

NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating our Young Peoples' Experiences & Achievements



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Editorial



Firstly, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support and engagement in sharing the achievements and experiences of our young learners. It has been a delightful privilege for me to compile this visually captivating newsletter showcasing academic success, events, trips, sporting triumphs, and creativity. The overwhelming amount of information received from colleagues, parents, and carers has been truly remarkable, resulting in a newsletter that has expanded to almost double the size of the previous volume. This demonstrates the tremendous amount of activity taking place here at Stranraer Academy, so much so that there were a small number of articles that could not be included due to time restraints. However, rest assured that all omitted content will be made available on our new website in due course, as well as video productions of the award ceremonies for pupil achievement and the Police Scotland Young Volunteers, along with other exciting additions on the horizon.

When crafting these newsletters, I always aim to establish a theme. Inspired by the exceptionally lovely weather we have been enjoying, I contemplated what Stranraer Academy would be like if it were relocated to an exotic resort, where we could relish an endless summer rather than the fleeting few weeks we experience here in Scotland. It was a lighthearted and enjoyable concept, and I hope it brings a smile to your face as you peruse the newsletter. I am already contemplating an even more ambitious theme for the next edition, so stay tuned!

Lastly, I would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation to *Archie McCubbin* and *Jack Barrett*, whose invaluable assistance in photography has been instrumental in completing this substantial edition on time.

I sincerely hope that all our families, colleagues, and friends have a wonderful and rejuvenating summer, filled with relaxation and joy.

Ross James

Editor, Photographer, Filmmaker, Web Designer, Graphic Designer... Well, essentially whatever the school needs!





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Thank You





Jamie Farquhar

Acting Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and friends of Stranraer Academy

I am delighted to showcase to you through our end-of-year newsletter the amazing successes of 2023 at Stranraer Academy.

This is our biggest newsletter ever and adds to the fantastic PE newsletter already shared. This publication reflects the work and talents of our school team. I believe Stranraer Academy pupils are attending a wonderful school, the building and facilities are second to none, the staff - teaching and non-teaching - are caring, talented and ferociously committed to our pupils, school and community; and our pupils themselves are massively talented, well-behaved and a credit to you and our town.

Scrolling through our newsletter, I hope you will be struck by the range of experience on offer. The number of pupils who find enjoyment, belonging and success in a myriad of ways at Stranraer Academy.

As previously reported, our core business of supporting pupils with academic success is progressing well year on year. We anticipate further success when exam results are published in August. But we know a school is more than the sum of its academic success, a school is a key part of our community, it is a family where our young people make friends, have fun, grow and learn about the world and themselves. We challenge our pupils to exceed expectation, shatter glass ceilings and aspire to new horizons.

I hope this newsletter captures this endeavour, it certainly showcases our pupils and celebrates them and the adults that support their many successes.

Thank you again for your continued support of Stranraer Academy. It has been our pleasure to work with your child/children this year. From everyone here, have a fabulous summer and we will see you all in August for another year of hard work and success at Stranraer Academy.



CRAFT | DESIGN | TECHNOLOGIES





In 2023, the S3 Graphic Communications class, led by Miss Smith, embarked on an exciting project. They were tasked with creating a publication that would highlight Stranraer Academy's dedication to the esteemed Rights Respecting Schools (RRS) award. Equipped with essential information about the RRS program, these talented students had the freedom to unleash their creativity and design a publication that aligned with Stranraer Academy's goals.

Among the impressive submissions, Abbi Johnstone's work stood out. It caught the attention of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) for its embodiment of the RRS principles and Stranraer Academy's unique branding. Abbi's publication was a beautiful fusion of artistic talent and a deep commitment to the cause.

In the realm of practical woodworking, the National 4 & 5 students showcased their remarkable skills through stunning Table Mirror Course Assignments. Their creations displayed exceptional craftsmanship and attention to detail, leaving everyone in awe. Two outstanding students, Ethan Paterson in S5 and Ryan Nixon in S4, were recognized for their exceptional work, earning the prestigious National 5 A band 1 recognition.

These achievements highlight the talent and dedication of our students and demonstrate Stranraer Academy's commitment to nurturing creativity. As we celebrate these remarkable accomplishments, we eagerly anticipate the continued growth and brilliance of our talented students in the future.

You can discover more about our Rights Respecting School journey on the new school website:

<https://stranraeracademy.org/rights-respecting-schools-award/>



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD AT STRANRAER



THE UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)


The convention is made up of 54 articles which outline the rights of everyone under the age of 18.

Examples of our rights:

- Article 28 - Every child has the right to an education
- Article 24 - Every child has the right to the best possible health

Article 3 - The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children

Help us make the school a better place for everyone and help us on our journey to success




Our Aims:

- Improved attendance and attainment
- Reduced prejudice and discriminatory attitudes
- Improved pupil behaviour
- Improved pupil wellbeing, engagement and confidence

To find out more go to this website

- <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>





SCAN ME



Competition Winner



Congratulations to Eiko Hutton, an exceptional S4 student, who has triumphed in a competition to create a brand new logo for the DG Deaf Children's Society. Eiko's outstanding logo design not only earned her well-deserved recognition but also a fantastic £50 Amazon voucher as a reward. Moreover, Eiko's artistic talents have garnered further acclaim as she has been crowned the Overall Winner in a recent art competition hosted by Quarriers. For this remarkable achievement, Eiko has been awarded a remarkable art set worth £50. We applaud Eiko's incredible talent and dedication, and we look forward to witnessing her future accomplishments in the world of art and design. Well done, Eiko!





Creative
Arts



CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF STRANRAER ACADEMY'S CREATIVE ARTS FACULTY

Stranraer Academy's Creative Arts Faculty has been a thriving hub of artistic expression, nurturing talent and fostering a love for art, photography, and music. The faculty's dedication to fostering creativity and providing a platform for students to explore their artistic passions has resulted in remarkable achievements and unforgettable experiences.

Photography has also played a pivotal role within the Creative Arts Faculty. Students have harnessed the power of the lens to capture compelling moments, conveying emotions and narratives through their photographs. From stunning landscapes to intimate portraits, their images have garnered attention and admiration for their unique perspectives and exceptional composition.

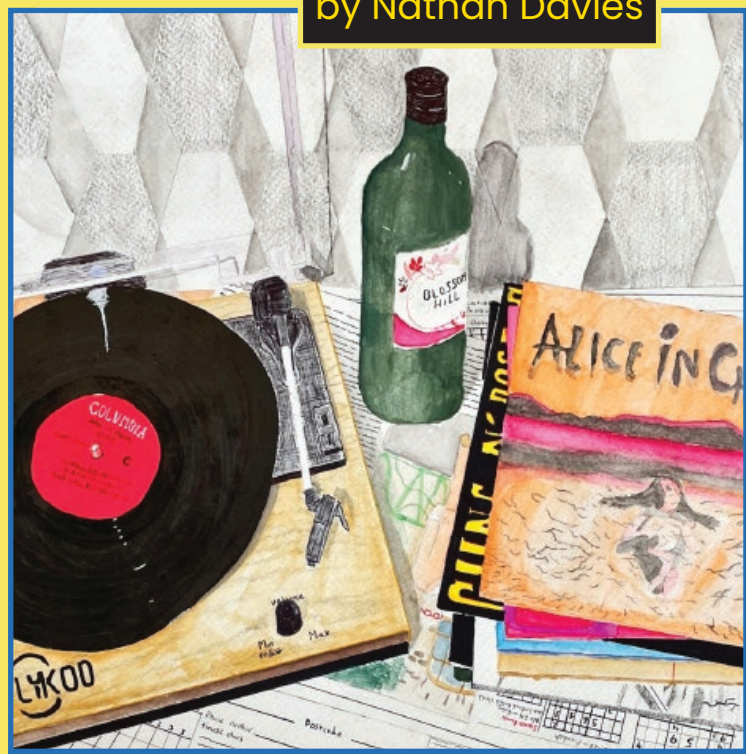
Music, another cornerstone of the Creative Arts Faculty, has witnessed the rise of talented musicians, vocalists, and instrumentalists. The vibrant melodies, harmonies, and rhythms created by these students have resonated throughout the school and beyond. They have showcased their abilities through memorable performances at school events, captivating audiences with their musical prowess and passion.

Moreover, the Creative Arts Faculty at Stranraer Academy has nurtured a collaborative and supportive environment, encouraging students to explore interdisciplinary projects that merge various art forms. Collaborative endeavours between artists, photographers, and musicians have resulted in captivating art and performances, pushing the boundaries of creativity.



by Chloe Swan

by Nathan Davies



“If I could say it in
words there would
be no reason to
paint.”

EDWARD HOPPER

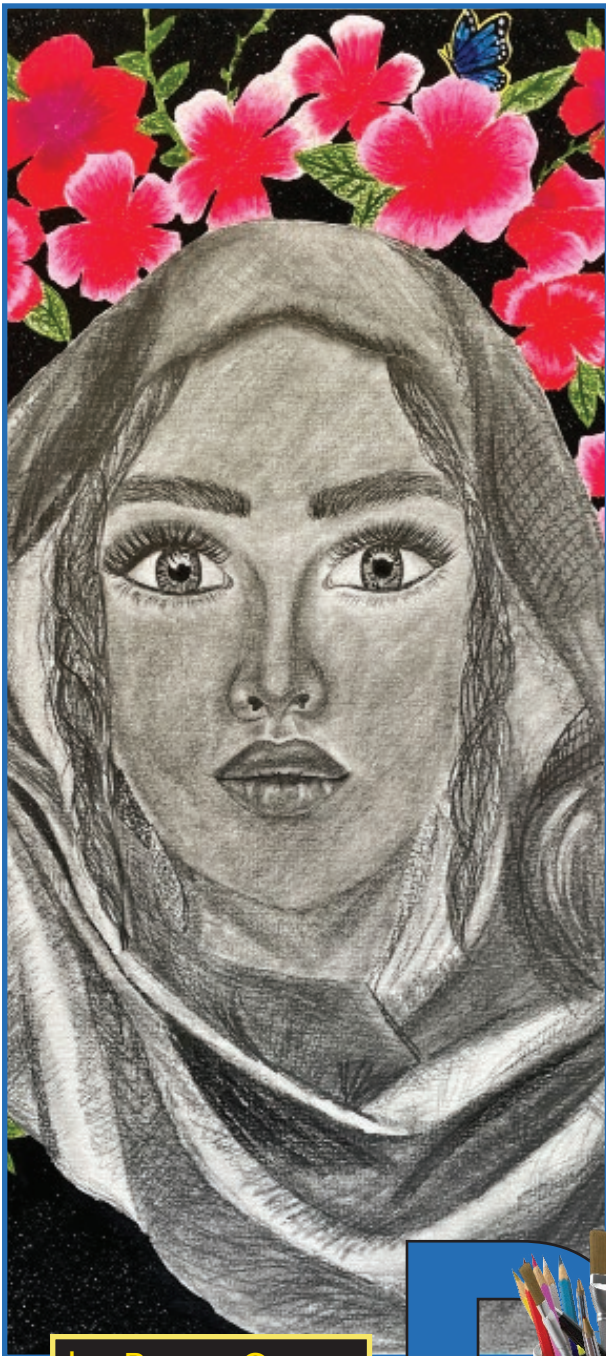


by Remus Stelling



SENIOR

*"I found I could say things with color and shapes that I couldn't say any other way—things I had no words for."
-Georgia O'Keeffe*



by Burcu Guner



by Elle Baisbrown

PHASIS





by Jemma Stevenson



by Molly Coulter



by Sophie Jordan

ADVANCED

Frida Kahlo

Frida mostly worked with oil from on canvas.

Painted earrings show it's from the heart. (Mexican belief)

Dark atmospheres (backgrounds) in contrast

Birds symbolise long life and freedom.

The skull can be turned into flowers and placed with the Aztecs, this will show her Mexican heritage.

Skulls symbolise life & death.

Flowers symbolise fertility.

Butterflies symbolise hope.

I paint flowers so they never die.

Fin artists are brighter and much more of a happy & calm atmosphere between bold or pastel colours.

One of Frida's biggest inspirations was nature.

I choose to include my rose to symbolise love.

Bones (Mexican belief)

Brighter backgrounds are more positive.

Fin artists would rather have a brighter, sunnier background.

Frida loves including her pets in her work (she owned three children in the end of a lot of pets).

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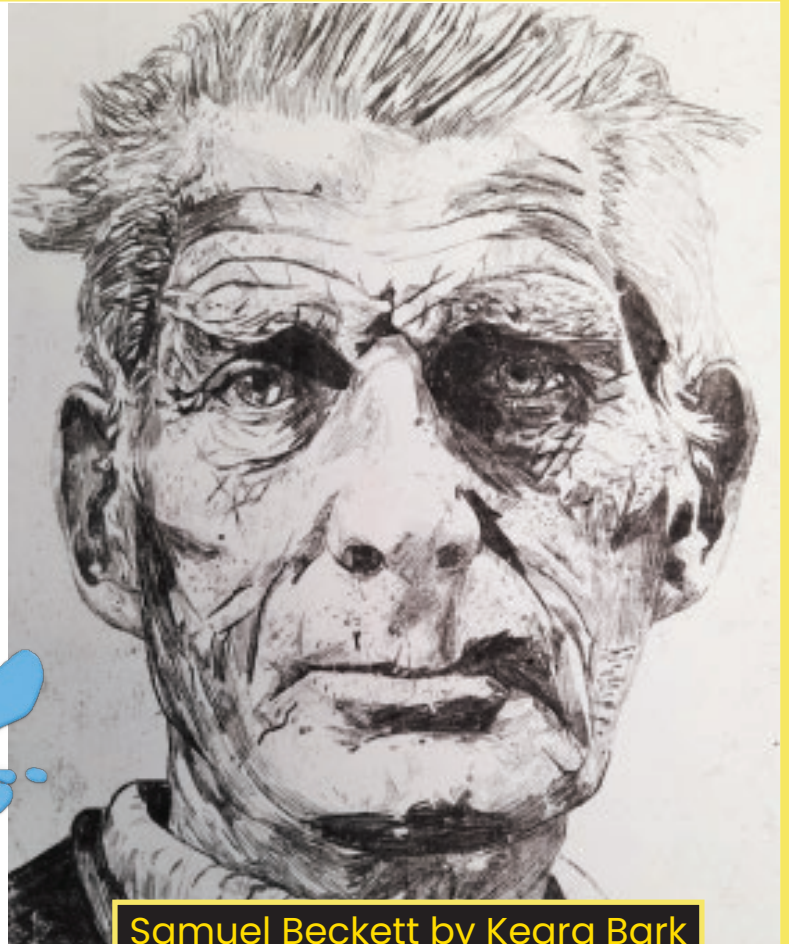
by Chloe Swan

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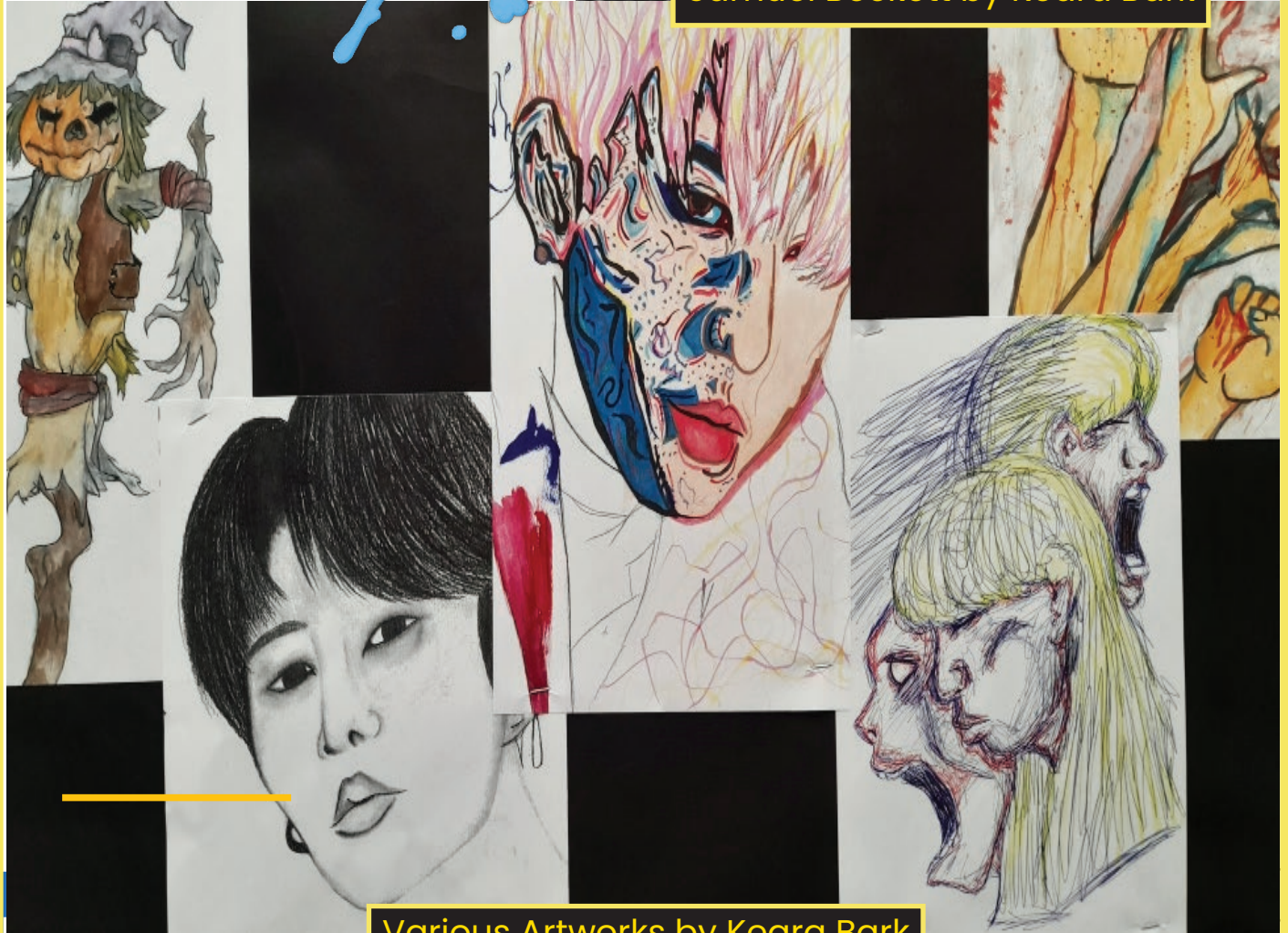
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“If you hear a voice within you say ‘you cannot paint,’ then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced.”

- Vincent Van Gogh



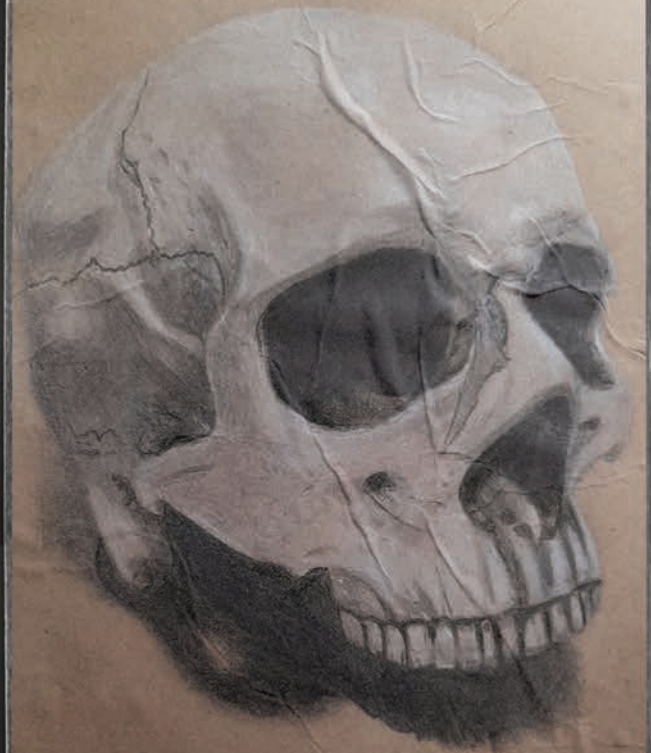
Samuel Beckett by Keara Bark



Various Artworks by Keara Bark



by Catriona McColm



by Sophie McCall



Animal Portrait by S2



Animal Portrait by S2



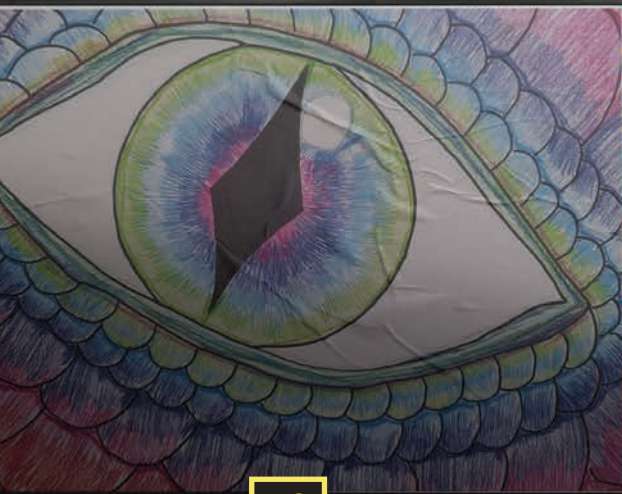
by Sophie McCall



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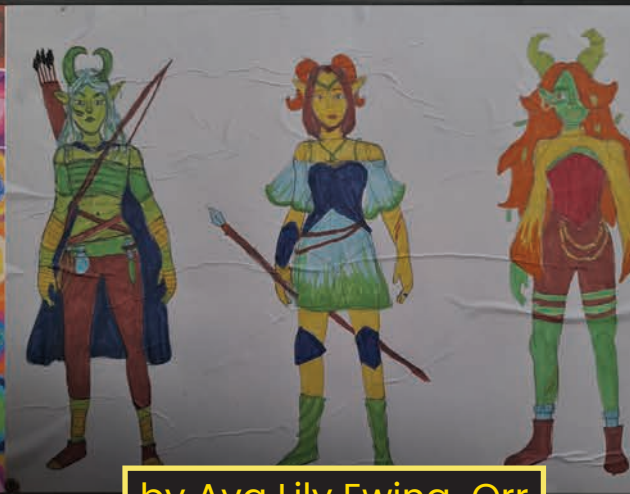
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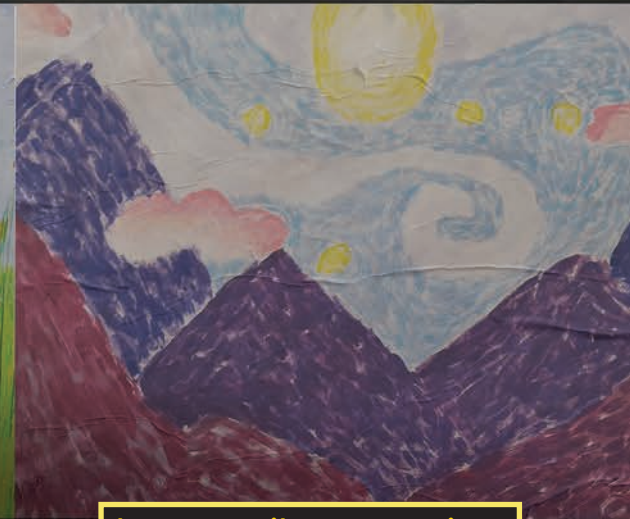
S1



by Ava Lily Ewing-Orr



S2



by Ava Lily Orr-Ewing



MUSIC



The Music Department were delighted to host a gig by "The Lucky Doves". The band is made up of instrumental music instructors from across the Authority playing guitar, bass, fiddle, drums with lead vocalist Grant Dinwoodie. All our music students in S3 - S6 attended the concert and were taken through the key aspects of the performance, set up and musical concepts involved in the rock/folk style of music. It was a great gig with fantastic audience participation from our students.





Stranraer Academy Cluster Band was formed at the start of the Summer Term by Angela Miller (Instrumental Music Service Brass Instructor), supported by Mrs Smith (PT Creative Arts) and Mr Duffy (IMS Percussion Instructor) with pupils from Rephad, Sheuchan, Belmont and Park. They rehearsed every Thursday in the Music Department in the Academy.



The youngsters worked very hard over the weeks and this culminated in a concert in the Academy on 22nd June. P4 pupils from the Primary Schools came into the Academy and were a great audience. All the young brass players performed wonderfully. Well done everyone! We look forward to the Cluster Band continuing in the new session.





London Trip



PHOTOGRAPHY



by William Ferguson

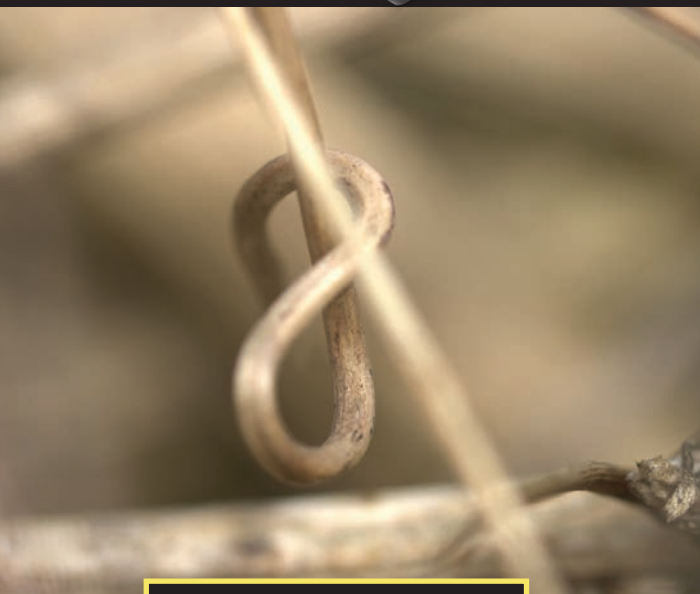


We have had yet another exceptionally fruitful year in the photography department, with our talented pupils producing awe-inspiring imagery that showcases their proficiency in using various exposure settings of the camera. These remarkable compositions demonstrate their understanding of shutter speed, ISO, and aperture.

Throughout this academic year, we have witnessed several triumphant Higher Photography projects that revolved around diverse themes. From the captivating art of portraiture to the meticulousness of scale figure photography, and from capturing breathtaking landscapes to exploring the intricacies of macro photography, our students have delved into a multitude of subjects.

In the following pages, we invite you to immerse yourself in a selection of photographs that exemplify a range of composition techniques and exemplify careful consideration of visual elements. These snapshots will undoubtedly captivate your attention and leave you appreciating the artistry of our talented pupils.

Furthermore, we are delighted to provide you with an early glimpse of the images created by our new class of 2023/2024 over the past four weeks. These budding photographers have already displayed immense potential, and we look forward to witnessing their growth and accomplishments throughout the coming year.



by Robbie McColm

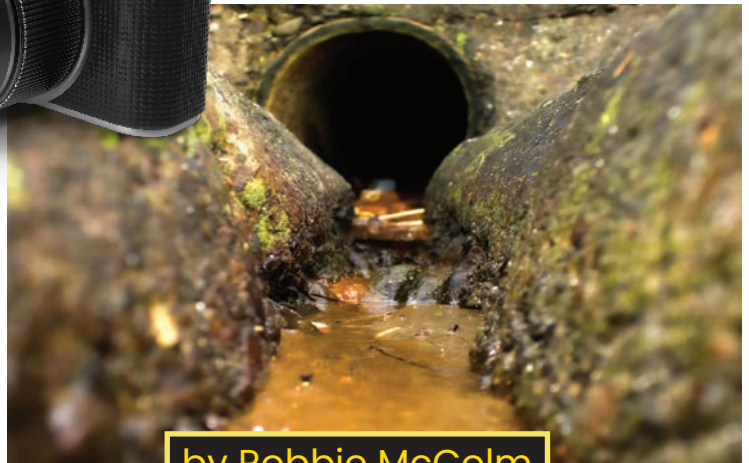
Stay tuned for an exciting visual journey that celebrates the creativity and dedication of our photography department, as we present a collection of outstanding images that showcase the remarkable skills and artistic vision of our students.



by Poppy McCulloch



by Callum Thomson



by Robbie McColm



by Mark Pirrie



by Ethan Menchaca



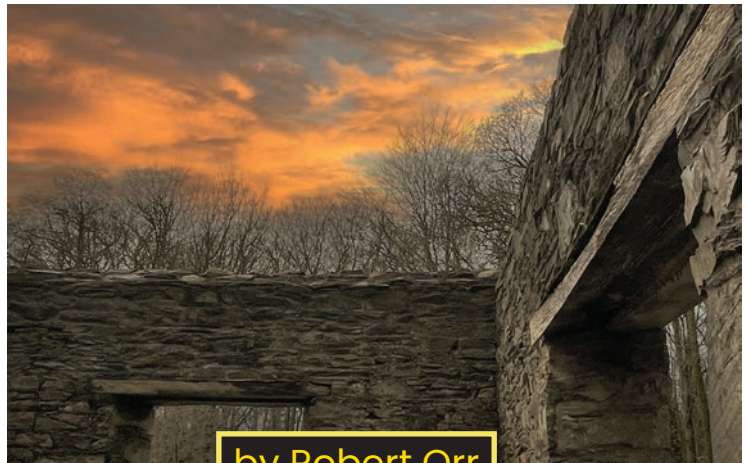
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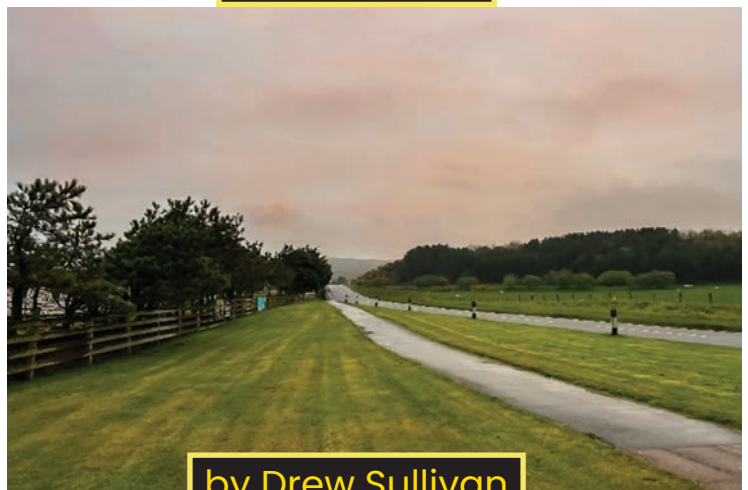
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by Robert Orr



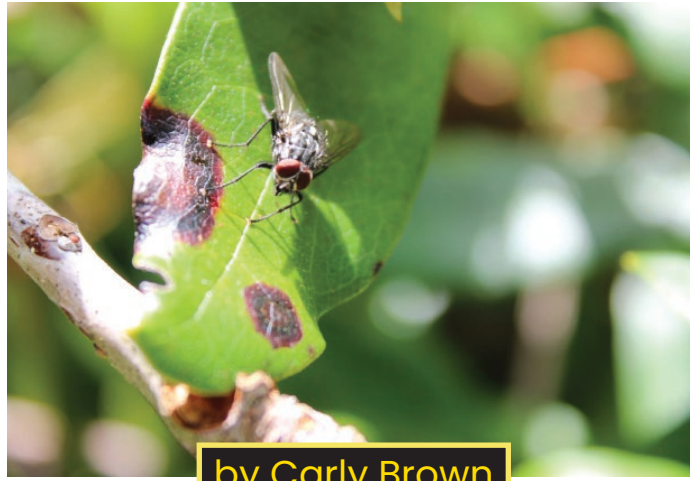
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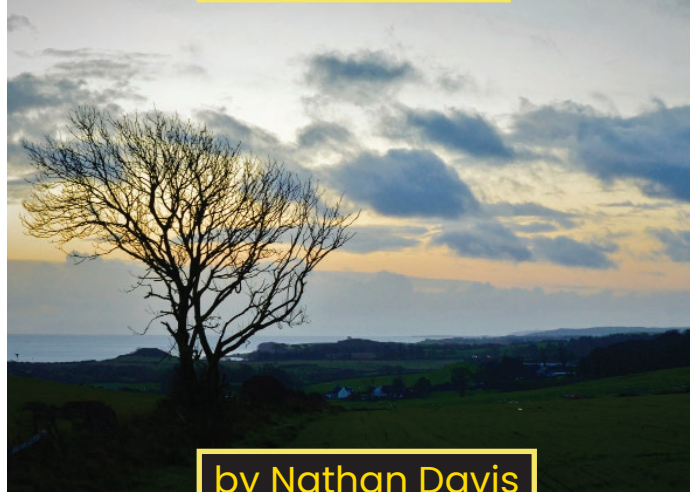
by Drew Sullivan



by Rebecca O'Sullivan



by Carly Brown



by Nathan Davis



by Rebecca O'Sullivan



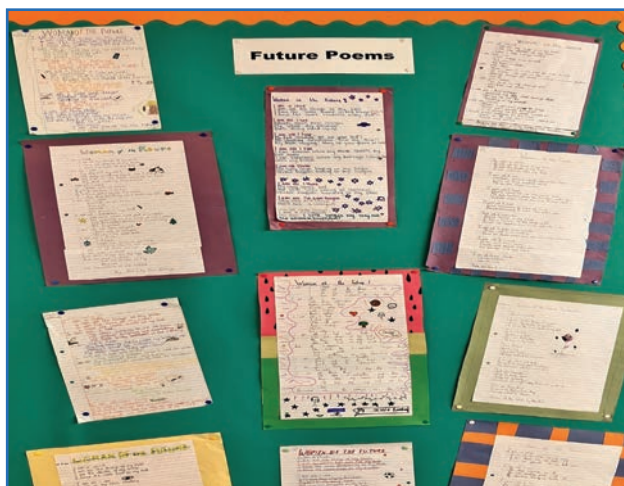
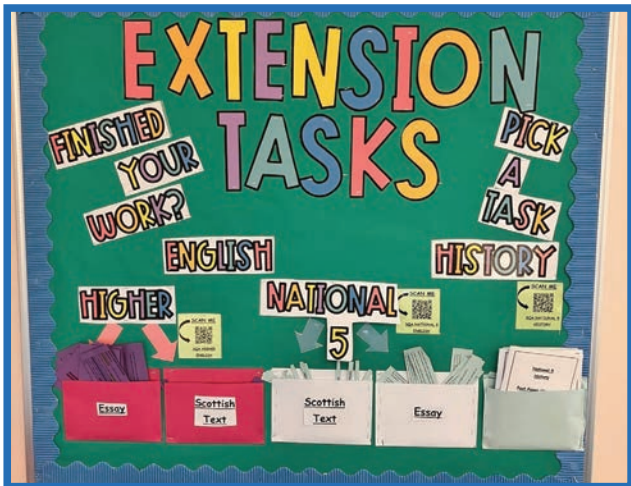
Developing the Young Workforce



Developing the Young Workforce had some great opportunities for our pupils this year. Our highlights include attending the STEM fun filled event 'Bang Goes DG!' where 80 of our S2 pupils, who have shown a keen interest in their science and maths classes, got to take part in STEM activities whilst learning about careers in Dumfries and Galloway. We organised a 'Local Careers' event in school where industries local to Stranraer were invited into the school for pupils to carousel and learn about opportunities and career pathways. Finally, we have finished the year off taking 28 pupils to DG College (Dumfries Campus) for the 'Inspiring Futures' event where pupils from S4 learned all about career pathways for NHS, social care and emergency service-based jobs.



New School Displays



DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK

Be Safe!

Stranraer Academy joined forces with esteemed partner agencies including Police Scotland, The Fire Service, The Scottish Ambulance Service, The Coastguard, and the RNI for an impactful event known as Drowning Prevention Week. This initiative aimed to pro-actively raise awareness of water safety in preparation for the upcoming summer season, where the risk of accidental drowning escalates significantly. The event catered to approximately 200 S2 pupils, providing them with valuable insights and knowledge to not only enjoy water activities responsibly but also make informed decisions and understand appropriate emergency procedures. Drowning Prevention Week plays a critical role in enlightening the public about water safety and encouraging them to savour water-related experiences while staying safe.



DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK





Molly Clinches Silver Medal at National Swimming Championships!



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Molly Irvine-Watson for her remarkable achievement of winning the Silver medal in the 100m Freestyle event at the Scottish Schools Swimming Championships! This accomplishment is truly commendable.

As we mentioned in our previous newsletter at the end of last term, instead of an actual race meet, the Regional Qualifying times were utilised in the form of a “virtual meet.” The Regional Championships served as the platform for ranking the top 20 times in Scotland for each event and determining the final results.

Molly’s outstanding time of 1:03:31 secured her the well-deserved 2nd place in the U15 Girls 100m Freestyle event. This is an incredible feat and one that she should be immensely proud of.

Once again, congratulations to Molly for her exceptional performance!

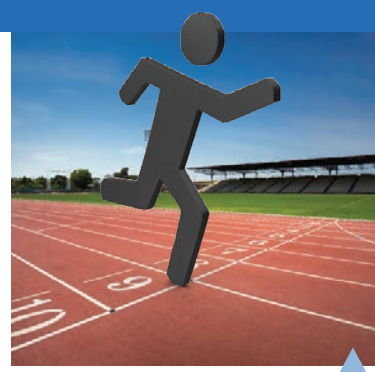


Annual Athletics Pentathlon Championship

Pupils Shine in Spectacular Event

On Wednesday, June 7th, 2023, students enthusiastically participated in the highly anticipated Annual Athletics Pentathlon Championship. As the day unfolded, the weather improved, setting the stage for a successful event filled with an electric atmosphere and a strong sense of House spirit. Inch House emerged triumphant, claiming the prestigious Tannock Trophy as the overall winners.

Below are the individual champions who secured well-deserved titles. We extend our gratitude to all the students, senior helpers, and staff who dedicated their efforts to organize and ensure the continuous success of this event.



S2 GIRLS
 Champion: Olivia Turtle
 Runner Up: Miley Adams

S2 BOYS
 Champion: Murray Williams
 Runner Up: Reece Edgar

S3 GIRLS
 Champion: Rosie Thompson
 Runner Up: Tegan Fox

S3 BOYS
 Champion: Jake McColm
 Runner Up: Calvin McDowall



Annual Athletics Pentathlon Championship



S4 Girls
 Champion: Sofie McCutcheon
 Runners Up: Sophie Lowe

S4 Boys
 Champion: Louie Clarke-Sloan
 Runner Up: Zac McCutcheon

S5/6 Girls
 Champion: Abbie Arkless
 Runners Up: Kaly Fox & Jessica Maxwell

S5/6 Boys
 Champion: William Tears
 Runner Up: Callum Thomson

Under 13's Secure Back-to-Back Victory in the Gordon Cup



Stranraer Stage Thrilling Comeback to Win 3-2 in Final

In a captivating final, Stranraer showcased their resilience by overturning a 1-0 deficit at halftime to secure a thrilling 3-2 victory. The first half was evenly contested, with Stranraer displaying superior attacking possession. However, it was Dumfries High School who managed to find the back of the net just 30 seconds before the break.

Similar to the semi-final, Stranraer had to regroup during halftime. Five minutes into the second half, Nathan Lockwood seized the ball from a defender on the left-hand side. He swiftly delivered a low cross that Aeron Baxter skillfully reached ahead of the Dumfries goalkeeper, leveling the scoreline at 1-1.

With their spirits lifted and increased control of the ball, Stranraer took the lead for the first time in the game seven minutes later when Finn McLean unleashed a powerful long-range shot. Stranraer continued to dominate possession and create promising opportunities. However, with nine minutes remaining, Dumfries managed to equalize with a well-executed breakaway goal, setting the score at 2-2.

The game hung in the balance at this point, but with just five minutes left on the clock, Ruben Harker played a remarkable long-range ball over the defense, finding Aeron's path. Aeron collected the ball just inside the box, took a composed touch, and calmly slotted it past the keeper. Stranraer regained the lead at 3-2, and they managed to see out the remaining minutes.

The boys delivered a fantastic performance throughout the match, demonstrating their resilience and determination. Congratulations to all involved on a well-deserved victory!



Stuart Binnie Trophy

Stranraer S1 Students Triumphant



On the memorable day of Wednesday, May 3rd, the S1 students from Stranraer Academy showcased their football skills in the inaugural Stuart Binnie and James Hannay memorial tournament held at Palmerston Park in Dumfries. Mr. Binnie and Mr. Hannay were revered figures in schools football, and this tournament served as a poignant tribute to their unwavering dedication and support for the sport in Dumfries & Galloway. In honor of their contributions, the tournament featured the Mr. Binnie Large Schools Trophy and the Mr. Hannay Small Schools Trophy.

The 7-a-side tournament included all schools from the region, with two teams representing Stranraer Academy, comprising a total of 18 talented boys and girls. Each team competed in a group of nine, engaging in a round-robin format where they faced every school in their respective group. One of the teams achieved a record of 2 wins, 2 draws, and 4 defeats, securing a respectable mid-table position but falling short of reaching the finals.

However, the other Stranraer team concluded the tournament with an impressive record of 5 wins and 3 draws, emerging as group winners and progressing to the semi-finals. In a highly anticipated local derby, they faced Douglas Ewart H.S. and displayed a magnificent performance, triumphing with a resounding 3-0 victory. In the final, they squared off against Dalbeattie High School, a team that had conceded very few goals throughout the tournament and won all but one of their matches. Stranraer knew they faced a tough challenge, and the game ended in a draw despite numerous chances at both ends. The tournament outcome was determined by a penalty shootout, with Dalbeattie emerging as victors on this occasion. Stranraer gave their all, with two of their three penalties narrowly missing the mark, showcasing their tremendous effort and skill in their strikes.

As Stranraer Academy was categorised as a large school and Dalbeattie as a small school, both teams received a well-deserved trophy, symbolising their achievements.

After an exhilarating day of football, Stranraer Academy returned westward along the A75, proudly bearing the Stuart Binnie trophy as the inaugural winners—an incredibly fitting tribute under the circumstances.



UNDER 18'S GIRLS REGIONAL TEAM



Congratulations to Ailsa Erskine and Charley Hilferty on their selection to represent the first-ever Dumfries and Galloway Girls' Under-18 squad. Both girls showcased their skills and dedication as they played alongside the team in their match against Glasgow at Palmerston Park on Thursday. Despite the final score ending in a 2-1 victory for Glasgow, all the girls performed admirably and displayed excellent sportsmanship.

REGIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

On Monday 6th March, our U13's, U14's and U16's played home league matches against Dumfries High School. Two draws and a win were recorded. Details for each match are as follows:

U13 Stranraer 3 - 3 DHS U13

Goalscorers: Jonny Wither, Aeron Baxter, Finn McLean

Player of the Match: Jonny Wither

U14 Stranraer 3 - 3 DHS U14

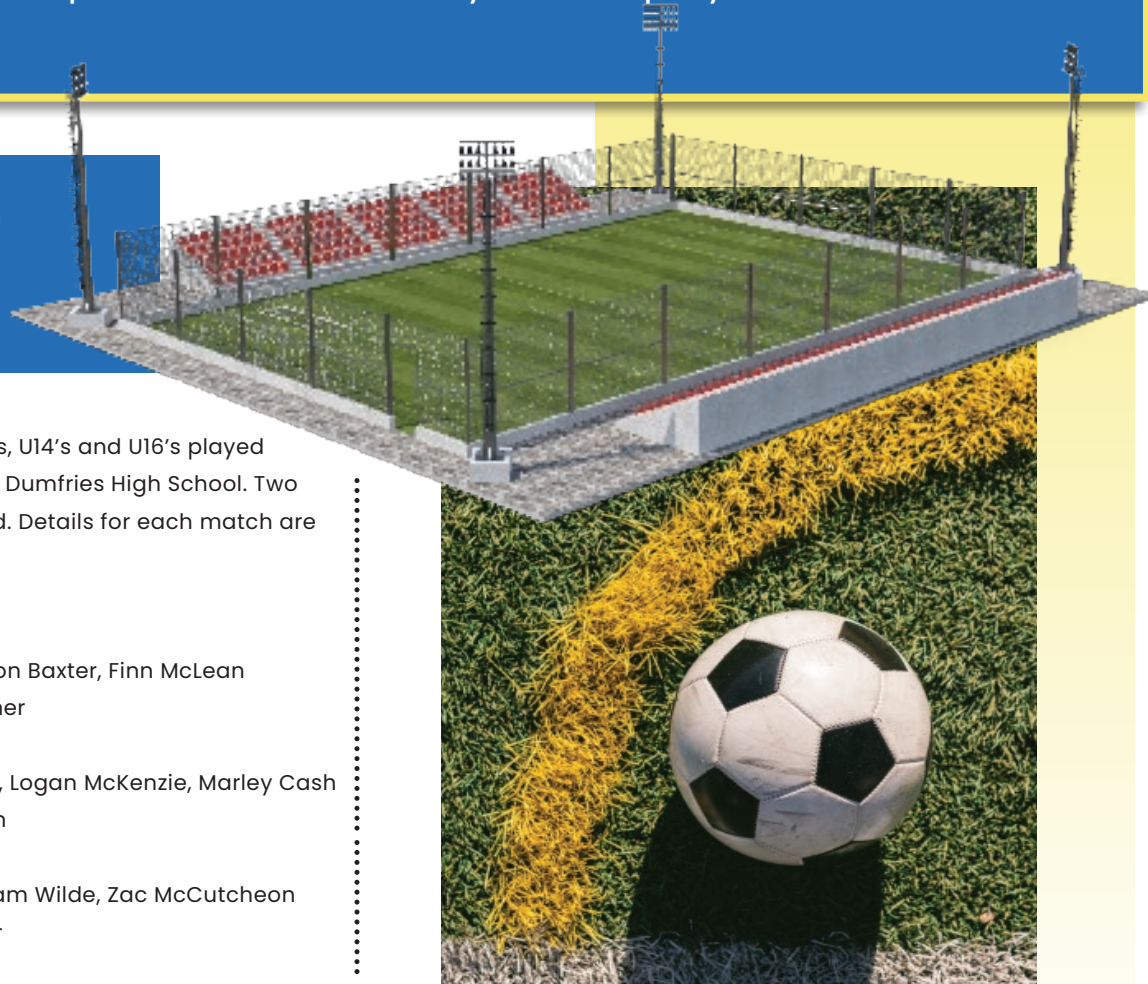
Goalscorers: Owen McCalmont, Logan McKenzie, Marley Cash

Player of the Match: Niall Tilston

U16 Stranraer 4 - 1 DHS U16

Goalscorers: Alfie Whorlow, Adam Wilde, Zac McCutcheon

Player of the Match: Scott Miller





U18 NEW FOOTBALL KIT



Exciting news! The U18 boys' team has just received a fresh set of senior football kits, proudly showcased below. We're thrilled to see our boys looking sharp and stylish in their new attire. We're certain everyone will agree that they look fantastic!



SCHOOL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP



The highly anticipated School Golf Championship unfolded on Friday, May 26th, 2023, at Stranraer Golf Club. We are delighted to announce the outstanding winners of the event:

Champion: Harry Lockwood, recipient of the prestigious John Monteith trophy, achieved an impressive scratch score of 86.

In the handicap section, the top performers based on stableford scoring were:

Struan Young with a remarkable 50 points, Mason Bell with an excellent 37 points, and Duncan Barrowman with a commendable 34 points.

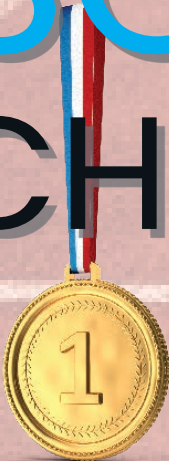
Congratulations to all the participating pupils for their remarkable efforts and sportsmanship!



DISABILITY SPORTS



TEAM SCOTTISH CHAMPIONS



Stranraer Academy proudly selected ten exceptional young individuals to represent the school at the Regional Disability Athletics event in Dumfries. Engaging in a variety of thrilling activities such as long jump, softball throw, shot put, and sprinting in either the 50m or 100m race, all participants showcased their remarkable skills. The day was filled with camaraderie as they interacted with students from other schools, enjoying every moment of the event. Furthermore, five outstanding pupils, namely William Ferguson, Logan Spiers, Tylor Alexander, Andrew Brown, and Daniel McDevitt, were chosen to join the Dumfries and Galloway regional team in Grangemouth. Competing in three events, their cumulative scores led to outstanding achievements. Despite the long day and early start, these remarkable boys secured medals in their respective categories. William claimed the silver, Logan and Andrew proudly earned bronze, while Tylor and Daniel emerged as gold medalists. Congratulations to all the participants for their exceptional effort and accomplishments at both events!

CROSS COUNTRY

Regional Cross Country Success!

Congratulations

After a hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Dumfries and Galloway Regional Cross-Country Championships made a triumphant return, attracting enthusiastic participation from secondary schools across the region. Stranraer Academy proudly fielded a team of 28 students from S1-6 for this year's event, held at Dalbeattie High School. While the weather was generally favourable, the ground conditions could best be described as muddy and heavy. Undeterred by the challenging terrain, our determined participants gave their all, resulting in numerous successes for Stranraer Academy. We commend all our runners for their exceptional efforts, with several achieving top 10 placements in their respective races.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the following exceptional individuals for their outstanding performances:

S1 Girls:

Olivia Turtle: Remarkable achievement, securing 2nd place.

S1 Boys:

Murray Williams: Impressive display, securing 3rd place.

Reece Edgar: Noteworthy performance, finishing in 9th place.

S2 Girls:

Ruth Turtle: Well-deserved 5th place, showcasing great skill.

S3 Girls:

Mirren Gibb: Phenomenal success, claiming 1st place.

S3 Boys:

Zac McCutcheon: Remarkable performance, securing 3rd place.

Finlay Brown: Commendable effort, finishing in 6th place.

S4 Girls:

Laura Donnan: Outstanding achievement, securing 3rd place.

Emma Barrowman: Admirable performance, finishing in 8th place.

S5/6 Girls:

Ailsa Erskine: Noteworthy display, securing 6th place.

Emily Ferguson: Impressive effort, finishing in 7th place.

We also extend our sincere congratulations to the S3 boys' team for their triumphant first-place finish in their event. Additionally, kudos to the S1 boys' team for securing a well-deserved second place in their event.

We applaud all the participants for their incredible efforts and commend their dedication and sportsmanship on the day. Well done to everyone involved!

CURLING

STRANRAER WIN THE MCCLUNE MEMORIAL BONSPIEL



In February, the Curling teams from Stranraer Academy embarked on a journey to Lockerbie Ice Rink to compete in the Andrew JK McClune Memorial Schools Bonspiel. Facing off against school rinks from various regions, both teams exhibited exceptional skill and determination.

We are delighted to announce their remarkable achievements:

The 1st place trophy was secured by the team consisting of Christopher Taylor as skip, along with Finn McLean, Adam Hale, and Rebecca O'Sullivan.

The 2nd place trophy was earned by the team led by Louise Church as skip, accompanied by Katie Keegan, Dylan Pirrie, and Erin Jamieson.

Congratulations to all the talented curlers for their fabulous performances! Their dedication and skill truly shone through, bringing pride to Stranraer Academy.



Junior Netball Festival

SENIOR NETBALL FESTIVAL RESULTS



On Friday, May 19th, two teams from Stranraer Academy embarked on a journey to King George V in Dumfries to participate in the highly anticipated Junior Netball Festival. The morning session presented challenging games, but the teams were grouped accordingly for the afternoon matches. Stranraer A entered the afternoon session competing for the shield, while Stranraer B aimed for the cup. Stranraer A displayed remarkable teamwork and determination, securing 2 wins and a draw to emerge as the victorious shield winners! Stranraer B, entering the afternoon session with high spirits despite tough morning defeats, fought valiantly and concluded the day with 1 win and 2 close losses. Their efforts earned them a well-deserved 3rd place in the cup section, along with medals as a reward. A player of the tournament was recognized for each team, with Rosie Thompson named as Stranraer A's Player of the Tournament and Lilly Weatherby as Stranraer B's Player of the Tournament. We extend our congratulations to all the girls who participated in the festival. Both teams thoroughly enjoyed their day of netball, basking in the sunshine and creating lasting memories.

On Monday, June 12th, our senior netball team embarked on a journey to King George V in Dumfries to participate in the highly anticipated Senior Netball Festival. Despite the scorching hot weather, the girls showcased brilliant performances, securing two wins out of five games during the morning session. Their impressive results propelled them into the afternoon session, where they competed for the plate. As the day progressed, fatigue set in, but the girls persevered and concluded with three wins and a draw. The day culminated in a triumphant victory as the girls emerged as the winners of the plate, a well-deserved accolade. It was a joyous occasion as the girls relished playing netball in the sunshine, and the presence of several S6 leavers added to the festivities. Each and every girl was an absolute credit to the school, displaying exemplary sportsmanship and skill. The player of the tournament title was awarded to Alana Mawson, whose exceptional contributions to the team earned her this well-deserved recognition. Congratulations, Alana, on your outstanding performance!



UNDER 16 GIRLS REGIONAL RUGBY

RUGBY



FINALS

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Following their successful qualification, Stranraer made their way to Stewartry Rugby Club for the D&G Schools Girls Finals. Their first opponents were Moffat, and Stranraer started off slowly, perhaps underestimating their opponents. Moffat quickly capitalized and scored three unanswered tries. However, Stranraer found their rhythm and managed to score two tries of their own through excellent wide passing. Moffat responded with two well-executed tries, ultimately leading to their victory with 8 tries to Stranraer's 4.

Up next were the tournament favorites and eventual winners, Wallace Hall. Wallace Hall started strong, scoring three tries while Stranraer fought back with one of their own. However, Wallace Hall maintained their momentum and added four more tries before halftime, with Stranraer scoring one more. In the second half, Wallace Hall continued their dominance, applying pressure and extending their lead. They emerged as the winners with a score of 13-2. It is worth noting that Wallace Hall had a skilled and experienced squad that regularly participates in matches, which made a difference. Nevertheless, Stranraer displayed resilience and never gave up. Line breaks, and after some quick rucking and slick hands Stranraer scored the winning

Regional Rugby Finals

On 24th March, 15 of our U14 boys head to Dumfries to take part in the regional finals. It was a very successful day, with all 15 boys playing their socks off. Today was a bit off a different format than the boys were used to, and they adapted to it brilliantly. We came third overall with two wins, two draws and one narrow defeat, gaining 11 of a possible 14 points.

Jack played fullback today, and boy he had a great game, some amazing tackles. Mackenzie and Calvin were on top form scoring 3 tries each. Douglas and Mason followed with 2 tries each.

Throughout the game there was some fantastic tackling from James, Aidan and Malcolm. Murray and Gregor did a great job of ball delivery throughout the game.

Ollie, Andrew, J-Jo, Jeronimo and Adam gave great support throughout the game, with Adams speed helping deliver the ball out to the wing giving us the advantage.

I would like to thank David and John for helping with the boys today as well. Everyone behaved well, and did the school and club proud.

It took a bit of picking today for man of the match, but we decided James Kirkbride deserved it. The tackles he was pulling were amazing, and we feel he deserves this title today."

Well done boys!

Stranraer Academy PE Dept would like to thank the staff and coaches who assisted on the day.



U16 & U18 GIRLS RUGBY REGIONAL SELECT

We are thrilled to announce the squad selection for the U16 and U18 Regional teams, and we are proud to share that 5 of our pupils have been chosen to represent the Glasgow South Region. This remarkable achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of these talented individuals. Let's congratulate the following pupils on their selection:

Under 16:

Abbie Johnstone
Aylie Jamieson
Rhianna Bodle
Emily Russell

Under 18:

Niamh Wilson

RUGBY



These girls will now have the opportunity to compete against other Regional teams from across Scotland. These games will also serve as the platform for the Scottish national team selection. We wish our selected pupils the best of luck as they showcase their skills and strive to earn a spot on the Scottish national team. Well done, and good luck, girls!



On Tuesday 13th June, athletes from Stranraer Academy showed great resilience as they participated in the Regional athletics event despite challenging weather conditions. With temperatures reaching around 30°C in Dumfries, the pupils performed admirably. Notable achievements included Callum Thomson securing first place in the High Jump, Mirren Gibb winning the 800m race, and Abi McKinstry taking first place in the 400m event. Additionally, William Tears demonstrated impressive skills by earning second place in both the High Jump and Long Jump, while Murray Williams achieved second place in the 800m race and third place in the High Jump. The senior girls relay team secured an impressive second place, showcasing their teamwork and speed. Luke McGarrie showcased his jumping abilities, earning third place in the High Jump. Alfie Murdoch and Riley Dorans demonstrated their talents, securing fourth place in the 800m race and the 100m race respectively, with Riley also earning second place in the Long Jump. Zac McCutcheon showcased his speed and stamina, securing fourth place in the 400m event.

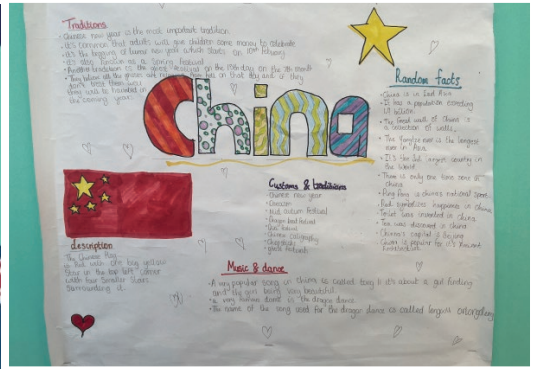
In addition to the athletics results, we are thrilled to announce that five of our pupils have been selected for the Glasgow South Region in the U16 and U18 categories. This outstanding achievement reflects their dedication and skills. We extend our congratulations to Abbie Johnstone, Aylie Jamieson, Rhianna Bodle, Emily Russell (U16), and Niamh Wilson (U18). These talented individuals will now compete against other Regional teams from across Scotland, with the opportunity to be considered for the Scottish national team selection. We commend their accomplishments and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

RESULTS ATHLETICS REGIONAL



WORK HARD | AIM HIGH | BE KIND | NO EXCUSES

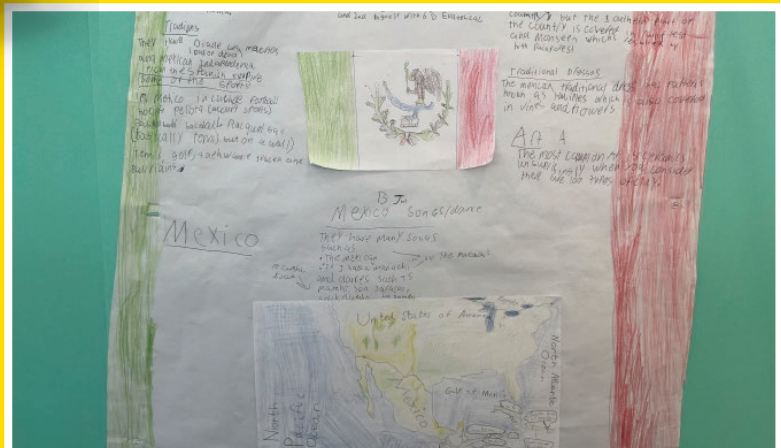
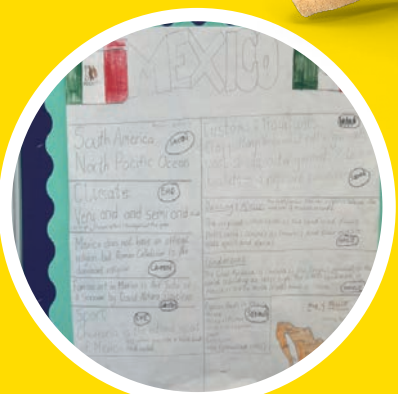
S1 CULTURE UNIT



In the Home Economics curriculum, there is a fascinating unit called S1 Culture. During this unit, students collaborate in groups to explore various countries worldwide. Each group selects a country, prepares traditional dishes from that country, and creates an informative poster showcasing the broader cultural aspects. Finally, they present their findings and experiences to the rest of the class.



S1 Culture Unit in Home Economics



GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL SWIM MEET

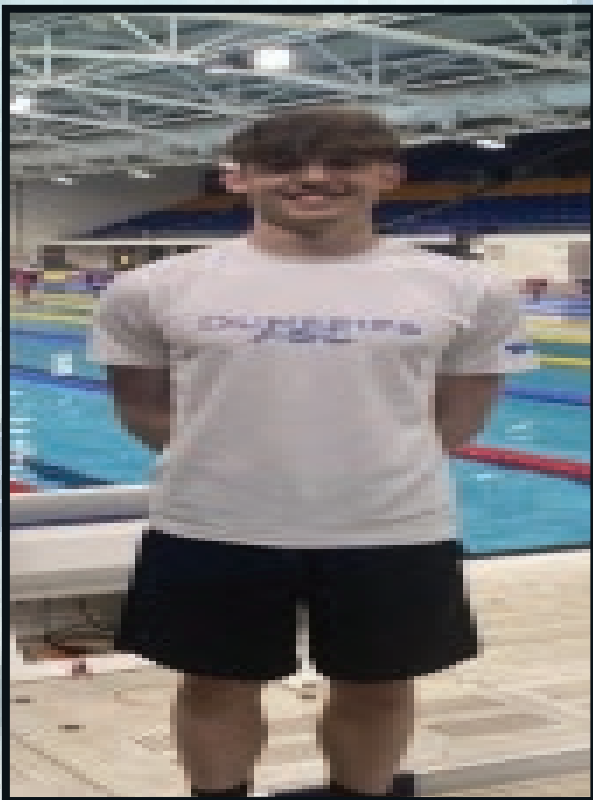


Finlay Nelson and Millie Colvin Make Waves at Glasgow International Swim Meet

It was a weekend filled with excitement and triumph for young swimmers Finlay Nelson and Millie Colvin as they showcased their exceptional talent at the Glasgow International Swim Meet. The duo's remarkable achievements left both the audience and their school proud.

Finlay Nelson, a rising star in the swimming world, captured the under 16 Junior Champion title for the 50m Butterfly event. Not only did he secure the victory, but he also achieved a personal best, showcasing his dedication and hard work in the pool. Finlay's remarkable performance is a testament to his relentless pursuit of excellence.

Not to be outdone, Millie Colvin displayed her incredible skill and determination in the 200m Butterfly event. She claimed the under 16 Junior Champion title, thrilling the crowd with her exceptional performance. Millie's dedication and perseverance paid off as she achieved an astonishing personal best, proving that her commitment to the sport knows no bounds.



Stuart Binnie 3G Pitch Renaming Day



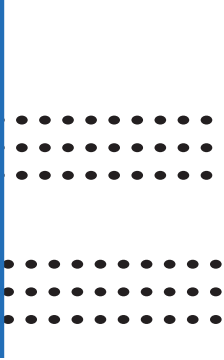
On Saturday, 24th June, a Fun Day took place at Stranraer Academy to pay tribute to Stuart Binnie, a highly respected former staff member who tragically passed away in 2021. Stuart dedicated his entire career of 37 years to the Academy, where he was renowned as a remarkable PE teacher and PT of the Healthy Living Faculty.

During the event, the Academy's 3G pitch was officially renamed as The Stuart Binnie Arena, and a Memorial was unveiled to commemorate his memory. The day was filled with a plethora of activities for children, including face painting, bouncy castles, balloon twisting, glitter tattoos, and an entertaining performance by Douglas the Clown.

The Fun Day also attracted the presence of emergency services personnel from Police Scotland, The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and the RNLI Coastguard. Additionally, primary school football and netball tournaments were held, followed by a walking football match involving Stranraer FC's walking team. The day culminated with an exhibition match featuring Stranraer Reserves and Stranraer legends.

With a remarkable turnout, the event proved to be an immense triumph and brought joy to all who attended.





STUART BINNIE 3G PITCH RENAMING DAY



STUART BINNIE 3G PITCH RENAMING DAY



*Always in our thoughts and will forever
remain in our hearts*

Mr Stuart Binnie



The Rotary Club of Stranraer
**EXEMPLARY SERVICE
AWARD**

presented to a
Stranraer Academy Staff Member

*in recognition of their ordinary and exemplary
service to others during the school year*

"Service Above Self"

The Learning Centre



AIRD TRIP TO PORTLOGAN FISHPOND

On the delightful day of Friday, 2nd June, a group of Aird's staff and students embarked on an excursion to Portlogan fishpond. They enjoyed a guided tour of the pond and cave, encountering a variety of fascinating sea creatures that they could observe and even interact with. The perfect finale to their adventure was a seaside treat of ice cream, relished on the sandy shores. It was a memorable day filled with exploration, hands-on experiences, and the sweet taste of summertime delights.



AIRD TRIP TO KITCHEN COOS AND EWES

The visit to Kitchen Coos and Ewes proved to be an unforgettable experience for the pupils from Aird. Neale and Janet McQuistin graciously guided the young learners through the farm, offering a firsthand glimpse into the world of agriculture. However, the true star of the show was Fergus, the charming highland bull calf who captured everyone's hearts. The students left with lasting memories of their time at the farm, gaining a deeper appreciation for rural life and the wonders of nature.



The Learning Centre aka Team GT3

At Stranraer Academy students learn in a variety of settings, using a variety of learning approaches. In session 203/24 young people who learn within the school's Learning Centre will have a new approach to learning.

The learning Centre class has been rebranded by the students as Team GT3, we have consulted an Occupational Therapy Company to improve the learning environment, to better meet the needs of the learners. This work will be carried out within the holidays.

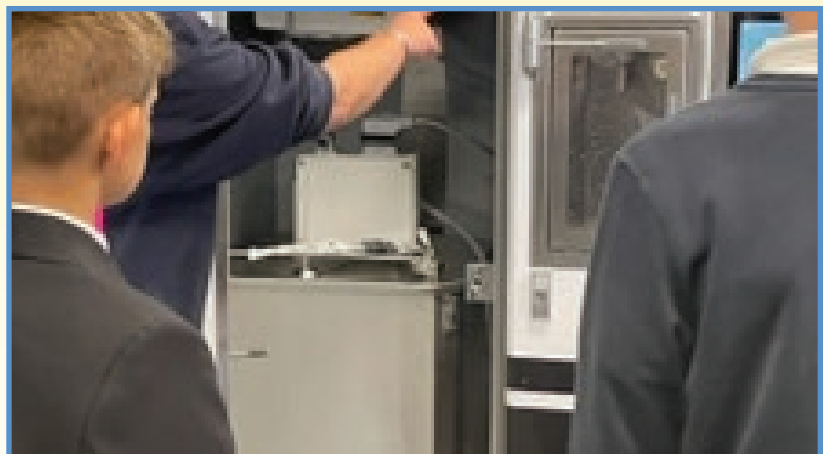
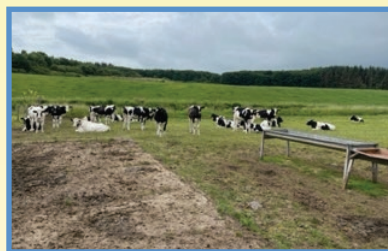
The curriculum is also being developed, in consultation with our school Educational Psychologist. This curriculum will be based on experiential learning. Experiential learning Theory was proposed by David Kolb in 1984. It is based on learning through doing.

The GT3 team will be learning and doing. This has begun with their enterprise activity "The Wee Aird Milk Service" pupils have worked during May and June to set up a service to staff, whereby staff order milk through the team, pay and the pupils collect and deliver the milk.

The pupils have used literacy skills to email staff, used ICT skills to set up electronic forms, used Maths to calculate the costings and used listening and talking skills to collect money from staff. In addition they carried out their own risk assessment of the service.

On Tuesday 20th the class visited the farm to learn more about the process. This was an important part of Farm to Fork fortnight. They saw all aspects of farming, the pasteurization process and even inside the milk vending machine.

Pupils will also be taking part in learning for sustainability project. In a joint initiative with the Incredible Edibles team at the community garden from August to October. We have visited the garden for the first time this and the pupils went straight to work harvesting new potatoes and broad beans.





JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA



Stanford University, California

Stranraer Academy is delighted to announce that five outstanding senior students have been chosen to participate in the esteemed Junior State of America summer program at Stanford University in California, starting on 7th July 2023. This extraordinary opportunity marks a significant milestone for the Academy, as these students are the first non-American pupils to be accepted into the program. The Academy would like to express its sincerest gratitude to Dunskey Estate and the exceptional mentorship provided by Anne Tristine Nguyen from Dunskey Estate in Port Patrick for their invaluable support in nurturing talent from Stranraer Academy. The school community couldn't be prouder of these students, whose exceptional dedication and intellectual prowess have earned them this remarkable achievement. A heartfelt congratulations to Abbie Arkless, Adam Rankin, Kayleigh MacDonald, Lachlan Ross, and Marni Ugbode.



LANGUAGES





S1 ACCELERATED READER RESULTS

Congratulations to 1A who topped the leaderboard for 2022/23, reading a phenomenal total of 8,715,185 words since September. Over 4 million of these words were contributed by Ava Lily Orr-Ewing who was recently awarded the S1 Reading Award for this year.

Analysis of this session's Accelerated Reader results demonstrates that most pupils made progress with their reading levels, especially those who read regularly. However, overall quiz accuracy is down on previous years. We have created a display in the Languages and Communication Base to encourage more pupils to not only read regularly, but to read with care so their quiz answers are as accurate as possible.

How can I help my child with their reading?

Encourage your child/ward to read regularly for short periods of time; 20 minutes five nights a week is a great start. This should be from a book within their AR Book Level, and should be done with no digital distractions. When time is up, ask them what they are enjoying about their reading, who their favourite character is in the book, or if they have learned anything from it. If they are struggling to remember details, encourage them to write a brief summary of each chapter or section – this will also help them when they take the quiz at the end of the book.

For information on books within the Accelerated Reader scheme, please see the AR Bookfinder website: <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/default.aspx>

Thanks!





Young Writer of the Year

The winners of our Young Writer of the Year competition have been announced. Once again there was a huge number of entries and the wide range of work was testament to the talent at Stranraer Academy. The judges enjoyed reading all of the entries, so it was very difficult to make a final decision. However, this year's overall winner was Erin Caldwell (S1). Erin received a £30 voucher and a goody bag of surprises for her short story: What Lies in the Depths.

2nd place was awarded to Erin McCulloch S2 for her modern zombie story entitled The Lost Lovers and 3rd place went to Olivia Turtle for her historical story called The Lost Lamb. Both runners up received a £10 voucher and a goody bag.

The judges were so impressed they decided to give the following students a Special Mention and a goody bag each. In no particular order:

Lloyd Murdoch S3 who wrote an interesting report on local angling

Zac Ashton S3 for his poem The Colours of War

Maisy Sharp S2 for her story The Sheep Have Gone Rogue

Joshua Fraser S3 for his story The Meetings

Ollie Ryan S2 for his story Keep Your Head in the Game.

Well done everyone!





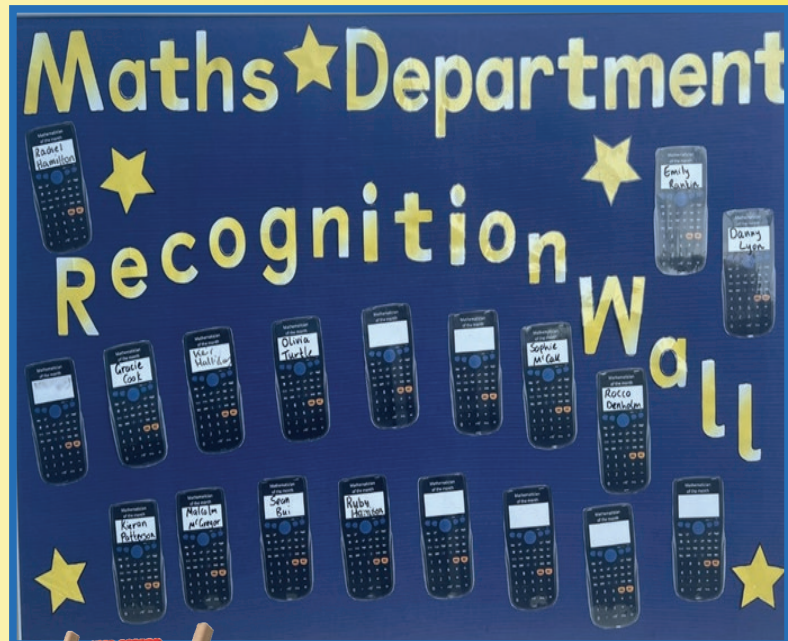
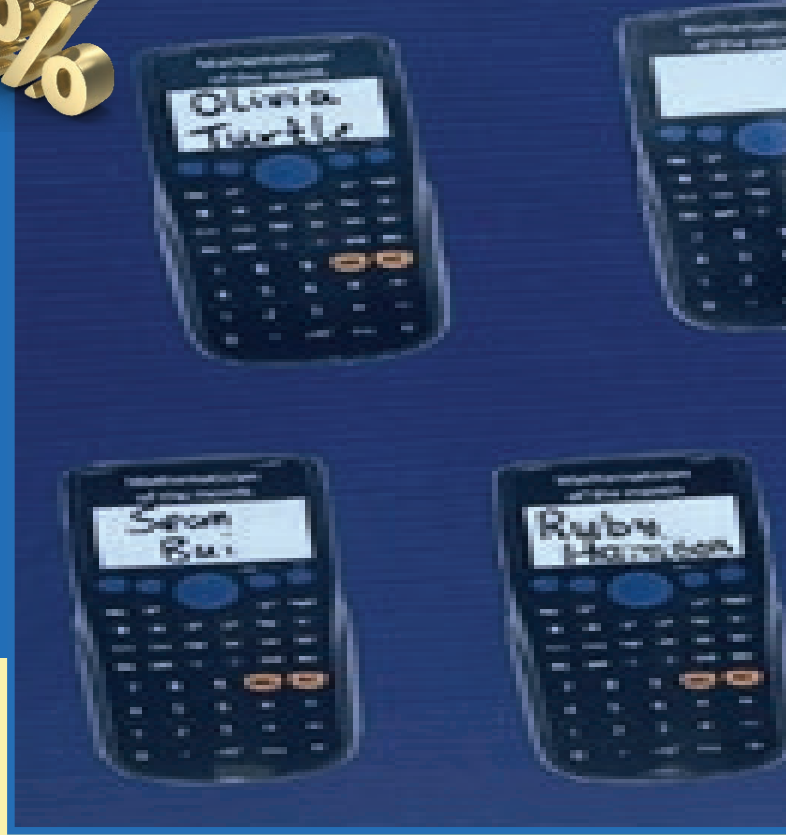
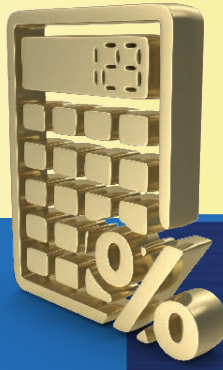
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Information by Mrs Brown

The Wall of Recognition

The Maths department have created a wall of Recognition to recognise and celebrate our learners' successes. Pupils have a chance to have their name put up on the wall for achieving good results in assessments or homeworks, effort, work and contributions they have made in class etc. Well done to everyone who has made it on to the Wall of Recognition so far, and good luck everyone for next session – we want to see lots more names.





MEASUREMENT

Our S1 classes have been actively engaged in the captivating realm of 'Measurement.' As an exciting culmination of their efforts, Mrs. Beggs and Ms. Grierson orchestrated a field trip to the MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area). Here, our budding learners had the opportunity to put their newfound skills to the test, honing their ability to measure distances and perimeters with precision. Additionally, they embarked on the journey of converting between different units of length, expanding their knowledge and practical application. It was a practical and immersive experience that reinforced their understanding of measurement concepts and sparked their curiosity for further exploration.





Numeracy Ninjas

And at long last, they have made their triumphant return! The esteemed mathematics department has reintroduced the highly acclaimed Numeracy Ninja Programme, now available to all students in S1 to S3. This dynamic initiative aims to bridge any gaps in numeracy proficiency and cultivate a heightened level of fluency in essential numeracy skills, vital for excelling in our mathematics courses. Our learners are empowered with instant feedback and have the means to track their own progress as they progress through the various ranks, symbolised by different belt colours. It is heartening to witness the burgeoning confidence of our students during math lessons as they apply these critical skills with assurance. Moreover, the pupils across all three year groups derive genuine enjoyment from the invigorating Numeracy Ninja sessions, fostering a positive and engaging learning experience.



P7

TRANSITION

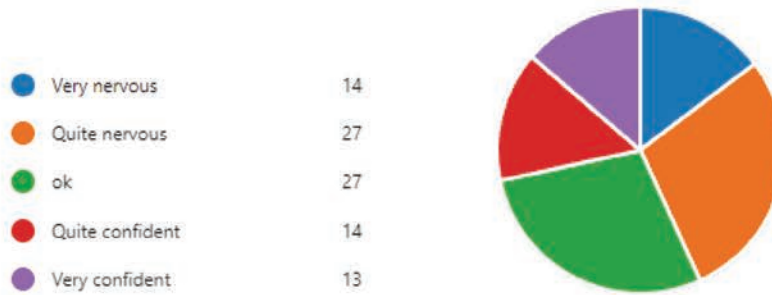
The P7 transition program for this year has been in progress since November 2022. All primary school students were given the chance to visit Stranraer Academy for a walkthrough experience, and later in May, they spent a full day attending classes. To establish connections with the P7 students, a support for learning assistant has been working across all primary schools. For those requiring additional support during the transition, visits to the Academy were arranged either individually or in small groups.

During their visits, the pupils were provided with their S1 timetables at the primary school and were given the opportunity to ask any questions they had. Following this, the students attended Stranraer Academy for three days, specifically on the 13th, 14th, and 15th of June, following their respective timetables. An information session was held for parents on the 14th, ensuring that everyone is well-prepared for S1 starting in August. It is evident that the pupils and their parents have approached the transition with readiness and enthusiasm.

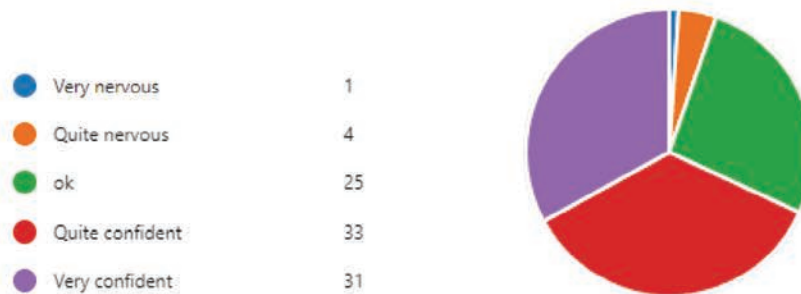




How nervous were you before the transition program?

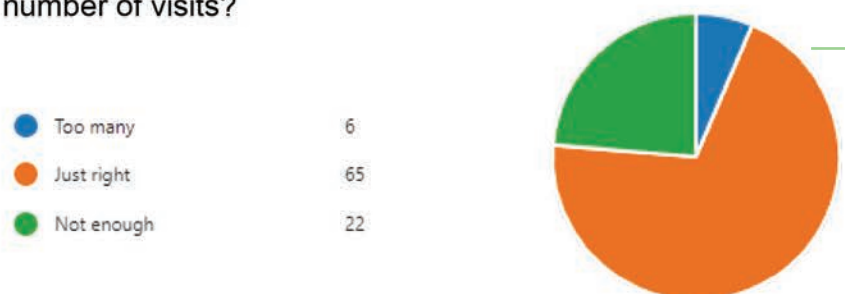


How nervous were you before the transition program?



From 43% very or quite nervous to 5% very or quite nervous

How were the number of visits?



70% thought it was just right

**PUPIL
FEEDBACK**

What might have helped you more?

little more time
 teachers bigger
 transitions without the guides
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 little classes to classes
 wich classes days **class time** right class
 map of classes school people nope
 Finding some classes Maybe if we got
 guides had made sure wander about the school



Most young people said nothing more could have been done, those who responded wanted more time, more days and less guides on the last day

Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

61% said no

The comments which were made were in the main positive

- It was fun x 2
- I really like it here
- Hannah one of the s2s now helped me when I was lost trying to get to the toilet
- thank you x 2
- I'm very excited about moving up
- It's very hard to remember every classroom and where your going but I'm getting used to it.
- The classes are good but maybe arrange it so we don't need substitutes for the time we are at the academy
- i enjoyed most things
- I loved the academy its great
- The 3 day transition has helped me to be more confident
- I thought the teachers were nice
- It was fun and was different but good
- I enjoyed school for the first time in years

**PUPIL
 FEEDBACK**

OCEAN YOUTH TRUST

Ocean Youth Trust Scotland is a charity that helps young people build confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills through sailing and adventure.

Pupils from Stranraer academy have been taking part in these sailing trips, organised and coordinated by Millennium Centre Youth, since March 2022. There has been lots of young people setting sail to new experiences.

I recently got an amazing opportunity to be a young leader on a voyage and support and watch young people develop self-confidence and lots of new skills.

Personally, I believe that Ocean Youth Trust Scotland gives young people a new environment to learn and succeed in.

Young people who embark on these voyages gain lots of new skills and SQA qualifications that couldn't be achieved in a school environment. Once 16 young people can go back and take part in bosun training which can lead to you becoming a volunteer at Ocean Youth Trust which then allows you to take part in even more voyages and watch the positive effect that the voyages have on young people.

Ocean Youth Trust doesn't only include sailing voyages but can open you up to a new pathway of opportunities. I personally got the opportunity to take part in a 7-day youth exchange that focused on inclusion, all through Ocean Youth Trust Scotland.

I highly recommend taking part in Ocean Youth Trust Scotland if you get the opportunity.

by Eilidh Lowe S5

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OCEAN YOUTH TRUST



Here are some other quotes obtained from young people last week who attended one of the Ocean Youth Trust recent trips.

I think the sailing trips are brilliant and they are something completely new. They gave me a lot of confidence and new friends.

I really enjoyed the sailing trips and gained lots of self confidence and sailing skills. It's definitely worth a shot - it was great and I loved every second.

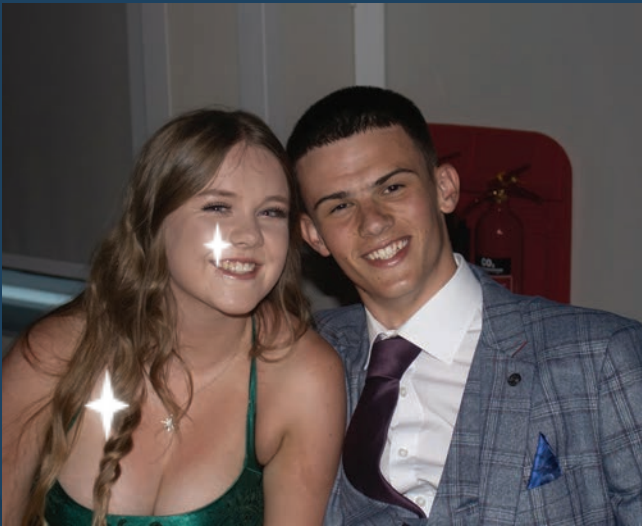
I think the sailing trip was very good and was an amazing experience and I would love to do it again.

The trip helped me come out of my shell and become more confident. I made lots of new friends and I had a mega time. I would definitely do it again.

I found the trip amazing and it was very good for my mental health. I enjoyed everything it was hard work but worth it in the end. I gained a lot of confidence.

The sailing trip was excellent. I gained so many friends and enjoyed the experience. I would love to continue sailing because it is fun and exciting and opens up new opportunities.

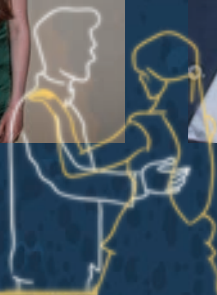
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Pupil Council



HANNAH McCANDLISH

I HAVE FOUND THE PUPIL COUNCIL TO BE A GREAT WAY TO HAVE YOUR SAY AND SPEAK UP FOR OTHERS. IT IS AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE AT STRANRAER ACADEMY FROM S1'S ALL THE WAY TO S6'S.

PEOPLE OFTEN COME UP TO ME AND ASK WHEN THE NEXT PUPIL COUNCIL MEETING AND TELL ME WHAT POINTS THEY WANT RAISED. IT GIVES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD AND HEAR OTHER PEOPLE'S POINT OF VIEWS.

I WOULD ENCOURAGE PUPILS TO JOIN AS IT CAN ALSO HELP YOU MEET NEW PEOPLE THAT YOU CAN BE FRIENDS WITH ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEARS. IT REALLY IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO TRY AND ONE I'M GLAD I HAVE TAKEN.



DURING MY FIRST YEAR AT STRANRAER ACADEMY I HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO ENJOY MANY THINGS. ONE OF THE THINGS I HAVE MOST ENJOYED IS BEING PART OF THE PUPIL COUNCIL. I JOINED BECAUSE I WANTED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. OVER THE COURSE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, THERE HAS BEEN A FEW CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL THAT THE PUPIL COUNCIL HAVE MADE. AMONGST SOME OF THE CHANGES WERE THE BUSES NOT BEING SO LATE AND CREATING AN S1 ONLY BATHROOM. WE HAVE MADE MANY MORE CHANGES AND LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING A SAY IN ALL AREAS OF THE SCHOOL AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

ADRIAN DARGIE



Parting Words

Former Head Girl – Sophie Irvine-Watson



I have thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of Head Girl of Stranraer Academy and am proud to have earned this role. I have loved being part of the Pupil Leadership team as well as working closely with staff to ensure the school is becoming a better place. My aim for the year was to leave the school in a more positive place than the start of my year and I can confidently say I have achieved this. I have held regular pupil council meetings, organised the S6 Graduation, represented the school at multiple events, and made friendships with students of all years and much more. It has been a great honour being Head Girl and the skills I have learnt this year will be used throughout my life including delegation and time management. Finally I would like to wish the new Head Girl and Head Boy, as well as the new Pupil Leadership team the best of luck for the upcoming academic year, you will all do great and continue to improve all aspects of Stranraer Academy.

Former Head Boy – Jack Camlin

As head boy I feel I left the school in a much better position than I would have without it. I enjoyed this role as it allowed me to do my best to make the school a better place. I wanted to make the pupil voice heard and I believe I helped to achieve that through the monthly pupil council meetings I ran with certain year groups. I was also lucky enough to represent the school at certain events and be presented with opportunities that I never would've been given if I had not taken this role on. I will use some of the core skills I have used as head boy moving on into further education and later life such as leadership and time management because these are some of the main components of the field of work I want to move in to. I cannot thank the school enough for giving me the opportunity to have this role and I'm sure whoever takes it on after me will achieve things greater than I did and leave the school in an even better place. I wish all the candidates the best of luck.



New Student Leadership

New Head Girl – Aoife Fisher



Hi, I am Aoife Fisher and I am delighted to have been selected to be this year's head girl for Stranraer Academy. I attended St Joseph's primary school at the beginning of my learning journey where I developed a keen love for sports and became enthusiastic about learning. Throughout my years at Stranraer Academy I have taken on many roles and responsibilities such as being a prefect, a Senior Support Ambassador and in my fifth year I volunteered with Scotland reads as a mentor to younger students. I am eager and excited for the year ahead and to bring new ideas to the school.

New Head Boy – Lachlan Ross

Hi, I'm Lachlan and I'm your new head boy for this year. I went to Portpatrick primary school before moving onto the academy, and in my time at the academy, I have achieved 7 National 5's, and (hopefully) 5 Highers, and this year I'm continuing on by doing 3 more Highers and an Advanced Higher. I'm very pleased that I have been appointed to this post and hope that I can do the best job possible in the time I have. If you have any questions or suggestions, just speak to me, or a member of the Pupil Leadership Team, and we will do our best to make something of it.






**PHYSICS
TEST**

SCIENCE

LUNCHTIME DROIDS

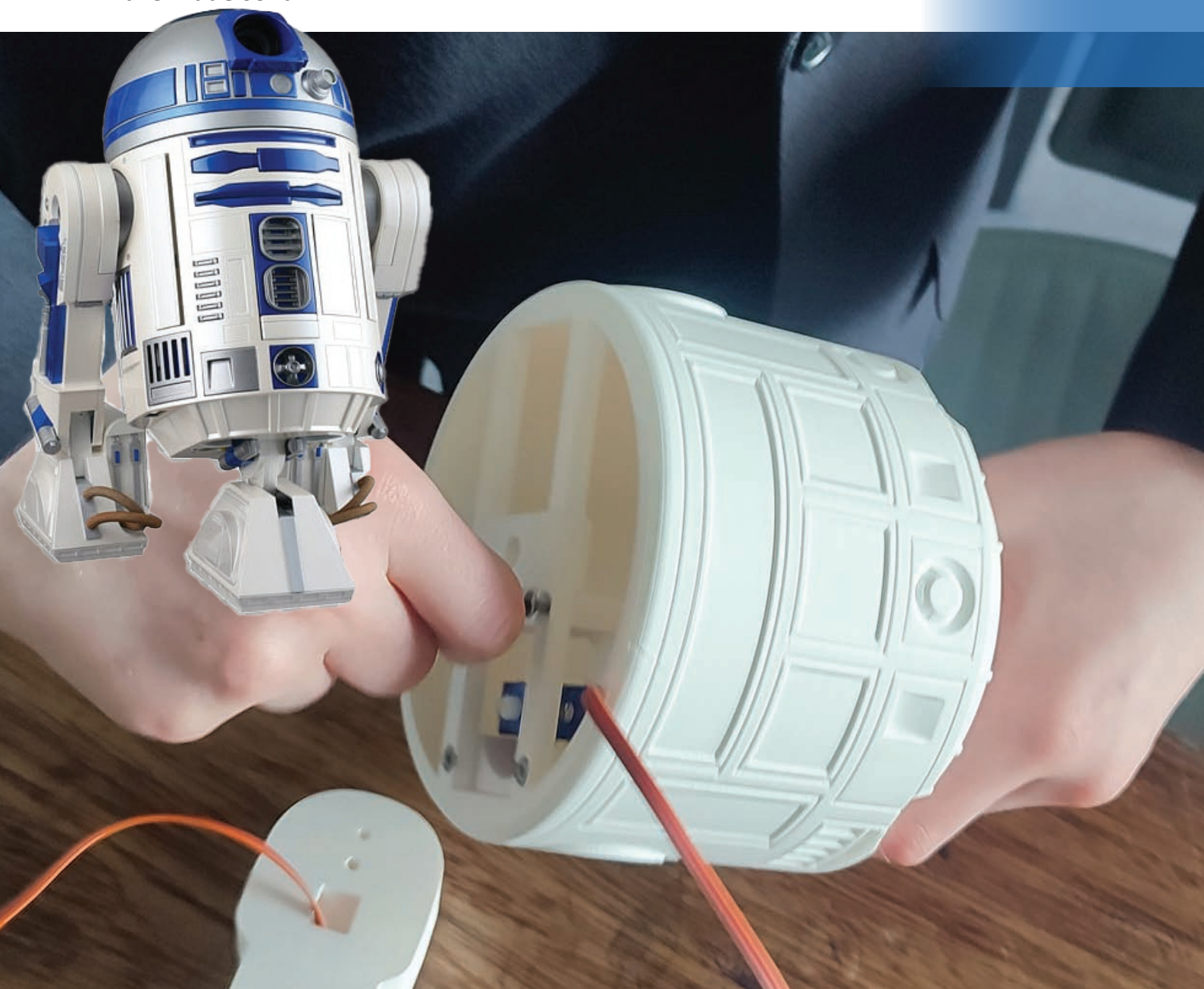
UNLEASHING CREATIVITY AND COLLABORATION

During our lunchtime sessions, Mr Cameron and some very talented pupils have been working on exciting droids. Although they are not yet complete, we just need to address the remote control electronics. We are optimistic that we will have them finished before the summer, although we may not have time to paint them.

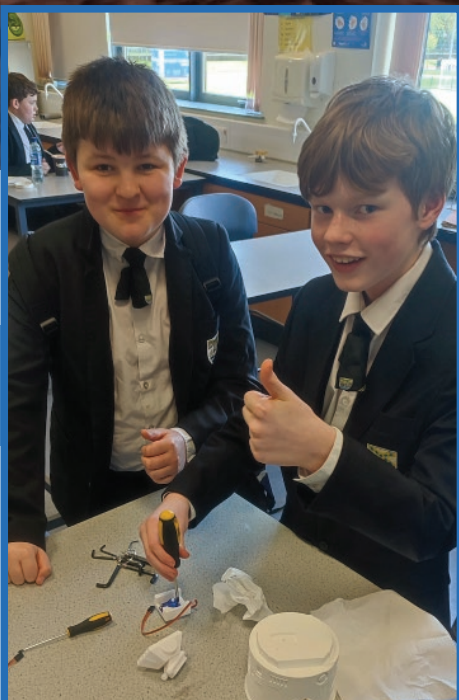
A group of two girls and nine boys regularly attends our Thursday sessions, and they have been enthusiastically involved in building three droids. Their dedication and teamwork have been exceptional.

Looking ahead, we aim to showcase our droids at a parents' or open night event in the coming academic year. It would be a fantastic opportunity to share the incredible work and creativity of our students with the wider community.

The pupils and Mr Cameron have put in significant effort and time to make these droids come to life. Their commitment and passion are evident in the progress they have made so far.



LUNCHTIME DROIDS



BGE S1 SCIENCE

We are excited to share with you the incredible array of topics our students have explored in BGE S1 Science this year. From fascinating subjects like introducing science, life elsewhere, and amazing atoms to the captivating realms of living things, matter, and electrical components, our young scientists have embarked on a remarkable scientific journey. They have also delved into the mysteries of Antarctica, fertilisation, and the intricate mechanisms of plants. But let us not forget the fantastic work they have accomplished in the energy and sampling topics. Through engaging experiments, our students have explored various forms of energy and its impact on our lives. Additionally, they have honed their scientific skills through data collection and analysis, providing valuable insights into the world around them. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and look forward to their continued growth in the world of science

Table Renewable sources will run out and are finite on the Earth.	Examples Solar power Wind power Biomass Geothermal Wave power Tidal Power Hydroelectric Power	Examples Oil Coal gas Nuclear	Non-Renewable What is Non-Renewable? Non-renewable will eventually run out and there is a finite amount on the Earth.
Generating Electricity			
Advantages We can find it anywhere and it runs out. It's free and produces no waste.	Disadvantages Tidal: The tides only happen twice a day, so you can only produce electricity for that time. Wind: we need a lot of turbines to make a difference.	Disadvantages Nuclear: Power stations are at risk from terrorist attacks and sabotage. Fossil fuels: Burning these fuels release greenhouse gases into the air which leads to global warming.	Advantages Coal: It is relatively cheap and energy dense. Oil & gas: They are found in many places in the world.

Generating Renewable Energy

Advantages - Wave Power

- Renewable and clean
- More reliable than other energy sources

Disadvantages

- Maintaining and building are very difficult.

Advantages - Solar Power

- Renewable and clean
- Efficient in sunnier countries, like Scotland.

Disadvantages

- The turbine can be damaged if the wind is too strong.
- If there's no wind, the work is lost.

Disadvantages

- They can only work during daylight.
- It can be expensive.

Advantages & disadvantages of each energy source:

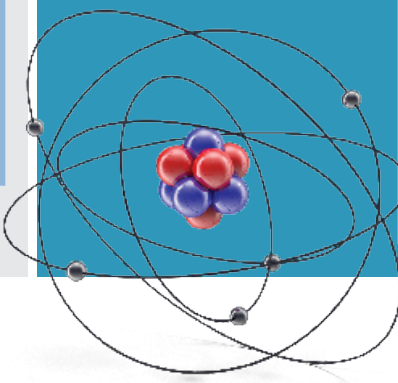
<p>BIOMASS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> advantage → we can find waste everywhere (can't run out). disadvantage → people grow biomass crops where we could grow food. 	<p>TIDAL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> advantage → we know when the tides will happen so we will know when electricity will be produced. disadvantage → the tides only happen twice a day.
<p>GEOTHERMAL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> advantage → the energy source is free. disadvantage → not a lot of places we can build geothermal power stations. 	<p>HYDRO-ELECTRIC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> advantage → water is free. disadvantage → the dam is expensive.

SOLAR.

- advantage** → the sun's energy is free.
- disadvantage** → some people don't like the look of solar panels.

Energy Sources:

<p>Biomass.</p> <p>Biomass uses the energy from plants and waste materials to make electricity.</p>	<p>Hydro-electric</p> <p>Hydro-electricity is generated from water. Dams are built across a lake or a valley to trap the water. The water can then be used to turn turbines to generate electricity.</p>
<p>Geothermal.</p> <p>Geothermal power uses the heat from the under surface of the Earth. The temperature of the Earth increases towards its centre. The hot water or steam within our planet can be used to make electricity.</p>	<p>Wave.</p> <p>Wave power uses the energy of the waves to turn turbines to generate electricity.</p>
<p>Tidal.</p> <p>Tidal energy comes from the movement of the water in the sea. The flow of water that is created by the tides is used to turn generators that make electricity.</p>	<p>Solar.</p> <p>Solar panels use photovoltaic cells to convert the energy from the sun into electricity.</p>

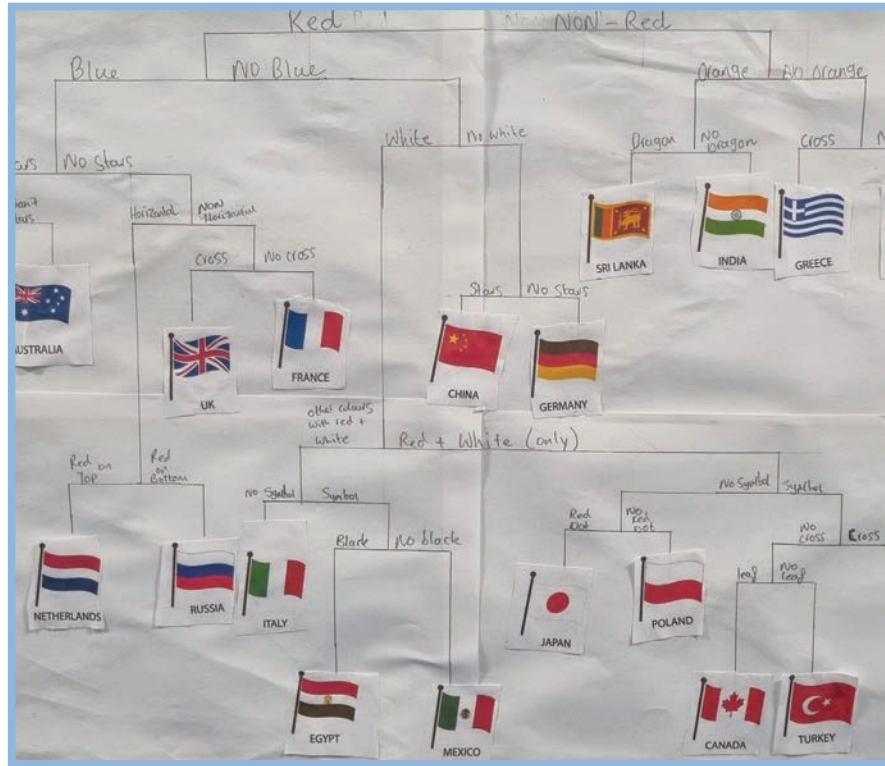
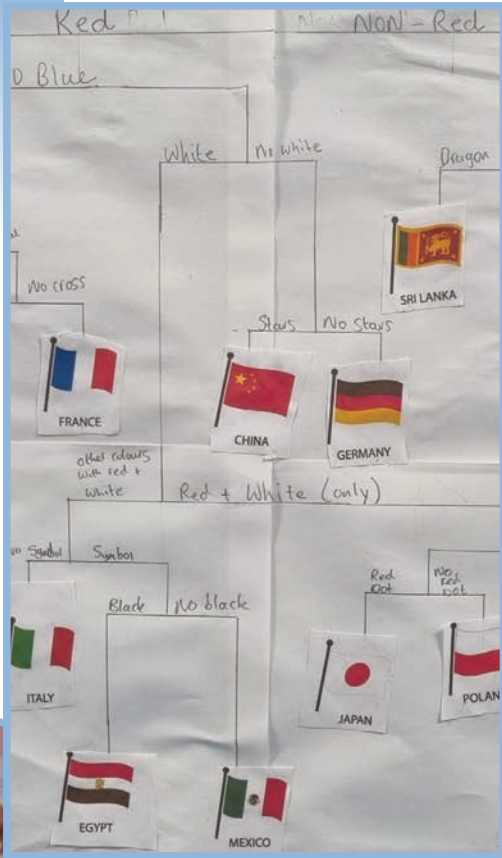


MR MEN

<p>MR. TICKLE.</p> <p>Character: Orange, round, with a single eye and a long tongue.</p>	<p>MR. BUMP.</p> <p>Character: Blue, round, with a single eye and a bump on his head.</p>
<p>MR. CHATTERBOX.</p> <p>Character: Red, round, with a single eye and a large mouth.</p>	<p>MR. STRONG.</p> <p>Character: Red, square, with a single eye and a large nose.</p>

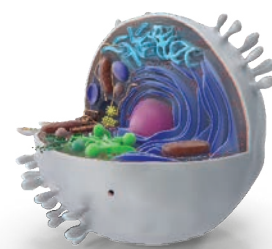
MR. BUSY (blue character) and MR. STRONG (red character) are also shown.

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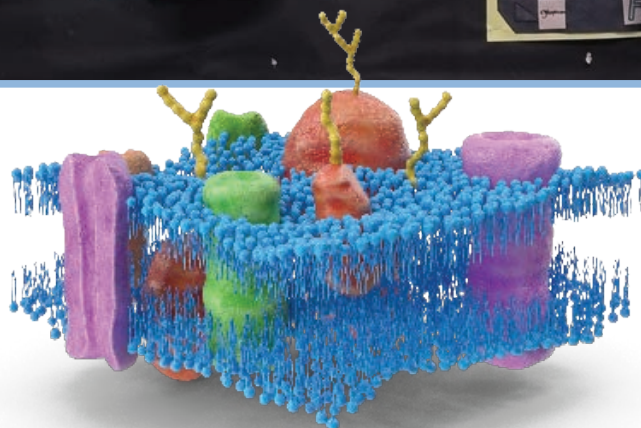
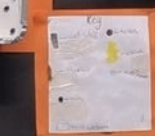
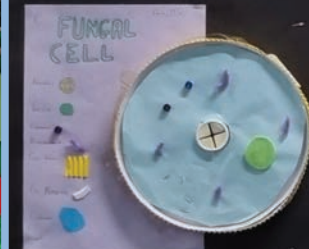
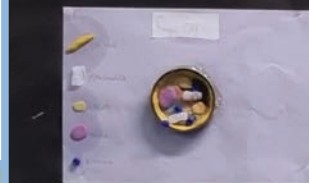
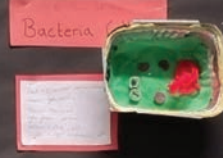
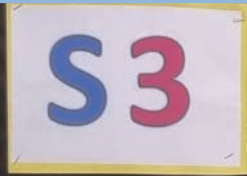
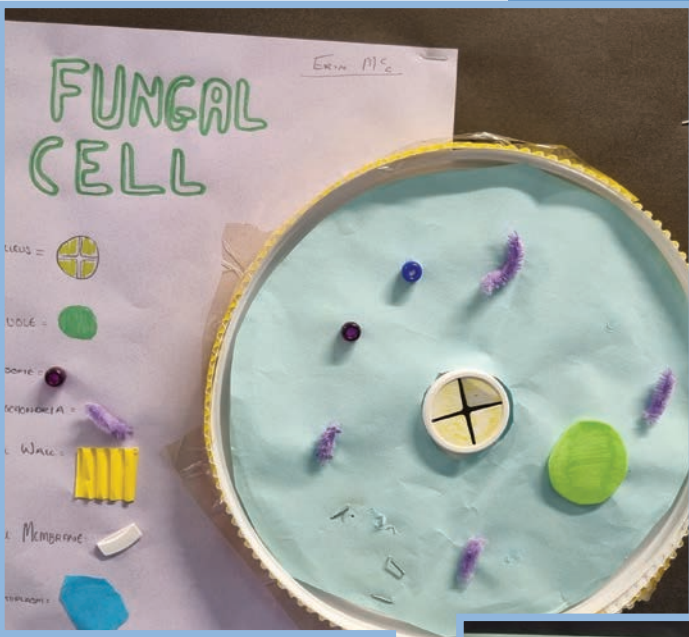


BGE S3 BIOLOGY

CELLS



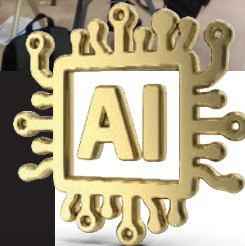
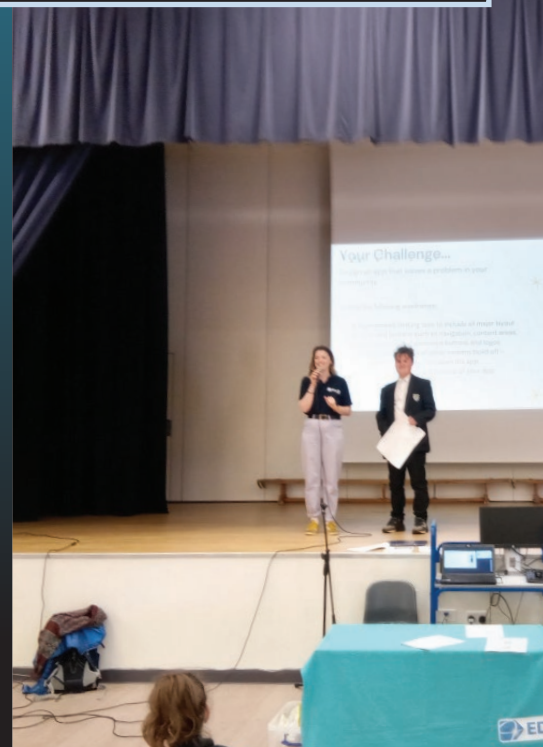
The new S3 Biology students have showcased their impressive creativity by crafting intricate 3D models of diverse cells as they embark on their exciting journey in the world of biology. With great enthusiasm, they have meticulously studied and replicated the unique structures and functions of these microscopic building blocks of life. This hands-on approach not only deepens their understanding of cellular biology but also cultivates their artistic expression and attention to detail.

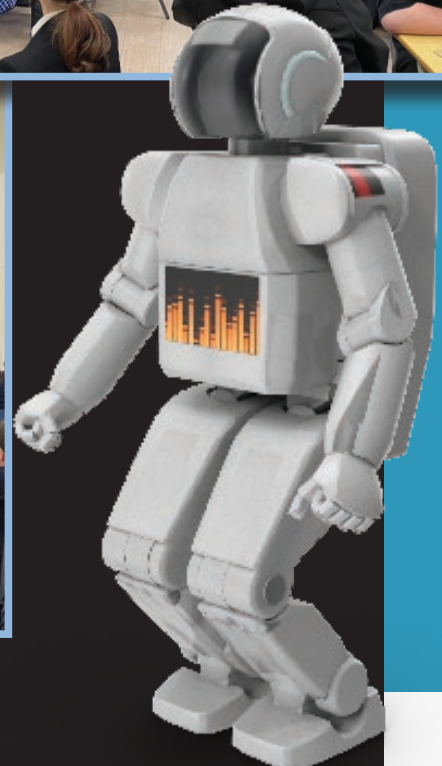


INDUSTRIAL CADETS CHALLENGER EXPERIENCE

STRANRAER ACADEMY TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2023

On Tuesday, April 18th, our school hosted a captivating and action-packed workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI). The entire cohort of 178 S1 pupils gathered in the hall, eagerly immersing themselves in this fascinating topic. Divided into groups of six, the students embarked on an engaging hands-on experience that encompassed various activities. They began by unraveling the concept of artificial intelligence, delving into its intricacies and potential. Next, they explored AI in facial recognition, participating in an interactive activity titled "Think like a computer!" The workshop further ventured into the realm of virtual reality, where students pondered the wonders of stereoscopic vision and even had the opportunity to create their very own 3D hologram. Lastly, the students delved into the design process and app design, collaborating within their groups to conceive and present their innovative app ideas on the grand stage for their peers to admire. It was a day brimming with excitement, knowledge, and creative exploration, leaving a lasting impression on our inquisitive young minds.







SOCIAL SUBJECTS

Belgium Trip

A r t i c l e b y S J M o f f a t

On Saturday the 20th of May 42 travellers and 5 not yet beleaguered teachers set off onto the endless road of the A75 and many other anonymous motorways. The first pit stop was the Imperial War Museum North at Salford Quays, Manchester, where we started the process of filling in our notebooks. The next stop was an overnigher at Canturbury at the cosy YHA Youth Hostel. Early hours on Sunday morning saw us boarding the bus and headed for the Euro tunnel. The disappointment of the Chunnel not being like an aquarium was a devastation for many! We arrived in France and took the bus straight to our accommodation in Ypres, Belgium. A short stroll through the town centre brought us to The incredible In Flanders Field Museum, where we learned a lot about what soldiers did in their free time. We then went to a small local restaurant where we had a portion of spaghetti bolognese big enough for 3 folk. Our last activity of the day was heading to Atlantis - a ten pin bowling joint where Mr Lane shockingly won the final. On Monday morning we took a public bus to the next town over to visit Passchendaele memorial museum where we learned everything from their clothing to their weapons and an amazing tour round the remodelled trenches. Around 2pm we walked the front line all the way along to Tyne Cot Cemetery. For most, the great number of graves definitely put into perspective the devastation of the war. We soon journeyed back to the hostel and enjoyed free time before dinner at the same restaurant as the previous night, then bed. Tuesday morning started at the lively hour of 4 am when the fire alarm blasted through the halls. The mood was low but brightened when seeing Mr Lane in Lilo and Stitch pajamas. On this day we travelled to the land of the famous Battle of Somme. Our first destination was the Australian National Memorial - much to Mr Lane's sombre delight - located on the grounds of the Villers - Bretonneux Military Cemetery.

Article by S J Moffat

Belgium Trip

The museum was magnificent in both itself and the landscape beyond - the perfect way to commemorate the fallen Australian soldiers. The next stop was the Lochnagar Crater - the largest of 17 mines that exploded on 1 July 1916 creating the loudest man-made sound in history. The Women's Memorial is also situated here and is a small but meaningful way to remember the nurses lost in the conflict. We then stopped for lunch in a small town called Albert where we enjoyed traditional French delights. Thiépval memorial was the next stop where Olivia Stewart and Finlay Scott, who had found the graves of their relatives, laid a wreath. The last stop was Wellington Quarry where the minors of The Tunneller's of New Zealand Division dug quarries for the British to advance upon the Germans from underground. Takeaway Domino's pizza was on the menu that night when we got back to the hostel - 22 carried back by our very own advance party of 4 pupils. First stop on Wednesday was Lijssenthoek Commonwealth Cemetery where we were tasked in finding someone with our surname and to draw their grave. We then headed to Langemarck Cemetery containing the graves of 44,000 German soldiers. Then it was time to journey to the bustling city of Bruges, enjoying a full day of shopping and

sightseeing. Thursday was the final day and was enjoyed at Bellewaerde theme park where we spent the best part of 7 hours on rides. This was followed by a short trip to McDonald's and a never ending 15 hour road trip across the sea and up through Englandshire before returning to Stranraer Academy at 8am on Friday morning. We were exhausted and exhilarated following our sociable and educational week, and would like to thank everyone who made this fantastic trip possible.

Each year, Stranraer Academy embarks on a transformative journey that transcends the confines of the classroom, taking students back in time to the battlefields of Europe. This annual Battlefields Trip is an exceptional opportunity for students to delve into the rich history of past conflicts, paying homage to the sacrifices made by countless soldiers. Beyond textbooks and lectures, this experiential learning adventure allows young minds to witness history come alive, fostering empathy, understanding, and appreciation for the importance of peace. Join us as we explore the significance and impact of Stranraer Academy's Battlefields Trip.



Embracing History:

Stranraer Academy's Battlefields Trip is not just an excursion; it is an immersive experience that amplifies historical knowledge and comprehension. Students have the privilege of walking in the footsteps of those who lived through the defining moments of warfare, visiting iconic sites like the Somme, Ypres, and Normandy. From the trenches of World War I to the D-Day landing beaches of World War II, these hallowed grounds become classrooms, brimming with stories waiting to be discovered.

Remembering Sacrifice:

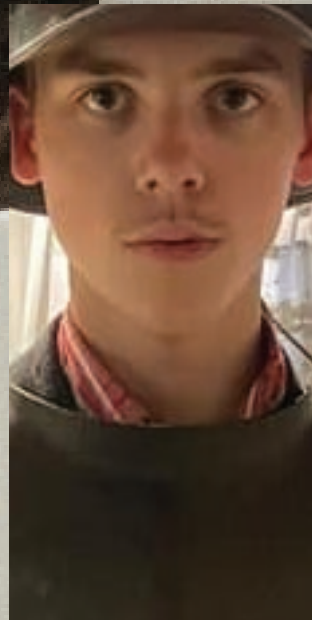
One of the core aims of the Battlefields Trip is to ensure that the sacrifices made by soldiers are not forgotten. Students engage in poignant memorial ceremonies, visiting war cemeteries and memorials where they pay their respects to fallen heroes. They gain a profound understanding of the human cost of war, reflecting upon the sheer scale of lives lost and the impact it had on families and communities. Through personal stories and encounters with war veterans, the students gain an empathetic connection with the past and learn to appreciate the significance of peace and diplomacy in today's world.

Commemorating History and Cultivating Understanding

BATTLEFIELDS



BATTLEFIELDS



ME2U VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMME

Stranraer Academy proudly spearheaded an impactful eight-week volunteering initiative, opening doors of opportunity for unemployed individuals to gain invaluable experience within a school setting. In collaboration with the college, the job centre, and various small agencies, this commendable program brought together a group of eight dedicated volunteers. These remarkable individuals wholeheartedly contributed to the academic journey of students, working alongside teachers and support staff to engage, support, and empower pupils in their learning endeavours. Furthermore, as a testament to their commitment and hard work, the volunteers have also earned qualifications through their partnership with D&G College. To honour their remarkable achievement, a special ceremony was held at the school on June 26th, 2023, where their invaluable contributions will be celebrated. Stranraer Academy commends these remarkable volunteers for their dedication, passion, and positive impact on the school community.



**Improving
Work
Readiness**

2023

AWARD HIGHLIGHTS

S1 & S2



2023

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S1 SPECIAL AWARDS

- Young Writer of the Year
Erin Caldwell
- S1 Reading Champion
Ava Lily Orr-Ewing
- S1 History Award
Ava Lily Orr-Ewing
- S1 Student of the Year
Olivia Turtle



S2 SPECIAL AWARDS

- Douglas Cochrane Citizenship
Award
- 100 Hours of Volunteering
Romy McCutcheon
- S2 History Award – Ruth Turtle
- S2 Student of the Year – Ruth
Turtle



2023

AWARD HIGHLIGHTS

S3 & S4



2023 AWARD HIGHLIGHTS S3 & S4



S3 SPECIAL AWARDS
 Andrew Glasgow Computing Award
 Mateusz Kaczmarczyk
 S3 History Award
 Mirren Gibb
 S3 Student of the Year
 Danny Lyon



S4 SPECIAL AWARDS
 S4 History Award
 Taylar Dargie
 S4 Student of the Year
 Adam Ferguson



2023

AWARD HIGHLIGHTS

S5 & S6



2023

AWARD HIGHLIGHTS

S5 & S6



- SPECIAL AWARDS**
- S5 History Award
Kayleigh MacDonald
 - S6 History Award
Brianna Hamilton
 - Parent Council Best Higher
Results Award
Millen White
 - S5 Student of the Year
Kayleigh MacDonald
 - S6 Student of the Year
Imogen Raphael

2023

AWARD HIGHLIGHTS

ROTARY STAFF AWARD

AWARDED TO PAMELA STOBO



“Pam doesn’t go the extra mile, she goes the extra journey...every day. As staff go home to unwind and reenergise for the next school day, Pam starts her evening shift”.

“Pam is the definition of a giver. Always happy to share anything that will make our work load easier. Queen of the spreadsheets! And makes a phenomenal bacon roll”.

“Always goes above and beyond for her pupils and colleagues. One of the hardest working people I know!”

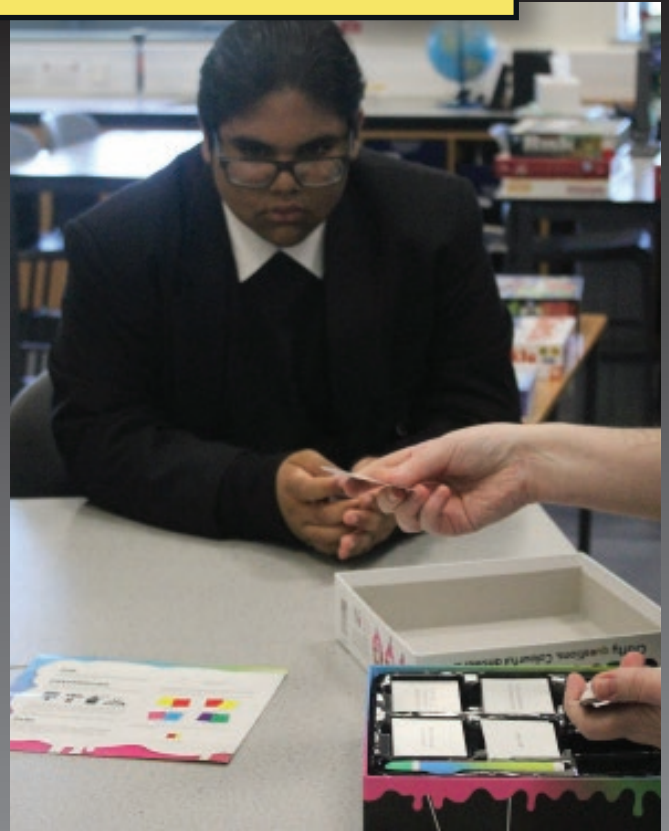
“Pam goes above and beyond everyday! She inspires pupils to be the best they can be and she promotes a work ethic within Stranraer Academy that most people aspire to!”

“Pam goes over and above for all of the pupils she teaches, finding the best way for them to learn. She is available any time, answering emails and using technology so the pupils can access course work online even if they can’t be in school. Not only does she do her best for the pupils, she also does her best for staff. From dressing up near Christmas or Summer holidays to help keep our spirits up and help us through a long term, to organising staff social events, she is always there with whatever we may need. She is a breath of fresh air”.

And Finally...

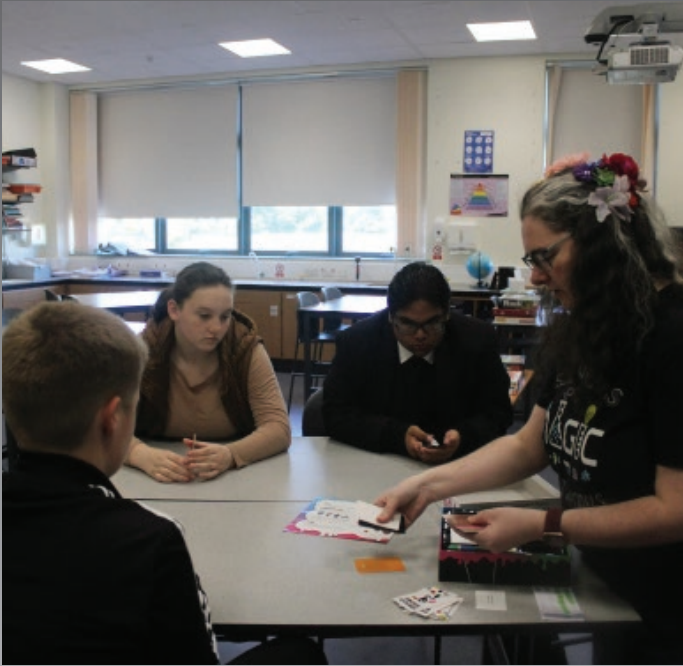
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Water Sports

ACTIVITIES DAY



Blair Drummond



ACTIVITIES DAY



LAST MINUTE

RUGBY

NEWS



On the 10th of May, Stranraer Academy were represented at the Glasgow Warriors school's SPEN Development Festival. We fielded three teams at U13 & U14 for boys and U14 for girls.

The U13 boys played games against Mearns Academy, (Carlisle) Biggar High School, and Annan Academy. The boys were up against stiff opposition and lost their first two games, but the third game against Biggar was a cracker. It was end-to-end stuff with the eventual outcome being a draw and the boys, showing real spirit and determination. The boys came from behind numerous times to draw, in the last play of the game.

The U14 boys were up against the same teams as the U13 boys. The U14 boys probably played some of their best rugby all season, at this tournament. They tackled their hearts out, played at a high intensity, and showed some excellent skills to win all three of their games convincingly.

The U14 girls played games against St. Josephs, NWCC (North-West Community Campus, Larkhall High, and Annan Academy. The girls won their first two games comfortably and closely lost their third, against an established Larkhall. The final game was a cracker against 'local rivals' Annan, where the girls peaked at the right time to comprehensively win.

It was great to see former Stranraer Academy pupil Charlotte 'Lottie' Russell on the day, and congratulations must go out again to Lottie on making the U18 7's squad. She is currently in a training camp before heading out to Prague, to take part in an International Festival starting on the 15th of July.



*Stranraer Academy Wishes all
Parents & Carers a Joyful
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Summer Holiday!*



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