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An appreciation of Brian Raine

As you all know Brian Raine left us in December 2006 after a very successful tenure as Headmaster. As was his nature, he wanted a low key departure from the School. So, on the evening of the last day of term in December the staff gathered in the Library to pay their respects and say their final farewells to Brian and Jean. Staff from all areas of the School were there and it was an impressive turnout. (Investors in People take note).

Brian Raine left his mark on the School in many ways: academic improvement, sport, improved boarding accommodation to mention just a few. However, rather than a dry list of achievements it was felt that some extracts from the speech delivered at his retirement would better reflect the respect and affection felt by the staff.

"The last time I was called upon to make a speech I recall saying that there is a fine line between being given the honour and being lumbered. Well tonight I am honoured to be lumbered with the job of delivering this short speech in recognition of Brian's retirement. Before I begin, however, I would like to say that although I am delivering the speech and the words are mine I know that the sentiments are shared by all of us here tonight. BUT - if the speech goes down well - it's all mine!

Brian took over the helm of the good ship QVS in 1995 and it has been an interesting and eventful voyage. The helm, however, has been firm and the course true throughout. During the voyage Brian has overseen a number of important initiatives despite a number of running repairs and major refits.

Brian has brought on some passengers - GIRLS - a more or less seamless transition!! They have, of course more than paid their way, and in return for their passage have given us a softer School, improved exam results and an increase in the sale of hair gel in Haig House.

The passenger manifesto in general has been on the increase. When Brian came to the School in 1995 the total admissions numbers were 33, (the Alasdair Spence vintage). Now we have to turn away many disappointed candidates each year, (a good measure of how the School is viewed by our client base).

Our exam results are most definitely on the right side of the Plimsoll Line where we can now hold our own with any of the better state schools and indeed can now go on to challenge the independent sector. The educational and extra curricular resources in the School are as good as any I've seen outside and better than most. The refit of the Boarding side with the extension to Wavell, the new Trenchard House and the refurbishment of the Main Building means that we are ship shape and Bristol fashion.

RUGBY - Rugby to Brian is not just a game played by men with odd shaped balls, it is more a way of life. His hard work and enthusiasm in this area have enabled us, the coaching crew, to field teams to compete with the best - especially the current S1 team!!! I also know from speaking to the girls that they greatly appreciate his support for the Hockey.

Like a good Captain, Brian has been a true Ambassador and has raised the profile of the School throughout the world. Tattoo performances in Nova Scotia, Switzerland, Edinburgh and rugby/pipe band tours to Australia being some examples.

I know that Brian would be the first to acknowledge the support of his crew in the improvements made to the School during his leadership and I will let him do that later. I would, however, like to say a few words about his 'first mate'. Jean has been his rock, she has supported him, comforted him, chivvied him along and cheered him up and has always been at his side and I know that he found that unwavering support invaluable during his time here. They are a true partnership.

But it has not all been plain sailing. There have been stormy seas and treacherous reefs threatening to run us aground. We have faced our Trafalgers. Broadships from the broadsheets and missiles from the MOD. But, to paraphrase Kipling, the well known cake maker and writer of exceedingly good poems, Brian has repeatedly faced those two imposters and seen them off.

He has done so with determination, fortitude and stoicism which has never ceased to amaze me. He believed that what he was doing was right for the School and has fought through these difficult times by sheer strength of character and force of personality I understand that Frank Sinatra said to him, "OK, we'll do it your way".

The good ship QVS has for the most part glided serenely across the surface like a swan, but under the surface there has been furious activity. Brian's reputation for hard work and long hours is legendary and will be a hard act to follow. I know that Clare is already bereft that this might be her last year of typing school reports!

Well Brian, your school voyage is nearly at an end and it is now time to heave to in the tranquil harbour of retirement. The simple and the best thing that I can say about your stay at the helm is that you are leaving QVS a better place.

But the journey is not over yet. It is now time to embark on the new and revisit the old. Brian will be looking forward to spending more time with Jean, involving himself in voluntary organisations such as the prison visiting service (the two are unconnected I believe). He will also take up new office in the Perth Rotary. He also informs me that his New Years resolution is to learn to relax, even if he has to work at it 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

With his new house in Perth Brian has been practising his newly found DIY skills, although there is still some way to go there. Jean informed that last week vandals broke in and redecorated the place.

Two words you may not have thought that Brian would say - laptop and internet. Yes, he's going to enter the computer age. Anyone who wants to contact him from now should email: brian.raine@clare can you switch this on for me.co.uk

And as a reminder of Brian perhaps I should leave you all with some of his own words AND "this is not rocket science but just a starter for ten, you know these things just don't happen and now the balls in your court".

Well Brian, the ball is now in your court but before you return the serve, could I ask you, ladies and gentlemen to raise your glasses in a toast to Brian and Jean. The toast is "HAPPY DAYS"

I would now like to ask my colleagues on the SMT to step forward to present Brian with some gifts from the staff.



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From the Head Wendy Bellars

I am writing this in April of 2007. It is an interesting and important time - not only for those many pupils and their families who face public examinations next term, but also for the School and for the country.

My predecessor, Brian Raine, left QVS at the end of December 2006 after 14 years at the School, 11 of those as Head. No pupil here today will have known the School without his leadership. He gave a great deal of himself to QVS, ably supported by his wife, Jean, and the School's state of health today is a great tribute to his hard work and commitment.

Looking at the School with a newcomer's eyes, I can see already that there are many good things about it which need to be sustained, encouraged and developed. The **Ceremonial** aspects of life at QVS are immensely impressive, and those of us who have worked with teenagers in other settings realise, perhaps more acutely than those who have been at QVS for some time, just how remarkable an achievement it is to have the whole pupil body turning out on parade several times a year, and doing so with such commitment, professionalism and pride.

The strong **academic** results are no more than each family expects in sending its children to QVS, but they do not happen without hard work and application, both on the part of the staff and on the parts of the pupils and their families.

Awards at Gold level in the **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme** are highly prized, and rightly so, both in schools and at universities throughout the UK. The opportunities at QVS to reach this level are unparalleled in my experience (which includes teaching at HRH the

Duke of Edinburgh's old school); and the structures in place to enable pupils to achieve at Silver and Bronze levels are equally attractive.

Games and other sporting activities are a central part of life at QVS for many of its pupils, and it is important that these remain as attractive and available as we can make them, particularly given what we now know about the importance of developing an active, healthy lifestyle from schooldays onwards.

It is unusual for a school to have a **Combined Cadet Force** with all three sections operational, and again QVS is remarkable in this respect. We owe much to our Services connections, through families and former pupils, and the thriving CCF is a sign of our continuing commitment to learning about life in the Armed Forces.

There are areas of the School, too, which need to be further developed, including drama, and music beyond our ceremonial commitments. It is wonderful, therefore, to know that the **Centenary Appeal** is working towards providing a new Hall in which these and other activities can flourish - as well as allowing the School a place in which all pupils and staff can assemble simultaneously.

2008 is the School's **Centenary Year** - a time of significance for both current and former pupils and other stakeholders in QVS. It gives us opportunities to celebrate our achievements, to review our priorities and to make renewed commitments to what we hold important. I look forward to working with Her Majesty's Commissioners, with the Old Victorians' Association, with parents, staff, pupils and others on these important matters.

And beyond Queen Victoria School, the country itself faces times of



Year Six prefects

change and challenge. Next month, as I write, Scotland will go to the polls to elect its next Scottish Parliament, a body which - no matter what its eventual constitution - will have a significant impact on education in this country. And beyond Scotland, the military commitments of the United Kingdom as a whole continue to influence the life of the School and its constituent families.

So in this time of change - change at many different levels - what should we hold fast as being important to us? What do we share which binds us to one another, the past to the future? It is the **values**

of any community which give it its identity and which remain unchanged over the years, guarded and enacted by each generation passing through - in our case - the doors of Queen Victoria School.

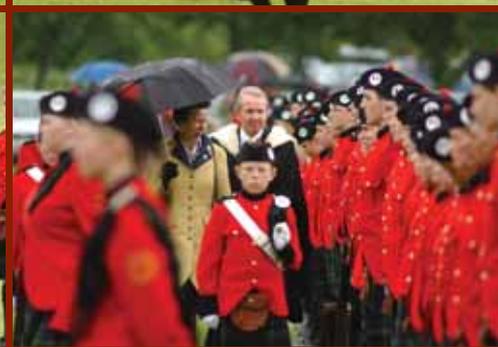
Much work has been done in recent years on identifying the values which are important to Scotland and to its education system. It is heartening to know that these also characterise what we are trying to do here at QVS - the four values which are inscribed on the mace of the Scottish Parliament - **WISDOM, JUSTICE, COMPASSION** and **INTEGRITY**. Long may they flourish.



Clockwise from top left: Cunningham House prefects; Haig House prefects; Wavell House prefects; Trenchard House prefects



Grand Day 2006





Senior Monitor

As my last year draws to a close whilst writing this, I begin to realise how much I have changed in my seven years from the P7 boy who had little confidence, was extremely homesick, hated the School and argued with my parents at every opportunity to be taken out. I now know how lucky I am that they refused, managing to stand and watch me go back after a holiday in tears whilst I pleaded with them. I try to recollect when this change occurred allowing me the confidence to be Parade Commander and to stand in front of the School and give a Christmas speech; to make decisions that you know some of your friends will not like when you know it has to be done. I realise that without Queen Victoria School I wouldn't be who I am today.

This year has been another extremely eventful year and one which I feel has completely turned the School around whilst also keeping it the same. The Pipe Band and dancers have once again outdone themselves with various commitments not to mention all of the parades where they work extremely hard to provide entertainment to a high standard before and during the parade. A smaller band also took part in the first ever Luxembourg tattoo after performing in Switzerland in the summer 2006, a tattoo in which the band is again performing this year with the dancers. Rugby and hockey have once more been well looked after, with more fixtures this season than ever and more facilities and training opportunities likewise. Although the Barcelona rugby and hockey tour was a bit of a 'washout', literally, everyone made the most of the trip and it showed how the School will take things further in giving the rugby and hockey players the opportunity to travel and take their sports to the next level. Also all other athletes in whatever sport they prefer have been provided with more opportunity to practise their sports, with more guidance from various members of staff and increased facilities, which I feel everyone in the School has benefited from at some point during this year.

CCF is another area which has improved and become more structured with all three sections taking a more serious approach. I also feel that all of the staff have definitely played their part in making all other extra-curricular activities more organised and enjoyable, whilst some staff have made opportunities for people who enjoy different pursuits.

At Christmas the School went through the biggest change since I have been here by saying goodbye to Mr Raine as Headmaster. After

a very emotional send-off at the Christmas dinner I feel that he was touched by the way that the pupils reacted to him leaving, giving him the respect that he had earned over the years, ensuring that the School was not just a school but a school that changes people for the better. Although a lot of people were upset that he was leaving, the change to a Headmistress again allows further change to be made to the School which the pupils who are staying on cannot just expect to happen. I feel that this is an opportunity for the pupils to speak up and say what they want to happen within the School and it is important that they do this to get results. However, although people were apprehensive about the change of Head I personally feel that Mrs Bellars has settled into Queen Victoria School extremely well, not expecting the School to change too drastically whilst also adding her own personal touches to try and make the School a bit more like home. Also the Houses are running better than ever with new staff duty arrangements making the Houses more secure, and constant improvements to every House, which again make the School a more comfortable place to live in.

Lastly I mention the academic and to be honest I mention this last purposely. This isn't because I am a bad academic or that I don't like the academic side of things but I have done this to emphasise that Queen Victoria School is not just a school, but a complete way of life which offers opportunities that most people would only and could only dream about. Although staff continue to maintain a high academic standard it is their willingness and determination to ensure that other things happen within the School, allowing people to change in a positive manner throughout their time at the School whether they would admit it or not. So as I sit here with little time left I am admitting that I will miss the School and I will always thank it for the positive change that I have experienced whilst being here. As I move on with my life I will remember all it has done for me and all the support I have received from it whether it be sporting, academic or social. I would like to thank all of the staff for being supportive of me this year and also all of the pupils for not making the year too tough for me, allowing me to enjoy my last year. I wish everybody all the very best for the future, staff and pupils, and I hope that you all enjoy your time at Queen Victoria School as much as I did and that you all help to keep the School moving in a positive direction, making the School an even better place to be.

Cameron Lee, Senior Monitor

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The Norman Macleod Macneil Trust Fund Awards 2006

Parents, Pupils and Old Victorians will be aware of the Norman MacLeod MacNeil Trust Fund, which was established in 1994 by Mr Jack MacNeil of Connecticut USA, in memory of his father Norman MacLeod MacNeil, a pupil at Queen Victoria School from December 1909 to July 1912.

The Norman MacLeod MacNeil Trust Fund is intended to attract interest from pupils keen to test their initiative, broaden their horizons and develop their skills in a variety of ways. The 2006 applications for grants have again supported a range of activities, including students commencing GAP year projects, helping those seeking professional qualifications in music, dance and the arts, as well as enterprising and adventurous pursuits.

Trust Fund awards for 2006 totalled nearly £1400 and were awarded to the following students:

Mathew Marshall

6 month tutoring placement as Lindisfarne College, New Zealand

Adam Rainey

6 month tutoring placement at Lindisfarne College, New Zealand

James Wootton

6 week CCF Cadet Exchange in Canada

Isla MacLeod

Edinburgh College of Art Portfolio Support RAF Easter Camp Akrotiri

We wish them all success in their chosen pursuits and look forward to receiving reports of successful completion in their various projects and activities.

The NMMTF is there to be used; why not give it some thought, and if you want to know more, contact the School Business Manager for further details or get a copy of an application form at www.qvs.org.uk

It would be useful to note when applying that the Trustees pay particular attention to the supporting details that are provided along with the application itself and this significantly helps the decision – making process: the more detail that can be provided in support of the application, the better. The Trustees are also keen to ensure that any grants made fit well and within the overall intent of the Fund, which is there to provide support for pupils who wish to advance their education, leadership and self-esteem and to help broaden horizons and generally develop wider skills.

The annual deadline for submission of applications is the close of the calendar year (applications to be received by the School Business Manager by 31st December latest).

I would also suggest that if you have a particularly ambitious project in mind, it is worth starting to plan early and seek advice.

Stephen B Dougan, School Business Manager

Christmas 2006



Cunningham House

Cunningham House has had what can only be described as a roller coaster year. Long-term staff absences have contributed to this and after what seems to have been a lifetime of endless duties we now have our full complement of staff. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr D Shaw and Mr G McConnell who have proved to be assets to the House. The House has also benefited greatly from the School's decision to employ two overseas House Assistants, Michael and Jake. They have proved to be assets to the House and enjoy an excellent rapport with the pupils and staff. Their enthusiasm over the lock down months i.e. (from October to the beginning of the Summer Term) has been well received by all year groups. Pupils have enjoyed endless sports and activities. On behalf of the House and myself I would like to thank all the staff who have supported me through this difficult time and I look forward to their continued support and enthusiasm.

I would also like to pay my own personal tribute to Mr Herbert Tomkins who recently retired as Housemaster of Cunningham House. He was crucial in my introduction to all aspects of boarding school life at QVS. I would not have been able to step into the role of Housemaster without his practical advice and experience. I would like to thank Mr Tomkins on behalf of all pupils past and present in Cunningham House.

The engine of the House, namely Mhairi, Helen and Karen have worked tirelessly in the pursuit of maintaining a clean, tidy and well-presented House. Pupils are equally tireless in their pursuit to undermine this endeavour at every opportunity.

The House enjoys a good atmosphere, described as 'laid back' by K Mackie. I would agree and say that pupils and staff benefit from this. There is however a problem with the litter culture, not only in the House but around the School. A straw poll revealed that 'no sir, this definitely does not happen at home'. Yeah right lads! I would very much like to see this culture disappear along with the litter.

It has been a very dynamic year with an increase in activities available to the boys seven days a week. Evidence of rapidly depleting pocket money accounts will testify to this. Apologies to all parents for those dreaded words 'he needs more money'. Surely there can be nothing worse than this.

Cunningham will lose six senior boys, House Captain Eddy Hodgson, Senior Monitor Cameron Lee, Cameron Johnson, Callum Motherwell and Andrew Batson. Last but not least, Dean Milne. Yes, Dean, you made it!!

Stand out comments and frankly some bizarre behaviour continue to provide a huge source of amusement and discussion within the House. Here are a few examples:

Any one of Sean Dougal's doom and gloom stories!!!

Witnessing Cameron Ross, one arm elevated above his head with a puzzled expression on his face, complaining of a stinging sensation following a misguided decision to shave his armpit instead of his eyebrow.



Cunningham House

The emergence of what appears to be a pound shop in Stuart Kent's bed space.

Jack Halliday's decision to polish the carpet instead of his shoes leaves him puzzled as to the mysterious appearance of footprints around his room.

Last but not least, the legendary Pot Noodle incident. Dean Milne (named and shamed) tried to microwave a tasty Pot Noodle without water! As we all know H₂O is a crucial ingredient, Dean. The consequences of this culinary disaster resulted in:

Inedible Pot Noodle
Destruction of the microwave
Toxic fumes (we still can't get rid of the smell)
Fire Alarm
No supper for anybody

Dean's sheepish response to all of this was a shrug, a smile and the killer statement; 'Well.....I followed all the instructions, Pipey. Really, Dean? Are you absolutely sure? Note to Dean's University: no electrical equipment to be allowed in his room.

I would like to conclude by thanking all the support staff in and around the School who contribute to the smooth running of Cunningham House and to wish those pupils who leave us a happy and fulfilling future.

Gordon Ross



Haig House

There has been much to learn in the last nine or so weeks since I arrived - names, routines, systems, terms, traditions...and those subtle little issues which do not have a name but matter very much to the boys.

Without the background of a previous two terms it is enough to say that the Spring Term has been a busy one for most of us. The results of national exams soon to be held will show just how busy we have been. I am sure that much hard revision has been done by some boys. It's just that I have not been aware of it happening. Results will tell.

Thanks to generous funding we have been able to continue the process of adding to amenities in the House.

A senior common room has been set up - an exercise in trust for the boys concerned. They have established and agreed the terms of its use. With pool and table tennis in both common rooms, as well as a new Xbox downstairs, new chairs and bean bags, tables, lighting and bookcases, we hope that there is an encouragement for all sections of the House to move out of their rooms for a while and be part of the House in its social sense.

Issues of responsibility, of care for the building and its contents, of honesty, of a sense of caring for others have risen not infrequently. We will continue to raise awareness of the feelings, the thoughts and the rights of everyone, boys and staff. We all have the right to be respected, listened to and to be safe.

As a newcomer I may be permitted to express some surprise at the fairly common belief amongst the boys that responsibility is governed by, for example, 'when I am on duty', and not seen as a way of life. A few of the House prefects and seniors do understand that the example they set is extremely important all the time. For some others, I fear that the lesson is not understood. They want and expect perks and privileges but fail to grasp that in the receiving there is also an obligation.

Raising thresholds of self responsibility applies of course to everyone.



Haig House

Being on time for beds, putting laundry in without being chased up... and many, many other instances all help the smooth running of the House, and free our time for more important matters relating to helping boys reach their potential.

S6 can be a hugely fulfilling year. It should be an opportunity to contribute to school and House in a big way. It should be the best year at school. I have asked S5 boys to consider in what they would contribute for the good of Haig House if they were to return. If they are unable to respond with a clear message then I fear S6 is not for them. A year spent dodging issues and disregarding the place and its people is purely selfish and very wasteful.

I would like to record my thanks and those of the boys - to Jonathan Coates my predecessor, Graeme Beattie and Steve Laing, my Assistant Housemasters, for their huge support in helping me to negotiate the paperwork and routines; to Cath Tomkins our Matron for her unceasing efforts on behalf of the boys; to the Tutors Mr Breingan, Mr Borking, Mr Kirk, Miss Phipps, Mr Ronald, Mr Silcox and Mr Wright for their willing hard work; to James Lamont and Jack Van Den Heuvel our excellent House Assistants, and to Carmen and Karen, our Housekeeper and cleaning lady for theirs. I am grateful to Finlay Smith and Ameer Limbu the Head and Deputy Head of the House for their constant support.

Murdo White, Haig House Manager



Trenchard House



Trenchard House

This year started with Trenchard House welcoming its usual new pupils to Queen Victoria School and helping them to settle into the strange routines of being away at boarding school and those strange routines peculiar to QVS. By the October break most have settled so well that one might imagine them having been here for ever. Others take a little longer, but the excitement of Christmas, along with the Rookies' Parade, usually works their magic and all return after that holiday to start their second term enthusiastically. And so they continue, although with the usual signs of near exhaustion showing on some faces towards the ends of term. But that's not a situation peculiar to Trenchard.

We work everyone hard in the House; adjusting to their new way of living together in a boarding house, making new friends, long school days - much longer than most have been accustomed to, and of activities in which to join, both in-house and trips out. There really is not much time for many having 'nothing to do'.

In all of this settling the new pupils in, as ever, I must thank all the Trenchard House Staff - Matron, Mrs Devlin and Mrs Cullen our wonderfully patient housekeeper and all the House tutors. I should also like to thank the 'Rookie Keepers' and the senior girls, who make so much effort to help the new pupils settle in, in a way that cannot be matched by anyone else. The House has been very ably led by Keshia Harris and Toni Guthrie, both of them bringing their individual gifts to the leadership of the House. This year, because of various year numbers in Wavell, we have had two extra senior girls in the House - giving us a total of eight. All have worked hard in the House and have helped to make it a successful year.

At the end of last year, Mr John Porter moved across to join Trenchard as our new Assistant Housemaster - and very welcome he

was too, after a vacancy in that position of over a year. He has certainly made his presence felt in the House. At the end of this year, too, we said goodbye to Miss Miresteanu, our additional tutor, and to Stefani Schindler, our language assistant. In August we welcomed Sara Schubert as the new language assistant and she is obviously enjoying her year with us, as we enjoy having her in the House. As usual, our Antipodean House Assistants change at the turn of the Year - we said a sad goodbye to Paul Sutherland and Kelly Pegus, after an excellent year's energy and enthusiasm from them. And Holly Lewis and Christian Knights - who in similar vein are taking a very active part in the House and the School, in turn, ably replaced them.

All the House staff have been busy throughout the year with House activities, including various parties - the summer term party again blessed by excellent weather; talent shows - including Will Lynch's highly acclaimed rendition of 'Wild Thing' - really not to be missed; likewise the compering of the show by Keshia Harris and Matt MacKenzie; trips to rugby internationals; the cinema; ice skating; swimming; laser quest; Jimmy Chung's; the theatre; a football match; bowling and other venues.

Altogether, another successful, happy year. Thank you all for making it so.

Catriona Matheson



Wavell House



Wavell House

Doesn't time fly! It seems no time since I last put pen to paper to write the Wavell Notes for *The Victorian Magazine* (what fun!). Well here goes for 2006-07.

At the start of the school year in August, we welcomed Miss Templeton to the House as Deputy Housemistress. She has fitted in so smoothly that we can hardly remember a time when she wasn't here. From organising the Christmas party to numerous theatre trips and a very exciting drama hobby, we are delighted to have Miss Templeton on board.

Miss Lupu from Rumania replaced Miss Jastrabikova as our overseas member of the House Tutor team. After Christmas, Ashleigh Newman and Hannah Gravenall arrived to become our House Assistants for 2007. On behalf of the House, I wish them good luck for the year ahead and am sure that they will gain as much as they give from their time with us.

The refurbishment of Wavell House continued this year with the senior common room, kitchen and the landing areas all getting a makeover with new furniture, equipment and the long awaited pool and table tennis tables. Our next step is to invest in summer play equipment.

As always, the girls are indebted to the hard work of all the House Tutors who organise numerous trips and activities for them. The girls have enjoyed trips to the ballet, theatre and even a hair-raising ghost walk. A major highlight of the year was the Wavell Talent Show, which raised a magnificent sum of £550 for the Chakarsi Village School, in India which provides free education for girls. The founder of the school Jo Haram was delighted with this and intends to use it to extend the school. Well done to all the girls who worked so hard. Last but not least a huge thank you to Wavell House Matron, Mrs Henderson. She is the guardian angel of all the girls in the House: without her there would be no sympathy when girls fall out with each other, their boy friends or receive a strike for breaking a House rule.

At this point in the notes it is time to say goodbye to the staff and girls who are leaving us on Grand day 07:

Mrs Howie (or Frau Howie) will be greatly missed by both the girls and staff of Wavell for many reasons: whether shopping up a storm with us on the Christmas shopping trip, for her "memorable" tutor group performance of the German (surprise, surprise) song at the Christmas party, but most of all for her unsurpassable skill with the Hoover which she has attempted to pass on to many Wavell girls. Sadly, Mrs Walker also leaves us this year. Her skill with the toasted sandwich machine has written her into the history pages of Wavell as the Toastie Queen. Friday nights in Wavell will never be the same again as we say good bye to Mrs Walker.

We say au revoir to the girls of S6: Sheona (House Captain), Helen, Karen, Carla, Stephanie and Laura. On behalf of myself and the House team I thank them for all of their contributions to the life of Wavell House and wish all girls who are leaving this year a happy and successful future.

I would also like to thank my fantastic House team for all of their efforts this year on behalf of the pupils and for their unstinting support. To all staff and girls, I wish a happy summer holiday. See you in August!

Eileen MacDonald





Luke Angus, Mairi Cox, Kerrie Goodman, Natasha Hughes, Mary-Jane Kingston, Victoria Monti, Leslie-Anne O'Connor, Rebecca Austin, Heather Findlay, Kayleigh Harrower, Lorna MacLeod, Ainsley Piggott, Simma Rai, Katherine Wilson and Michaela Leith



Connel Burt, Niall Day, Sanjeev Pudel, James Burch, Callum Toole, Craig Fairgrieve, Tom Austin, James Wootton, Terry Moles, Callum Wood and James MacDonald



Luke Angus, Lorna McLeod, Kerrie Goodman, Mary-Jane Kingston, Victoria Monti, Leslie-Anne O'Connor, Simma Rai, Rebecca Austin, Michaela Leith



The Silver girls camp was in the Bridge of Orchy area. Carla Fyfe, Helen McMillan and Carol-Anne Miller



Another Silver practice camp in the Cairngorms. Kayleigh Harrower and Kerrie Goodman



Andrew Waterfield, Stuart Howell, Euan Burt, Stephen King, Callum Fraser, Robert Williams, Jamie Irving, Megan Halliday and Ross Watson

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Summer Term heralded the start of expeditions, beginning with the boys Bronze practice expedition the first weekend of the summer term. All the Bronze practice expeditions took place in the Ardgartan peninsula on the West Coast.

The boys Silver expedition took place in the Loch Laggan area. It was a surprise to see snow still on the ground in June. The boys bagged three Munros and four tops on their expedition. Their campsite was at 3000 feet.

The Bronze assessed expeditions took place in the local Ochil hills. Starting in Tillicoultry the group backpacked up over Ben Cleuch and down to the river Devon in upper Glen Devon. After an overnight camp the group headed west up over Saichanwood Hill, Blairdenon Hill before descending out of the Ochils back to School. A total distance of 24 km and climbing over 1000m were achieved.

The Gold expedition was carried out in Peru as part of a four week

school expedition. The successful participants were Callum Toole, Carla Fyfe and Tom Austin.

Leader Award

Congratulations to Mr Wright, Miss Johnston, Miss Matheson, Mrs Elliott and Mr Mair who all successfully completed the Basic Expedition Leaders Award. This is a national award which qualifies the staff to lead and supervise pupils on expeditions. This greatly increases our available staff to support our pupils.

Listed below are the 43 pupils who started Duke of Edinburgh Award this year and are training to go on expeditions this summer.

Thank you to all the staff who provide hobbies which allow our pupils to complete the other elements of their Award; Skill, Service, Physical Recreation and Residential Project.

Tom Shannon ML, Principal Teacher Outdoor Pursuits

MR WRIGHT'S GROUP

Karl Moles
Owen Hunter
Jamie Meiklejohn
Rachel Christie
Chloe Moore
Cerys Docherty
Paul Stafford
Seta Tala
William Jackson
Connor Mackenzie

MR SHANNON'S GROUP

Jamie Irving
Stuart Howell
Euan Burt
Robert Williams
Andrew Waterfield
Callum Fraser
Ross Watson
Cameron Quin
Megan Halliday
Vanessa Campbell
Stephen King

MISS JOHNSTON'S GROUP

Kara Chamberlain
Amie Williams
Claire Riddock
Iona Bellingham Baird
Rea McGown
Ellis McFarlane
Samantha Maloney
Hannah Craigmile
Emma Read
Charlotte Wood
Alana Crawford

MR KIRK'S GROUP

Stephen Bell
Jamie Nicholls
Ryan Salter
Lee Gallacher
Kate Graham
Ashley Lees
Hazel Stanfield
Kirsty Mallet
Samantha Leishman
Lorna Reith
Hannah Shaw

Peruvian Andes

The best moment of my life so far was in the month of July 2006. I was standing in a valley in the Peruvian Andes with my 11 team mates looking at the stars; these stars seemed to hang over us like fairy lights. It was at that moment that I realised how lucky I was to be standing looking up at snowy mountains that I was due to climb the next day, for it was a four day trek I will never forget. We always tended to amuse ourselves while walking with Spanish lessons from Callum Toole and Helen McMillan. All the team even now, months later, can all say our catch phrase "Concalme Tigre". This was just one of the amazing things we got up to; we chose to spend our first four days in the Amazon jungle, which was, shall we say eventful. Of course little did we know that we would spend our second night on a platform in the middle of the jungle. We experienced some amazing times before it reached night such as swimming in the piranha-infested lake and capturing exotic birds and monkeys on our cameras to take back home. That night we went fishing for piranha with our tour guides. Fortunately we caught one and with that it became a fascinating spectacle; we all held it carefully holding its jaw in case it decided to devour one of us instead of the other way. Ending that night we went Caymen spotting and watched the sun set. The Caymen spotting was the most thrilling experience of my life as



well as Vivian Moonan's; imagine seeing two beady eyes heading towards you, as you are in a small, native boat! Exactly! But my emotions changed when we watched the sunset, as I realised once again how lucky I was to see this image in front of me, knowing I was in the Amazon jungle, a place where so many people of the world haven't set foot. Thank you greatly to Freewill Pursuits, Miss Matheson and to all the parents who helped with fundraising, for it was a journey we will never forget.

Carla Fyfe S6

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Barcelona Squad

Barcelona

Rugby

As the Easter term came to a close all of us in the rugby and hockey teams trained hard, with images in our heads of playing in brilliant weather on perfectly kept pitches before going back and relaxing on a nicely kept Spanish beach with perfect sand and a sparkling sea in the background. We began to wonder if our thoughts were misplaced as we travelled on a long and mind-numbing 36 hour bus journey watching rain and clouds go past as soon as we got into France and Spain. After a journey of countless DVDs whilst watching Dave go to the toilet on the bus every 15 minutes whether the toilet was in use or not we arrived at our apartment and ate on the Sunday evening with the weather rather overcast and depressing. Our 'Gifts' were quickly lifted though when we met our rep 'Rusty' who was extremely useful in areas such as sunglasses and, well, sunglasses. The opening talk was agonising but incredibly funny after such a long journey. Everyone's next port of call was the pool which we assumed would be warm only to find that it was absolutely freezing cold. However, as we are a Scottish school we decided to show off by getting changed and jumping in only almost to die of hypothermia after Mr Mclay played a clever April fool's joke on the rugby boys – which Paul Howell still believed was true after being told it wasn't, staying in till he turned blue. Anyway Rusty had promised us better weather the next day so after a whole group trip into town we went to bed that night looking forward to the day ahead.

Waking up on Monday to the cold temperatures and rain, it didn't help to see on the television that Britain had a heat wave. However we told ourselves that we were still better off where we were and after

an early start we travelled to an area that we had reserved for training between half past 11 and 1 o'clock before the rugby players had a game that evening. After eventually getting there at about half past 1 we had a good training session and got prepared for the game ahead. After visiting the Nou Camp we then drove around looking for our pitch. We eventually arrived to be told by 'Patrick', another Pavilion Tours rep, that the game was cancelled. Apparently phones haven't been invented in Barcelona yet. A long drive home left most people ready for bed, apart from those of course who decided to buy hair colour which then took place in various rooms that evening leaving us with a 70 percent ginger rugby team.

Tuesday was another depressing day for weather as yet again the rain was beating down as the girls left to play hockey. As the rugby team mostly voted against going to watch them we decided to head down to the beach in the rain to play touch rugby and ultimate Frisbee. However after getting there we decided that the 10ft waves would be a lot more fun to play with and after coming out of the water battered and without our socks we stood back in admiration as we watched Mikey 'the Hoff' Burrell swim out and rescue a rugby ball Baywatch – style. Anyway by the end of the day we were all shattered and yet again hopeful for the next day.

Wednesday was a new day and as we woke up to gorgeous sunshine we decided to train down on the beach for the game that night. After half of the tour we felt we were finally getting what we wanted: the sun the sand and the sea. However our luck would again change and that night during the game the rain yet again poured down as we





battled against the Catalonia under 18's national side. The game was one in which we showed our quality as Gillie consistently skipped through the massive gaps in defence whilst everyone else liked to finish off the moves. However with the referee against us and a more determined opposition in the second half we only managed an impressive 36-0 scoreline showing the Scottish class. I also believe that it was a rather inspiring team talk before the game that helped us to stay determined, especially Cammy J's input of 'Come on boys'. They will regret the day that they came out late. After getting back we heard of the girls, who had refused to come and watch us sporting kings play, discoing down with the 6 year olds whilst drinking their cokes. I can only imagine that a great night was shared by all.

Thursday was the last day of the tour and with hockey and rugby games scheduled it was decided that we should both watch each other play and we all left early to watch the girls first. After a great hockey game, watching our girls battling against the Germans we headed off into Barcelona to the Hard Rock Cafe where Pavilion Tours had decided to send us as a good will gesture for their lack of organisational skills throughout the week. It was then that we were told that our rugby game was again cancelled due to rain and after a short time of shopping in Barcelona we headed back to the apartments where we all got dressed up to go to the karaoke which Pavilion Tours had laid on for us in town. The tour was then finished off when a few of our rugby players got dressed up in Russian swimsuits and impressed us all with the 6x15 metre relay at midnight in the freezing cold pool. A definite highlight of the tour.

Friday was the day to leave and was also the day of best weather so after packing up the bus again we got back on the coach with almost everybody having caught colds, the few that hadn't had tonsillitis. With Mr Mclay worrying about the abuse he would get from those parents of the guys who died their hair ginger we headed off on the long and sickening bus journey back to the sunshine.

Although the weather and rugby were a bit disappointing everybody really enjoyed the trip overall. From all the rugby players we would like to thank all of the staff for organising the trip and to Rusty the rep for providing us with a good laugh throughout the week. From myself personally I want to thank the players for their support throughout the year and during Barcelona and for helping all of the players leaving this year to end the season with a good win.

Cameron Lee, 1st XV Rugby Captain

Hockey

Day One – The Journey Begins

With 52 seats on the bus, and 52 of us - you can't get much more snug than that! Within 2 hours the toilet was already broken, the DVDs were getting dull, Mr Mclay was out and about with the camera and the smell was unbearable. The journey was already a success. That was only the beginning. Multiply that by another 13 and you can only imagine what the bus was like.

The Silly Hat

This was the hat that everyone dreaded. If you said something stupid, you had to wear it. First prize goes to Nicole, as we arrived at the petrol station in Gretna she asks "Is Gretna a country between Scotland and England?". Also, as we arrive in Calais Hayleigh comes out with "We are driving on the wrong side of the road!", and she isn't even blonde!

First Day In Barcelona

The training starts here but not as smoothly as we had hoped. The supposedly 'one hour journey' managed to take us three thanks to our truly amazing rep Gorka. When we got there the pitch was amazing, except the goals were made for players who were under two feet tall and they were half the width of a normal goal, so we grabbed ourselves two of them and played on. With our new assistant coach Evie, we were ready to brush up on our skills and prepare for our first game against the Spanish.

With the girls packed for the desert, the shorts and bikinis certainly didn't help in the rain. By day two we realised warm clothing was definitely needed – too late. Kerry's eight bikinis didn't help her in the hailstones. However, Nicole and Karen certainly didn't let the rain dampen their spirits, as they were seen bathing on the balcony in sunglasses and shorts, smeared with factor 15.

Game 1 – QVS V Atletico Terrassa

We weren't going to deny it, we were intimidated as we arrived at a fantastic sports complex which was owned by Atletico Terrassa. We watched them warming up and were definitely a little apprehensive. We warmed up, psyched up and opened up the game with a great goal from Natasha Hughes. It didn't stop there, by half time we were 4-0 up and feeling good, thanks to a few more goals from Nicole Howe and Natasha Anderson. The whistle blew and we were ready for another half. Firing in another 2 goals from Jordan and Hayleigh, the game was in the bag!

Game 2 – QVS V Sportver.Zehlendor Wespen

(German touring side from Berlin)

After a strong game against the Spanish we were ready for the



Germans. They came at us strongly, opening the game with their first goal. However, we fought back getting a goal to make it 1-1 thanks to Natasha Anderson. We battled on with some great hockey but unfortunately they managed to get another 3 goals in against us. Spirits were still high for we worked hard and played well.

Game 3 – The Rematch

We came back for the second match against the German side after a long day of training in what seemed to be the most sun we had. We walked into the stadium, being piped on by “The Pipey” himself. Our chant was as loud as ever. We were ready for them this time. They came at us just as hard, they worked hard, but we worked even harder, managing to get the first goal in from a short corner by Nicole

Howe – they didn’t know what had hit them. QVS was definitely up for a win. Hannah came on in the second half, scoring a great second goal for us, giving a final score of 2-2. Miss Scott was very proud.

At the end of the week we all celebrated with a meal at the Hard Rock Café with Miss Scott allowing us to have as many calories as we wanted, it was definitely a good meal. We knew our work here was done.

Being my last game ever for the School I am glad it was a very successful way to end. Thanks and well done girls!

Karen Harrower, Captain



Top: U16 Squad Bottom: Rugby 1st XV

Rugby

Rugby 1st XV

Results For 2006-2007 Season Fixtures

QVS v Madras	10-7
QVS v Lomond	33-0
QVS v Morrison's	0-21
QVS v Harris	44-0
QVS v Madras	15-17
QVS v Strathallan	12-20
QVS v Royal High School	15-19
QVS v Morrison's	7-21
QVS v Bearsden	12-3

QVS v St Columbus	7-0
QVS v Cathkin High	5-7
QVS v Lomond	34-14
QVS v Hutchinson's	21-28
QVS v Merchiston	12-24
QVS v Wellington	54-0
QVS v Dundee High School	21-15
QVS v Jordanhill	
QVS v Currie	
QVS v Catalonia	36-0



Second Year Rugby



First Year Rugby

After another gruelling pre-season training session we made a great start to the season with a narrow victory over very stiff Madras opposition. For our match of the season our defence was consistently solid, forcing the opposition to make mistakes which allowed us to gain most of the possession. However our attacking play was a bit rusty and we missed out on several opportunities to seal the deal. That said we knew we could now take this win into the rest of the season. Our next game against Lomond was another in which the whole side showed its class with a convincing win. In this game our attacking play was more complete and sharp, allowing us to score 33 points in the first half. Our attacking play broke down in the second half due to complacency. However our defence was strong and didn't allow Lomond to play offensively throughout the whole match.

For our first cup match against Harris the team was well disciplined and we showed a great deal of class which allowed our potential to shine through. The forwards worked tirelessly and aggressively, consistently winning the ball in all situations which the backs used to full advantage allowing us to win the game very convincingly. After losing our second cup match narrowly due to a lack of finishing ability, our next game was in the plate competition against Bearsden. This again was a tightly contested match with strong play from both backs and forwards on a badly looked after pitch. Again our inability to finish off tries let us down which led to the game being a lot closer than it should've been.

Our regular season again looked impressive with a victory over St Columbus. Although once again the scoreline shows a hard fought match our defence was solid and didn't allow the opposition to get into any scoring opportunities. After scoring the only try of the match ourselves we had to ensure that pressure wasn't dropped and our high level of fitness showed as we defended tenaciously all the way to the final whistle with forwards and backs both working effectively.

Our rematch against Lomond started with a better looking Lomond side scoring the first try of the match which then forced us to spring into action and play better rugby. After a first half of uncertainty our backs showed sheer class as they ran all over the opposition scoring some inspiring tries. Credit also has to be given to the forwards for winning the ball in all set pieces and in open play to allow the backs to run riot. We carried on our high scoring wins when we played a very average looking Wellington side. Our lineouts were consistently brilliant throughout the match and once again our backs and forwards ran with sheer excellence allowing us to rack up another high points tally. Once again our defence was fierce, not letting any of the opposition run through.

The game against Dundee High School was a match which showed

our forwards and backs gelling together to provide an exciting game in which we played our best of the whole season to pull off an unexpected victory. With many of our players carrying personal grudges against Dundee High School tempers were flaring. However we managed to keep our discipline throughout to pull off a victory to be remembered.

After one of the best seasons a QVS 1st XV has seen in many years we capped everything off with an emphatic victory against the national Catalonia side in our tour to Barcelona. Rugby-wise, the tour was disappointing, but as we knew that this was our last game together as a team emotions were high and everyone gave it their all allowing a win with a convincing scoreline. With our injured players of Mikey Goodman and Edward Hodgson cheering from the sideline our spirits were kept high through terrible weather and refereeing decisions which allowed us to stick to our gameplan for the whole game, providing a great finish to the season. We would like to thank Mr McLay and all of the gap students and members of staff for their contributions and we would like to thank all of the players for putting their hearts and souls into every game making it a memorable season.

Cameron Lee and Dean Milne

S2 Rugby

The S2s have had a demanding but successful season. We had some hard fixtures but some great results all of which were due to the team's performance. We have had two additions to the side in James Quin, also known as Cameron and Binod Gurung, also known as Bins.

QVS VS Madras – Lost (A)	QVS VS North Berwick – Lost (H)
QVS VS Lomond – Won (A)	QVS VS ST Columbus – Won (H)
QVS VS Morrison's – Won (H)	QVS VS Lomond – Won (H)
QVS VS Madras – Won (H)	QVS VS Hutchison's – Lost (A)
QVS VS Kelvinside – Won (A)	QVS VS BLT – Won (H)
QVS VS Morrison's – Won (A)	QVS VS George Watson's – Won (H)
QVS VS Wellington – Won (A)	QVS VS Dundee HS – Lost (H)
QVS VS ST Columbus – Won (H)	QVS VS Jordan Hill – Won (A)

Our best game of the season was against Morrison's, away. We were all psyched up because we knew it was going to be a tough game and we had never beaten them in their back yard. It was a wet day which meant it was going to be a physical battle. At half time we were trailing by one try to nil, which left it to Rainey and his forwards to supply good ball to Jamie and his backs to work their magic. With a scintillating run from Chris Sloan, Dale Boylan scored in the corner and Jack converted. A final try by Jamie Meiklejohn and a conversion by Jack sealed the match and the win. While scoring the final try



Top: First Year Rugby Bottom: P7 Rugby

Jamie managed to fracture his elbow which put him out of the side for a few games.

The S2 rugby team would like to thank the coaching team, Mr McLay, Mr Gillhoolie, Mr Gleicen, Mr Burrell and Mr Knights for the time and effort they put into helping us this season.

P7 Rugby

The Primary 7 Rugby team has been doing really well this season. We have won some games and during our training sessions we have learned a lot. Our targets as a team are to tackle low and hard, not to argue and, most of all, to win. Our rugby coaches are Mr Lamont, Mr Beattie, Mr Van den Heuval and Finlay Smith. They are cool coaches and all of our team like them.

Our Captain is Stuart Devlin and our Vice-Captain is Lewis Cox. We have amazing forwards and our backs are effective as well.

In training we do lots of things. For example we practise tackling and passing, and if we drop a ball Mr Lamont counts them up and we then do fitness. Before a game is about to start the team has various tactics. We get in a circle and say, "123 squeeze three times", and we also say, "what are we going to do – play hard".

We all then put our hands together and shout, "123 QVS!"

We are coming up to our last game of the season against Belmont House on Saturday 23rd March and the team says we are going to win.

Stuart Devlin, Captain



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1st XI Hockey

Hockey

1st XI Hockey

Here we come...the size zeros...

We have trained. We have cried. We have sweated. We certainly haven't eaten. Barcelona here we come 2007.

This season has been a little different, as we have been training extremely hard to prepare for our hockey tour to Barcelona. The girls have all worked really hard as a team and it has turned out to be a great season overall. We have all made great improvements on our fitness (Nicole even gave up kebabs!)

The non-stop running has paid off, the Laigh Hills will never be the same without us and the Kinbuck sign will miss us drooling all over it. I don't think the team has ever hated Miss Scott and me so much! They love it really!

We have had great results this year with 10 wins, 3 losses and 1 draw, with a grand total of 37 goals scored – no thanks to Dollar.

Our top goal scorer this season is Natasha Anderson, closely followed by Heather Peters. I think goalie of the season is our very own – Chloe Swan! Go Go Gadget! Thanks for putting up with Emily Baine!

Well done to Ainsley Piggott, Kayleigh Harrower and ... myself, for being a part of the Under 16 and Under 18 Midlands squads.

Last but not least, we would like to thank our very own coach – Miss Scott. Thanks for taking calories out of the picture! Also, many thanks to our lovely assistant coach Hannah! We appreciate everything you have done this season!

Karen Harrower, Captain 1st XI

2nd XI Hockey

Well, it's been another fine season for the 2nd XI. We've lost only one game out of eight (yes we did beat Dollar's 4th XI) and I think it's fair to say that everyone has put in a tremendous amount of effort. Well done ladies!

Positions

Strikers – Steph, Alana, Kirsty, Tash and Sophie

Midfielders – Jordan, Kerry Mc, MJ, Leslie and Becky

Defence – Kerry G, Toni, Simma and Mairi

Goalkeeper – Iona Bellingham-Baird

All should be highly commended on their achievement, especially Tash Hughes who is this season's top goal scorer, with a total of seven goals for the team. You go, girl! Also, a big well done to Iona for doing such a great job in goal. I hope next season will bring just as much success.

Jordan Cox, Captain 2nd XI

S3 Hockey

The S3 hockey team has had a very successful and encouraging season. There has been an excellent team effort all round and this shows good signs for further improvement in the future.

A special mention must go out to Amie Williams as she is this season's top scorer, and has shown a constant high level of skill and effort throughout. The overall results this year have been splendid, especially the last part of the hockey season as we were unbeaten. This ensured we ended the season on a high.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all for their excellent team spirit on



Top left (clockwise): 2nd XI Hockey; S3 Hockey; S1 Hockey; S2 Hockey

and off the field, even when things didn't quite go our way. Thank you for an enjoyable season.

Ellis McFarlane, Captain

S2 Hockey

This year's S2 hockey team had a great season; we have won many of our games and played well in all our matches. We have had lots of help from Hannah our House Assistant, Miss Montgomery, our student teacher and Miss Scott our hockey coach. Our top goal scorer this year was Alex McDonald who scored some amazing goals. Nicola Donohoe was also a great help and saved lots of potential goals. Throughout the year we have improved a great deal and we all look forward to next season.

Alison Harrower, S2 Captain

S1 Hockey

This season has been a challenging but successful one. There have been both hard and easier games but none the less everyone has given a tremendous amount.

As captains of the year, we were both extremely impressed with the team's effort and achievement. Even though we haven't won all our games (we have won the majority, though) we have tried our hardest throughout!!

Positions

Strikers – Rony, Natalie, Allana

Midfields – Steph, Brogan, Hannah, Amy and Rachel

Defence – Lauren, Leah, Chanel, Jemma

GK – Stephanie B

We are sure that this excellent play will be carried on into next season's matches and practices. The team has played very well and we wish to see more improvements being made!

Stephanie King & Brogan Stacey, S1 Captains

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1st XI Football



Football

1st XI Football

This season has been a very productive and extremely encouraging one for the 1st XI football team. The team was built from almost nothing, as there were many departures. However, we worked on that and have now got a really strong side playing and enjoying the best football they can play. Mr McConnell has enforced this from his

coaching role and ensured the full squad turn out for training every Wednesday evening. I would like to congratulate the boys on their commitment.

Our first encounter of the season was a home game against St Leonard's which took place soon after the summer holidays. We stuck to the task and ground out a 3-2 win with Danny Gillie grabbing a hat-trick in his first game as a striker. Danny went on to score 14 goals in 8 games this year, which is the best a school player has produced in quite a while.

Our second game of the season came at home against Dollar Academy. We knew this was going to be a difficult game. However, after our morale – boosting victory we were full of confidence. The game was quite literally end-to-end stuff as it finished 7-5. This was a hard game that went right to the wire. However, a wonder strike from 40 yards by Declan Gallacher; a strike from his own half by Liam Gillie; two well-deserved individual goals from Fraser Newbury and a couple of strikes from Danny Gillie again, helped us to record our second victory of the season.

The final game I have chosen to mention was at the hands of Gordonston. We'd travelled three hours on the coach and all felt extremely lethargic. However, after a solid warm up we got straight into it. Although the game finished 3-1 to our opposition, with Adam Tanswell scoring a consolation goal, we felt we played really good football and deserved more from the game.

To round things off, I felt the season has been superb and I really enjoyed the football we were playing. A special mention to both Jack Halliday and Blair Marshall who despite both being the shortest players on the pitch, have played really well this season. Jack made his debut for the First XI, although he is only in S2, and Blair, although repetitively replicating Diego Maradona's run of '86 against England, missed a chance from four yards against Dunblane High in a friendly match: "Taxi for Marshall".

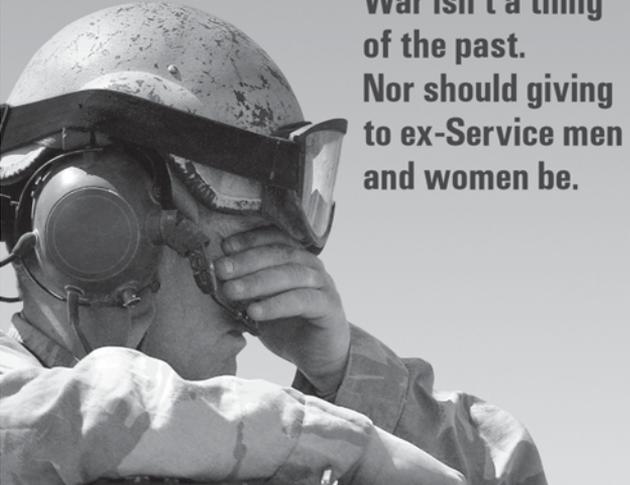
Although not reaching the quarter finals stage of the Scottish Schools Cup, I felt we have built a strong platform for next year and I wish all the boys the best of luck for next season.

Liam Gillie, Captain

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Storm at Sea

The heart of the storm was emerging, I could feel it. Beating off my fragile body like a drum, the wind gathered its strength like a hostile invader. Vicious screams of thunder echoed in the distance, forecasting the future of its innocent prey. It was very clear that the peaceful atmosphere had drifted away with the soothing, warm day to be replaced by a violent threat you could almost taste.

“All hands on deck!”

I desperately battled my way through the slicing rain, attempting to reach my station; it was hitting me like a thousand little bullets, each lash making my life flash before my eyes. Just a few moments ago we'd been joyfully playing cards, chatting about this astonishing opportunity- being picked to serve in the Royal Navy- and now this.

Closer... closer the waves were closing in on us, growing in strength as they furiously battered the sides of the delicate ship. The tranquil blue sky had vanished; the heat of the sun being swallowed, defeated by a thick coating of ominous black and gray. A shiver passed through my terrified body, was this it? My greatest attempts to see the world and sail the seven seas taken due to a fatal storm; no - I'd get through this, I was strong.

The sound was now becoming almost unbearable. Screeching hysterically, the storm mercilessly approached our already defeated ship. The crew were trembling and so was I. The storm howled like an uncontrollable force, screaming with insane fury, shrieking its words of wrath at our fragile craft. I could only close my eyes, praying I would open them and be back in the comforting, warm environment of home; this was just a far-off dream compared to the nightmare I was trapped in. The harsh reality we had to face was that a merciless power was taking control of our ship, and there was nothing I could do to stop this unimaginable force of nature. Nothing at all.

The murky water was being mangled into obscene shapes by the storm, twisting a strong net of power around its terrified opponents. Being hurled from side to side, we were thrown ruthlessly around the ship. I grasped the thick tar-smearred rope, clinging to it for my life; I so desperately wanted to live. The ship's helpless decks were slowly beginning to fill with water; a black thrust of vicious waves stealing it from the faint possibility of rescue. Water was colliding with water, causing chaos to be unleashed on the frail sides of the ship. I could see debris everywhere, much of it disappearing under the malicious strength of a black blanket of sea.

It was hard to believe this malignant force was the same sea we had been sailing tranquilly on, merely hours before. It had harshly altered now, playing with our harmless vessel as if it were a toy; destroying decks, possessions and also the souls of innocent men.

It was at this point I made the only choice left available to me – to attempt to survive.
“Jump!”

The ship had snapped in half, the centre of the ship had been the first to vanish slowly beneath the pounding waves. Many members of the crew - consisting only of brave men- had done the same as me: to prevent falling in, they had desperately clung on to a rope. Unfortunately, the power of the debris had forced the men's hands off the rope, which had resulted in them plunging beneath the surface of the deadly ocean. I had been lucky. I was able to climb to the top of what now seemed like a mere fraction of the ship and jump into the sea on the other side; thus avoiding the sinking ship and its masses of lethal debris.

As I threw myself off the ship my heart was racing. Below me, an ocean of furious waves waited, ready to devour any thing that fell into its lair. So many questions occupied my mind: Would I survive? If so where would I be? It was at that moment the very first part of my body surrendered to the extreme force of the Indian Ocean. I was screaming, desperately battling my way through these dark, powerful waves. Everything went black, even in a situation of this magnitude I was not able to stay conscious, I'd passed out.

The soft, warm touch of the sun's welcoming rays slowly awoke me into consciousness. The sea whispered gently to me once more, telling tales of the mournful events of the night. Waves softly broke onto the sands, allowing the cool, peaceful water to stroke the bottoms of my feet, touching the moistened pebbles at the water's edge. The glistening debris was resting on a smooth blanket of golden sand. It was hard to believe that the night before, a fine day just like this had been transformed into a night of such vicious ferocity.

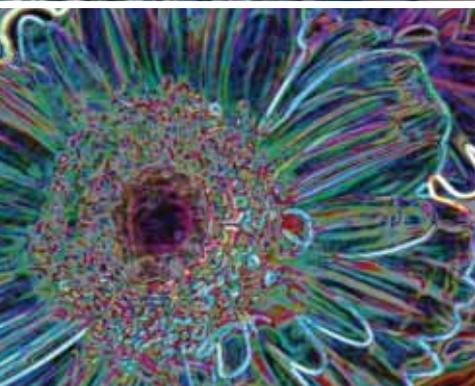
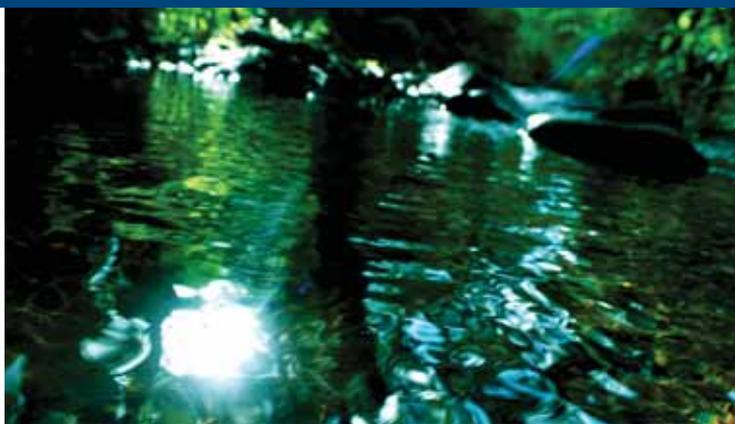
I felt so isolated; as I looked around the deserted landscape, I wondered if I would ever get home. I sat, lost in thought, recalling the harsh memories of the night before. My thoughts turned to the fact that I was alone here with not one lone member of the crew in sight, how had I, alone, survived?

Suddenly, the distance framed the vague figure of what seemed like a familiar character. As he came closer, I began to wonder if this was reality or just an illusion. I slowly lifted my weak body from the cushioned bed of soft sand, and moved a little unsteadily towards the unexpected image. I then broke into a light sprint as I saw that the lost face of one of one of my many crew members was quickly emerging from the haze.

He reached for my hand, mouthing my name in a raspy whisper. I wasn't alone any more. Somehow we'd both been spared from the brutal savagery of the storm.

Somehow, now, we'd have to survive.

Leslie O'Connor



Remembering the Past – Looking to the Future

100 Years of Queen Victoria School

Dr Tom May PhD



In this book the author, himself an Old Victorian, invites the reader to accompany him on a journey through the first '100 Years of Queen Victoria School' – its origins, its jealously-guarded ethos and traditions, its hopes and aspirations now and for the future. Perhaps we may agree with T S Elliot that, at the end of such an exploration we may "return to the point from where we started, and know the place for the first time."

The book contains over 300 pages of text, 30 pages of photographs, and numerous appendices, and will be available in the autumn of this year for purchase from the School.

BOOK TO BE RELEASED AUTUMN 2007

Debating/Public Speaking

This has been another year of change for our debaters and public speakers. Many of the seniors who had been very active have now left and it has been very pleasing indeed to see how many of the junior speakers have been willing to work very hard to fill their places.

It is a sign of how well they have worked as a team that ALL of the judges this year commented very favourably on the way that our teams' speeches complemented each other and praised them for their team work in replying to questions 'from the floor'.

We have competed in several local competitions this year, including *The Courier* debating competition which was hosted by Dollar Academy this year. Our team of Stephen Bell and Susan MacLeod performed extremely well in their 'maiden' debate and proved worthy opponents of many more seasoned teams. Their arguments for punishing hosts who allow their guests to drink and drive were both well thought out and convincingly propounded. They did very well to achieve 'Highly Commended' certificates from the judges of this tough competition.

An S3 team also participated in the INEOS public speaking competition, hosted by The Denny Speakers Club. This took place at Wallace High in March of this year. The team was chaired by Stephen Bell and both speakers, Susan Macleod and Kate Graham, spoke ably and persuasively on the horrific consequences of passive smoking. Stephen showed his by now famous tactics of a blinding vocabulary, combined with his unique 'House of Commons' arm waving to make his points and all three judges complimented him on the way that he led the team.

Susan and Kate also performed very well; you could hardly tell that they were nervous (honest!) and really showed a lot of independent thinking in the way that they tackled some very difficult questions from the judges. Even though they did not make it through to the national finals this year, they should be very proud of the way that they performed and I would like to take this opportunity to compliment them for all of their hard work.

Many thanks should also go to all of the people who have worked 'behind the scenes' this year: everyone who helped them with researching their topics; people who heard them practise and gave them constructive criticism and also to the S4 Public Speaking Team of Kirsty Laidlaw, Leslie-Ann O'Connor and Kerrie Goodman who gave them a great deal of help, support and encouragement (I'm sure it wasn't just for the pizza...) The team would have been lost without them.

Let's hope that the successes of the last two years will inspire even more pupils to give public speaking a go – you never know, you could be the politicians of tomorrow!

When I won my place on the Public Speaking team I was so nervous at first. Although I enjoyed performing in school, it was really different performing in the library at Dollar Academy in front of pupils, parents and teachers from six different schools. I'm glad that they provided bottles of water because my mouth went so dry that I was scared that I wouldn't get my words out.

Once I started though, it felt totally different. It was a strange feeling, you almost forget that the audience are there and I just tried hard to get my points across as clearly as I could. I had been really worried about the questions and points of information – but on the night I found that when you're really 'into' your argument, the answers just seem to arrive in your head and you manage to find something to reply with every time. Mrs Adams calls it 'thinking on your feet' and told us that as long as we answered, then we'd be fine. The night before the debate, I wasn't convinced; however, now that I've done it I have to say that she was right – all the research and practice just seemed to come together and it wasn't as terrifying as I had imagined.

I'd like to thank the S4 girls – especially Kirsty Laidlaw – for all their help and advice. Without their hard work and the encouragement of our 'coach' Mrs Adams, I don't think I could have done it. I'd never have believed that I would be writing this, but I'm looking forward to more public speaking next year.

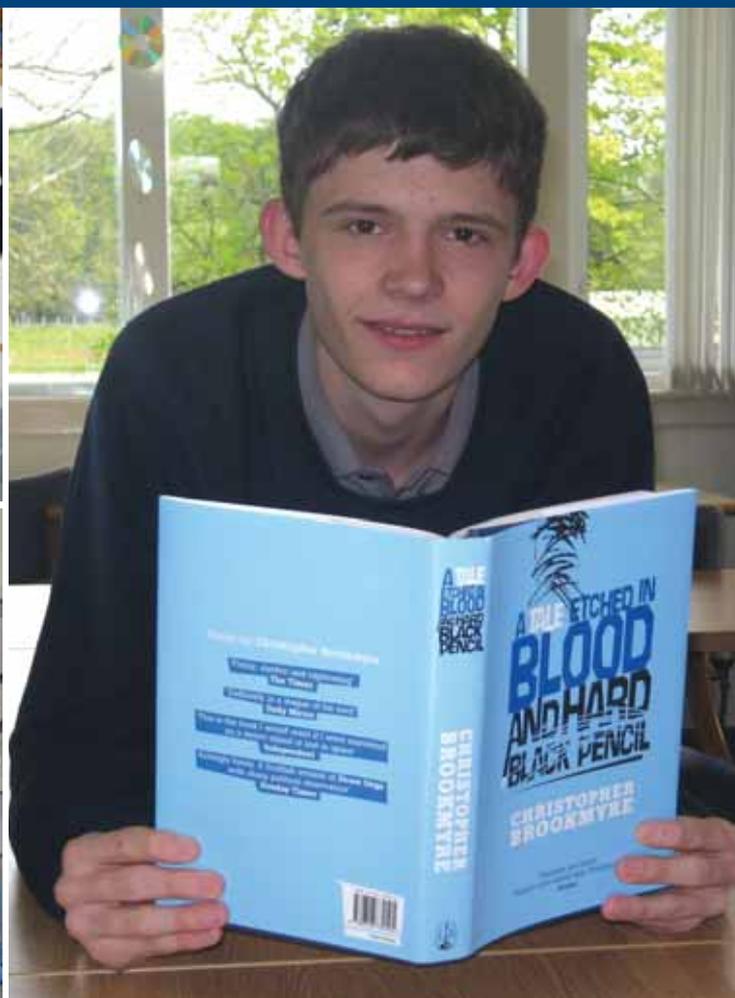
Susan MacLeod, S3

Stirling Book Festival

This September QVS had the opportunity of taking two groups of senior pupils out to events hosted by Stirling Book Festival. Many thanks go to Mrs Sheerin for planning and organising this very enjoyable event. The senior pupils were invited to readings from Melvin Burgess and Christopher Brookmyre which they seem to have thoroughly enjoyed. Both writers spent time with the pupils answering questions on school, writing and memorable teachers(!)

The pupils also got the opportunity to meet the writers more informally after the event and had their books signed too. This 'maiden voyage' to the Book Festival was a great success and has inspired Mrs Sheerin and Mrs Adams to plan bigger and better events for the Book Festival '08.

Declan Gallagher & Mrs Adams



A Visit to a Christopher Brookmyre Reading

In September, a group of Higher English pupils, accompanied by the infamous Mrs Adams and the unimpeachable Librarian Mrs Sheerin, went to hear Scottish author Christopher Brookmyre talk about his latest novel: *A Tale Etched in Blood and Hard Black Pencil* as part of Stirling Book Festival

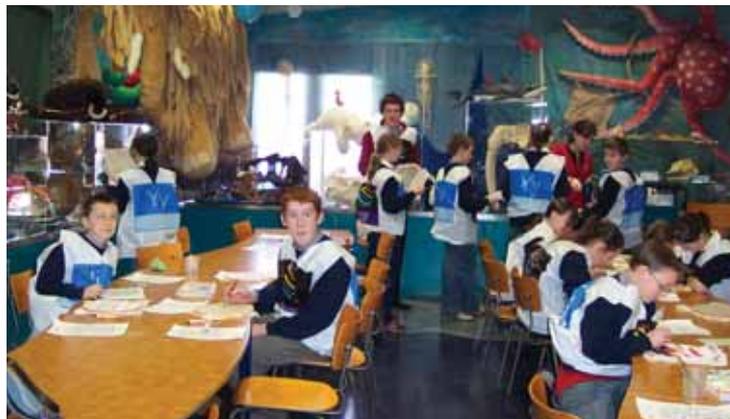
We weren't quite sure what to expect from this event as none of us had ever been to a reading by a famous author before. It took place in the Tollbooth in Stirling and many of us expected it to be quite a dry and serious event. We certainly didn't expect to be laughing quite so hard throughout his one hour show. The afternoon event was more like stand-up comedy than we'd expected and his tales of primary school in Ayrshire in the 1970s had us in stitches. Sophie in particular found his exploits of being called a 'bad egg' by his terrifying headteacher 'Momo' incredibly funny – and still quotes him seven months on...

Admittedly, I personally had never heard of Christopher Brookmyre before getting the opportunity to meet him and I did not know what to expect when we entered the auditorium. Despite this, however, I thoroughly enjoyed it. This event was sold out and was packed with

pupils from a variety of different schools in the region who were being given the chance to pose questions to Christopher Brookmyre himself, whilst he talked about his career and read a hilarious passage from his newest book. After the talk, we got the chance to meet him and have books signed, which our two teachers seemed keen to do! Christopher Brookmyre was a very interesting man, who took time to speak with everyone after the signings - which was very different from the serious and literary type that many of us had expected.

The trip was a new experience for S5 and some of us were inspired enough to start reading some of Christopher Brookmyre's books which we requested for the School Library. As usual, we tried not to encourage them when Mrs Adams and Mrs Sheerin made the (hilarious) quip that since we'd liked the Festival so much, they'd try to 'BOOK' it again next year...Is bad punning a part of their qualifications?? We'd like to thank them for organizing this trip and - even though we never expected to be saying this - we're actually looking forward to going back next year!

Declan Gallagher & Mrs Adams



Primary 7's Busy Year

Educational Visits

Throughout the primary school year we go on Environmental Studies Educational Visits. These are important to allow the children to experience and observe and learn outwith the classroom and school environment. These practical and factual visits help to reinforce their classroom learning as well as allowing the opportunity for socializing and having fun.

One of the first visits we went on was part of our Wallace and Bruce project to Dunfermline. At Abbot House the children dressed up and then had a procession to Dunfermline Abbey. In the Abbey our guide told us many interesting facts and we saw where Robert the Bruce is buried. It was a lovely day and we ate our packed lunch in Pittencreiff Park, opposite the Abbey. Here we found a great picnic and play area to have fun in before heading back to QVS.

On another visit we went to the Science Centre in Glasgow. This was part of our Earth and Space project and we saw the stars and planets in the Planetarium at different times of the year. We also felt that we had landed on the moon in the IMAX as it felt so real. The rest of the afternoon was spent exploring and having 'hands on' experience with all the science exhibits and experiments. There was so much to see and do that we could have spent another day exploring. Some looked as if they had been there for years at the Age Machine!

A visit to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh was part of our Earth and Space project. It is mainly all about the Earth from the beginning to present day. Here they did an art and craft workshop where they made a silk painting of a planet. Oliver and Gary met a brass statue of an ancestor! Keira tells us so much more in her report about this day out.

P7 Trip To Dynamic Earth

On Friday 16th March 2007, Primary Seven visited Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh as part of our Environmental Studies project.

I sat with April, Cory, Shona and Will on the back seats of the bus while we travelled from Dunblane to Edinburgh. It took us an hour and we saw the Scottish Parliament for the first time on the way there.

When we got to Dynamic Earth, we got split into P7a and P7b, and then we went into separate classrooms. We watched a slideshow about the solar system and astronauts. I didn't know they needed giant nappies, toilets that suck and dry or liquid-like food! After that we did some silk paintings of the planets that had to be dried with hairdriers by the staff, Emily and Eliza. Then we got to touch real meteorites from space. We went and had our lunch which had been made at Dynamic Earth.

We went on a tour round the galleries in a time machine, going back into the time of the 'big bang' and then how the Earth had developed after that. We worked our way through the rest of the galleries. We saw galleries about the Ocean, Polar and the Tropical Rainforests, with a guide called Nikki. After that we went into the Future Dome where we had to sit in seats with buttons and we had to vote on how we would like our future to change. We then saw how it would affect our Earth in 40 years' time.

After we visited the galleries we got three pounds to spend out of our accounts, to go to the gift shop. I didn't buy anything because I want to save up but there were mugs, cups, post cards, soft toys, lollipops,



rock, stationery and loads more. When we had visited the gift shop we went to the café and got a drink, a packet of crisps, and a Mars Bar.

With all that in one school day, we were very tired and pretty sure we'd get to sleep that night! Our journey back again took an hour and we saw the Scottish Parliament again as we left Dynamic Earth.

I personally thought it was a fascinating day and I had learned lots of new things about space and where we live. I am sure the Primary 7s of the future will enjoy their time at Dynamic Earth too.

Keira Marshall

Tutor Trips

Most of the teachers at QVS are also a tutor to a smaller group of pupils. We try to take out our tutor group once a term as a treat and a fun outing that the children help to choose. We often go in the School minibus and this allows us to do many different activities. Abbie McDougall tells us about her trip to the Bowling Alley.

In Queen Victoria School we have tutors. This can be any teacher throughout the school. A couple of times through the term our tutors can decide if they want to take us out to laser quest, the cinema, bowling, ice skating, Jimmy Chung's, a food restaurant and lots more. If we don't get to go out then we could simply have a 'chippy' in the House, yum! This won't always happen if you have been badly behaved – not that we would be!

Just the other day I went bowling with my tutor group and Miss Low and Mrs Bell's tutor group. I really enjoyed it and I even had my tea there, which was delicious. Afterwards Miss Low and Mrs Bell awarded who was the best bowler and they each got an Easter Egg and the rest got a sweetie! So there's all you need to know about our tutor trips. They are fun and enjoyable!

Abbie McDougall

The Minstrels

The Minstrels are a group of QVS pupils who go out onto the community and entertain older folks. This year we visited Comrie, Saughie and Ladywell Parish Churches. Mr Breingan, Mrs MacDonald and myself (Miss Edwards) work with the Junior Minstrels to include a mixture of items, to be performed from what they have been learning at school. This includes, poetry, singing, musical instrumentals, highland dancing and this year we took some of the older pupils (Minstrels) and had a mini Pipe Band.

The Minstrels are always a credit to the School in both their performance and also in their smart appearance. Alice Quin tells us more in her report.

Junior Minstrels

Primary Seven went on three trips to three different churches. Eight people danced, some P7s read their Burns poems out, everyone sang in our choir and Alana played the bassoon. Some senior pupils came along as well, Keisha played the bagpipes and some S1 pipers, drummers. The P7 Highland dancers danced: The Reel, The Highland Fling, and the Sword Dance. S1s danced Broad Swords, which was really good.

The songs the choir sang were: Scarlet Ribbons, Waltzing Matilda and Sugar Candy. A lot of the church members joined in the singing as well. After all the performances and singing we had tea, biscuits and homemade cakes. We all sat and talked to the church members and they had a lot of questions to ask but we happily answered them. A few of the men had once been to Queen Victoria School. They were all very nice and we all enjoyed performing.

Alice Quin

End Of A Busy Year

As you can see P7 has had a very busy year, too much to put into *The Victorian*, but I would like to thank everyone who has contributed and worked hard in and for the Primary Department.

Compiled by Miss L Gail Edwards (Acting PT)



'Twas the Night before Grand Day

'Twas the night before Grand Day, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The suitcases were packed up and we were all full of cheer,
In hopes that Grand Day would soon be here.

The House was nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of the year danced in our heads.
Then remembering all that had happened that short year,
While brains settled to dream of holidays dear.
The moon of the night shining so bright,
as Wavell ghouls came out to fright.

From fear to cheer the Hallowe'en party,
With frightful games and costumes most arty
Suddenly, from the theatre came a great clatter,
The talent show! Though fun, it's a serious matter.
To help India's Chakarsi School went this year's fund,
A whopping, supportive five hundred pound.

The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Saw our Christmas party come To Wavell below,
Santa and presents and gifts and trees,

But, Mrs. Adams, bin the karaoke video please !
Easter ! Upon us before we knew.

With dread of prelims, Lent and abstinence new,
Then come chocolate and tricks,
After famine, time to strut for the Wavell chicks.
From strutting to bathing and topping up tans,
We Wavell girls sun bathe like no one else can,
Swing ball, Frisbee, water fights and fun,
Summer is the best term – absolutely bar none.

Thanks to the tutors and all helpful staff,
For Ghost walks to Jimmy's and Sing star – what laughs !
With quizzes, sport, broken hearts and tests,
With 84 teenagers our staff do their best !
Now visions of these times rest in our heads,
As we put the year and its trials to bed.
Eyes twinkle with memories with laughter and tears,
As we know Wavell will last us through our years.

Sheona Kirkaldy

Meeting Melvin Burgess

As we drove off in the minibus, some of us were asking the question – “Who?!”

Fortunately we had Connor Dornan with us to ‘explain all’. It turns out that Melvin Burgess is an acclaimed author whose books include the controversial *Junk* and *Doing it*. At this event, we were going to hear readings from his new teenage novel *Sarah's Face* about the media, body image and the way that different narrators see the same events from very different perspectives.

We were intrigued to hear readings from Mr Burgess' books – especially because this was a preview which gave us the chance to hear extracts from one of his novels that hadn't even been published yet. We also heard quite a lot about the writing process and about his own school achievements – which gave some of us some hope as he hadn't done very well at all!

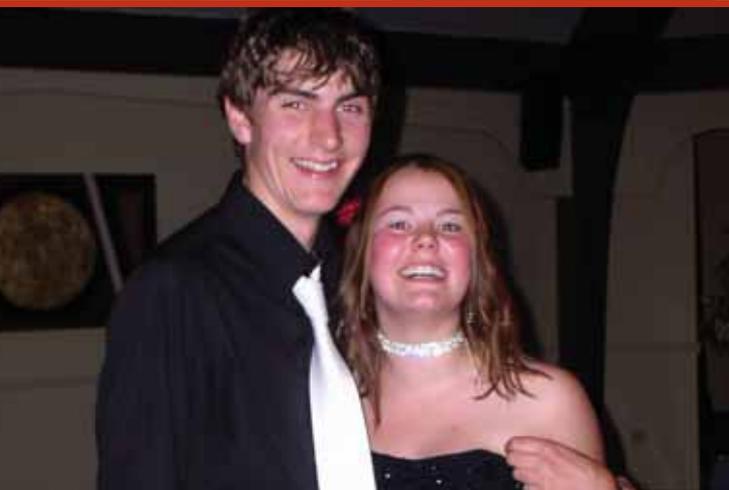
Connor had already read some of his books and was our QVS expert. Although we were a bit shy at first when asking him questions in front of the whole audience, once we got to meet him

in person and chat with him, he was very interesting and funny. It was good to meet a famous writer and realise that he was quite different from the stereotypical idea of an ‘author’

Melvin Burgess talked about various topics, including the highlights and lowlights of his career as well as discussing “hot” teenage issues such as sex and alcohol. He felt very strongly that teenagers want to read about things that are relevant to the world that they live in and need to have books that contain characters that they can relate to, who seem like real people rather than lots of adults' ideas of what teenagers are ‘like’.

Travelling home, proudly sporting our signed copies of his latest books (in between begging to go to MacDonalds) we all agreed it had been an enjoyable, worthwhile and interesting trip and want to go to the Book Festival next year!

Victoria Marland and Connor Dornan





Wavell Talent Show 2006

Each year at Christmas time, the Wavell Senior Girls traditionally put their heads together and decide to raise funds for a good cause in the spirit of the season. In the last few years, we've sponsored a huge variety of charities - from a local women's shelter to a children's heart unit but this year we went for something totally different...

The girls decided to raise funds for the Chakarsi Village School in India: a school where girls just like themselves are given the opportunity to receive an education. Many girls in rural parts of India do not go to school because of the distances to travel or because of the poverty of their backgrounds. The Chakarsi School is trying to expand in order to accommodate even more girls, but this has been delayed through a lack of funding.

When the Wavell girls heard about this, they decided that they would like to do something about it and embarked upon their mission to be the "Talent Show which has raised the most money ever!" - happily, their hard work has certainly paid off and the founder of the school, Jo Harma, was delighted to receive a cheque from Wavell House earlier this year which is to be used to begin a brand new building for the school.

This was raised through many weeks of hard work and some imaginative thinking on behalf of the girls. As well as the usual cake sales and competitions, the girls embarked on a brand new way of bringing "Christmas cheer" to Queen Victoria School - CHRISTMAS CANDY CANES!

For ten days the whole school was swept up in "Cane - Mania". The option of sending a candy cane with a beribboned message to someone special; be it a best friend, family member or love interest, proved to be very popular and an excellent (and fun) way to raise money for such a good cause. Hopefully this will become a whole new QVS Christmas tradition - maybe we'll even branch out into Valentine's Day ...who knows?

Another new initiative this year was the "Limited Edition" (Kate Moss eat your heart out) 2006 Talent Show T-shirt which all competitors and presenters were given the opportunity to buy to raise even more funds for the good cause. Designed by Babeeta Gurung and Helen McMillan, the T-Shirt reflected the theme of "Santa's Ghetto" with colourful 'Graffiti' images and is a great souvenir of a fantastic show.

This year's Talent Show itself was a truly memorable night! We'd like to thank all of the people who made it happen, with a particular mention to Mrs Howie our 'backstage guru' whose last Talent Show this will be. She's always been there, to encourage us, calm our nerves and safety pin our costumes. We'll miss her a great deal. Another big thanks has to go to our judges, Mrs Cockburn, Mr Shaw, Mr McConnell and Miss Templeton, who had a very difficult task this year. The hard work and imagination that had gone into some of the acts was plain to see and a great evening of entertainment was had by all.

It's difficult to decide who was the most memorable act, but special mentions have to go to the S5 girls with their unique interpretation of

'Grease' in "Look at me, I'm Courtney D" – to commemorate Courtney's last-ever talent show; the S2 extravaganza that was the "Shrek Megamix" with their incredible lip synching skills; Sam, Kara, Ellis and Ria as our resident Christmas Elves with their fabulous costumes and the S4 tribute to the Q.V.S staff's dancing 'skills' which was surely the fastest ever act to be put together.

I couldn't end the article with out a mention to the S6 boys' act: Ameer, Cameron J, Cameron Lee, Finlay, Calum and Rio brought the house down with their 'Stars in your Eyes' tribute to Destiny's Child, Madonna, Britney and John Travolta. The judges certainly seemed to appreciate it. After all, it isn't every day that you get the Senior Monitor draped over your table in a blonde wig and a wedding dress!

An enormous thanks to the S6 girls for all the work that went into the rehearsals, script writing, decorations, fund-raising and choreography. Their own performances of 'Doe – a deer' dressed as the Von Trapp family will be remembered for years to come I'm sure. My commiserations have to go to Carla who my (very short-sighted) sister thought was ME up there performing as Maria!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thanks also to the people behind the scenes – captained by our resident 'Mixmaster' Mr Breingan who made sure that it was "all right on the night", despite some wobbles in the final rehearsals.

All that remains to be said is that the gauntlet has been well and truly thrown down to S5: this year raised the most Christmas Charity money ever in Wavell. Well done in raising a spectacular £550 pounds for the Chakarsi School!

We can only hope that their Talent Show 2007 will build upon its successes and go on to be bigger, brighter and better than ever. Well done everybody. Thank you for making it such a great night and an enormous success.

Jill Adams

Chief Stresser, wig adjuster and music-sourcer for the annual madness that is the Wavell Talent Show

Drama Group

A lively and entertaining beginning to the session saw the majority of 3K putting on a production of *Macbeth the Pantomime*, or, *The Traitor's Camp*. We did two shows, at the end of the Autumn Term, in front of the whole School. This proved a very popular production within the School and established several actors as well-kent faces, none more so perhaps than Perry Tagima who, after a little gentle persuasion stole both shows with his madcap performance as Lady Macbeth. Perry, unfortunately left, and some rearranging of cast members saw Stephen Bell take his place. Stephen brought his own brand of studied hilarity to the role, and we entered the play into the Scottish Community Amateur Drama Association (SCADA) competition for one-act plays.

Our venue for the competition was Fintry on March 2 and, like the last time we played there a couple of years ago, it was unlucky. Somehow the edge was lost and confidence seemed to ebb; as a

result the performance slowed down and we over-ran by a few minutes, which meant instant disqualification from both the adult and youth rounds of the competition. The organizers did, I believe, debate the matter at length, but they had to be bound by their own rules. Another learning experience chalked up and, to borrow the words of someone quite famous, "We'll be back."

More successfully, several members of the Group took part in the St Blane's Players' community pantomime, *Panto at the OK Corral* which was presented over five nights in February. After a shaky first night, confidence grew and by the Saturday performances the group were settled into their roles. It was good to see the stalwarts from the last panto (two years ago), Helen and Finlay, become the senior members of the Drama Group, and thanks to Helen for encouraging shy Finlay into finally "doing the dance".

Thanks to all who participated in both productions, and to Miss Templeton for assisting back stage at Fintry. It meant a big commitment in terms of hard work on costumes, props and line-learning, as well as giving up free time for rehearsals; but this year, as usual, we had a well-motivated, cheerful troupe with whom it was (almost always) a pleasure to work, and whose impression on the general public was again a favourable one.

Alan Kirk

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Highland Dancing

Once again it has been a really busy year for the dancers of Queen Victoria School. We had barely even begun the summer holidays in 2006 and already we were called back for an important engagement for the Centenary Appeal where Sophie, Alana, Fay and Samantha performed The Broadswords at Edinburgh Castle for His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh and Stephanie performed a solo Sean Triubhas.

At the beginning of the summer holidays, two of our younger dancers, Amie Williams and Jamie Irving, became television stars. They travelled to London to teach the presenters of CBBC how to dance The Sword Dance. What a wonderful opportunity for them.

The dancers have performed to their usual high standard on all of this year's Parade Sundays, performing a variety of dances from the Sailor's Hornpipe to the traditional Broadswords on OVA weekend (We're surprised the OV's weren't joining in themselves).

This year the School also saw the departure of our Headmaster, Mr Raine. To say goodbye a team of dancers put on a performance at his Dining Out at Edinburgh Castle. As well as this Steph, Finlay, Sophie and Ben put their choreography skills to use collaborating with Mrs MacDonald to create a dance to the pipe tune "Highland Cathedral". This was danced on Remembrance Sunday, Mr Raine's last parade, and then presented to Mrs Raine.

In both November 2006 and February 2007 our dancing team performed in public exhibitions at The Royal Museum of Scotland for

The Scottish Traditions of Dance Trust. These performances were very well received by our audience who praised the dancers for their high level of skill.

We still look forward to the junior dancers year taking part in the Beating of the Retreat at Edinburgh Castle in the summer where they will dance The Broadswords. As well as this, we have annual engagements coming up at The Royal Highland Show in Ingliston and The Royal Highland Garden Party where this year the salute will be taken by His Royal Highness Prince Andrew, the Duke of York.

This year's SQA dancing exam results were of a very high standard with more people receiving honours and distinction than in previous years. This goes to show that practice makes perfect but of course it wouldn't have been achievable without the help of Mrs MacDonald. We would like to thank her for the time and effort she has given us to encourage us to succeed as dancers.

During the Summer Term we will have to work even harder to reach the high standard Mrs MacDonald expects for Grand Day and finally perfect our choreographed dance for Basel in the summer of 2007.

Both of us have had a really good year as Principal Dancers, with the help from the Assistant Principals: Sophie and Ben. We have enjoyed our year "in power". Good luck to the team for the future.

Stephanie Craig and Finlay Smith



Top: Wind Band Bottom: Pipe Band

Pipe Band

The School Pipe Band has, yet again, had another busy year of engagements. The Swiss tour during the summer was particularly successful. Having featured in the Nova Scotia International Tattoo in Halifax the previous year, the Swiss tour was eagerly anticipated. Our involvement was somewhat different from the previous tour in such a way that we didn't have our own item as a school, but rather an item with the dancers of the Edinburgh Tattoo and an item with Massed Bands. For those of us who had also been on the tour in Canada, this tattoo was the same great experience all over again. But also, those who were on their first tour gained a fantastic insight into performance at such a level.

It may have been noticed by some this year that the School Pipe Band has not been performing during the Scotland Internationals at Murrayfield. We are particularly disappointed that this situation has resulted. However, having played at Murrayfield as a Pipe Band since the 1920s, we are eager to re-establish our custom at the Home of Scottish Rugby some time soon.

This year an opportunity arose for the younger Band members. The School Pipe Band was invited to play in a one-day tattoo in Luxembourg for which the younger members were chosen to perform. Like the tattoo in Switzerland, this was another great opportunity for younger pupils to learn a little about performance within the Pipe Band group.

After the good impression we created in Basel in Switzerland last year, we have again been invited back to perform in the same tattoo. However, this year we will be accompanied by the Highland Dancers, as we have been offered a chance to perform in our own item, which can only move us onto bigger and better things in the future.

Many thanks are due to Pipe Major Gordon Ross for all his hard work and dedication and also to Drum Major Bert Tompkins for his devotion, despite illness earlier in the year.

Drum Major Cameron Johnston



Music at Queen Victoria

Yet another busy year with the normal mixture of performances, exams and lessons. We had to say goodbye to another group of fine young musicians this year. Every time our students are beginning to become exciting mature performers they grow too old for QVS and we lose them!

The 2006 Summer Term has its normal musical events with minstrels performances completed and our end of term concert, however, this year we were also involved in a Scottish Opera mini opera performance 'The Big Bang Show'. This is a specially written children's opera about global warming and science which we performed in a joint project with St Mary's Primary. St Mary's pupils visited for a number of rehearsals and the pupils from both schools combined to make up the three groups to tell the story of energy and the effect of our energy use on the planet. The final rehearsal and performance with the Scottish Opera soloists, including 'Einstein and Lord Kelvin' with pupils from St Mary's was a great success and involved all of our P7 pupils.

Higher students this year produced the best sets of results yet with Leanne Bridgeman, Keshia Harris, Sheona Kirkaldy, Isla MacLeod and Callum Wood all gaining an A pass at higher and Melanie McInnes, Fay McIntyre, Terry Moles and James Wootton passing at level B. The standard grade class, including those taking music out with the time table, also kept up the credit pass record making this the largest ever music exam entry. Our visiting SQA examiner expressed delight at the quality and range of instruments on offer during her two days with us.

This year's, 2007, visiting examiner's visit has been completed recently and we now all have the long wait before the results are made public.

The summer and Christmas concerts went well with the normal mix of instrumental soloists, choir and wind band and much excitement for Sheona Kirkaldy! We finally found her a tuba. One highlight of the summer concert was the very professional

performance on guitar and voice, by our two Aussie house assistants Peter and Paul. Paul has recently sent me a message inviting me to join his newly formed Jazz band in Australia. (I'm in negotiations with the Australian musicians union!)

The Christmas concert was one of the best I've been involved in with some excellent singing from the primary pupils.

Minstrels

The 2007 Minstrels have been out three times since Christmas with visits to Sauchie, Bannockburn and Comrie. We decided to take a coach rather than the two school mini buses this year and that gave us the opportunity to take one or two older Minstrels along to each venue. The mini pipe band and solo playing by the older pupils was greatly appreciated by our audiences and despite my having to cope with trying to tune bagpipes, and at one performance without Mrs MacDonald to keep the dancers in order our mix of music dance and poetry recitations was very much appreciated by the community groups we visited.

Instrumental Staff

All of this excellent work in the music department could not happen without the dedication of our group of instrumental instructors. We have had a number of changes since last year with our two guitar tutors Mr Lockwood and Mr Buchan both leaving the area to go to other full time posts. We were exceptionally lucky to find Duncan Findlay to take over all the guitar pupils, Duncan, one of the top free lance players in the country, will also be leaving to complete recording work in the USA and Scandinavia.

Miss Hunter, piano, Mr Spowart, Brass, Mr Brown and Mr Thomson, percussion, Ms Bamforth, flute and Ms Shearer, 'cello, have been joined by Clare King, vocal coach and most recently Miss Gisela Hans on violin. My personal thanks to all of our tutors who make my job possible and provide such a valuable service to our students.

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Lieutenant G Borking, Lieutenant Commander T Shannon



From left to right; L/Cpl Alex Stevenson, L/Cpl Jack Hendren, Cpl Ameer Limbu, L/Cpl Stuart Day

CCF

It is with great pleasure and pride that I report on another busy year in the Corps as the following articles and photographs from various Sections' Camps, Courses and Week End Training Sessions will testify.

New Staff And Appointments

I welcome, on behalf of all the Cadets and CCF Officers, two new Members of Staff who have joined our ranks recently.

On the Military Skills Syllabus and specifically the shooting front, it gives me great pleasure to welcome from our sister organisation The Army Cadet Corps Capt Bill Kilmartin (SAS) who has been appointed, Master i/c Shooting at Queen Victoria School, and has agreed to restart our competition shooting programme including our participation at Bisley for the National Cadet Meeting.

In the Army Section I welcome Lt Paddy Hiddleston to the Post of 'Officer Commanding' which he will assume at the beginning of our next academic year with the rank of Captain. Lt Hiddleston will command the forthcoming Summer Military Camp with the Scots Guards in Munster, Germany this summer. I also would seek to put on

record my great thanks to Capt. Bob Wright who has so ably commanded the Section for the past several years.

I would also congratulate the following senior cadets who have successfully passed the CCF's Method of Instruction Cadre earlier this year and have received some well earned promotion.

As Instructors they will have the responsibility of imparting, with others, the CCF Training Syllabus to the Army Section Cadets on each of the Wednesday Training Sessions. This Cadre was run by Sgt Stuart of 21 Cadet Training Team.

The School has greatly benefited in these past years from Sgt Stuart's expert training skills, his total commitment and his exemplary professionalism which has been an example to all our Pupils. I take this opportunity to express on behalf of all the Army Section Officers our continuing indebtedness to him. We count ourselves indeed fortunate to note that he will be with us for the next year at least. This is indeed good news.





Anthony Worth just before he flew at RAF Leuchars



Cadets before they went off to RAF Brampton

CCF Report

The summer of 2006 saw Flt Lt Gilhooly and Fg Off Sheerin heading north to RAF Lossiemouth for a tented camp with Finlay Archibald, Victoria Monti and Melanie Pead. One of our first team exercises involved designing devices to deter seagulls from screaming overhead and dive-bombing the tents! In spite of the seagulls, we all enjoyed the camp with its section visits, orienteering, SMEAC (!), beach games, night exercise and the flight simulator at RAF Kinloss.

The summer Adventure Training camp was again held at the Air Cadet Adventure Training Centre (NACATC), Windermere, in the Lake District and is open to CCF (RAF) cadets from all over the UK. The camp runs for a fortnight in July. This year Fg Off Johnston was Camp Commandant for the first week. The camp offered cadets the opportunity to learn to sail for the first year ever and included hill walking, kayaking, rock climbing and a High Ropes course in Grizedale Forest. This is a fantastic opportunity for cadets, available through the RAF, to sample a variety of adventurous training activities.

In November our Air Cadet Liaison Officer at RAF Leuchars (aka Anthony and Charlotte Worth's Dad) organised an excellent Field Day for us where cadets were taken round various sections and also went shooting (run by our very own TEST Sgt Mark Pearson) plus air experience flying and some lucky ones – including our 'Gap' students - got up in a Gazelle. All the cadets completed evaluation forms about their experience and they all enjoyed it and were very positive

about the RAF personnel and their day at Leuchars. Over the year, all cadets (who have wanted to) have flown at least once or twice at 12 AEF, RAF Leuchars.

At Easter Finlay Archibald attended a camp at RAF Akrotiri. He reported that: "The RAF Easter Camp in Cyprus was definitely one of the best experiences of my life! We spent a lot of time outdoors in the sun, we went on various trips around the island and were able to appreciate some of the history of Cyprus ranging from the ancient Greek Kourion Theatre to the UN Buffer Zone that has existed since 1974. I had a very enjoyable two week camp and I met lots of interesting, friendly people and would recommend Overseas Camps to everyone in the RAF Section."

Also over Easter, Mairi Cox, Samantha Leishman, Victoria Monti, Melanie Pead, Emma Read, Lorna Reith, Charlotte Wood and James MacDonald (the only lad!) to RAF Brampton for a week's camp. The report from the camp was: "Wednesday saw the gathering of the clans at Stirling station as cadets from Glenalmond, Kelvinside and Queen Victoria School all took the route down south to RAF Brampton. The camp got off to a slow start with the cancellation of the flying due to the poor weather, despite the heat wave back home. This didn't dampen the spirits however as the cadets were in the gym for sport in the afternoon although Flt Lt Gilhooly's winning goal in the dying seconds did finally demoralise a few. The staff worked hard to



*Some of the cadets who have contributed to the training programme this year:
Niall, Chloe, Finlay, Ben, Alexis, Victoria, James, Hazel, Mairi, Kirsty, Sophie, Heather and Zoe*

put together a good programme and the: shooting, cycling, leadership tasks, shopping and cinema all helped towards a well balanced programme that the cadets really enjoyed. The staff on the camp were unanimous in their praise of the cadets from all of the schools and the cadets from Queen Victoria School in particular did themselves proud.”

The Easter holiday was also a busy time for Fg Off Johnston who was awarded her Alpine Ski Leader Qualification having attended a seven day residential Ski Course and a two day first aid course. Congratulations Ma'am!

This year, for the first time in the history of the RAF Section, we have no S6s in our line up! In the past, it has always been the S6s who have organised and run the training programmes. So this year, we had to put the burden onto the S5s – and we have been impressed at how well they have coped with the pressure! We have a lovely bunch of S5s (and S4s) who are all keen to contribute – irrespective of whether or not they have rank – and among them they have put together the weekly training programmes for the RAF cadets and the S2 tri-service cadets, taught drill, run outdoor and indoor exercises, taught 'Part One and Part Two' courses as well as First Aid and fieldcraft. Their enthusiasm has obviously been infectious as we have never had so many bids from cadets for RAF camp places.

Paul Stafford and Katrina Hall are particularly note-worthy having taken over the running of the twenty cadets in the tri-service group. They have put on a good range of fieldcraft exercises over two terms and we are very impressed by their efforts. Katrina is leaving the school this year and so we would like to thank her for all her help and

wish her well for the future. We also say 'Goodbye' to Alexis Watson and Melanie Pead who have been stalwarts of our Section for years. Alexis has run our Stores and has helped with the tri-service and Melanie has been putting together the training programme this year and delivering lessons – both at school and as a volunteer at the local ATC section. Hopefully Melanie will stay in the RAF, with the ATC in her local area, so we might meet up on a camp somewhere in the future! Best wishes to you both!

To get an idea of what opportunities there are for pupils who join the RAF Section in the CCF, we give you: 'Cadet profile: Sgt James MacDonald'

Sgt MacDonald has always been a busy and committed member of our section: he has attended camps at RAFs Cosford, St Athan and Brampton as well as Adventure Training camps in Windermere and has helped out with Army camps at Cultybraggen and the Scots Guards in Germany. In August 2006, Sgt MacDonald completed a week's Gliding Scholarship at RM Condor where he was awarded his silver wings for completing a solo flight in a Viking glider. Now he gives up his weekends and holidays to go to 662 Volunteer Gliding Squadron as a Staff Cadet to help other cadets gain the same standards. James is also working towards his gold wings. Recently he has joined the military skills team (TAC team) and he has become the RAF shooting captain and the school's shooting captain as he is a marksman with the .22 rifle and the cadet GP rifle. He does all this yet still plays an active role as his Section's SNCO. Good effort!

RAF Section Officers and cadets



Army

Field Day 14th June 2006 Barry Buddon Training Area, Dundee
81 Cadets took part in that Field Day on a Round Robin of Training Packages involving:

1. The Assault Course.
2. Infantry Section Attacks with the Cadet Rifle firing blanks and using pyrotechnics (smoke grenades, and magnesium trip flares).
3. The Indoor DCCT Trainer.
4. Live Firing with the No 8 Rifle in the Indoor Range – 37 cadet qualification badges awarded including 12 Marksman Awards
5. Command Tasks – tested leadership, team work and problem solving.
6. Military Skills – Weapon Handling Drills, stoppages, cleaning, firing drills.

The Cadets were joined on that occasion by the School's TV Film Crew who took extensive footage of the Assault Course and the Command Task Stands.

Some hilarity was caused over the water jump on the Assault Course when one of the third year cadets fell in spectacular fashion but was not caught on film so the TV Director got him wet again by staging it for a second time for the camera!

The School Staff were ably supported that day by four members of 21 Cadet Training Team. It proved a most useful training session the weather being particularly kind to us all.

Summer Military Camp, July 2006

The Army Section was delighted to receive an invitation from the 1st Battalion The Scots Guards to visit them in Munster Germany. Accommodation places were limited but 33 Cadets attended the Camp and underwent a very varied programme of Military, Education and Adventure Training.

The Cadets were particularly moved by the visit to the battle site of Arnheim and its local cemetery where they were rather shocked to find so many graves of men aged only 18 or 19 years of age. They were all asked to find one grave, remember the name and the following day during a parade each cadet was invite to speak their name – We will remember them.

A very comprehensive range package was organized for the Cadets during our visit which was very popular. We have many amusing and interesting photographs of some of our petite 2nd year girls in full adult body armour, helmet and webbing together with their rifle. Fire power demonstrations were also displayed that day by the Guards including belt fed 7.62 GPMG, and the Sniper Rifle.

Everyone agreed however that the highlight of the camp was the 48hour infantry field exercise when they all were transported in the Scots Guards' Warrior Armored Vehicles, some of which, even through the smoke screen, could be seen almost to take off when negotiating hilly cross county tracks.



The Staff and Cadets would especially like to place on record their appreciation for the financial support of the School via Mr Steven Dougan which allowed this visit to be priced at the amazing low cost of only £50 per head.

Field Day 8th November 2006 Rm Condor

On this particular Field Day the Army Section took all the 40 recruits and invited the Royal Naval Section to join them because of the obvious connection with the Marines so 111 cadets took part in the training based on nine different stands.

- a. Skiing
- b. Climbing Wall and Abseiling
- c. Live Firing 25m Range
- d. Sniper Alley
- e. Judging Distances
- f. First Aid
- g. DCCT Trainer
- h. Skill at Arms Recruits
- i. Skill at Arms Cadets.

This was accomplished with the assistance of four members of 21 Cadet Training Team.

The Cadets especially appreciated the quality and the opportunity to use the Marines' very expensive and recently built Artificial Slope. Nearly all the Cadets who were due to attend the next Ski Trip in Germany received three hours' instruction each. Another highlight for the cadets was the excellent hot meal provided by the Marine Cookhouse instead of cold sandwiches and a School Packed Lunch. I understand that they actually had both a hot meal and a packed lunch that day.

Ski Camp 8th – 16th February 2007, Reme Hotel, Wertach, Germany. Tri Service.

Our application to use the usual REME Lodge in Bavaria clashed with a REME Unit who required the facility so very understandably we were not able to get accommodation there. Thanks to Major Harrower, who has three family members at the school, an invitation was received from REME to use their Hotel in a nearby village called Wertach. By filling the Hotel we were able to take a party of 24 Cadets who achieved the following Snowsports Awards;

1	Angus	Luke	6
2	Clark	Leona	6
3	Fretwell	Lauren	6
4	Harrower	Karen	Not assessed
5	Harrower	Kayleigh	Not assessed
6	Harrower	Alison	Not assessed
7	Hendren	Jack	7
8	Hendren	Chloe	5
9	Hunter	Owen	7
10	Hurlstone	Paul	3
11	King	Rosa	3
12	MacKenzie	Connor	6
13	Maillardet-O'Neill	Daniel	5
14	McFaulds	Angus	2
15	Newbury	Alistair	5
16	Pead	Emma	3
17	Quinn	James	6
18	Rainey	Tom	3
19	Shaw	Hannah	5
20	Stewart	Robyn	5
21	Wemyss	Victoria	3
22	Williams	Amie	6
23	Williams	Robert	6
24	Wilson	Thomas	5

(7 The Highest Award)

The increased cost of this accommodation, the majority of rooms were en suite, with TV and DVD recorders, was only made possible by another generous donation by the School via Mr Steven Dougan for which the Cadet Corps is exceedingly grateful. The Cadets found the facilities of the hotel very much to their liking. Their meals were served at their table by the staff for example. I am bracing myself for the expected deluge of requests through the various House Councils for exactly the same facilities here in their own Houses.

When we add to this brief overview the Wednesday weekly training sessions and weekend expeditions we can appreciate that the CCF in all its branches gives the School a great deal of 'added value'. With its emphasis on leadership, self discipline, team work and adventure it plays its part in producing the 'all round' young person of which we as a School can be so rightly and justly proud.

John Silcox CC QVS CCF



Royal Naval

June 16th Field Day Lochore Meadows

Royal Yachting Association (RYA) sailing and windsurfing assessments. Results:

Luke Angus; RYA Level one windsurfing.

Connor MacKenzie; RYA Level one sailing.

Sean Dougal; RYA Level one sailing.

Connor Dornan; RYA Level one sailing.

William Jackson; RYA Level one sailing.

Alex Stevenson; RYA Level one sailing and RYA Level one windsurfing.

Cameron Ross; RYA Level one sailing and RYA Level one windsurfing.

Darren McIntyre; RYA Level one sailing and RYA Level one windsurfing.

July 1st To 7th Ccf General Camp To Germany

This was a joint service camp where our recruits pass out and join their choice of section.

September 20th Change Of Ai

After five years as our Area Instructor CPO Derik Nordon moved on to his new position in HMS Caledonia. We will all miss Derik who has been a great help. We welcome CPO Steve Gibson as our new Area Instructor.

October 8th Trafalgar Sunday

After the parade Rear Admiral P Wilcocks DSC RN presented RN Section Coxswain Sheona Kirkaldy with the Jamie Graham Memorial crest. This award is presented each year to the best Naval Cadet.

October 28th Visit To HMS Montrose In Dundee

Twelve cadets spent the afternoon on an in-depth tour of the ship; a highlight was the ship's helicopter and her weapons systems.

November 8th Field Day Visit To Royal Marine Condor In Arbroath

This was a joint visit with the Army section where the cadets enjoyed a variety of Royal Marine activities including training on the dry ski slope, shooting, first aid training and rock climbing.

December 12th, 13th Mine Counter Measures (MCM) Sea Day

The Commanding Officer of HMS Bangor, Lt Cdr Holmes and his team delivered an informative and fun sea day with a festive theme. The weather was terrible but in the protected areas of Loch Long, Clyde Estuary and the Gairloch meant the sea state was not bad and the sick bags were not needed.

February 8th To 16th CCF Ski Camp To Bavaria

Although it has been the poorest alpine winter in living memory we were lucky and had plenty of snow in good condition allowing us to ski every day. Twenty four cadets were on the camp and attained ski awards from level 2 up to level 7.

Staff Easter Training

Over the break both Lt Borking and I have been revalidating and gaining higher qualifications. Lt Borking renewed his First Aid Certificate and revalidated his Alpine Ski Leader Certificate. I too renewed my First Aid Certificate and qualified as a Royal Yachting Association Yachtmaster Coastal Skipper (sail). We are now all set and looking forward to starting our watersports in the Summer Term. Our Field Day will take the form of an RYA Assessment day in both sailing and windsurfing at Lochore Meadows Country Park on Wednesday the 13th June.

Lt Cdr Tom Shannon RD RNR, OC RN Section QVS CCF



Centenary Hall Appeal

The foundation of Queen Victoria School was achieved through public subscription by a nation grateful for the sacrifices of its soldiers and sailors in the wars preceding the turn of the 20th century. One hundred years later we are in different theatres of conflict but asking serving men and women to make the same sacrifice. It is our duty to do the best we can for the welfare and education of their children.

Our Appeal therefore is for a memorial hall, a building fitting as a centenary tribute but also a robust multi-purpose facility to give the School a meeting place for now and in years to come. The design has been carefully chosen as modern, light and attractive but ultimately functional, enabling pupils, staff, families and guests to sit side by

side for assemblies, musical and dramatic performances; teaching too of course, for pipes, drums and highland dancing on the specially sprung wooden floor.

The Centenary Hall will be the jewel in the crown of the development and expansion of teaching facilities for the School. Having raised £1.2 million, chiefly from the generosity of local benefactors, we now have to strive to find the balance of £1.8 million.

So we turn to all our supporters and ask that you help us lay that Foundation Stone in 2008.

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Piping Hot! Recipe Book QVS Centenary Appeal

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Siobhan Howell, Niall Day, David Maclehose (Chair), James Birch, Chloe Swan and Professor Bart McGettnick

The Parents' Liaison Committee (PLC)

We have been parents at QVS since August 2000, and have always been happy to help support the School in any way we can. We offered our services to the PLC a few years ago, and when vacancies became available we were invited to join the Committee.

What is the PLC? A body of 12 parents (represented by all three Services) who meet four times a year with the Senior Management Team (Head and Deputy Heads) to discuss relevant issues. Agenda points may be raised by Staff or by the Parents; sometimes only needing a seal of approval, or others being discussed at greater length with ideas from everyone around the table. Only living an hour away from the School means that it is possible for us to attend the meetings, always mindful that we are not only presenting our views, but representing those who are unable to attend due to distance or circumstances.

Over the last year we have discussed Staff appointments, Admissions, Maintenance works, Funding, Health and Safety, School development, Academic results, Uniforms, Catering, and day to day running of the School. Where relevant, points raised are taken forward to the Parents Association Meetings for further discussion.

Any parent can of course contact the School at any time regarding issues that concern them. However, should anyone one want topics discussed at this wider forum, by the parents and staff on the Committee, they can contact the Head's Secretary or parent members via email clare.rankin@qvs.org.uk

It is comforting to know that the views of parents and guardians are valued by the Management Team.

Lorna and Peter Austin

Brief introduction to yourself - interests / family / length of time as Chair.

Cameron thank you for inviting me to discuss the role of Her Majesty's Commissioners with you and for your interest in the management of the School. I joined the Board in 1994. I was elected as Chairman in 2003. The Chairman is appointed by the Secretary of State for Defense on the recommendation of the Adjutant General for a five year term. My wife and I live near Perth where I run a Project Management Consultancy in restoration and construction of large buildings often listed.

Who are the commissioners?

There are fifteen Commissioners. Two ex-officio members are the GOC 2nd Division, Major General David McDowall and the Lord Justice Clerk, currently Lord Gill. There are two members appointed by the Army Board and one each by the Navy and RAF Boards. The remainder of us are appointed from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences. Currently we have a Professor of Education, a Sheriff, a Chartered Accountant, the Chief Executive of the Scottish Lighthouse Board, the headmaster of a local Secondary School, and a retired senior civil servant who serves on a number of Boards. There are two vacancies. The Board meetings are attended by two representatives of the Adjutant General as owner of the School, the Head Teacher and the School Business Manager, who acts as Secretary to the Board.

What do you see as your role at QVS?

We assist the Adjutant General's staff manage the School through involvement with senior staff appointments, longer term planning of the School, and advising on the Education and Welfare priorities for the School and pupils.

How do you help the school?

I hope that we assist by taking a keen interest, by regular visits, and being available to the SMT and senior teaching and house staff. We manage the Trustees funds for the School and advise how they can best be used to support the School and individual pupils.

Are there other ways in which you would like to be involved?

I hope to develop closer links for the School with the local business community to offer opportunities for pupils to benefit from work experience – life outside the School classroom.

As Chair do you feel you have enough access to the school?

I am very fortunate to visit the School regularly and meet staff and less often pupils. I would like to develop closer links between HMC and pupils over the coming sessions.

Do you think staff and pupils see enough of you?

I doubt it – that is for you to judge. We will all try to make more contacts when our work commitments allow if you think this would help you. I appreciate my meetings with pupils – thank you for sparing time as you have.

Do you think staff and pupils know what you do for the school?

I hope so. I report fully at Grand Day but perhaps we should think of

other ways. Again any suggestions will be welcome. We are hoping to develop links between the Houses and a Board member. I am delighted that this discussion will appear in the Victorian

What do you think are the main strengths of QVS?

Clearly the opportunity to develop your self confidence, the good education, the opportunities to join the out of School activities including the Pipe Band and dancing but also the number of hobbies and Duke of Edinburgh Award activities. The pride that most pupils, and their parents and guardians take in watching their children develop while at QVS shows that the School is working well. That is very special to me.

Is there anything about the school you would like to change?

Yes QVS must always be evolving, taking advantage of new thinking in education, and offering an exciting and rewarding start to your life in the outside world. I hope pupil numbers will increase to about 335 and we are starting that process through building the new teaching facility. Within the next year plans to offer a revised programme for S6 will be developed. That is so exciting. But we must never forget the key priority is to provide a sound education in a safe environment. If we fail in that objective the Board will have failed the families of the Scottish based Armed Services and the Three Services. That can never be allowed to happen.

Sport Shooting – The Way Forward

Queen Victoria School - The way forward

QVS was very active and successful in shooting competitions several years ago and it is now encouraging that the Senior Management Team would like to see the School participate in national shooting competitions again. I look forward to this challenge and will do my best to achieve success.

Shooting is generally split into two seasons. The Small Bore season is October to March and we shoot in the indoor range in the School and use .22 rifles. The Full Bore season runs from April to September and we shoot on outdoor ranges using the cadet service rifles i.e. 5.56 cadet GP rifle or the cadet 7.62 Target Rifle.

Since September we have been shooting on Wednesday afternoons from 1530-1730 and every second Sunday afternoon from 1330-1630. Cadets from all three Services have been following a structured shooting syllabus from the Basic test to the Four star test. Cadets who pass the Two star test can qualify for shooting badges. They are graded at Pass, 1st Class or Marksman. Approximately 110 cadets have completed their basic test to date. Only 16 cadets have achieved the Two star pass. Five cadets have achieved Marksman.

Our first competition was the 2006 school inter-service shoot which was held in January 2007. Each service entered one team of six. The winners of this event were the RAF captained by Sgt Macdonald who were all presented with a medal and a Trophy. The top individual shot was won by Luke Angus of the Navy. The prizes were kindly presented by the Headmistress. This will now be an annual event to be held in December of each year.

In February and March we entered an eight person cadet team in the national Youth of the Commonwealth Fennell A and B competitions. These competitions are open to all cadets within the Commonwealth and organised by CCRS. Our last competition entered was the Green Howards. This was a five person cadet team shoot which was a

combat type shoot involving deliberate, snap, rapid and a Landscape section fire orders shoot. This competition was captained by Sgt Macdonald who did a very good job with his fire control order. The results of these competitions will not be available until mid April and will be included in the School's news letter.

Our Full Bore summer shooting programme has been circulated. The School is waiting to take delivery of our 7.62 cadet target rifles which are now due for delivery. We had intended to start our Full Bore training programme at Easter w/c 1 April 07 and join the ACF Easter coaching course camp in Inverness for five days but due to a lack of response from our cadets it was cancelled.

We propose to start when we return from the Easter break and prepare our team for the first competition which is the Brigade rifle meeting at Barry Buddon on 19 May 07. This is a major event for all ACF/CCF units who are planning to send teams to Bisley. As this is our first appearance for many years we would like to put up a good show.

The major event in our shooting calendar runs from 15-19 July 07. This is the Schools Rifle Meeting at the National Rifle Association, Bisley. This is the international shooting centre for all marksmen to compete against each other. QVS proposes to enter a team of eight cadets. By then we will be on summer holiday and I propose that team members for Bisley will have to be collected en route.

I wish the School all success in its future shooting competitions. With the correct training and motivation we will win the day and bring some silver back. If any staff would like to help the team then please do not hesitate to contact Bill.

Thank you and good luck

Captain Bill Kilmartin, QVS Shooting Officer



A Retrospective View

When I moved to Queen Victoria School in 1993 as Deputy Head it was clear to me that QVS was hiding its light under a bushel but also that considerable development was required in a number of areas. I took over as Chief Executive of the Agency and Headmaster of QVS in July 1994 and, although the introduction of co-education was very much in the forefront of plans for future development, it was also apparent that the boarding accommodation had to be completely refurbished. The Commissioners and the Ministry of Defence accepted a 10 year programme which included the building of an extension to Wavell, in order to provide the extra space for a girls' House and a new building to house the P7/S1 boys.

Wavell was the first House to be modernised and then extended. However, with the demand for girls' places outstripping supply of bed spaces the new Trenchard House, after a brief spell with P7/S1 boys, became a co-educational Junior House under Mr Carroll's experienced guidance. Thereafter, the Main Building was refurbished stage by stage, eventually the three floors being split between Cunningham and Haig and the bed spaces reduced from 199 to 124, which has made a massive difference in the quality and space of accommodation. The whole House structure has also been changed to provide one co-educational Junior House(Trenchard), one Girls' House(Wavell) and two vertical Boys' Houses(Cunningham and Haig).

There have been further developments on the boarding side which are equally important. For example, there are now more leisure areas, carpets, curtains, furnishings and decorations and, in general, the homely nature and atmosphere has been vastly improved within the extremely restricted confines of the Main Building. The boarding accommodation, overall, which in itself is restricted by the way the School was built and developed, is now very good indeed and recent HMIE Care and Welfare and Care Commission inspections have confirmed that pupils and parents are very happy with their accommodation and the way in which the pupils are cared for within the boarding context.

There has also been a radical shift in the supervision and the care of the pupils within the boarding houses. The boarding duties system was revised twice within a ten year period and each House team now has more staff and, during the main pressure periods, there are at least two members of staff on duty. Resident Deputy / Assistant Housemasters / Housemistresses in all Houses have also added to the improved care of the pupils, as have the addition of Overseas House Assistants in all Houses. Quality Assurance visits by Senior Management help to ensure that maintenance, improvements and health and safety issues are addressed speedily.

The introduction of girls to QVS in 1996 was a major development, as it would be in any school. To introduce co-education within a boarding school not only requires major changes in structure, accommodation and procedures, but also ethos, attitudes, sports and extra-curricular activities. However, the benefits to QVS have been obvious and enormous. It is now much easier for our Armed Services' families to educate their sons and daughters in the one school and holiday arrangements, week-ends, parents' evenings and visits all become much easier and more convenient. The boys and girls grow up naturally with each other in Trenchard and, partly because of the number of siblings, they do get on well with each other and remain very good friends after school.

Academically, QVS has improved considerably with examination results well above the national average. New subjects such as Geography, Business Studies and Philosophy have been introduced, P.E. is an examinable subject and the Support for Learning Department has been developed and become an integral and very important part of the overall academic operations. Principal Teachers in Computing, SfL (Support for Learning) and Business Studies have been introduced and an extra Deputy Head has been added on the Pastoral side. The latter was something which I pushed hard for in one of our many reviews, as it was clear that more resources were needed on the educational Senior Management side



to cope with the ever increasing demands in time, contact with parents and pupils as well as the increasingly high levels of bureaucracy in the Pastoral, Boarding, Careers and Personal and Social Education areas.

The 1994-2006 period saw the building of an extension to the Library; a new All-Weather Pitch for football/ hockey with its own floodlighting; considerable improvements in the MacMillan Sports Hall with a classroom and multi-gym being added. The whole area at the back of the swimming pool was redeveloped with a new CCF/ ACF; building, a new maintenance area and, of course, the new Trenchard House. As a result of the focus on development and the future of QVS, and as admissions to the School improved considerably, it became clear that an additional boarding house was required, as well as a new teaching block. My plans for the future of QVS had always been, firstly, to improve the boarding accommodation; secondly, to improve the whole teaching area; lastly, to add a new boarding house. Thus, at a reasonably early stage through the Corporate Plans and, subsequently, an Establishment Development Plan we worked towards an holistic development of QVS for the future, rather than a piecemeal approach. Added to this, at a later stage, was the Auditorium as the main focus of the Centenary Appeal.

Other developments that are noteworthy have been an improvement in the profile of QVS locally, nationally and internationally. Locally, QVS has become much more involved in Dunblane/Stirling initiatives such as the Dunblane Forum, Childrens' Community Partnership and Stirling Council, the latter through a ground-breaking Service Level Agreement. Nationally and internationally QVS Pipes, Drums and Highland Dancers took part in the Nova Scotia Tattoo in 1995 and 2005, the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2001, the Berwickshire Tattoo in 2002 and in 2006 the Pipe Band performed in the Basel Tattoo. In 1999 I led a QVS combined 1st XV/Pipe Band tour to Australia. Plans are now afoot to celebrate the School's Centenary by involvement in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2008. QVS was also one of the first, if not the first independent school in Scotland to gain Investors In People recognition in 1999. As a result of this initiative, there have been considerable expansion and investment and development of the QVS staff. At an early stage a Parents' Liaison Committee and Parents' Association were set up, both of which have contributed substantially to discussion, decision-making and school and pupil

developments. There is now a much closer working relationship between the School and parents at all levels.

It has been a real delight, and of immense satisfaction to see the improved self esteem and self-belief in the QVS pupils over the last 14 years. This is noticeable to those who live and work in the School but it is also commented on constantly by visitors to the School, is a notable feature of outside visits and is a constant source of pride to our parents. Success breeds success and sport has become a strong element of life at QVS and there is a terrific involvement by the majority of the boys and girls, in general, but also for events such as House Cross Country and Athletics competitions. Rugby and hockey are, however, the main team sports and both hold their own within their respective circuits and the boys and girls have also done well within the representative sphere, right through to international level.

QVS continues to provide a stable and nurturing environment for the children of our Armed Forces personnel and I have enjoyed, immensely, living and working with the pupils within the boarding context and working with parents. Understandably, there is a strong sense of the ceremonial tradition at QVS and the pupils do take considerable pride in the Parade Sundays and Grand Day itself. There have been too many highlights throughout my time at QVS to mention here but acting as host to HRH The Princess Royal for her visits in 1997 and 2006, the latter when she presented the School with a new set of Colours, must rank among the best. However, tours to Nova Scotia and Australia also rank very high, as does the early selection of Jamie Wilson, John Nelson and Steve MacKinnon as Scottish Schoolboys and QVS reaching the final of the Scottish Schools Rugby Cup and the unforgettable experience of QVS's participation in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

QVS has undoubtedly developed strongly academically, in its boarding and facilities in general, as well as its very strong ethos stemming from great successes with the Pipe Band, Highland Dancers, in sport and the wider extra-curricular programme. Future developments will now take the School further ahead, as it moves into its second century.

Brian Raine

Old Victorians

The Association has moved into the technological age with a new web site and created a data base of all former pupils, names and school numbers, and so far almost 800 members have registered on line. We can now contact the members who have registered and send them newsletters by email, keeping them informed of events at the school and within the association. Similarly, for those additional 200 members who are not on line and who have submitted their address we send the newsletters by post.

This innovation allows the membership to contact one another through the Association without jeopardising anyone's privacy. We would therefore urge any "Old Victorians", who have not already done so, to register now by going to the web site <http://www.oldvictorians.org/>. Click on register and enter the required details.

The site has a number of past "Victorian" magazines in their entirety for your perusal and if anyone has any old magazines, which are not already online, we would be only too pleased to receive them. We also have lots of photographs in chronological order which can be viewed and downloaded. Again, if anyone has any they would like to share, please email or send them to us for inclusion on the site.

The traditional watering hole for many years of OV's, the "Stirling Arms", has new owners and was closed at the time of this years OV annual reunion which was partly the reason the committee opted to hire the Victoria hall and hold a Ceilidh. It may open as a hostelry again, if someone takes on the lease, or if rumours are true it may well be converted into flats by a property developer. We also felt that the reunion needed a fresh impetus and give OV's a function to attend which would liven up the Saturday evening and appeal to all. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and all who attended have intimated their desire to have another one next year.

We also had the second Burns Supper early in February which many Staff, Family and Friends attended we intend holding the next one in February 2nd 2008.

These functions are open to all and anyone interested in attending can do so by contacting the Old Victorian's Association by sending an email to webmaster@oldvictorians.org or by snail mail to the school. Alternately you can see us in person at the OVA tent on Grand Day.

Graeme Cassells

Obituaries

Robert Lawrence Finlay (Lawrie Finlay)

Ov School Number: 1478 Died on 22 October 2006

He was very proud to have been an Old Victorian and subscribed annually to the Old Victorian 200 Club, which Mrs Finlay is going to continue in his memory. Condolences to Mrs Elizabeth Finlay and thanks for her continued support.

Arthur John Mc Mullins

Ov School Number: 1181 Died on 4 May 2007

His passing is noted with deep regret and condolences offered to his son Gordon McMullins and other family members.

Peter Joseph Craig Richmond

(13/9/25 – 18/1/07)

Dad was born in Milngavie, Scotland just outside Glasgow. After his mother died he went to Queen Victoria School in Dunblane for the sons of enlisted men. The first thing they were taught was how to darn socks by the house mother and when Dad had to leave the Cottesloe flat in 2002, he still had different coloured yarn and darned socks.

When he left school he joined the navy as an apprentice electrician but contracted TB and was invalided out at 16 to spend a year in a sanatorium. In World War II he was still unfit to be a soldier so served as a Military Policeman in London and Italy.

After the war Dad decided to do Forestry for the fresh air due to his TB. He did his training in Scotland and after a year he went to Tanzania. Whilst in remote hill top locations he was close enough to get to town to socialise – which is where he met Mum. In 1952 they married and together they had a fabulous time enjoying safaris to game parks, trips to South Africa, holidays on the coast and every three years returning to the UK to visit family and friends. During this time, Ian and Margaret were born. When Tanzania got its independence, Dad accepted an offer to work in Western Australia.

They emigrated here in 1963, via the UK where I was born.

Arriving in Nannup in December was always going to be a challenge.

The family moved to Kalgoorlie in 1971 where Dad was in charge of the Forests Department.

Dad always had a strong work ethic, was never judgemental and always got on well with his workers. He was as happy talking to the sandalwood puller in the outback as the Chief Executive of the export company. He was recognised as a good Bwana in Africa and a fair boss in Australia, always putting in as much hard work as the rest of the crew. He loved his job, especially being outdoors and often took the family to interesting locations with his work.

In 1980, the family moved to Cottesloe when Dad transferred to the newly formed CALM (Department of Conservation and Land Management) where he was responsible for the areas outside of the southwest from Esperance to the Kimberleys. He worked there until he retired at 60.

Mum was diagnosed with cancer in 1995 and was able to stay at home during her illness as Dad cared for her so well. Mum died 3 years later which left Dad broken hearted.

A fall off his bike at Rottneest 5 years ago accelerated Dad's dementia. He stayed at the Cottesloe unit for a year but his love of walking ended up getting him lost several times. In 2005, we were able to find him a permanent place at Alfred Carson Nursing Home in Claremont. He was very well cared for here by all the staff, even when he spoke Swahili. Despite his Alzheimer's, he remained his cheerful, polite self and was always a pleasure to visit.

He was a devoted husband, a wonderful father and an adored Grandpa of 15 grandchildren. He is now on his final safari to join Mum and Ian.

We miss him.

Staff News

Mr Douglas Stewart BSc(Hons)

Mr Stewart retired from Queen Victoria School at the end of the academic session 2005/6, after 34 years of unstinting service to the School. Having arrived as a Maths teacher in 1972, he was soon promoted to be Principal Teacher of Maths; in addition, he was also Assistant Housemaster in Trenchard for five years and had two further brief spells as Assistant Housemaster in Cunningham and Trenchard again.

Throughout his time at QVS, Mr Stewart was always active and helpful in a number of ways – sports, in particular, benefited from his considerable efforts over the years with rugby in the early years, squash and badminton over a number of years. The latter, in particular, was most successful and well supported and appreciated by pupils and staff.

Mr Stewart was always keen to help and be supportive, whether it was within the academic arena, as in the S5 library prep where he supported the Senior Management Team over a number of years; in the House context in supporting the Housemaster or, in general, around the School, for example, assisting and scoring at Sports Day or regularly reading in Chapel. His talents as an artist, musician and raconteur were not known to all but there was a dry, sharp wit and very good sense of humour which emerged within the Staff Room and elsewhere, perhaps in connection with one of his colleagues and golf.

34 years in one establishment is a very long and loyal service in this modern era of job flexibility and change of careers. I remember thanking Mr Stewart for exactly this at the end of Sports Day 2006 and, immediately afterwards, a boy came up and asked if he had enjoyed his time at QVS, commenting that it was an awfully long time; Mr Stewart replied, "Yes, it is a great School and if I had not enjoyed it so much I would not have stayed so long".

We wish Mr Stewart and his wife a long and very happy retirement as they move from the teaching environment to pursue their own interests, enjoy travel, spend more time with their children and grandchildren as well as golf and life, in general.

Brian Raine

Mrs Jill Howie MA(Hons), Dip Ed

With an educational background in Northern Ireland and Cambridge, Mrs Howie started her teaching career in Lockerbie. She joined Queen Victoria School in 1983 as a temporary, part time teacher of Modern Languages, with her permanent appointment commencing in 1989 and, thereafter, she was promoted to Principal Teacher and retires at the end of this academic session.

In the last 12 years she has built up the Modern Languages department to be one of the best in the School with very high numbers of examination candidates, especially in German, and extremely good examination results in both French and German at Standard and Higher Grades. One of the features of the department

is the Language Laboratory which has always been maintained to a very high standard, an indication of the way the department has been managed under her care. In addition, Mrs Howie was also responsible for the introduction of Foreign Language Assistants who have paid dividends over the years in their invaluable contribution to conversational French and German, whilst providing additional support for QVS students.

Mrs Howie has also been strongly involved within the boarding context, firstly as a tutor in Haig and then in Wavell. In this role, as well as her teaching, she has been a great positive influence on the pupils and her assistance in the numerous Wavell Talent Shows has been very much appreciated, as has her commitment to Chapel throughout the week and, usually with her husband, on Sundays.

Mrs Howie's presence at various School functions has also been very much appreciated over the years by the Haig boys, the Wavell girls and those whom she has taught. Dr Howie was our resident Doctor whilst we held a 10-a-side rugby tournament for a number of years and Mrs Howie's enthusiasm for House and Tutor outings has always been very evident.

We wish Mrs Howie and her husband a long and very happy retirement, in which I am sure travel, children and grandchildren will feature high on the list, along with golf.

Brian Raine

Mr Borking Retires

This summer, the Maths department will be sorry to lose one of the longest serving staff in the school, Mr Graham Borking, after 17 years of service. He was witness to numerous changes in both the mathematics curriculum and methods of teaching, but took them all in his stride and never lost his enthusiasm for his job; even in his final year, he welcomed the use of Smartboard technology in the classroom and was able to adapt his teaching to suit this new medium.

Graham is a much loved member of staff and his departure will be keenly felt around the school. His sense of humour will be missed in the staffroom and the pupils will miss the numerous sporting activities he offered. Qualified to teach skiing, windsurfing and golf to name but a few, Graham always embraced life in the boarding environment. An ex-Housemaster, Graham always has the best interests of the pupils at heart.

Graham was also a leader in the CCF (Navy) and this is perhaps where a replacement will be most difficult to find; ex-navy maths teachers are few and far between!

We at QVS wish Mr Borking all the best for his retirement and look forward to receiving postcards from many far-flung locales over the coming years.

D Shaw, PT Maths

Staff List

Head

Deputy Headmaster	W Bellars MA (Hons), PGCE, Dip Ed, MA (Ed Man)
Deputy Headteacher P & G	C Philson BA (Hons), PGCE
Deputy Headteacher PS	G Carroll BA DCE, PGCE
School Business Manager	C Phipps BA (Hons), PGCE
	S Dougan

Cunningham Housemaster

Haig House Manager	G R Ross (Acting)
Trenchard Houseparent	M White
Wavell Housemistress	C Matheson Dip Man Studies
	E MacDonald

Principal Teachers

G Beattie MA MEd PGCE, PGCE in SFL, PG Dip SFL
D Breingan DRSAM Dip Ed (PT Music)
G Edwards Cert Ed (Acting PT Primary)
D Garden BSc (Hons) M Phil Dip Ed
D Gilhooly BA (Hons) Dip Ed
J Howie MA (Hons) Dip Ed
T King B Ed (Hons) PGCE, PGCG, ATQ Primary DRSAM PGRNCM
A M Kirk MA (Hons) PGCE Dip Ed Tech
J S Laing Dip Tech Edn
J Lawrence BSc (Hons) PGCE MSc
D McLay BEd (Hons)
D Shaw BSc (Hons) PGDE (Sec)
A Thomson MA PGCE
R Wright BA PGCE

Teaching Staff

J Adams MA (Hons) PGCE
E Blackwood BEd
G Borking BEd BSc
T A Dale BSc Cert Ed
G Johnston BSc (Hons) PGCE
V Low BEd Primary Edn
J Porter MA (Hons) PGCE
S Ronald PGCE
J Scott BEd (Hons)
T Shannon Dip Tech Edn HND Eng Mech
The Rev John Silcox BD Cert PS Cert PP in BSA CF TD (School Chaplain)
C A Taylor BSc (Hons) PGCE Cert PP in BSA PGC in SFL
E Templeton MA (Hons) PGCE

Part-Time Teachers

G Edwards Cert Ed
S Johns Dip Ed
J Coates BA (Hons) Mlitt DipEd PGCE
L Thornton Dip Art & Design Grad CE
M Walker MA (Hons) French & German PGCE

School Librarian

C Sheerin BA (Hons) Dip Lib MCILIP

Visiting Music Teachers

G Spowart	A Brown
C King	G Baillie
G Hans	Z Hunter
G Thomson	A Collins
F Shearer	J Bamforth

Housematrons

Cunningham	M Chalmers
Haig	C Tomkins
Trenchard	H A Devlin
Wavell	D Henderson

Housekeepers

House Assistant (Pt Time)	K McVey
House Assistant (Pt Time)	C E Cullen
House Assistant (Pt Time)	C O'Neill
House Assistant (Pt Time)	H Heslop

Hospital Staff

Residential Hospital Sister	M Skeith RGN
Hospital Nurse	L Toal
Hospital Auxiliary	V Hiddleston

Uniformed Staff

School Sergeant Major	D Duthie (late SG) Cert PP in BSA
Pipe Major	G R Ross (late Gordons)
Drum Major	H W G Tomkins (late Gordons) Cert PP in BSA
Highland Dancing Instructor	E M MacDonald

Administrative Staff

Estate Manager	D Dent
Estate Support Officer	R Allan
Estate Admin Support	T Laird
Human Resources Manager	S Rutledge
Human Resources Assistant	A B Gauld BA (Hons)
Finance Manager	K Lawrie BA (Hons)
Deputy Finance Manager	I Mair
Local Purchasing Officer	A Macfarlane
Accounts Officer	M Symon
Admin Support Assistant	Y Cockburn
ICT Manager	N Penrose
ICT Executive Manager	G MacPherson
Headteacher's Secretary	C Rankin
Dep Headmaster's Secretary	A Morea
Dep Headteacher's Secretary	L Craig
School Business Mgr Secretary	M Reid
Laboratory Technician (3)	D P Carrington-Porter
Skill Zone 2/Technical	F Weir
Civilian Security Officer (4)	F Wernicki
Civilian Security Officer (5)	R Hiddleston
Civilian Security Officer (5)	R Davies
Civilian Security Officer (5)	G MacGuire
Civilian Security Officer (5)	P Ralston
Leading Hand	R MacDougall
General Hand	A McDonald
General Hand	G McConnell
Storekeeper	M A Fleming
Storekeeper	M Roy
Storekeeper	W Stockman
Storekeeper	P Warner



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