



ABOUT THE GROUP

The aim of the Friends of Kirkcaldy High School is to support the school community and to enhance, where possible, the educational experience of the pupils.

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FoKHS has been in existence since November 1999. The committee meets approximately 6 times a year with an Annual General Meeting in June. The meetings are held by Zoom so that those not living locally can be easily involved.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Supporting Events
- Sponsorship or raffle prizes
- Mentoring
- Invigilating
- Joining the committee

FRIENDS OF KIRKCALDY HIGH SCHOOL

ISSUE 2

MAY 2025

Thank you for being a Friend!

This is the first of a new set of annual newsletters informing you of the work of Friends of Kirkcaldy High School (FoKHS).

We would also like to update you with news about the school.

COMMITTEE 24 - 25

Chairman	Judith Kerr
Vice Chairman	Helen MacKenzie
Secretary / Treasurer	Steven Hay
Committee	Bob Docherty
	George Grant
	Harry Kerr
	Ron Moodie
	Alan Rodger
	Sheena Scobie
	Jennifer Shearer

School Representatives

Chris McKay (Rector)
Jennifer Davidson (Depute Rector)

S6 Students:

Adam Fraser
Libby Hamilton
Daniel Hunter



How Do We Raise The Money We Give To The School?

Members

Our primary source of income is from you – our members.

We currently have 118 members many of whom have added donations to their membership.

Thank you.

Ceilidh

Our Ceilidh took place again this year in March. We were very lucky that Ian Adamson and Cragganmore Ceilidh Band led the proceedings and provided a great evening of entertainment. £2,287 was raised

The 2026 Ceilidh is provisionally organised for **Friday 8th March 2026**.



Race Night

On Friday 8 November 24 John Thomson brought along his store of race films and gave us the chance to have fun trying to choose winners from 6 different races with 8 horses in each.

We were very lucky to have sponsors for every race and owners for all the horses some of which had interesting names e.g.:

Race 4 The Second Hand Stakes

Sponsored by: Motor Sales Kirkcaldy

No	Horse Name	Owner Name
1	Sula	Harry Mitchell
2	Gilly Cuddy	Ian Gilchrist
3	Usain Colt	Brian Brawley
4	Prancer the Dancer	Marjory Greig
5	Quantum Leap	George Grant
6	Rabbie Burns	Clas-SiC
7	Nansy	Jacqie Page
8	Senna	Sue Stahly

A profit of £2,379 was made and we are repeating the event on **Friday 7 November 2025**

Raffle

Jennifer Davidson and Sheena Scobie have organised a raffle for our Ceilidh every year since we started the event.

This year we decided to extend the sale of tickets beyond the school.

We were very lucky with the support we have from local businesses who supplied prizes.

We also had several donations from staff and our Office Team put together a superb hamper as usual.

The raffle raised £856.60 for the school.

Former pupils – still involved

Prize Giving Speaker June 2025

This year, the School is delighted to welcome Mr Bob Easson as our main Speaker and VIP guest. Bob taught PE at KHS in the 1970s and quickly became the School's Principal Teacher of PE. Although he was interested in all sports, his particular passion was rugby and so he could not believe his luck to discover, on his first day at KHS, that the School had no less than thirteen rugby teams, which was pretty well unheard of, even in those days.

Bob moved on from KHS to pastures new and spent the next 50 years of his life working tirelessly to promote rugby at school, club and national levels.

Bob's sterling work in the world of sport, and rugby in particular, resulted in him being awarded the BEM in June 2024 by King Charles. Just for the record, BEM stands for the "British Empire Medal" and not the "Bob Easson Medal"!



News of a Former Pupil

Dr Gill Stewart will be retiring at the end of this summer after a distinguished 35 - year career working for Scottish exam boards, finishing as "Director of Qualifications" at SQA, one of the top people at that organisation. She attended KHS from 1973 - 1979, graduated with a First-Class Honours degree in Biology from Edinburgh University and then successfully completed her PhD at Glasgow University.

On a return visit to the school a few years ago, Gill stepped into the Assembly Hall and exclaimed: "My goodness, the last time I was in here, I was sitting my very last school exams!". Little did she know then that, all these years later, she would end up being, in effect, in charge of them all!



Dance Group

KHS started a dance group which runs from S1 - S3 and provides a pathway to National 5 and Higher Dance. The organisers wanted to provide leotards to those who are unable to fund it themselves thus benefitting those in SIMD 1 and 2 massively as they would have the correct attire to be able to participate in Dance - allowing them to be fully prepared for work.

FoKHS provided the group with 50 outfits at a cost of £828.

What Have We Done with Your Money This Year?



Horticulture

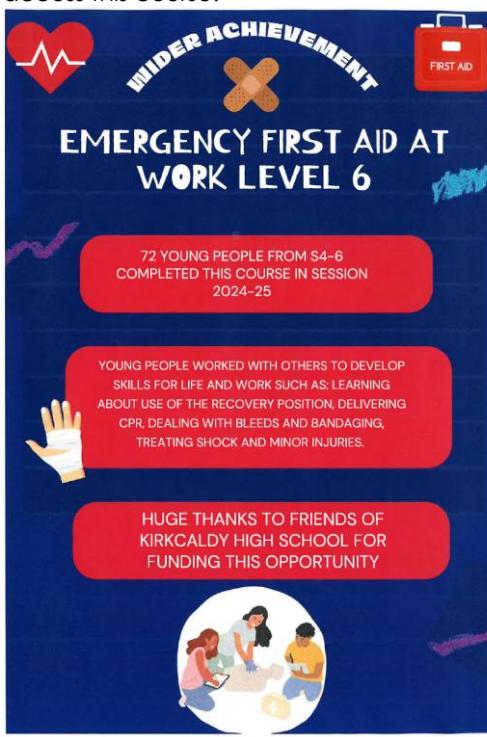
The Horticulture Club is organised by Mrs Gannon and FoKHS gave the group £279 to provide equipment such as a wheelbarrow and a lawn mower. Working with the group has so inspired an S6 pupil that he has gained a place at Elmwood College to study horticulture.

Dux Medals

FoKHS will again provide a medal for the Dux of school to be presented at Prizegiving. We will also provide medals for the Head Boy and Girl and support a prize.

First Aid Course

FoKHS paid £2,184 to enable pupils to access this course.



Project Based Learning - Underwater

S1 will experience a 2-day long project based around plastic pollution in the ocean and will learn how this is seriously affecting marine life and the environment. The project aims to be engaging, enjoyable and an immersive experience for our young people. To do this, we will purchase some decorations and lighting-effects which will turn classrooms into an underwater world. We would also like to purchase some Play-Doh or clay for making sea creatures.

The project may also include a beach clean and will hopefully include some outside partners such as Deep-Sea World, Scottish Water etc. coming into the school to speak to the young people. FoKHS gave this project £281.

From Chris McKay – Kirkcaldy High School Rector

It is wonderful to write to you and share some of the successes that our learners and community have undertaken over this session. I hope this gives you an insight into life at KHS and the continued progress of our school and community.



Across the year, our young people continue to develop and grow as well-rounded and capable people. Our aim is to ensure that all young people leave KHS with a clear sense of purpose and identity. As such, we continue to provide young people opportunities both in and out of school through a well-developed curriculum that centres on developing the four capacities of CfE - Successful Learners, Effective Contributors, Confident Individuals and Responsible Citizens. These extend to pupil leadership opportunities in SCQF Ambassadors, Rights group, Equalities group, Learning and Teaching ambassadors, House Captains, Prefects and more.

Our learners are firmly at the centre of decision-making, with large numbers of learners involved in sharing their views and working with staff and House Captains. It is always a highlight of my week to meet with groups of young people and hear directly from them about their experience in KHS and what we can do to continue to improve school for them.

We believe in the Right of all young people and continue to develop our school and community to focus on these rights, ensuring that all young people feel valued and able to contribute across school. We have a very active group of young people who have led school assemblies and other events focussed on the UNCRC and rights of the child.

We also have many young people taking part in various events across the year including: Kirkcaldy Remembrance Parade, Fife Festival of Music, Concerts, trips abroad, First Chances and more. We have also worked in the local community with some of our senior pupils supporting local primaries. Moreover, we have many young people taking part in College and work experiences across the year allowing them to learn key skills in the workplace and beyond.



Some key successes from last August included learners achieving some remarkable qualifications through their SQA examinations across the S4-6 cohort. Indeed, out of 9 key measures, our young people improved in 7 out of the 9 areas. A remarkable achievement given that the same measure across Fife declined in all measures for this cohort of learners.

We also continue to work to support learners back to education following COVID. Although this was 5 years ago, the knock on impact on attendance nationally continues to slowly increase. Since February 2023, our school attendance has increased by 5%, compared to the national trend of between 0.1% - 0.3%. This, in large part, is

due to the fantastic work of the various teams, colleagues and families in supporting young people back to school.

I hope this gives you a flavour of what is going on here at KHS and our continued commitment to our learners, families and community.

Best wishes,
Chris McKay
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Thank you for supporting Friends of Kirkcaldy High School. A membership form is attached. Please pass it to anyone who you think would like to join and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or ideas of how we can support the school.

**Friends of Kirkcaldy High School
New Membership Form**

Membership runs from 1 September to 31 August each year on payment of the subscription of a minimum of £5. A Banker's Order reduces our administration costs and is a more convenient way to pay.

I wish to become a Friend

Please complete the appropriate section and return this form (with money if appropriate) to:

Treasurer

Friends of Kirkcaldy High School
c/o Kirkcaldy High School
Dunnikier Way
Kirkcaldy KY1 3LR.

OR

by e-mail to:

fokhs.secretary@yahoo.com

Name:	Former Name (If Applicable):
Address:	
Postcode:	Email address:
Dates attended KHS (yyyy – yyyy):	

Under the Data Protection Act 1998 we are obliged to tell you what we do with the above information. We will only use this information to communicate with you on matters relating to Friends of Kirkcaldy High School. **If you agree please tick this box**

I enclose payment for one year.

BY CHEQUE Please make cheques payable to Friends of Kirkcaldy High School.

BY BACS See account details below

I wish to pay by Standing Order. (preferred method). Please arrange with your bank

Account Details

Bank:	Royal Bank of Scotland
Sort code	83-23-25
Account Name	Friends of Kirkcaldy High School
Account number	10987910

Signed	Date
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