

### Diary Dates

- Tues 9 Aug** SQA results issued
- Mon 15 Aug** Staff return to school
- Tues 16 Aug** SQA results recouring opportunity (if required) 10–11.30am
- Wed 17 Aug** Extended Tutor, new S1 to the Hall
- Fri 19 Aug** Yeargroup Assemblies for S2–S5/6
- Tues 23 Aug** Adam Smith Assembly
- Wed 24 Aug** Carlyle Assembly
- Thurs 25 Aug** Oswald Assembly
- Fri 26 Aug** Edinburgh International Book Festival Trip
- Mon 29 Aug** Yeargroup Assemblies this week
- Tues 30 Aug** Rotary Club Lunch re RYLA leadership
- Mon 5 Sept** Fife Diversity Week
- Tues 6 Sept** Adam Smith Assembly, UCAS and FE speakers for S6
- Wed 7 Sept** Carlyle Assembly
- Thurs 8 Sept** Oswald Assembly, Drama trip—"The Cheviot, the Stag and the Black, Black Oil", UCAS Parent/Carer Evening
- Fri 9 Sept** S4 Tracking Report sent home
- Mon 12 Sept** S6 at UCAS Convention in Glenrothes
- Tues 13 Sept** Parent Council AGM at 6.30pm
- Thurs 15 Sept** English trip to Jupiter Artland and Drama trip to "The Mousetrap"
- Fri 16 Sept** S5/6 Tracking Report sent home
- Mon 19 Sept** Yeargroup Assemblies this week
- Wed 21 Sept** Adam Smith S1 trip to Fordell Firs
- Thurs 22 Sept** Carlyle S1 trip to Fordell Firs
- Fri 23 Sept** Oswald S1 trip to Fordell Firs
- Mon 26 Sept** S3 Employability Week, Babcock Engineers with Maths (pm)
- Tues 27 Sept** S1 Road Safety Roadshow (pm)
- Wed 28 Sept** UCAS and FE input for S6 (pm)
- Tues 4 Oct** Adam Smith Assembly
- Wed 5 Oct** Carlyle Assembly
- Thurs 6 Oct** Oswald Assembly
- Fri 7 Oct** Dress Down Day, Maths CSI Court Case (S1), end of term
- Mon Oct 24** School resumes after holiday.

### The Rector writes ...

**W**elcome to our summer newsletter. As always, I'm quite sure you'll be impressed by the achievements of our young people—I certainly am. I also know that those who attended our Prizegiving last month were left in no doubt that 2015-2016 was a successful year for KHS. I would want to acknowledge that one of the most important parts of our success is you, the parent/carers community. Thanks again for your backing.

Our main highlights of the term past were undoubtedly our finalist place in the Scottish Education Awards and our winning of the national "Go4SET" Science and Engineering competition in June. Both were recognition our school's commitment to "STEM" education and I am very proud of all the young people who contributed and of the staff who go beyond the usual boundaries. Both events took place in Glasgow.

Another major achievement was the Scottish final place gained by Kyle Pitcaithly and Umar Mohammed in the Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Public Speaking Competition. The boys were very unfortunate to lose out to Fernhill Independent School from Glasgow in the final which was held at the High Court in Edinburgh. Kyle and Umar are officially the East of Scotland Champions.

As always, this time of year sees significant changes in teacher staffing. Best of luck to former probationer teachers Mr Campbell (PE) who is heading off to Dubai and Miss Braid (Geography) who will move to Waid Academy in Anstruther. Miss Burke (Modern Languages) is leaving KHS to travel and two of our CDT teachers are moving on; Miss Robertson to Waid and Miss Simpson Wands to Inverkeithing High School. Best wishes to them all.

Good luck to Mrs Dempsey (Biology), who is expecting a baby in August and is now on maternity leave.

Other staff have gained promotion. Very well done to Mrs Harris, who is off to Woodmill High School as Principal Teacher of Maths, Miss MacEachen—off to Madras College in St Andrews as Head of Modern Languages and Miss Higham, who becomes the Head of Biology at Forres Academy, Morayshire. Mrs Harper has also been appointed as a Principal Teacher, of Pupil Support at St Andrew's High School. She has been at that school on a temporary basis over the past 2 sessions. All are deserving of their step up.

We also recently said farewell and best wishes to Mrs Ritchie (Guidance), who has retired after 32 years of excellent service to KHS. Cath will be hugely missed by many ... pupils, families and colleagues alike. Her contribution over that period of time has been immense. Thank you.

Within the school I am delighted to announce our new job share Principal Teachers of Employability will be Miss McIntosh and Miss Nessels

and our job share Principal Teachers of "STEM" are now Dr Murray and Miss Tennant. In Learning Support, Dr Jones will continue to lead.

Current probationers Miss Malcolm (PE) and Miss Ashby (Social Studies) will be staying on at KHS—well done to them. It is also a pleasure to announce that our new Principal

Teacher of Modern Languages will be Mrs Morris, who will be joining us from Dunfermline High School. We also expect quite a few other new staff to join us in August. We will have probationer (trainee) teachers in Biology (2), Chemistry, History, Home Economics, English and Maths (2), with other new appointments in Modern Languages and CDT. More details in the next newsletter, when all appointments are confirmed.

Finally, very well done to Lachlan Duncan and Rachael Stoddart, who have been appointed Head Boy and Head Girl for the session ahead. They are pictured flanking Mrs Aitken with the other members of the Prefect Leadership Team (l-r); Shauni Boyd, Chloe Newton, Josh Binnington, Leah Bidgood and Bethany Hutchison.

Do have an excellent holiday. I hope those exam results on Tuesday 9 August will be a cause for celebration for many. We'll welcome all pupils back to school on Wednesday 17 August.

All the very best

*Allan.*



# KHS—East Scotland Public Speaking Champions



Kirkcaldy High School are the East of Scotland winners of the Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Public Speaking Competition for 2016. In a closely fought contest, held at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on the evening of 12 May, Kirkcaldy beat other regional winners from Braes High School in Falkirk and James Gillespie's from Edinburgh to lift the coveted shield and title.

The Kirkcaldy High team of Kyle Pitcaithly and Umar Mohammed were praised by the judges for the clarity of their argument and presentation, excellent teamwork and use of humour. The judging panel, led by Procurator Fiscal for Edinburgh, Adrian Cottam, was also impressed by the way the Kirkcaldy team engaged with the audience.

The theme of the evening was marriage - specifically whether marriage in Scotland is an outdated institution. In previous rounds,

which saw KHS become Fife Champions, the plight of refugees and the social impact of the media had been discussed.

Mr Allan, Rector, said that he was exceptionally proud of the boys and added that they were a credit to their school and their families. "It really is quite an achievement considering the boys have had no experience of speaking in public until quite recently" he added.

Representing East of Scotland schools in the national final at the High Court in Edinburgh (right), the KHS boys were then very unlucky to lose out to a fee paying school—Fernhill Independent School for Girls, Glasgow.

Kyle and Umar are pictured with East of Scotland judges Adrian Cottam (Procurator Fiscal), Louise Johnson (Legal Rights, Scottish Women's Aid) and Graeme Jessop (Procurator Fiscal).



## A Credit to the End

Our S6 leavers' Prom, held at Fernie Castle, Letham, was a brilliant night. Thanks go to all of the Committee (pupils and staff) who put together such a great event.

The Class of 2016 have been a credit to the school right to the end. Those who have attended a good few Proms over the years reckon that this one was just about the best ever. Special congratulations go to Prom Queen and King, Nicole and Liam (left).



## Parent/Carer Evenings 2016-2017

These usually run from 5.00pm – 7.30pm, and dates are given below. Please expect your son/daughter to make appointments on a paper schedule which is issued about 2 weeks before each evening. You will receive a letter and an email with details in advance;

**P7** Tour of School  
**S1** Parents' Evening  
**S2** Learning Fair  
**S2** Parents' Evening

**Thurs 27 Oct 16**  
**Tues 15 Nov 16**  
**Wed 22 Feb 17**  
**Wed 1 Mar 17**

**S3** Parents' Evening  
**S4** Parents' Evening  
**S5/6** Parents' Evening

**Tues 30 May 17**  
**Mon 13 Mar 17**  
**Wed 7 Dec 16**

**Term times, other important dates and lots of information about the school, including revision materials for exam courses, can be found on our website; [www.fifedirect.org.uk/kirkcaldyhs](http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/kirkcaldyhs). You can also follow the school on "Twitter" @KirkcaldyHigh**

## Our Improvement Plan Priorities 2016– 2017

### Looking Forward to the Session Ahead

We continue to work hard to strengthen our school and our draft Improvement Plan has the following major themes:

- Continuing to focus on developing literacy and numeracy across all learning, including digital learning
- Promoting "Growth Mindset" with our learners and their families
- Developing further our employability programmes and focus on leaver destinations (especially through new partnerships)
- Meeting the needs of all learners, supporting the most vulnerable families and assisting those facing material poverty
- Giving young people an even greater say in their learning and more opportunities to become leaders at all stages.

## Primary Reading Mentor Scheme

Well done to all the new S3 pupils who read to infants and P1-3 over the past term. Mrs Hume, Head of English, said that the scheme had been a great success and will be repeated next year.

Literacy is a key skill and we are keen to encourage reading among all our young people. Lucia, Gemma and David are pictured in action.



## National STEM Winners—Engineering Challenge

Kirkcaldy High School are the Scottish Champions in a leading STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Competition which was held at Glasgow City Chambers on 3 June. The Go4SET competition is organised by the Engineering Development Trust, based and Strathclyde University.

School teams from all over Scotland were challenged to design an energy efficient and environmentally friendly classroom of the future, and to deliver a convincing presentation to the judges. With support from industry partners, the Glenrothes based Brand-Rex Ltd, the Kirkcaldy High School team scooped the "Best Overall Project" award.

The KHS team impressed the judging panel, which comprised representatives from industry, colleges and universities, with their recycling ideas and scheme to reduce energy use. The team had made models and produced a high quality brochure to explain their project. The judges also commented on the quality of the link to industry mentors from Brand-Rex.

S2 pupils; Chloe Paton, Rachel Suttie, Megan Jobson, John

Hamilton and Dylan Jobson, are pictured along with Science teacher Miss Tennant and Kennedy Miller of Brand-Rex (right), who supported the school's entry this year. She said that she was very proud of their achievement and added that they would also qualify for a Silver "Crest" Award - the Creativity in Science awards presented by the British Science Association.

The school's achievement was even commended by First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, during FMQs at Parliament on 9 June.



# Barratt Homes Property Challenge



S3 Technology pupils recently found out about the house building industry with the help of Barratt Homes.

The company came up with an interactive game which challenged a group of 40 pupils to act as project managers for a property development.

Depute rector Jennifer Davidson said: "The session really opened their eyes and helped them get a clearer understanding of how the industry worked. "The day was particularly useful for those currently making decisions about their subject choices and paths to work, such as apprenticeships or graduate opportunities."



Alison Condie from Barratt Homes East of Scotland said: "It is our job to make sure that we engage with young people entering the workforce to capture their attention and show them that the industry really could be for them."

## A Close Shave ... in a Very Good Cause

Well done to the group of 8 S2 boys who got together in May to support a very good charitable cause. Nairn Connelly, Cameron Davies, Kieran Hutchison, Teejay Jackson, Ethan King, Kieran Mercer, Callum Nicol and Callum Wallace decided to have a have their heads shaved and raised around £1500 for Cancer Research UK.

This includes the entrance money - pupils paid £1 in school to witness the shearing. The event was supported by Urban Barbers of Templehall.



## Scottish Education Awards Finals



Kirkcaldy High School was proud to have been shortlisted for the "Scottish Education Awards" 2016. These are the most prestigious school awards in the country and are sponsored by the Daily Record.

The finals were in Glasgow in June and we were leeted as one of the top 3 schools (primary and secondary) across Scotland for the promotion of "STEM" - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Many thanks to all our staff and young people who are involved, and in particular to Miss Higham, our Principal Teacher in this field, who does so much to promote these curricular areas. STEM skills

greatly boost our young people's employment prospects.

Unfortunately, on this occasion, we were not the overall winners. However, it was good to see another Fife School, Thornton Primary, scoop that award.

Pictured at the ceremony are Mr Morrice (Head of Technology), Mrs Hamilton (Head of Maths) and S3 pupils Dylan Jobson and John Hamilton.



# Wizard of Oz is a Big Hit



The school show this year was "Wizard of Oz" and it turned out to be a great night out—enjoyed by all who attended over the three night run in June.

Interestingly, the show has also been nominated for a special eco award after almost every costume for the production was made from recycled materials.

Mrs Mellon of the Art Department used her skills to help make costumes from donated garments and materials which she reused for the new wardrobe.

Now the department has been put forward by Growing Kirkcaldy for a Beautiful Scotland Eco Award for its recycling efforts.

Judith Kerr, secretary of the umbrella organisation which is currently working towards a Beautiful Scotland

award, was at one of the performances and was wowed by it.

"I was very impressed to hear and see that all the costumes in the show had been made from recycled materials and it shows a great deal of initiative on the part of those who made them."

Mrs Mellon, who has been at the school for 28 years, added: "The style of the show was influenced by Steampunk fashion, in particular the costumes which I designed and made myself. These are all 'eco friendly' in that they are almost entirely created from recycled clothes and materials found around the home and workplace.



"I am delighted that they were such a success, as was the whole show which was produced and directed by Tanya Turnbull our principal teacher of expressive arts. It's great to be nominated for an award.



"Everyone worked hard and performed their numbers with enthusiasm, some great singing and a heart melting role from Toto the dog - played by 8-year-old Kaiya Bruce, daughter of one of our drama teachers.

## Step Up Enterprise Days with Primaries

As well as our two "Welcome Days" in June (with disco and barbecue), Sports Day in May and various other links, we recently hosted a "Step Up With Enterprise" day for all of our new S1 pupils.

This was led by staff from "Entrepreneurme" and was a terrific success. Special thanks go to Matt Stewart, founder of the company, who was a great host.

The challenge was to work in teams to produce a range of Scottish themed souvenirs. The winning teams got the chance to donate their profits to a selected charity.



# Big Event = End of Term Fun

All pupils had the chance to relax and enjoy the carnival atmosphere at our traditional end of session Big Event, with exhibits, a travelling zoo, craft activities, ice cream, dressing up, face painting and a bouncy castle. For those who have consistently shown the right attitude in school there was further recognition when we made a special prize draw for a bike voucher and a range of other prizes for each of our new House groups: Adam Smith, Carlyle and Oswald. The lucky winners were:

## OVERALL WINNERS

1st	£150 Spokes Voucher (for any bike)	Emma Murray A14
2nd	Elite Indoor Paintball 10 people with 100 paintballs each	Connor Rigby O05
3rd	Family Ice Skating (2+2) for Dundee Ice Arena and 1 entry to Adventure Golf Island	Alicia Downie C08
4th	Family Pass (2+3) for Camperdown Park Wildlife ticket	Bradley Davies A03
	Family Pass (2+3) for Camperdown Park Wildlife ticket	Myles Bolton O02
	Family Swim Pass (2+2) Olympia Leisure Pool Dundee	Kirsty Ogden O12
	Family Swim Pass (2+2) Olympia Leisure Pool Dundee	Ellie Cunningham O06

## ADAM SMITH WINNERS

Elite Indoor Paintball	Jade Houston A12
Family Ice Skating Pass	Alistair Wright A09
£10 itunes voucher	Alana Harper A05
£10 itunes voucher	Melanie Newberry A10
£10 itunes voucher	Niamh Lister A14
Golf Island Dunfermline	Kenzie Muir A11
3 free swim passes	Cerys Humble A06



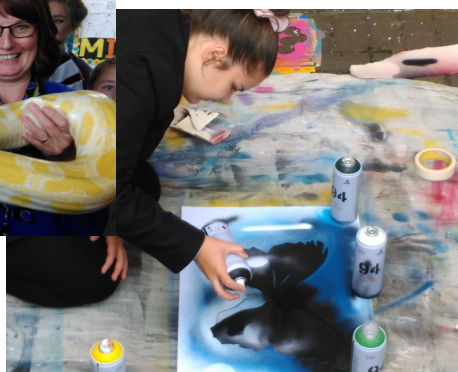
## CARLYLE WINNERS

Elite Indoor Paintball	Lauren Kerr C01
Family Ice Skating Pass	Blain Aitken C07
£10 itunes voucher	Samuel Suttie C11
£10 itunes voucher	Andrew Melville C12
£10 itunes voucher	Liam Hepburn C03
Golf Island Dunfermline	Cameron Hynd C04
3 free swim passes	Leah Morris C08



## OSWALD WINNERS

Elite Indoor Paintball	Calum Ritchie O01
Family Ice Skating Pass	Rebecca Davies O06
£10 itunes voucher	Samantha Scott O05
£10 itunes voucher	Kwanele Kunene O14
£10 itunes voucher	Jack Rae O01
Golf Island Dunfermline	Morgan McKinley O10
3 free swim passes	Euan Stewart O14



## Uniform Expectations—the KHS Dress Code

Thank you for your continued support with uniform. There has been a very good uptake of new blazers for next session. We work best together when young people identify with the school and our shared values through a common dress code.

**The following items should be worn at all times; white shirt (preferably with a "formal" stiff collar) or blouse, school tie knotted at the throat and plain black trousers, formal shorts (to just above the knee) or skirt. Please note that leggings without pockets are not acceptable schoolwear. A plain black jumper or cardigan is also appropriate but it must be a v-neck so that the tie is visible. No jeans, track suits, white or coloured shoes/trainers, or hooded clothing are allowed. Footwear must be plain black.**



As you will know, we have made an arrangement with Academy Uniforms, who can supply a good value school blazer for only £29.50. To order direct, you can use [www.academyuniformsltd.co.uk](http://www.academyuniformsltd.co.uk). The company also offers jumpers and cardigans with the school name embroidered. Of course, other blazers and uniform items are also perfectly acceptable. We have embroidered badges and ties available in school. For low income families who may qualify for a clothing grant and free meals, please log on to [www.fifedirect.org.uk](http://www.fifedirect.org.uk) and click the "Do It Online" tab. If you do not have computer access, staff at your local library will help.

## Rachel Receives First Ever McDermid Bursary

Kirkcaldy High School's Rachel Deas is the inaugural recipient of the McDermid Bursary. This new initiative at the school is an annual grant of £500 awarded to the school's most deserving student leaving home to take up a Higher Education place and is generously sponsored by Kirkcaldy's Val McDermid, world famous author of crime fiction and the queen of "Tartan Noir".

On leaving Kirkcaldy High School in 1972, Val became the first ever Scottish state school pupil to attend St Hilda's College at Oxford University and was keen to support the town's current crop of young talent to follow their dreams.

Rachel (17) of Cawdor Crescent, will leave KHS this summer to study Social Policy at Strathclyde University and described herself as "honoured" to be chosen as the first recipient of the bursary. "This will be a great help to me at this time - I am aware of the financial stress that a degree course can cause" she said, adding that the biggest portion of the grant will go to the purchase of a laptop to support her studies.

The school's Rector, Derek Allan, said that he was delighted that an author of Val's global standing had chosen to support her old school and added that "Val has been in touch frequently this session and has also given an excellent talk to our Higher English students. She has been a terrific friend to her old school support and her generosity is greatly appreciated".

Val met Rachel in school recently and said: "Students today face huge challenges to achieve their dreams. One of those challenges is financial, and I'm glad to be able to offer some help to a student who has already demonstrated her commitment to learning and personal development. Rachel is clearly a bright and articulate young woman who is on her way to achieving her ambitions. I hope she's as proud of herself as her school is of her."

The award was made at the school's annual Prizegiving, which took place on Tuesday 14 June. Please see page 12 for details of all the Prizewinners.



# Ernst & Young "Smart Futures" Programme



KHS is proud to be a big part of Fife Council's cohort involved with the Ernst and Young Smart Futures Scheme. This offers an opportunity to have a great paid experience of work in Edinburgh. The ten month programme starts with three weeks paid work experience in the summer. Students gain a variety of transferable skills that will give them a head start in any career—especially financial services.

Smart Futures can make young people more employable, helping them to get a job after school or go onto higher education. An EY Foundation mentor offers support throughout the ten months to advise on one of the biggest career choices young people will make - the first step in working life. Entrants are also invited to a series of alumni events throughout their final year at school.

The nine Fife participants come from Glenrothes, Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy schools. We are all very proud of Abby Hitchcock, Kimberley Adamson and Lauren McArthur ... Who report that it's been a terrific experience so far.

## Babcock Engineers Keep Maths Real

In June, a group of engineers from Babcock International Rosyth came to the school to work with our Higher Mathematics pupils. Pupil teams were given the task of designing, building and testing (to the point of collapse!) a model crossbeam as part of the Goliath Crane Challenge. The pupils had to buy the required resources and work within a given budget. All of these are key employability skills.

This was an excellent opportunity for our pupils to see how their mathematical skills can be applied in a real life context. Mr S Allan, of the Maths Dept, who organised the event, said that the engineers from Babcock were very impressed by the way in which our pupils worked together and were able to build creative structures which met the given criteria.



## Kirkcaldy High's Talent on Show



Well done the S6 pupils who organised our traditional end of session Talent Show. Lachlan and John were excellent hosts and a great deal of work had been put in behind the scenes by a large team led by Bethany. Auditions were held over the two weeks prior to the event.

The judges had a very difficult task to choose between the finalists. However, Abbey Moghimian (left) won the junior prize for her terrific tap dance routine and Morgan Lindsay (right and centre) was the senior winner with a spectacular display of hula hoop skills—using special neon lit hoops.



# Health Week Focus on Diet and Exercise

In May, Health and Wellbeing was a major focus of learning across S1-3 when Inter-House Games and taster activities with local sports clubs were at the core of "Health Week". Many thanks to the groups/clubs who contributed. It was great to provide young people with a real life link to out of school activities. Thanks to: Fife Floorball Club, Kingdom Kangaroos Australian Rules Football Club, Raith Rovers, Kirkcaldy Body Combat, Linton Tae Kwon Do and Carnegie Hockey Club of Dunfermline.



## Catch the KHS Radio Show on K107fm

For the last year, a KHS team has been presenting a weekly radio show on K107fm, Kirkcaldy's Community Radio Station. It goes out every Saturday at 11.00am, and reception has been reported as far as Straiton in Midlothian!

You can also tune in on-line at [www.k107.co.uk](http://www.k107.co.uk). See/hear you there Pop Pickers! Not 'arf, as they used to say!

## Sports Leaders Assist at Disability Athletics

Many thanks to our Sports Leaders, who were widely praised for their excellent support at the recent DSF Games.

This was the new team's first official duty and the members made an excellent contribution. We are grateful to Richard Brickley and his colleagues at DSF for involving our young people in supporting disabled athletes.

It is a privilege to be able to assist – and it provides a very rich experience for our young people, developing key skills for life and work. The new team is pictured at Pitreavie Sports Complex in Dunfermline where the DSF Athletics were held.



# Active Fun—Out and About in May



In May we again enjoyed our annual Activities Day which included trips to; Bowling, Crazy Golf, Cinema, M and D's Theme Park, White Water Rafting on the Tay, Paintballing, the Ryze Trampolining Arena at Newtongrange and Snow Factor at Braehead. This year, once again, we rated trips as "Gold", "Silver" and "Bronze".

Those pupils who had consistently respected the school's values throughout the session had the first chance to take part in the most popular activities. It is our intention to make the criteria more explicit throughout the session ahead so that pupils can know that they are "on-track" to qualify for the top trips.



# Hands On Skills at Kwik Fit Training Academy

We continue to promote employability skills in a variety of ways, including the Fife Offshore Energy Hub and our work with the Construction Industry Training Board.



We are also the only Fife School to have a link with the Kwik Fit Training Academy at Broxburn.

Last month, accompanied by Mrs Davidson (Depute Rector), a group of young people visited the Academy and had the opportunity to work on vehicles with the company's trainers.



# New S1 Welcomed to KHS

Mrs Aitken (Depute Rector) thanks everyone who was involved with our P7 Welcome Days in June. The feedback from parents was very positive and the pupils themselves were buzzing with enthusiasm about coming to KHS. Our S6 "buddies" were a great help to the 215 pupils from Capshard, Cardenden, Fair Isle, North, Pathhead, Sinclairtown, Torbain, Valley and West Primary Schools. They sampled taster lessons in most subjects, had community education led experiences at lunchtime (eg YMCA music sessions, left) and got the chance to meet new classmates. They then enjoyed a disco and barbecue on the Thursday evening.



Parents and carers were also invited in to school to meet with Guidance staff and prefects to discuss aspects of the transition and arrangements for August. There was also the opportunity to purchase a blazer and other items of school uniform from Academy Uniforms, whose website is at; [www.academyuniformsltd.co.uk](http://www.academyuniformsltd.co.uk). Parents are reminded that blazers purchased from other outlets are also perfectly acceptable.

# Photo Gallery—April to June 2016



From top left: Karina and Kimberley— Rotary Interact fundraising for Second Chance Kennels; Adam Dixon—Fife Junior Golf Champion; Team KHS - Runners Up in Fife Hockey Festival; Rotary Club Leadership Celebration at Dean Park Hotel; Kirstin Graham—Fife Schools' High Jump Champion; Team KHS— Fife Schools' Girls Football Champions; S2 taking part in the Salter's Chemistry Festival at Heriot-Watt University; Winners of the S2 "Rapid Response" Challenge 2016; Sandra Wilson, Chair of RNIB Scotland talks to English pupils about blindness; KHS S1 Football Team at the Dundee University Festival of Sport; Welcoming our visitors from Nehallenia School in the Netherlands—seeing effective Health and Wellbeing in action; Newly Qualified S2 "Heartstart" First Aiders; KHS Trip to the Champions League Semi Final in Manchester.

# KHS Prizewinners 2015-2016

Our Annual Prizegiving was held on 14 June, with the awards presented by Harry Ritchie, former pupil and now a renowned author and literary critic based in London. Very well done to all our winners.

## Effective Contributors

Finalists in the Scottish Education Awards (STEM) – Lauren Ferriday; Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy Leadership Award – William Rae and Louise Wallace; Alison Stewart Hair Award for Hospitality – Abbie Sparling; The Pauline Forrester Award for Creative Cakes – Cameron Taylor; Contribution to the Class of 2016 Awarded by Head Boy and Girl – Usamah Majeed; Sheena Archibald 'Respect' Quach – John Clark; Adam Smith House Award – Megan Craig; Beveridge House Award – Usamah Majeed; Carlyle House Award – Dillon Watson; Oswald House Award – Talia Toruntay; Dunnikier Park Golf Club Award for Positive Attitude and Commitment to PE – Fraser Binnie and Natasha Moffat; Award for Leadership in Sport and the Alistair McKillop Trophy – Natasha Moffat and Jack Murray; U18 Girls Fife Football League Champions – Nicole Carter, Caitlin Gray, Morgan Lee, Rebecca McGowan, Megan Steedman, Tiegan Clark, Jordan Greig, Georgia McAndrew and Lauren Smith; The Bob Docherty Cup for Inter-School Football – Josh Binnington, Niall Cherrett, Owen Dickson, Liam Hannah, Reece Watson, Gregor Brown, Cameron Clarke, Ross Glancy and Ross Higgins; Kirkcaldy High School Table Tennis Champion 2016 – Calum Hughes; Kirkcaldy High School Table Tennis Plate Champion 2016 – Dylan Cassidy; Kirkcaldy High School Table Tennis Stroke Play Winner 2016 – Callum Ritchie; Gregor Smith Memorial Prize for Outstanding Commitment to Table Tennis 2016 – Megan Jones.

## Confident Individuals

Val McDermid Bursary – Rachel Deas; Disability Sport Fife Award for Service to School Sport – Tiegan Clark and Lauren Kerr; Jane Macgregor Prize for Contribution to School Ethos – Megan Greer, Grace Pierce and Louise Newberry; entrepreneur.me Skills Development Award – Mackenzie Girdwood; East of Scotland Final of the Crown Office Public Speaking Competition Winners – Umar Mohammed and Kyle Pitcaithly; Fife Educational Trust Award for Resilience – Tiegan Clark; Health and Wellbeing Award – Megan Jones; Developing Young Workforce Award – Liam Sinclair; Cadet of the Year – Craig Boyd.

## Responsible Citizens

Community Learning and Development Citizenship Award – Shauni

Boyd; Police Scotland Award for Service to the School Community – Erin Sandilands and Hannah Thomson; The Nelson Mandela Award for Building International Relations – Megan Craig and Megan Jones; The KHS A Prize for Charity Work – Liam Lindsay and Grant Napier; Abbotsford Care Award for Services to the Community – Chelsea Connolly and Heather Hall.

## Successful Learners

John Smart & Son (Kirkcaldy) Ltd General Excellence: S1 – Sumayah Abdur-Rehman, Cameron Batchelor, Maryam Imran, Adam Johnston, Emma Johnston, Katie Laverton, Jonathan McIntyre, Samantha Scott, Sam Stewart and Murray Wallace; Disability Sport Fife General Excellence: S2 – Chloe Geddes, John Hamilton, Taylor Holland, Dylan Jobson, Megan Jobson, Dylan Leitch, Max Seath, Caitlin Tindal, Cara Turner and Dominika Valente; Junior Maths Challenge Gold and Best in

Year – Michael Panarella; Intermediate Maths Challenge Gold and Best in Year – Michael Panarella; Intermediate Maths Challenge Silver and Best in Year – Lewis Bennett; Intermediate Maths Challenge Bronze – Matthew Cargill, Leah Cooper, Jay Elder, Mia Kelman, Rebecca Meekison, Saif Saleem, Kiara Montgomery, George Pitcaithly, Lee Robertson and Aeryn Scotcher; Bosch Rexroth Award for the Young Engineer of the Year – David Moir and Christy Ritchie; Senior Maths Challenge Bronze and Best in School – Erin Sandilands; Senior Maths Challenge Bronze and Best in Year – David Smith; Senior Maths Challenge Bronze – Fahid Mohammed and Euan Sandilands; Mathematician of the Year: The Bod's Trophy – Cameron Lafferty; The Robert-

son Memorial Award for Physics – Cameron Lafferty; The Waterstones Award for English Essays – Niamh Parr; The Jonathan Clark/Dunne Memorial Prize for Technology – Megan Craig; Bosch Rexroth Award for the Engineer of the Year – David Smith; Anne Middleton Memorial Award for Business Education – Gary Fleming; The Lesley Mellon Award of Love of Art – Chelsea Doherty; The Tanya Turnbull Award for the Love of Drama – Megan Smith; The Galloway Award for Drive and Enthusiasm in Music – Nathan Walters; World Burns Federation: The National Secondary Schools Festival First Place in S5/6 and Best Singer Scotland – Louise Wallace; Arkwright Scholarship for Engineering – Emily Cunningham.

ard Group PLC, French – Ashley Davidson; Dr McKillop, Classical Studies – Megan Davidson; Highland House, Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies – Megan Davidson; Waterstones, Art 1st= – Lachlan Duncan; PayWizard Group PLC, Administration – Kendra Gatherum; Colin Moyes Award, Graphic Communication – Megan Greer; John Smart & Son (Kirkcaldy) Ltd, Design and Manufacture – Tanya Grieve; Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, Chemistry 1st= – Rebecca Hay; Dr McKillop, Latin – Rebecca Hay; PayWizard Group PLC, Business Management – Casey Johnston; Fife Auto Centre and Easityre Award, Engineering Science – Fahid Mohammad; Waterstones, History – Louise Newberry; Royal Bank of Scotland PLC, Chemistry 1st= – Chloe Newton; Waterstones, English – Chloe Newton; Charlie Reid Travel, Geography – Chloe Newton; Dr Guthrie, Human Biology 1st= – Chloe Newton; Waterstones, Drama 1st= – Alisha O'Callaghan and Kimberley O'Callaghan; Disability Sport Fife, PE – Ewan Rae; Bill Ritchie Award, Physics – David Smith; Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, Mathematics – David Smith; Alison Stewart Hair, Hospitality – Abbie Sparling; John Smart & Son (Kirkcaldy) Ltd, Spanish – Rachael Swinley; PayWizard Group PLC, Computing – Rhoan Urquhart; Binnie Prize, Music – Nathan Walters; Waterstones, Photography – Phoebe Whiteman.



## S6 – Advanced Higher

John Smart & Son (Kirkcaldy) Ltd, Classical Studies – Rhian-non Cross; Cupcakes by Melissa, Modern Studies – Rachael Deas; Allan Wilson (Snack Sales) Ltd, Chemistry – Lauren Ferriday; Waterstones, English – Lauren Ferriday; Binnie Prize, Music – Christopher Mack; Disability Sport Fife, Drama – Charlotte- Louise Macmillan; Fife Auto Centre and Easityre Awards , Engineering Science – Kyle Martin; Bill Ritchie Award, Physics – Kyle Martin; Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, Mathematics – Zak Morris; Waterstones, Art – Sophie Murray; Dr McKillop, Latin – Shannon Reekie; Dr Guthrie, Biology – Emma Robinson; Charlie Reid Travel, Geography – Phoebe Whiteman; Scottish Baccalaureate – Lauren Ferriday; SQA Leadership Award – Olivia Zengota.

## Dux Runner Up

Lorna Mowbray Trophy – Sophie Murray.

## Dux of School

Dr Guthrie Award – Lauren Ferriday.

## S5/6 – Higher

Alison Stewart Hair, Health and Food Technology – Chelseanne Bell; Dr Guthrie, Human Biology 1st= – Leah Bidgood; Abbotsford Care, Care – Shauni Boyd; Cupcakes by Melissa, Modern Studies – Shauni Boyd; Waterstones, Art 1st= – Andrew Campbell; PayWiz-

School – Calum Jackson; Junior Maths Challenge Bronze and Best in Year – Cameron Batchelor; Junior Maths Challenge Silver – John Hamilton, Owen Smith, Megan Jobson and Caitlin Tindal; Junior Maths Challenge Bronze – Chloe Dargie, Claire Love, Ellie Nicol, Dominika Valente, Dylan Jobson, Korben Montgomery and Lucy Stevenson; Go4Set: National Champions, CREST Silver Awards and Bronze Level Industrial Cadet Accreditation – John Hamilton, Megan Jobson, Rachel Suttie, Dylan Jobson and Chloe Paton. House Trophies: Merit – Beveridge; Academic – Oswald; Inter-house Event – Carlyle; Inter-house Sports – Adam Smith. The James McEwan Awards for Outstanding Achievement in History – Jay Elder and Kirstie Gray; Melissa Birrell: The Award for Passion and Commitment to Social Subjects – Jay Elder; Dr McKillop Prize for Achievement in Classics – Caitlin Simpson; Royal Bank of Scotland plc General Excellence: S3 – Mhoren Batchelor, Stephanie Blyth, Sorcha Cross, Alannah Ferguson, Isaac Green, Kiara Montgomery, Melanie Newberry, Mi-