



Dunblane High School

NEWSLETTER

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School News

STAFFING

At the end of June in this our 40th session, Dunblane High is losing two of its most devoted teachers: **Mr Ian MacLean (Technical)** and **Mrs Sheila Nairn (Home Economics)** are retiring. **Mr McLean** is leaving after 27 years in Dunblane High School. Mr MacLean has been a teacher of Technical and a Principal Teacher of Guidance and has had a huge impact on generations of Dunblane pupils. He has also been a powerful professional role model of dedication and commitment for staff particularly those new to the professional. He will be greatly missed by the whole community of our school. **Mrs Nairn** leaves after having worked in Dunblane High for the last 15 years. She has given outstanding service to the school in and out of the classroom. In thanking her for her dedicated work in Dunblane we also wish her every happiness in her retirement. **Mr David Scougall (PE)** is leaving after nearly 6 years to take up a similar post at McLaren HS. He leaves with our thanks and appreciation for all his dedication and hard work in the classroom and with DoE, football, rugby, swimming and trips. Also leaving are Maths teachers **Mr John Warrtig** and **Dr Jonathan Murray** and English teacher **Mrs Esther Harrington**. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for their dedicated service to the young people of this school and wish them well for the future.

We have made several permanent appointments to our staff. Last term we welcomed **Mr Stuart Brown** to our Maths department and recently we welcomed **Miss Sara Porter** (Technology) and **Mrs Carrie Leishman** (Biology) to permanent posts in their respective subjects. Also moving to permanent posts with us are **Mrs France Reid** (0.5 French), **Mrs Lesley Munro** (from 0.4 to 0.7 Art) and **Mrs Trisha Smith** (fulltime English). We also welcome **Mrs Jane Bailey** as our new Science Technician and **Ms Rachel Govan** who joins our office staff. On 10 June **Mr Graham Boyce** joins our staff from St Modan's HS as the new **Principal Teacher of Pupil Support** for the new S3. Returning from maternity leave also in June, we will welcome back English teachers **Ms MacKenzie** and **Mrs MacMillan**.

Summer Term 2014 Excursions

This term Dunblane High continues its long tradition of enhancing the formal curriculum with school excursions. A total of 180 of our young people and 19 staff are involved in residential excursions this term. 52 pupils and staff are visiting **Madrid** (26-30 May) 45 pupils and staff will be going to **Lake Garda**, (1-7 June) 80 pupils and staff will be visiting **Tuscany** (18-15 June) as part of a Music tour. As well of being of enormous benefit to individual pupils, such activities contribute greatly to the development and deepening of school's positive ethos.

New Parent Council

The AGM of our Parent Council took place on **Monday 19 May** at which the following **Office Bearers** were duly elected:

Chair

Mrs Linsay Goodfellow

Vice Chair

Mrs Christine Cameron

Treasurer

Dr Anne Kelly

Secretary

Mrs Heather Dougan

Teacher Representative

Mrs Louise Scott

Committee Members

Mrs Kathy McEwan

Mrs Chinny Iroegbu

Mrs Lynne Ross.

A date was set for the first meeting of the new session: **Monday 25 August 2014**. The pattern of meetings will follow this session's practice and will be confirmed on the Parents' Calendar in August.

Queen's Baton Relay 2014 Commonwealth Games Glasgow

Dunblane High School now has two Commonwealth Games Baton Bearers: **Emily Greenan** (S6) was appointed some time ago and now **Andrew Stuart** (3S1) is also going to be a baton bearer. Congratulations to both!

Additional In-Service Day November 2014

The Scottish Government has allocated an additional Inservice Day to secondary schools as part of the preparation for the new CfE Higher courses next session. This will appear on the new Parents' Calendar when it is finalized and published on the school website in due course.

Sports Day 13 June

Our annual Sports Day will take place on **Friday 13 June** at the end of a busy week which includes 2 Summer Concerts, the annual S6 Ave Atque Vale and a Retiral Dinner. This once again promises to be a great day for our young people.

DATES TO NOTE

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SQA Exams
end 2 June

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S4-5 Study
Leave ends
Friday 30 May
New S5
Timetable
Begins
MONDAY
2 June

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New S6
Conference
5 & 6 JUNE

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Ave Atque
Vale Dinner
Thursday 12
June

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40th Session
ends
13.00 Friday
27 June,

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AWARDS CEREMONY

for Session 2013-14

Our Awards Ceremony for 2013-14 will be on **Thursday 11 September 2014** in Dunblane Cathedral. This is a whole school Awards Ceremony with awards being made to pupils from the current S1-6. Our annual Awards Ceremony is part of our **Maximising and Recognising Achievement Policy** and is the most formal celebration of our pupils' achievements over the session. Achievements are also recognised through:

- *daily announcements over the school PA system*
- *monthly DHS Newsletters posted to every parent*
- *regular updates on the school's website/Twitter*
- *regular tracking and monitoring of pupil progress in courses*
- *regular Faculty Letters*
- *termly year group assemblies which celebrate wider achievement*
- *interim reports to parents*
- *annual full reports to parents*
- *annual parents' evenings where parents meet teachers*

Dux Medal & Proxime Accessit

The Dux Medal is awarded to the highest attaining student based on actual SQA examination results over S5 and S6. The UCAS Tariff points scale is used to aggregate S5 and S6 results. The aggregate total includes post-Results Service S5 results and pre-Results Service S6 results. The Proxime Accessit award is made to the student with the highest attainment other than the Dux on the same basis.

McCarron Medal

Named after the first Head Teacher of the school Mr John McCarron, and personally endorsed by him, this award is intended to be the 'dux' for service according to the following criterion:

'The McCarron Medal shall be awarded to the student who, having completed S5 and S6 in Dunblane High has achieved the highest level of personal achievement and who, in addition, has demonstrated conspicuous altruism in the service of the school and wider community. The level of personal achievement shall be determined by aggregating, in the first instance, the number of 'Excellent' grades for Effort over S5 & S6 reports. Thereafter evidence of service to the school and wider community will be sought from teachers and support staff and presented to the school's Senior Management Team with whom the final decision will rest. In the case of any tie, the Head Teacher will have the casting vote.'

BES Expedition

Hazel MacFarlane (S5) has been selected to take part in a 5 week **BES (British Exploring Society)** Expedition to the Peruvian Amazon jungle in July 2015, where she will be trekking and working in partnership with the international NGO Crees Foundation, to be actively involved in developing the scientific study and understanding of this unique area. Hazel will also have the opportunity to get involved with the local people and help out on a number of sustainability programmes.

SUMMER CONCERTS

Tickets are on sale for **TWO SUMMER CONCERTS** run by our Music Department one in the **CATHEDRAL on TUESDAY 10 JUNE** ('classical/sacred' repertoire) the other in the **MURRAY HALL** ('popular/Scottish' repertoire) on **WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE** – both at 7pm. Mr Cooper, Mrs Grant, Mrs Gunning and Mrs Spencer along with our Music Tutors, have been preparing dozens of pupils for a first class evening of music and singing **ahead of the forthcoming 4 concert tour of Tuscany!** Tickets can be purchased from the school office for either or both concerts as follows:

Joint Event Ticket: £8; FAMILY Ticket £25 (2 adults+2children)
Cathedral Concert only: £5

'Tuscany' Coffee Morning

~ Saturday 31st May 10-12noon, Cathedral Halls ~
£3 (£1.50 concessions)

School Uniform

Any parent or pupil interested in selling their old S1-S5 Dunblane High School blue blazer and/or purchasing a pre-owned one.

Contact Rachel on **07766514029**

Monday-Friday 4-8pm.

TOP FESTIVAL 14 June

TOP Festival is Stirling's new arts and heritage festival for children, young people and families. This Festival brings together Stirling's arts and heritage organisations and Stirling Council's Education, Youth and Culture Services, to offer a *free* programme of exciting opportunities as part of Stirling 2014. Leaflets about this are available in the school foyer or from **Mrs S Domin** in Home Economics.



**£100 to
£10,000**
available for young people

- Does your club need new equipment or resources?
- Have you a special community event you want to organise?
- Wanting to organise an educational project for young people but finance is tight?
- Will activities benefit young people in the Dunblane Community?

The Trust oversees grants for community projects, initiatives and programmes benefiting young people.

For more details and to apply either as a group or as an individual contact grant1@stirling.gov.uk

Dunblane Community Trust

