annual Drill and Turnout Competition. This year the standard of turnout was exceptional, reflecting on the hard work of the pupils and their matrons.

Thank You

Thanks to Major Kevin O'Neill and Cpt Jimmy Scott for all their help with the Army section and the enormous experience and knowledge they bring.

Thanks to Alan Cameron who is joining to help with the RAF section.

Thanks to SO2 Ian Ludlow and his team at 51 brigade for all there help and support and particularly for providing us with a part time SSI. Lt Linda Green joined us in the summer term and already has had a great impact. Sorting out Westminster, helping cadets, attending summer camp and acquiring six air rifles, which will

increase the opportunities our cadets have to shoot.

Thanks and welcome back to Sarah O'Neill returning from maternity leave. Sarah has taken on the roll of OC Army section.

Summer Camp

Straight after Grand Day some of our cadets embarked on Summer Camps with the CCF. The first was CCF Central Camp at Barry Buddon in Carnoustie. After settling into the accommodation on arrival the cadets were given a section attack demonstration by 51 (Infantry) Brigade Cadet Training Team (CTT). This was followed by refresher training on everything from navigation to first aid.

On the first full day of training the cadets took part in a number of stands run by the CTT which helped them develop their skills. They honed their marksmanship skills on the 25 metre range; they worked on the camouflage and concealment techniques on a stalking and observation exercise; tested their physical abilities on the obstacle course; they made sure they could find their way around on the compass challenge and had a lot of fun on the paintball range.

Next up was the 36 hour field exercise where the cadets started by building the shelters they would be sleeping in and setting up an area to cook up their ration packs. They then entered the tactical phase where they had to carry out observation patrols to gain information on the enemy force to allow an attack. In the evening they



successfully carried out an ambush on the enemy before attacking their stronghold the following day. It was a highly successful enjoyable exercise throughout where all the cadets worked together to ensure success.

After the field exercise there was well deserved fun day which started with a visit to RRS Discovery in Dundee to find out about Captain Scott's expedition to Antarctica followed by a visit to Foxlake aqua park in Dundee where all sorts of fun was to be had on the inflatable afloat obstacle course and wakeboards.

The final day was spent on the ranges where the cadets had the opportunity to fire from greater distances to put the skills they had learned earlier in the week into action.

Overall the camp was great fun for the cadets and adults involved and everyone is looking forward to next year's.

Music Camp

The same week two cadets, Christian McBrearty and Kenna Berry, attended the 51 Brigade music camp at SCTC Caledonia in Rosyth. This was an opportunity for our musically minded cadets to be part of the Military Band. Throughout the week there was a lot of training but also some excellent performances, in particular the band played at Holyrood Palace as part of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award presentations.

We are always looking for staff to come and join or help out in the CCF, the opportunities for teachers joining the CCF are amazing. As well as the unique opportunities in training, development and leadership, it's great fun. If you would like to become more involved in any aspect of the CCF your help and support will be greatly appreciated.

CCF Commander Tom Shannon RD RNR, Contingent Commander



Army

Another busy year for the Army section. Pupils have been taking part in mass military band activities with Lt Renwick. We have had outside help from 32 Signal Regiment in Glasgow to deliver more advanced signals training to the pupils. They will be heading down for a signals competition in September this year.

We have enjoyed the support of the Cadet Training Team to deliver weapons training, this is hoped will enable us to have some blank firing exercises this year. Our new CCF School Staff Instructor, Lt Green has been in post a while and has made massive

improvements to how we keep on top of our administration. Pupils are now able to access courses and competitions and we will be looking forward to the drill competition and military skills competitions next year.

A few pupils attended annual camp with the support of our staff. It is hoped that more will attend next year. Pupils have had a variety of lessons and activities focusing on fieldcraft, drill, first aid and shooting, navigation and leadership skills.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

It was great to see so many staff helping out with the expeditions particularly the new staff; Stuart Wright, Ross Smith and Shona Thompson. Our Gap students were also keen to help; Josh Houghton, Ethan May, Kate Borrie and Lauren Walker.

The Bronze assessed expeditions were carried out on the Ochil Hills. These hills present the Bronze participant with a challenging but safe environment, which give the pupils a real sense of adventure and develops their self-reliance and confidence.

Our groups all started in Glen Devon then via different routes to the campsite area by the river Devon. The second day of the assessed expedition involves the group navigating their way back to school.

Pupils starting their Bronze Award, (by the time you read this article many of these pupils will have started their Silver Award).

Girls; Mollie Alexander, Rebecca Anderson, Eleanor Codd, Gabrielle Codd, Carley Cunningham, Jazmyn Dougherty, Isla Gilbert, Amber Goodall, Pratistha Khawas, Kaitlyn Martin, Mia Maskell, Olivia Oatley, Hollie Scott, Kristin Sibeth, Erin Sim, Caitlin Smith, Greer Walker and Rosie Welch.

Boys; Lewis Gibson, Saphal Gurung, Scott Higgins, Duncan Hughson, Jake Leatherbarrow, Thomas Main, Aird Mathieson,

Cameron Morrison-Smith, Callum Muirhead, Samuela Raikadroka, William Sanmani, Christopher Skinner and Rajeb Thapa.

Pupils working on their Silver Awards.

Kenzie Berry, Elisha Bura, Rhaea Clark, Evie Clarke, Emily Collins, Anna Gurung, Ross Merrick, Marcus Wakefield, Anjipa Malla, Caitlin Jones, Sophie Murphy, Yancy Gurung, Shristi Gurung and Caitlin Richardson.

The silver practice expeditions went ahead in the Cairngorms. Unfortunately I had to postpone the assessed expeditions in Lochaber, due to severe weather. However they are planned for dates in September.

The Gold practice expedition went ahead in the Rothiemurchus area while the P7's were on their activity week at Rothiemurchus Lodge.

Pabina Thapa, Jacob Codd and Tiernan Bark were the only three Gold pupils to manage the expedition as the others had other commitments.

Thanks! To all staff who help our pupils in all the other sections of the Award, providing a variety of opportunities.

The PE department take the lead with the physical recreation section.



The PD&D department take the lead with the skill section.

MAD group is the main lead in the volunteering section, however many other departments and staff provide valuable activities.

If you would like to become more involved in any aspect of the DofE your help and support will be greatly appreciated.

Here are ten reasons to choose DofE, and why the award is worthwhile.

1. Challenge Yourself

For the skills section, you can virtually do anything, from learning how to bake to completing a sign language course. It's completely up to you. Learning a new skill is both challenging and rewarding. It can also open new doors such as possible career opportunities. For example, for my Silver DofE Award, I learnt psychology. In fact, I enjoyed it so much that I'm now considering taking it to an A level. Along with future career opportunities, it's also very rewarding learning a new skill, and it could motivate you to go further in life.

2. Get Fit

Although running around and getting sweaty might not be your thing, there are many other ways to complete the physical aspect of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. It's important to get fit not only to be able to finish the expedition, but studies have also shown that people who do some physical activity lead a happier healthier longer life, which makes the sweat and effort worthwhile! For my Silver DofE Award, I chose running. At first, it was a big effort, but I soon got into the routine of attending my local Park Run every Saturday morning. It sets me up for the day, and I am now hooked!

3. Give Something Back

Give something back to the community or the environment and make a difference. That's what volunteering is all about. There's no better feeling than helping others. Volunteering gives you the chance to gain experience in a working environment, test out a possible career, develop new skills, or build on existing ones. Communication, confidence, or building self-esteem are just some of the skills learnt from volunteering. For my Bronze DofE I volunteered at my local cat rescue shelter, it was a great feeling each week knowing I was helping cats to have a better life.

4. Self-Discipline

DofE requires dedication and commitment. People depend on you in all areas, from turning up on your volunteering shift, to the importance of team work on your expedition. If you take DofE, you are gaining valuable life skills.

5. Make New Friends

DofE is an excellent way to meet new people and make new friends. Working together in the wilderness on your expedition forms new bonds and great memories. Through volunteering, you meet many different people in a working environment, which prepares you for the working world.

6. Enhance Your CV

Finding employment is difficult. There is so much competition for one job. Having the DofE Award on your CV might just give you the edge over other applicants. Employers highly respect the Award. It demonstrates a rounded, confident individual who can work independently and as part of a team. The award will give you an extra step ahead for the chance of success.

7. Independence

On an expedition, you have to carry your rucksack, navigate to a certain point, and take responsibility for your cooking, water and most importantly: yourself. Independence is a great life skill to achieve.

8. Teamwork

Working as a team is an important part of DofE. Navigating, pitching a tent and looking after each other all involve working together as a team. On my Bronze Expedition teamwork was vital when a member of the group was poorly. Working together ensured everyone was safe and a satisfactory outcome for all involved.

9. Explore Somewhere New

My favourite section of the award is the expedition section. It's a chance to do something different, learn to be an explorer! It's so easy to sit on the sofa and not venture far, but DofE motivates you to get outside. You get to sleep under the stars, witness incredible scenery and natural landforms, which you don't get to see sitting at home! On my silver DofE, we wild camped. I loved it; waking up next to a beautiful lake was fantastic and very memorable.

10. Achievement

Completing your DofE Award is a great attainment, with a self-satisfying "I did it!" Although the award requires a lot of effort, time and dedication, it's well worth it. That feeling when you finally take off your walking boots and realise you have completed your challenge is immense.

If you've got the chance to do a DofE Award, then go for it!!



Class of 1968.

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In 2008 a few of my year met up at Grand Day to join in the school centennial celebrations, for some of us we met for the first time since we left QVS in 1968. (See p62 of the Victorian of 2009 for a photo of several of that vintage.) We decided then that we would try to get together again in 2018 to celebrate 50 years since leaving. Last November, not having heard from anyone, I used the email contacts from 2008 to sound out the possibility of fulfilling that aspiration, and so started the search for the five we had not managed to find in 2008. I can only take the credit for starting this as, not being an advocate of social media I relied heavily on the others. In the event, we did track down eleven of the twelve, all except Geoffrey Wood, although three of our number are unable to be with us at Grand Day this year.

Of the eleven, most of us have travelled and some lived in foreign countries, four have been married twice, sadly one of the first wives died suddenly quite young, most of us also have children with six having grandchildren, three have had cardiac procedures of one type or another and one has fought cancer successfully so far and long may that continue. Our careers have been various, four commissioning in the RAF serving for about 20 years before changing career paths, of those, two then worked for British Aerospace, one flew B747's for British Airways and one established a consultancy in teaching people to speak in public; two initially teachers before diversifying into publishing and IT; a retail senior executive; a Chartered Librarian; an electrical and electronics engineer; a NHS Consultant in clinical neurosciences and a dentist. Eight of us have degrees, some sound very complicated to the likes of me.

There follows a slightly more detailed personal account of the last five decades written by each of us.

David Fingland

After leaving QVS spent 3 months at Herriot Watt Uni before deciding computer science was not for me. Entered the world of retail in 1969. First 12 years in the UK, during which I married Sheila and had two children, Nicola and David. Towards the end of 1981 we relocated to Durban, South Africa, where I worked for 18 years for Game Stores (a relatively new company at the time), first in store management, graduating to buying, and by late 1980s seconded to the HR team to negotiate recognition and wage agreements, at a time when the majority of the population relied on trade unions as their voice. Appointed Director of Human Resources and Labour Relations in 1991. Final three years in SA as Director of Property Development for the rapidly expanding company. Returned to UK in 1999. Owned a thriving gift shop in Edinburgh's West End for several years, then took up an advisor role with the Jobcentre which provided a rewarding challenge, before retiring due to ill health in 2015. Nicola, lives in Chesterfield and has Alicia (15) and Matthew (13). David lives in Coleraine, Northern Ireland and has Amy (8) and Daniel (5). Girl, boy, girl, boy, girl, boy – a very balanced family who bring great joy to Sheila and I.

Graham Fox

Commissioned into the Royal Air Force Regiment after two and a half years at the RAF College Cranwell, Served on a variety operational



Top to bottom, left to right; Graham & Lesley Fox, Hamish & Maggie Grigor, Colin Lannen, Jack & Stella Lee, Michael Long, Duncan & Susan MacInnes, John Moore, Gordon & Joleen Slater, John & Jenny Willmott.

units worldwide including Malaysia, Oman, Hong Kong, Central America, Northern Ireland, Kuwait and Cypress. Also served in Germany and the Falkland Islands. Last operational tour was in command the Regiment's Independent Parachute Squadron. This was followed by an exchange tour in the United States, based first in San Antonio, Texas, and then at Fort Dix in New Jersey. Final tour of duty was with an international defence advisory team offering defence and security advice to friendly countries worldwide. This provided a convenient stepping stone to the UK Defence Industry, and in 1996, left the service to join Pilkington Optronics in Glasgow. This second career was cut prematurely short by a redundancy programme when the company was sold to Thompson of France. Then took time out to build house on the west coast of Scotland. With the house complete in 2003, set off to Dubai, to establish a consultancy service coaching corporate clients in Public Speaking and Presentation skills. Retired in 2013 and now spends summers at home in Kilcreggan and the six months of winter aboard 40ft sailing yacht, cruising the islands of the Andaman sea (Between Singapore and Burma).

Hamish Grigor

The first few years were a bit of a mix up for me, a year at the RAF College then 2 years at Edinburgh University then back to the RAF, where one of the highlights was that I won the Sword of Merit on the Officer Training Course, I then trained as a pilot and spent up until 1988 flying mainly C130 Hercules, (short haul, global long haul, low level, dropping stores and paras.) I also had a tour flying a small twin engine 6 seater Devon aircraft from Northolt, which was great fun. I met my wife Maggie in 1985 in Addis Ababa while working on the famine relief and she was with the FCO at the time! In 1988 I retired from the RAF and flew B737's for Britannia for a year or so before going long haul with British Airways on B747's until their compulsory retirement age of 55 for pilots. I retired in 2005 and we moved back to my family home in Findhorn in 2007, I am now involved with the usual volunteer committees (village hall, community council, moorings, etc) and I sing with the Glen Moray Male Voice Choir. I've been married twice, a daughter and twin sons. Heather (Financial Services) is married to Greg (IT) and has given me a granddaughter Eva (6 in September) and Jamie (Manager with a Structural Drilling Company) is married to Emily (Police Officer) who is expecting in

October. Tom (A&E Staff Nurse) lives with his partner Marty (Also a Nurse).

Colin Lannen

After 23 years in RAF (last tour exchange in Ottawa where I took over from Gordon) left and joined what was then British Aerospace (seemed to be following Gordon around) where I was then sent to Saudi Arabia to run the Royal Saudi Air Force Force Structure Team. Sionah was originally a teacher and then trained in Scotland as an Educational Psychologist. After a period with Colin working as a consultant for a US Defence contractor, in 1997 together we founded the Red Rose School in Lytham St Annes – a special school for children with specific learning difficulties with Colin as the Principal and Sionah as the Head Teacher & Psychologist. In 2016, although remaining as the owners and directors of the school, we returned to our beloved Scotland and found an old house by the beach in Dunbar. Sionah continues to practice as an Educational Psychologist with Colin running the finances of the school and trying to learn to play golf. We have two children and two grandchildren with both children (now 44 and 42) working in full time ministry – one family in Cornwall and one in France. Our son Kris also leads a folk band called the Grenaways.

Jack Lee

On leaving QVS in 1968 I went off to Edinburgh University to study for a BSc in Chemistry (not an MA as stated on the Degree board in the Central Hall!). I then went to Moray House in Edinburgh and qualified as a teacher in Chemistry and Mathematics. I taught in Edinburgh for a couple of years. For the main part of my career, I worked for a number of different publishers in the International Thomson Group. My final position was in Derwent Information, a company publishing international patent information. As International Marketing Director and Product Development Director, I led teams in London, Washington and Tokyo. I then set up a consultancy offering business planning and project management services. My main projects were completing electronic documentation for the maintenance of Norwegian oil rigs, building electronic manuals for battle tanks, and civil and defence aircraft. I rebuilt a corporate intranet public website for Surrey Police and managed the data migration of share information to a new Internet platform for Capita.

Michael Long

On leaving QVS in 1968 won a place at the London Film School. Not for me though. Spent next few years working at home. In 1975 took up place at Northumbria Uni where I met my wife, married in 1978. Worked as a Chartered Librarian at Northumberland County Library, Highland Regional Library Inverness and then Newcastle upon Tyne managing a regional information development agency. Spent 30+ years running local, regional and national exhibitions, seminars, focus groups and workshops. Took early retirement at 59 in 2008 and spent next few years as Haltwhistle Town Clerk. Since leaving QVS I have been an active member of the Society of Friends (Quakers), now serving as a member or chair of a number of local, regional and national Quaker committees. Married to Cath: Two children (David 34 in financial services, and Rebecca 32, a senior assistant psychologist with Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS). Home is Wylam, a village 10 miles outside Newcastle.

Duncan MacInnes

After leaving Uni taught for a while, Forrester High Edinburgh/Papua New Guinea (the former was more scary!) and Plockton High. I then switched to Residential Social Work back in Edinburgh but hated it! Studied Computing at Napier and thus IT saw out my employment years – contracting at Standard Life Investment, RBS, Scottish

Widows, The Faculty of Advocates and, latterly, back at Edinburgh Uni in Department of Celtic Studies. Meantime took up the uilleann pipes, playing in a ceilidh band, peaking at Hogmanay parties for TV luminaries like Clive Anderson, Angus Deayton and Gryff Rhys Jones. Married to Susan (artist/teacher/musician): Two girls, Eilidh (12) and Roisin (18). Home is a family croft on Skye. Two children from first marriage: Catriona (39) and Patrick (44). Kept writing over the years, with short stories published here and there, slowly trying to finish a novel..

Rod McDougall

After leaving QVS in 1967, applied to local electricity board for a student apprenticeship resulting in a HND and CE/Pt11 in electrical and electronics. Married Jennifer in 1972, following by several years with Norweb in a sales capacity, before four years in Nairobi working for Kenya Power & Lighting, where son Richard was born in 1980 – a wonderful and enjoyable time. Returned to UK in 1983, ran own contracting company for a few years. Then short spells in Dar es Salaam and Qatar. In 1991 ended up in Jeddah on Al Yamamah project. Tragically my wife died suddenly in 1991 while I was in Jeddah. Met my current wife, Bernie (a nurse) in Jeddah and married in 1994. Spent a few years in London working on Jubilee Line Extension, and had second son Andrew in 1996. Moved to Singapore in 1997 to design and build North East Line underground railway. Back to UK in 2003 and continued in rail design business, currently working on Crossrail and HS2 projects. Home is Woking, Surrey. Two grandchildren..

John Moore

In 1971 I went to Brunel at Uxbridge and gained a BSc Hons in Psychology, Statistics and Human Biology (1975); thereafter an M Phil in Clinical Psychology (1977) and D Psychol in neuropsychology (1999), both from Edinburgh Uni. I had a variety of clinical jobs around Scotland, ultimately as an NHS Consultant in clinical neurosciences in Aberdeen, where I spent the bulk of my career. I was active in clinical research, predominantly in neuro-degenerative conditions, brain injury and liver disease and was also an expert witness in criminal and civil courts. I served as a non-executive NHS board director for a time following early retirement in 2008. I also fitted in 10 years as an army reservist, including two years as a platoon commander in the Parachute Regiment, and my last appointment was second in command of a TA infantry battalion. Married to Yvonne, with five children (three of them still at home: aged 17, 14 and 14) and three grandchildren (with another due end of the year). I enjoy long distance walking and cycling – I was a distance runner for many years, but had to give this up on account of my knee joints! I think that life at QVS laid a foundation for a lifelong commitment to exercise, for which I am very grateful..

Gordon Slater

After joining the RAF in September 1968, I spent four years at Edinburgh Uni and graduated with a First in Electronics and Electrical Engineering. Went to the RAF College in 1972 to train as an Engineer Officer. First operational tour on a Lightning squadron at RAF Leuchars; I played in the pipe band there and also, on a later tour, in RAF Lossiemouth pipe band. Spent three memorable years with Canadian Forces in Ottawa in mid 1980s. I took a mid-career retirement option in 1988, when my range of experience on combat aircraft and systems took me to Lancashire and BAE Systems at Warton Aerodrome. Most of my work there was on electronic warfare systems for Typhoon, Tornado and Nimrod MRA4. I took voluntary redundancy from BAE in 2011 but still keep in touch as a Heritage Advisor. On leaving I set up my own consultancy. Married Ioleen in

1976 (met at RAF Cosford where she was a theatre sister in the Princess Margaret's RAF Nursing Service), have two children: James (38) lives in Bradford on Avon, is married with baby girl; Louise (35), married with two boys, lives in Perth, Australia.

John Willmott

When we all broke up, I read dentistry at Dundee, where I met Jenny. In 1973, we were married in the QV School Chapel, our reception was at the Dunblane Hydro AND I had my stag night in the Stirling Arms in Dunblane, now the Riverside Restaurant! So, many memories associated with this reunion for me and Jenny. I had a practice in Bridge-of-Allen for a few years and then itchy feet took us to Australia for a year – too hot! When we returned we settled in Nottingham and started a practice there, and we've been there ever since. We have a daughter (now with two grandsons, 10 and 7) and two sons, one of whom got married recently. I retired in February 2016, but after about six months decided that I wasn't finished, so am currently looking for a training or supervisory role (definitely gone mad now). Jenny still teaches part time, with much of her time taken up looking after her elderly mother. We get up to Scotland pretty frequently as Jenny's brother lives in Glasgow and, of course, I still have family in Dundee.

Epilogue – only of Grand Day 2018!

Eight of us met up at Grand Day, six of our wives came along too. (At which some whippersnapper called Major General R B Bruce CBE DSO, made a comment about being an 'Old' Victorian, was he born when we left school? However, he has done quite well in his chosen career, has he not?) It was also a really nice surprise to meet up with 'Captain' Wright RAEC, who taught back in those days, looking well and not too changed in appearance, almost less than us! You will be pleased to hear that from the pipers, drummers and dancers in our

midst, we thoroughly enjoyed the displays. After a wander round the school and a visit to the Chapel, instigating further reminiscences we returned to the Hydro to change for the evening.

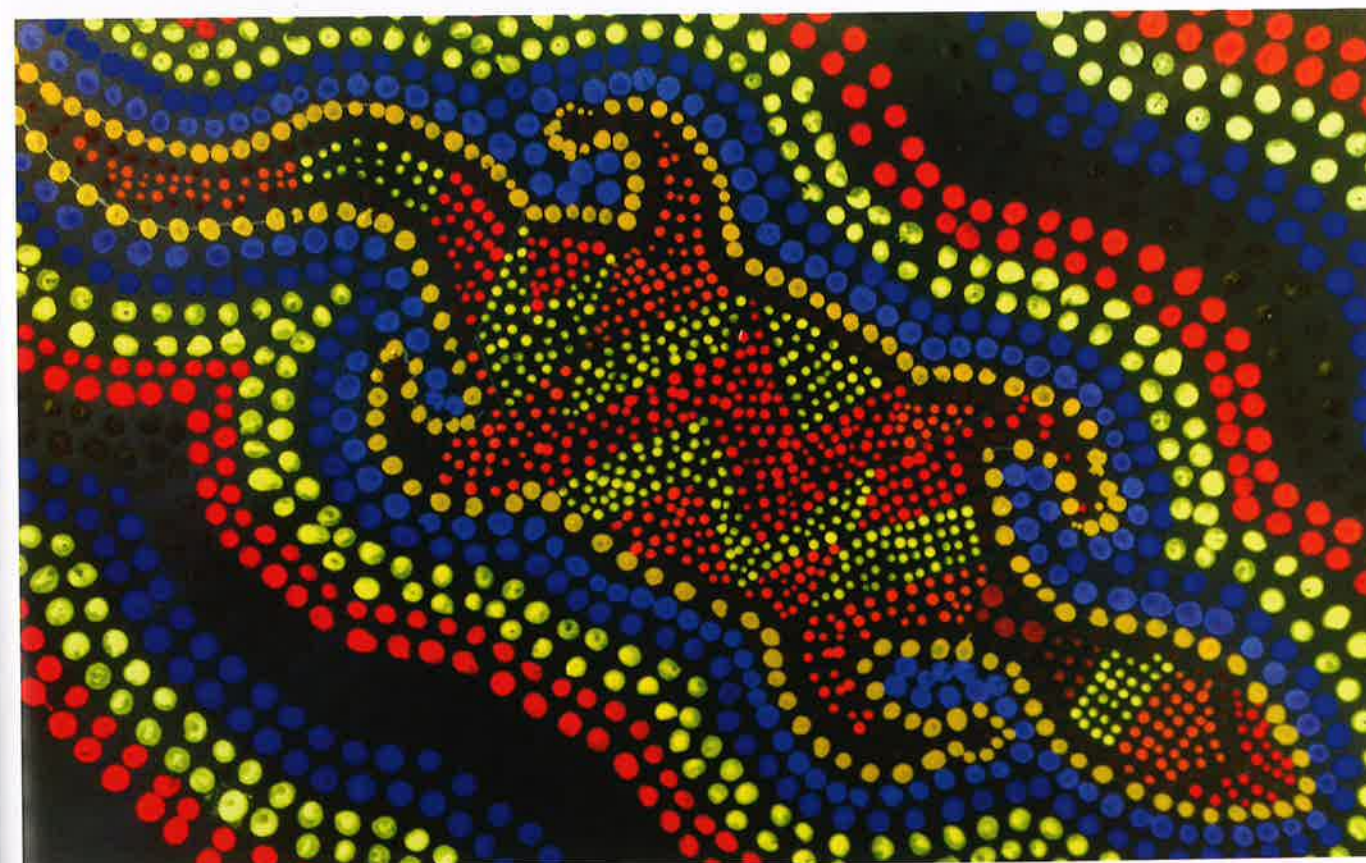
We had a super dinner in a private room at the Riverside Restaurant in Dunblane which we heartily recommend. We dragged up memories of our time at QVS and caught up on what we had been doing for the past 50 years, only a few of us had stayed in touch throughout that time so as the evening wore on and the party got louder it was fortunate that we had the private room!

It was good to see that the school is still flourishing, albeit in a slightly different way than we remembered; first names were rarely used in those days and there were definitely no girl pupils! Wavell was the junior house for P6 & P7 pupils with Cunningham, Haig and Trenchard being the senior houses for Forms 1 to 6, dormitories housed over 20 of us until we were in the 4th Year when a bit more privacy was granted, though not to the extent that today's pupils enjoy.

It was not just a Grand Day, for ourselves it was unanimously voted a great day. It would also have been a pretty special day for the school leavers who we wish all the success and a few less errors of judgement than we made 'back in the day' and to show that despite those errors we all turned out reasonably well.

One last word, if Jeffrey Wood reads this, or anybody knows of his whereabouts please do get in touch with us through the school, maybe we can make it a full house for our next reunion in 2020 celebrating 60 years since we joined the school as 10 year olds!

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Form VI.

FINGLAND, D. McG.—R.A.O.C. Joined 1960. Trenchard. Monitor. Captain of Rugby 1st XV. 1965-66-67-68. Colours 1966-67-68. Captain of Cricket. 1st XI. 1965-66-67-68. Colours 1967-68. Production Manager of "Uhuru!". Sports Editor "Victorian". A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II, Sgt. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Series. Life-Saving Bronze Medallion. Piper in Band. S.C.E. Higher English, Maths, Science. Ord. Arithmetic, Technical Drawing, Mechanics, French. To Heriot Watt University. Home address: 47 Paisley Road, Renfrew.

FOX, G. H.—R.A.F. Joined 1960. Haig-Monitor. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II, C.Q.M.S. Life-Saving Bronze Medallion. Best Piper 1966. Piper in Band. S.C.E. Ord. English, Maths, Physics, Arithmetic, Mechanics, Woodwork, Technical Drawing. To Cranwell and R.A.F. Home address: 1 Woodfarm Road, Thornliebank, Glasgow.

GRIGOR, H. S.—Royal Irish Fusiliers. Joined 1960. Cunningham. Prefect. Vice-Captain of Cricket. 1st XI. 1966-67-68. Colours 1967-68. Open Swimming Champion and colours 1966-67-68. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II, Sgt. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Series. Life-Saving Distinction. Instructor's Certificate. Personal Survival Gold. Colour Party 1968. Best Highland Dancer 1967. S.C.E. Higher English, Maths, Ord. Physics, Arithmetic, Mechanics, Woodwork, Technical Drawing. To R.A.F. Home address: 149 Findhorn, Forbes, Morayshire.

LEE, J.—A. & S. Highlanders. Joined 1960. Cunningham. Monitor. Business Manager of "Victorian". Chairman Debating Society. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II, Corporal. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Series. Personal Survival Gold. Life-Saving Award of Merit. Instructor's Certificate. Dux of School 1968. Wavell Memorial Prize. S.C.E. Higher English, History, Maths, Science, French. Ord. Arithmetic. To Edinburgh University. Home address: 277 Beacon Park Road, Peverill, Plymouth.

LONG, M. T.—Cameronians. Joined 1961. Haig. Colour Party 1965-66-67-68. Senior Projectionist. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II, Corporal. Life-Saving Bronze Cross. Personal Survival Bronze. Senior Poetry Prize 1968. S.C.E. Higher English, History. Ord. Maths, Physics, Arithmetic, French. To The London School of Film Technique. Home address: 44 Main Street, Weston Coyney, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

MacINNES, D.—R.M.P. Joined 1962. Haig. Prefect. Vice-Captain Rugby. 1st XV. 1965-66-67-68. Colours 1966-67-68. 1st XI. 1968. Cross Country Running Colours 1968. Co-editor "Uhuru!" and "Victorian". A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II, Sgt. Life-Saving Bronze Medallion. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Series. Senior Outward Bound Course 1967. Senior Short Story Prize 1968. S.C.E. Higher English, History, French, Maths. Ord. Physics, Chemistry, Arithmetic. To Edinburgh University. Home address: 8 Upper Breakish, Skye, by Kyle.

MOORE, J. W.—K.O.S.B. and R.S.F. Joined 1962. Trenchard. Monitor. Co-editor "Uhuru!" and "Victorian". A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II, Sgt. 1st XV. 1966-67-68. Colours 1967-68. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Series. Outward Bound Course 1967. Cranston Memorial Essay Prize 1968. S.C.E. Higher English, French. Ord. Maths, Physics, Technical Drawing, Woodwork, Arithmetic, Mechanics. Candidate for University of Dundee. Home address: 163 Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

SLATER, G.—R.N. Joined 1960. Cunningham. Monitor. 1st XV. 1967-68. Colours. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II, Corporal. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Series. Life-Saving Award of Merit. Instructor's Certificate. Personal Survival Gold Award. Piper in Band. Prince Philip Medal 1966. Outward Bound Course 1967. S.C.E. Higher Maths, Science, English, History. Ord. French, Arithmetic. To R.A.F., Cranwell or Edinburgh University. Home address: 95 Gilmerton Dykes Road, Edinburgh.

WILLMOTT, J.R.—R.M.P. Joined 1961. Cunningham. Senior Monitor. 1st XV. 1966-67-68. Colours. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II, CS.M. Best Shot 1967. Addison-Smith Public-Speaking Prize 1968. S.C.E. Ord. French, Technical Drawing, Arithmetic, Mechanics, Woodwork, Higher Maths, English, Science. To University of Dundee. Home address: 48 Balmerino Road, Dundee.

WOOD, J. A.—R.A.F. Joined 1960. Haig. Boy Pipe Major. Prefect. Co-editor "Uhuru!" and "Victorian". 1st XV. 1966-67-68. Colours. Athletics Team. Shooting Team. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II, Corporal. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Series. Eric Drew Memorial French Prize 1967. S.C.E. Ord. Latin, Physics, Arithmetic. Higher English, History, Maths, French. To Voluntary Service Overseas or to University of Edinburgh. Home address: Muirhouse Farm, Cleland, Lanarkshire.

Form V.

OWENS, K. J.—A. & S. Highlanders. Joined 1960. Cunningham. Chief Librarian. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. S.C.E. Ord. English, History. To Nautical College for Pre-sea Training. Home address: Cathedral Hall, The Cross, Dunblane.



Form IV.

AITKENHEAD, G. C.—R.A.O.C. Joined 1962. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II, Lance-corporal. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Series. Life-Saving Award of Merit. Personal Survival Gold Award. To R.E.M.E. Home address: c/o Captain R. Aitkenhead, Supplies Sub-Depot, Ordnance Depot, B.F.P.O. 53.

ALLAN, J. A.—Queen's Own Highlanders. Joined 1962. Haig. 1st XV. 1967-68. 1st XI. 1966-67-68. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Life-Saving Intermediate Award. Personal Survival Bronze Award. Employment undecided. Home address: c/o R.Q.M.S. J. Allan, Queen's Own Highlanders, F.E.T.C., Nee Soon, Singapore.

BROWN, P.D.—Royal Artillery. Joined 1962. Cunningham. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Series. To Army Hatering Corps. Home address: Robinson Road, Hillhead, Fareham, Hants.

BYRES, N. D.—Royal Artillery. Joined 1961. Cunningham. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Continuing education. Home address: 56 Caiesdykes Road, Kincorth, Aberdeen.

DUNCAN, J. A.—R.A.F. Joined 1963. Trenchard. 1st XI. 1967-68. Shooting Team. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Personal Survival Bronze Award. Leading Side Drummer. Best Drummer 1967-68. Best Shot 1968. Continuing education. Home address: Not yet known.

FREEMAN, R. C.—R.A.F. Joined 1964. Haig. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Progress Prize 1965. Junior Technical Prize 1967. To Merchant Navy. Home address: 71 Argosy Road, R.A.F. Brize Norton, Nr. Cartot, Oxon.

KELT, J. C.—R.A.F. Joined 1963. Trenchard. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Series. Life-Saving Instructor's Certificate. Engineering Apprentice. Home address: 33 Austins Mead, Bovingdon, Nr. Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

KIRKWOOD, A. J.—R.A.F. Joined 1962. Trenchard. Cricket 1st XI. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Series. Life-Saving Award of Merit. Dancer. Dockyard Apprentice. Home address: 44 Maitland Street, Dunfermline, Fife.

POCOCK, D. J.—Royal Signals. Joined 1964. Trenchard. A.C.F. Certificate A Part I. Life-Saving Bronze Cross. Personal Survival Silver Award. Employment undecided. Home address: 18 Johns Road, Eyemouth, Berwickshire.

ROBERTSON, A. R.—R.A.O.C. Joined 1964. Trenchard. Librarian. A.C.F. Certificate A Part I. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Series. Life-Saving Bronze Medallion. Personal Survival Silver

Award. Clerical Work. Home address: 94 New Tyle Road, Ralston, Paisley.

WEIR, J.—R.A.F. Joined 1964. Cunningham. Cricket 1st XI. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Series. Life-Saving Award of Merit. Personal Survival Gold Award. Employment undecided. Emigrating to S. Africa.

Form IIIB.

HYND, C.—Cameronians. Joined 1963. Trenchard. A.C.F. Certificate A Part I. Life-Saving Intermediate Certificate. Continuing education in Australia.

MacDONALD, D. A.—R.A.S.C. Joined 1963. Cunningham. A.C.F. Certificate A Part I. Personal Survival Silver Award. Piper in Band. To Army Apprentices College. Home address: 7 Briar Bank, St. Annes Hill, Carlisle.

Form IIIC.

BROWN, C. W. M.—Royal Scots. Joined 1964. Cunningham. A.C.F. Certificate A Part I. Junior Outward Bound 1968. Employment unknown. Home address: 118 Calder Preet, Glasgow, S.2.

BUCHANAN, J.—Royal Scots. Joined 1964. Trenchard. A.C.F. Certificate A Part I. Personal Survival Bronze Award. To school. Home address: 7 Rope Walk, Prestonpans.

CORRIGAN, S.—R.E. Joined 1962. Trenchard. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket 1st XI. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Life-Saving Bronze Medallion. Personal Survival Bronze Award. Dancer. Junior Secondary Certificate. To Leith Nautical College. Home address: c/o Capt. J. Corrigan, 275, PCCV R.E., B.F.P.O. 53.

CREIGHTON, J. R.—R.M.P. Joined 1964. Haig. A.C.F. Certificate A Part I. Personal Survival Bronze Award. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Series. To Leith Nautical College. Home address: Harrowdean, 31 Manor Road, Selsey, Sussex.

CROOKSTON, D. R.—R.A.F. Joined 1963. Trenchard. A.C.F. Certificate A Part I. Life-Saving Bronze Medallion. Personal Survival Bronze Award. To Metropolitan Police. Home address: 100 Teddar Road, R.A.C. Galton, Aylesbury, Bucks.

DUCKETT, M. C. A.—K.O.S.B. Joined 1963. Cunningham. Personal Survival Silver Award. Emigrated to Australia, March 1968. Home address: Lot 30, Ashley Terrace, Midland 6056, W. Australia.

GOLDIE, B. J.—Royal Scots. Joined 1963. A.C.F. Certificate A Part I. Personal Survival Silver Award. Tenor Drummer in Band. Continuing education. Home address: 44 Pentland Avenue, Boghall, Bathgate, West Lothian.



HOUSTON, N. F.—R.H.F. Joined 1963. Haig. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Athletics Team. Life-Saving Bronze Medallion. Personal Survival Silver Award. Outward Bound Course 1967. Dancing Team. Continuing education. Home address: 5 Newmore, Muir-of-Ord, Ross-shire.

KENT, R. J.—Gordon Highlanders. Joined 1963. Haig. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Life-Saving Bronze Medallion. Personal Survival Silver Award. Continuing education. Home address: 18 Stairlodge, Fullwood, Preston.

STRACHAN, L. J. M.—Intelligence Corps. Joined 1964. Trenchard. A.C.F. Certificate A Part I. Continuing education. Home address: 24 Brunsfield Place, Edinburgh.

WEST, R. A. M.—Gordon Highlanders. Joined 1964. Cunningham. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Life-Saving Bronze Cross. Personal Survival Bronze Award. To Royal Navy. Home address: c/o WO II A. G. West, 1st Gordon Highlanders, B.F.P.O. 29.

Form IIB.

WEIR, R.—R.A.F. Joined 1964. Cunningham. A.C.F. Certificate A Part I. Life-Saving Bronze Medallion. Personal Survival Silver Award. Piper in Band. Continuing education in South Africa.

Form IIC.

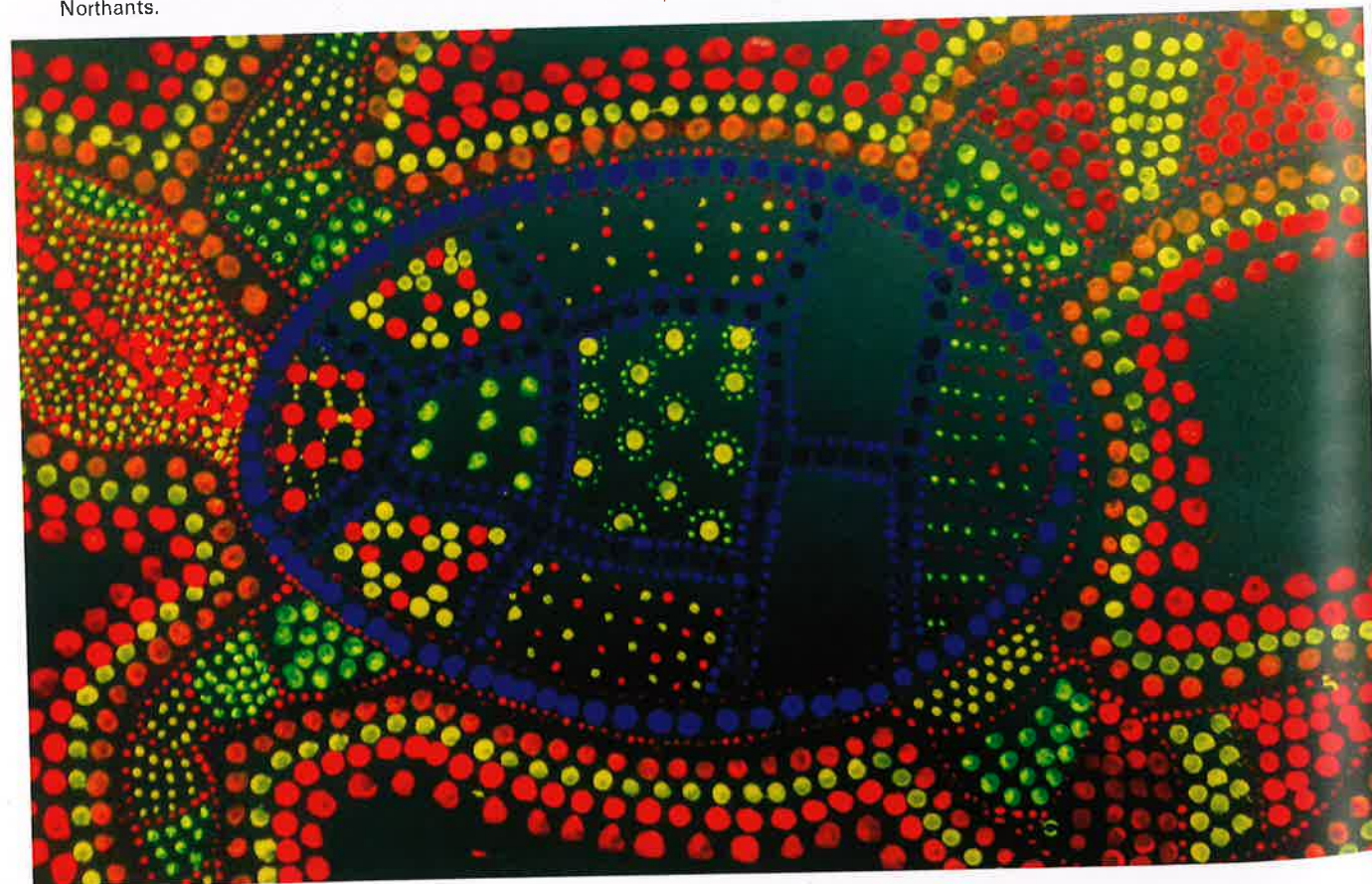
CARMICHAEL, A. T. W.—R.A.F. Joined 1964. Cunningham. A.C.F. Certificate A Part I. Personal Survival Bronze Award. To Australia, also his brother, Carmichael, A. P.

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MURRAY, C.—R.A.F. Joined 1965. Haig. Life-Saving Bronze Medallion. Personal Survival Gold Award. Continuing education in Australia. Home address: 21 Broadhurst Road, Wittering, Northants.

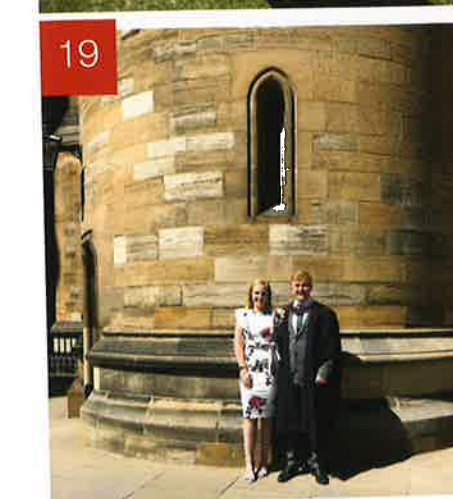


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Queen Victoria School Leavers

1. Class of 2006 Celebrating Nicola Findlay's baby shower. OVs Mhairi Toole, Katrina Leith, Carly McDonald, Vivian Moonan & Natasha Bruce still best friends a dozen years on

2. Callum Harris OV getting married to Lucy. OV Groomsmen Seta Tala, Callum Toole and Connel Burt dressing to impress on his big day.

3. Wedding of Graham King to Judith this summer. Wedding guests and fellow OV Brady Bunch joining together to celebrate Graham's big day: Nick Burge, David Kelly Paul Fleming and Stuart Ruthven

4. OV Kevin Hayes wedding. OVs out in force to see an honest man being made of Kevin: Darren Howie, Jamie Evenden, Scott Graham, Craig Mason and Jamie Motherwell

5. Veeransh Bohora: First Class Honours degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Aberdeen

6. OV James Burch and his fine collection of the Class of 2008 at his wedding to Claire this Summer. Hello Sailor! OVs Zoe Halliday, Niall Day, Ben Johnstone, Callum Toole, Chloe Swann, Sophie Burns, Craig Fairgrieve having a fabulous day

7. OV Ryan Flaherty's recent wedding to Fiona with his very dapper groomsmen, OVs Alan Craig, Phil Flaherty, David Honeyman, Adam Rainey and Matt Marshall

8. Devon Cox: Graduating in Social Work this summer from RGU in Aberdeen

9. OV Stephanie Barron receiving her Masters after her first degree in Sports Therapy. Huge congratulations to Steph for all her hard work and determination!

10. Senior Monitor 2014 Caitlin Willis graduating as a Nurse from RGU, Aberdeen in 2017

11. OV Fiona Macleod's wedding to Gordon with her sister Lorna & OV Steven Mallett who will be next down the aisle after falling in love through the QVS Pipe Band in 2006

12. Senior Monitor 2017 Amy Bruce passing out in the RAF and being awarded best drill and best recruit on number 7 flight in April 2018

13. OV Hannah Shaw's wedding with classmates Amie Williams & Claire Riddock

14. Dion Robb BSc Hons Environmental Geography from Stirling University 2018

15. Rebecca Johnson First Class Honours in Psychology from Strathclyde University 2018

16. Leah Tytek graduating in Arabic and International Relations from the University of St Andrews

17. Charlie Lynch also graduating from the University of St Andrews this Summer – looking very dapper in White Tie, Charlie!

18. Jemma Law celebrating her Masters in – aptly enough – Law this Summer in Glasgow.

19. Prom King and Queen 2013 till together and celebrating Finn Bark's graduation – thanks to Megan Ververs for getting me the photo. Congratulations to Finn on graduating in Sports Coaching & Development this summer

20. Launch day for OV Carrie-Ann Harris on board the RSS Sir David Attenborough this summer with her very proud dad.

21. A bevy of Harrower bridesmaids to celebrate OV Karen Harrower's wedding this summer. Sarah, Kayleigh, Alison and Jen looking lovely with the blushing bride in July 2018



Catherine Meikle S1.



Grand Day.



Staff List

Senior Leadership Team

Headmaster D Shaw BSc (Hons) PGCE
Deputy Head (PS) C A Phipps BA (Hons) PGCE PGCG
Deputy Head (P&G) S J Adams BSc (Hons) PGCE
Deputy Head (Academic) J F Scott Laing BEd (Hons)
School Business Manager S N Cunningham AdvDipBFM (CIPFA)

Housemasters & Housemistresses:

Wavell R L Appleyard BA (Hons) PGCE
Cunningham M J Eastham BA (Hons) PGCE
Haig R M H Boyd BD (Hons) PGCE DipTh
Trenchard P Bush BA (Hons) PGCE (to Dec 2017)
Trenchard D H MacKay BEd (Hons) (from Jan 2018)

Principal Teachers:

L A Bairner BA (Hons) PGDE
 G J Beattie MA MEd PGCE PGC in SFL PGD in SFL
 D V Breingan DRSAM DipEd
 D J Davey BSc (Hons) PGCE
 D Gilhooly BA (Hons) SQH PGDSLMDipEd
 T King BEd (Hons) PGCE PGCG ATQ Primary DRSAM PGRNCM
 A M Kirk MA (Hons) DipEdTech PGCE
 J S Laing DipTechEdn
 J S Lawrence BSc (Hons) MSc PGCE
 C McBlain BSc DipEd
 D McLay BEd (Hons)
 K L Rodger MA (Hons) MSc PGCE
 R C Wright BA PGCE

Teachers:

J Adams MA (Hons) PGCE
 V M B Adams BEd (Hons)
 R L Appleyard BA (Hons) PGCE
 R M H Boyd BD (Hons) PGCE DipTh
 A Bryce BSc (Hons) MSc PGCE
 P Bush BA (Hons) PGCE
 A Duncan MA (Hons) PGDE
 M J Eastham BA (Hons) PGCE
 S A M Hastie BEd (Hons) PGCE
 S C B Johns DipEd
 G Johnstone BSc (Hons) PGCE
 S Leitch MA PGDE
 D H MacKay BEd (Hons)
 L MacLeod BA (Hons) PGDE
 K MacPhee BEd (Hons)
 S L O'Neill BA (Hons) PE
 J A Porter MA (Hons) MSc PGCE
 S W Renwick BSc (Hons) PE
 T McP Shannon RD HNDMechEngDipTechEdn
 R Smith BA (Hons) DipEd
 C-A Taylor BSc (Hons) PGCE Cert PP in BE PGC in SFL
 S Thompson BSc (Hons) PGCE
 S Wright BSc (Hons)

Ceremonial:

School Sergeant Major D D H Stacey MBE (late Black Watch)
Pipe Major G R Ross Dip Piping (late Gordon Highlanders)
Drum Major J G Clark (late The Highlanders)
Highland Dancing Instructor S S Stinson Associate BATD

Visiting Music Teachers:

C Buchanan	F Henderson	J Thewlis
J Bamforth	I Hood	G Spowart
J Torrance	R Digney	M MacSporran
J Van Der Zwet	R Whittern	

House Matrons:

Cunningham S M Eastham
Haig A King BA
Trenchard H A Devlin
Wavell M C Sword

Housekeepers:

D McIntosh	K McVey
A MacDonald	M del C O'Neill

Medical Centre:

Sister M A Skeith RGN
Sister A E Ketteringham RGN
Sister A L Simpson BSc
Auxiliary V J Hiddleston

Foreign Language Assistant:

Nolwenn Rebillard

Overseas House Assistants ('GAP' Students):

L Walker	K Borrie
E May	J Houghton

Business Management:

Resources Manager R McKinnon Associate MCIPD
Deputy Resources Manager I M Mair MAAT
Facilities Manager & SSYO J Robinson
Deputy Facilities Manager & Dep SSYO T Thomson
Library & Information Manager S Lewis
ICT Manager N A Penrose (to Feb 2018)
ICT Manager G Carr (from Feb 2018)

Business Support:

M Symon	B McCluskie	A B Gauld BA (Hons)
A Paddon	A MacFarlane	

Academic Support:

L M Craig	A Morea	C P Rankin
L Sprouting BSc (Hons) RsciTech		G R McConnell

Facilities Support:

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