



# FRIENDS OF KIRKCALDY HIGH SCHOOL

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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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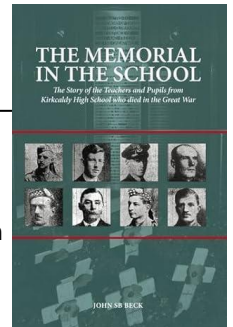
Welcome to our annual update of the work that you help us do to support the Kirkcaldy High School Community.

### Author

John Beck was a former pupil of the school who was also Chairman of FoKHS . He was interested in the school War Memorial and the men from KHS who died in the two World Wars. He researched their history and published a book showing information about everyone named who lost their life in World War 1. He also started work on those from World War 2 but, sadly, passed away before it was completed.

Mollie Harrower (a History Teacher) has taken up the challenge of completing this book. She has a group of students helping her and would welcome anyone interested in helping with this research.

She has just returned from taking a group of pupils to the battlefields, While there they located the graves of some of the KHS Alumni.



### Prize Giving Speaker

This year's guest speaker at the School's Prize-giving Ceremony, on 16<sup>th</sup> June, was former pupil Melissa Terras. Melissa attended KHS in the late 1980s/early 1990s, and although she excelled in all her school subjects, she was particularly passionate about Classics and Computer Science. When she left to study Classical Art History at Glasgow University, she impressed her tutors by submitting her final dissertation in the form of a website!

Over the next few years, she used her unique skills in digital imaging technology to undertake brand-new research on ancient tombs, ancient documents and Egyptian mummy cases, amongst many other achievements. She is now considered to be one of the most outstanding researchers in her field of specialism, in the world.

In 2025, Melissa was awarded an MBE for "Services to Digital Humanities". She is an Expert Adviser on Digital Research to the UK Government, is currently Professor of Digital Cultural Heritage at Edinburgh University, and has a staggering 13 sets of academic letters after her name!

KHS is delighted to have welcomed Melissa back to her old school.



## How Did We Help?

We help the school directly in several ways:

- As extra adults when appropriate on school trips.
- Helping with invigilation.
- Being clients e.g. for the Hospitality class

The school is running a Community event on **Sunday 6 September from 11am to 3pm** and FoKHS is supporting this in every way we can.

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

### Race Night

Our Race Night took place on Friday 7 November 2025 and it was really nice that John Thomson was joined by his son for the event. His races and banter make the evening and it clearly runs in the family.

We cannot run this event without the help of our Sponsors and we are very grateful for the support we receive.

Of course, as well as race sponsors, we need lots of people to become horse owners and if you feel you would like to support in this way please just contact Steven at

[fokhs.secretary@yahoo.com](mailto:fokhs.secretary@yahoo.com)

A profit of £ 2,087 was made and we are repeating the event on

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2026**



### Ceilidh

Our Ceilidh took place again this year in March. Once again we were delighted that Ian Adamson and Cragganmore Ceilidh Band led the proceedings providing great entertainment for those listening as well as those dancing . £1,734 was raised

The 2027 Ceilidh is provisionally organised for

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2027.**



### 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.

### Raffle

We are now running our raffle from January until the Ceilidh at the start of March. We are very grateful to everyone who donated prizes. This year they were:

- KHS Office
- Raith Rovers & Alex Penman
- CC's Floral Design
- Eloise Jewellers
- The Buffalo Farm
- Fife Sport and Leisure Trust
- Waterstones
- Yoga Voucher
- Fife Golf Trust
- Merchants Café
- The Abbotshall Hotel
- Café Seventy Three
- Pommy's Buffet
- Bliss Beauty
- Dom Miguel

£856.60 was raised for the school.

## What Have We Done with Your Money This Year?

### Dux Medals

FoKHS again provided a medal for the Dux of school which was presented at Prizegiving. We also provided medals for the Head Boy and Girl and supported a prize.



### Computer Monitors

In this day and age several exams are completed using computers especially for pupils with various needs. The school was in need of computer monitors so that they could ensure the access to computer exams met that need. FoKHS covered the cost of 10 monitors for this purpose.

### Supporting School Productions

Last summer the school staged the musical "Matilda" FoKHS covered the cost of T shirts for all involved. As well as engendering a good feeling of team participation this was an excellent advertising tool and a good keepsake.



This summer "Little Mermaid Jnr" hit the stage and FoKHS contributed £500 to the cost of a video wall for this production.



### First Aid Course

Following the positive feedback from the young people who have completed the First Aid training we supported over the last couple of years, FoKHS has continued to pay for this for this summer. Kirsten Hume ( the Depute who organises the course) said Thank you very much for this. The young people always get a lot out of the course. " The organisers were impressed by the young folk and all of them passed the course.

### School Garden

Both the Science Department (horticulture) and the Classics Department (Latin names and myths) have young people who are developing the green spaces in the school grounds. FoKHS gave them £50 to purchase some plants.

### Staff Thank You

One of the most important resources in the school is the staff and ever since covid hit us they have been under increased pressure in many ways. The FoKHS committee has been trying to think of a way to recognise their input and decided to supply lunch for the whole staff on an In - Service day. Dunning Golf Club provided the food which was served by the Social Committee in the staff room on the November In - Service day.



### Red Benches

The red metal benches that sit in the playground and in the bays along the front of the school were initially purchased with money raised by KHS Association. Although they have lasted well a few had deteriorated and FoKHS gave the school £1819 to replace 3 of them.



## From Chris McKay – Kirkcaldy High School Rector

It has been a very busy but enjoyable year in KHS. At times it seemed relentless with inspections and examinations but overall, everyone should be incredibly proud of what we have accomplished.

This year has been shaped by the breadth of opportunity, ambition and participation across our school community. Learners have engaged in a wide range of experiences beyond the classroom, including college programmes, Foundation Apprenticeships and career pathways that build essential skills for life after school.



In classrooms, creativity and curiosity have thrived—from collaborative scientific inquiry in S1 to innovative work across technologies, humanities and design. Our commitment to developing the whole young person is clear in the richness of learning, as well as in the strong uptake of sport, creative arts and wider achievement opportunities.

Our young people have excelled and contributed widely. Successes in STEM competitions, outstanding performances in music, drama and dance—including *Matilda Jr.*, *Little Mermaid* and *Battle of the Bands*—and achievements in sport at local and national levels reflect both talent and dedication.

Equally important is the growth in participation and inclusion, alongside strong contributions to community, sustainability and social justice. International trips and residential experiences have further broadened horizons, while Supported Learning continues to demonstrate the power of inclusive, nurturing practice. This was underlined by our recent inspection, which highlighted our positive ethos, inclusive and rights-based approach, strong leadership and the sense of pride and belonging felt by our young people.

Best Wishes  
Chris McKay

### Kirkcaldy High School Former Student Profiles

We are looking for ex KHS pupils to share their life journeys and achievements with our young people. We hope that this will inspire young people no matter what they wish to do after school and show them that there is not just one route to success. We are going to create a series of posters with these profiles so please only proceed if you are happy with your information being on display.

Please use our [on-line form](#).



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 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**

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

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

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