

Jordanhill Journal

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

THE FUTURE SECURED

The School is pleased to announce that **Mansell plc** has been awarded the contract for the redevelopment of the school campus. Work will commence in April 2007 with the programme scheduled for completion in the summer of 2008.

The support of the Scottish Executive Education Department has been central in reaching this point. As a Government sponsored project, funded by a capital grant of £6.6M, it is subject to independent **Gateway Reviews** at each key stage. Colleagues from the Schools Division of SEED, supported by our consultants and design team, played the lead role in successfully steering the project through Gateway 3. The resulting GREEN report has allowed us to proceed to award the construction contract.

The success of the project in proceeding to the construction phase on time and within budget reflects the clear and realistic vision established at the outset combined with the hard work and professionalism of the whole Project Team. We would like to express our thanks to all involved and look forward to continuing that productive partnership over the remaining life of the project.

When reviewing the project, **Architecture and Design Scotland** commented

"The designs for new buildings are of a high quality, and will contribute positively to Southbrae Drive and Chamberlain Road. The new teaching block is well planned, and there has been a sophisticated approach towards the articulation of the elevations. A commitment to high design quality should be maintained throughout the delivery of the project through the design and build process."

KEY DATES

Site Possession

April 2007

Hockey pitch completed

August 2007

Refectory completed

September 2007

New Teaching Block

May 2008

MUGA completed

Summer term 2008

Huts demolished

Summer holiday 2008

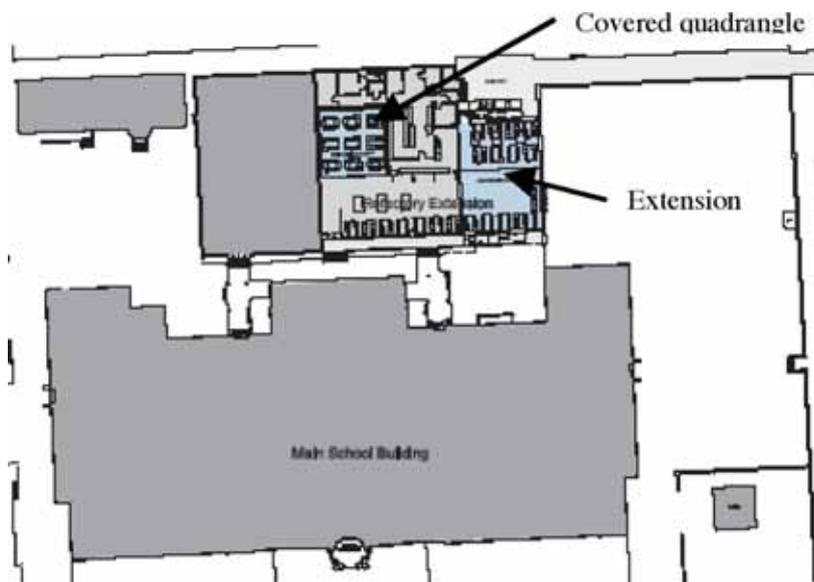
In assessing the bids from contractors, the Project Team was particularly impressed by the understanding of working in a school environment and the commitment to quality expressed in the Mansell tender. We are confident that the ambitions of the School and of A+DS will be realised.



Mansell will take possession of the main site in early April. The whole site will be securely screened off and a new controlled access route created from Chamberlain Road into the smaller of the existing blaes pitches for the duration of the project.

A project on this scale will inevitably lead to some disruption to the work of the school and to the local community. However, the site management proposals and phasing of the different elements of the project have been designed to minimise this. Detailed briefings on site management and health & safety will be given to pupils, staff and parents at the start of the summer term. Information will also be issued to local residents.

Pupils and staff will start to benefit from the work at an early stage. While both blaes pitches will be out of commission in term 3, the new full-size synthetic hockey pitch will be available from the start of next session.



Work on the Refectory will start on 4 June following the examination diet, with the most disruptive elements scheduled during the summer holidays. Catering facilities will be maintained during June and at the start of the session until completion in mid-September. The covered over quadrangle combined with the extension will more than double seating capacity and provide a much more flexible and pleasant environment which can be used for a variety of purposes.

On its completion in the summer term of 2008, the new teaching block will provide 15 classrooms, a new Art department, an atrium and an administrative complex. Just as importantly, it will free up some much needed space in the main building and the practical building. We shall say more about our plans for using this space in future editions of the *Journal*.



Mansell plc is a member of the Balfour Beatty Group. The company was responsible for the new Primary building at St. George's School, Edinburgh and the reconstruction of Morgan Academy. They are currently building new schools at Dunoon and Lochgilphead.



Morgan Academy



St. George's School

RECTOR'S NOTES



These are exciting times for the school with our major redevelopment project about to get under way. The new teaching block, extended Refectory and all-weather pitches will significantly improve the quality of the learning environment. You will be able to keep track of progress through the web site.



Our Depute Rector, Mrs Maralyn Brown has been appointed Head Teacher of Grangemouth High School. Lyn has done a wonderful job, notably in the areas of pupil and staff support. We wish her every success in her new post.



The new Depute Rector is Mr Derek Brown previously Depute Head Teacher. He will take up post following the Easter vacation. The resulting DHT vacancy has now been advertised.



Mrs Shona Hugh, PT Modern Languages, is leaving after 21 years to lead Languages and International Education at Williamwood High. In 2005 HMIE rated every aspect of Shona's work as Very Good. We shall miss her greatly.

Finally, may I remind FPs that visitors are always welcome. The gallery of photographs from 1930 to the present always stimulates a few memories.

Paul W. Thomson

FREEDOM OF THE CITY

The Rt Hon The Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden KT was presented with the Freedom of the City of Glasgow at a Ceremony in the City Chambers on 23rd February 2007.



The ceremony included performances by four City schools including the **Jordanhill School Primary Choir**. Dr Thomson and Mr Smith represented the School at the event. The choir sang three songs: 'The Rose' by Eric Clapton, 'Refuge' by Howard

Goodall and 'The Jeely Piece Song'. The last of these was specially requested as one of Lord Macfarlane's favourites and Euan Fleming P7 marked the occasion by presenting him with a symbolic 'jeely piece'.

Lord Macfarlane is a classic example of the Glasgow entrepreneur and philanthropist. His list of public appointments includes President of the Glasgow School of Art, Scottish Ballet, The High School of Glasgow, Trustee of the Heritage Lottery Fund, The National Galleries of Scotland, and President of the Charles Rennie Mackintosh Society.

Most recently as Chairman of the **Kelvingrove Refurbishment Appeal**, he has played a pivotal role in the hugely successful refurbishment of Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. Jordanhill was the first school to support the KRA. During March pupils and staff will be manning a display of pupil art works under the theme *Global Thinking through Expressive Arts* as part of the Primary Expressive Arts Week.

Lord and Lady Macfarlane will be the principal guests at the School Prizegiving on Tuesday 26th June.



Primary Choir with Mr Kean and Mr Gaw

JORDANHILL COLLEGE SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976 30TH REUNION, MAY 2006

I've spent the best part of the last 30 years living in America, and when I was back in Scotland for my bi-annual visit in 2005, I had dinner with Deirdre Campbell and Carrie Cox. Amidst the laughter and among many other things including some fine wine, we were complaining about the heat that seemed to be specific only to the three of us when the conversation drifted to the American passion for school reunions and wondering why it was something that never really took off in the UK.

It's a huge business in America. As soon as the possibility of a reunion is bandied about, there seems to be a great upsurge in appointments with plastic surgeons: faces are lifted, as are various other parts, while thighs are reduced, roots are colored and teeth are bleached. All just to face a group of people you haven't seen for decades and who wouldn't have recognized you in the first place anyway, so why go to all that bother?

But anyway, as quick as you could name all the Jordanhill houses, we thought what a great idea it would be if our class was to have its own reunion, especially since 2006 would be, coincidentally, the 30th anniversary of the year we all left those hallowed halls on Chamberlain Road.

Funnily enough, this thought managed to survive the evening and the wine than inspired it, and a few weeks later I passed it along in an email to Gillian Cowan. Now, Gillian, as you may remember, is a chronicler and organizer of great repute, and during her years at the "Hill" she somehow managed to take thousands of photos of us all from start to finish of our school careers when we weren't paying attention – at least, I wasn't. I was



quite good at not paying attention. But who better to take on the task of gathering us all from far and wide. And she did it. Using methods old and technologies new she doggedly herded about 40 of the survivors together from as far away as Connecticut and Kilmardinny, to name but a few.

And we were so pleased that some of our favourite staff members were able to join us for the afternoon. Miss McArthur of the Maths Department, Mrs Mizen of English and Miss Stewart of Domestic Science accompanied us as we wandered around, searching out familiar classrooms and familiar faces on the walls. How strange, by the way, that the former Sixth Year Girls' Room is now a hockey ball closet.

The day was a great success: friendships were renewed and many tales were told as the party continued. It was strange to say goodbye and know that we wouldn't be meeting again at Assembly the next morning. But onwards and upwards – I'll see you at the 40th!

Jo (Hanley) Burley
Connecticut



FORMER PUPILS EVENT: CLASS OF 1955

Class of 1955

Wednesday 19 September 2007

Organiser: Myra W Lawson (nee McArthur)

Invitation to girls who attended Jordanhill College School between 1942 and 1955. To celebrate their 70th birthdays, it has been decided to mark the occasion by having an outing to the Kelvingrove Art Galleries followed by a lunch at The Millennium Hotel in George Square, Glasgow.

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TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Marc Austin S2 represented Scotland at the British Inter Regional Triathlon Championships in September: 200m swim, 6km bike ride and 2km run for 11-12 year old boys.

Marc finished 4th overall with the fastest swim and second fastest run. Scotland came 2nd in the championships.



Marc has been presented with Junior Honours in recognition of his selection

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND ART AWARD

Rachel O'Neill (S6) is one of only six students to be awarded a certificate of merit in the Royal Bank Of Scotland Art Award in the senior category.

660 of the top Art students in Scotland were entered for the competition this year, which is run by the RBS and The Royal Scottish Academy.

Rachael's self-portrait will be on display in the local RBS in due course.

Congratulations to Rachael on this outstanding achievement.



OPENING OF DAN YOUNG BUILDING

On Wednesday 22 November former School Captains Julie Beattie and David Bell attended the opening of SSBA's new family support centre in Cumbernauld.

Julie and David were representing their peers in S6 who last session raised the magnificent sum of **£18,400** towards the SSBA appeal.

Julie and David are pictured with Gordon Ramsay SSBA's Patron who flew in specially from New York overnight to open the Dan Young building.

CLASS OF 1959-60

Many thanks to Jim McGhee and Bobby Wilson (both seated in front row) for providing this photograph and naming everyone.



Back Jim Bunnion. David Ottley. Ralph Taylor. Peter Richmond. Ian Twedde. Raymond Bailie. Jim Allan.

Mrs Munroe. Sandy McLeod .Ian Auld. .Michael Buchanan. Brian Wallace. Alan Patterson. Jack Walker. Andrew Cameron. Derek Gauld.

Middle Eileen Anderson. Elizabeth Bell. Alison Gemmell. Fiona Christie. Marilyn Torbet. Pat Kerr. Sheena Colquhoun. Joan Hill. Cynthia Barton. Jayne Boyle. Ann Murchie. Margaret McFarlane. Sheila McKenzie. Sheila Paton. Norma Rowan. Valerie Thomas. Rosalind Bell.

Front Bobby Wilson. Irene Paxton. Isobel Barbour. Margaret McCrae. Jim McGee
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S6 CHARITY TRIATHLON



In January 2007 the S6 charity committee organised a triathlon in aid of the **Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland**.

60 pupils swam, cycled and ran at the **Next Generation** sports club who kindly donated their facilities.

The event was launched by Catriona Morrison (FP) and David Clark Chief Executive of CHSS. Catriona (kneeling) was recently voted 3rd in the BBC Scotland Sports Personality of the Year Award following her success in the World Duathlon Championships.

To date S6 have raised nearly £4,000. The next major fund raising event is their Charity Dinner to be held in the school on Saturday 21st April.

Institute *of* **Physics**

HIGHER PHYSICS PRIZE 2006

Bruce McLintock S6 has been named by the Institute of Physics as the top performing student in the 2006 Higher Grade Physics Examination.

Bruce will receive his prize at the IoP conference at Stirling University in June 2007.

Congratulations to Bruce on this outstanding achievement.



Bruce was School Dux in 2006 and is currently Vice-captain of the school.

ALASTAIR CRAM RECTOR 1980-1988

Mr Cram is resident at Sir Gabriel Wood's Mariners Homes, 67 Newark Street, Greenock, PA16 7TQ. (Tel. 01475 720908)

Mr Cram would be pleased to hear from FPs and former colleagues from his time at Jordanhill School.

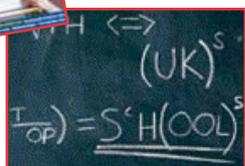
SCOTTISH SCHOOLS' ROAD RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the **P7 Boys** Team who won the Scottish Championships held at Grangemouth on Saturday 28 October.

Team members **Iain Ogilvie**, **Andrew Harper** and **Cameron Barr** are pictured with all the competitors from Jordanhill Primary.



SUNDAY TIMES SCHOOL OF THE YEAR



Jordanhill was named as Scottish state school of the year in the Sunday Times Parent Power guide in November 2006.

The Sunday Times article can be read by clicking on the link on the web site.

NEW HOME ECONOMICS SUITE

Major repair works were carried out to the end wall of the Practical building last summer. The school took the opportunity to completely refit the second of our Home Economics rooms, the remainder of the department having been refitted in 2003.

We are delighted with the resulting high quality environment. Our thanks go to all involved in this successful project.



CURLING



Curling has taken off as a sport over the last three years under the direction of John Summers Head of PE. Pupil and staff teams have been established with a number of former pupils and community members also taking part.

The curling groups are grateful for the encouragement they have received from the school and for the support of former pupils Malcolm and Jean (nee Dickson) Adair. Jean is prominent in the hockey and tennis teams of her year while Malcolm was the School Sports Champion in 1954 and 1955.

A bonspiel is being held at Braehead Centre on Friday 23rd March to celebrate the progress of the sport and to bring together the pupil, staff and community groups. All the teams will play 4 short games of 2 ends each, with the competition decided by points (2 for a win, 1 for a tie), ends won and finally shots up.

The prizes, donated by the staff curling section, will be presented at the buffet to follow with a collection being taken for the S6 charity - **'Heart Stroke & Chest Scotland'**.

Please visit the web site for further information about curling and the results of the bonspiel.

LOLLIPOP MAN (TOMMY) RETIRES

Our School Crossing Patrol Officer Mr Wright (Tommy) retired at Christmas after 14 years of outstanding service to the school and community. Tommy took on the role after retiring first time round following a career in the railways.



Countless numbers of Jordanhill pupils benefited from his kindness and friendly manner over the years. As they have grown up Tommy was there, on sunny days and even in the foulest of weather, to see them safely on their way.

The Primary pupils made a special presentation to Tommy at their final assembly of the term and he was guest of honour at the staff Christmas lunch at which he received a presentation from parents, pupils and staff.

We wish Tommy a long and happy second retirement.

WILLIAM FARISH AWARDS

The family of **William Farish** have established a special fund which will be used to award prizes and grants to individual pupil of excellence. All three of William's sons – Owen, Neil and Bill – are former pupils of Jordanhill School.

Science Prizes

Each of the prizes for Higher Grade Biology, Chemistry and Physics will be called the William Farish Prize and awarded at Prizegiving in his name.

Pupils of Excellence

These grants offer financial support to individual pupils of excellence taking part in competitions and/or courses. The normal maximum grant available is £100. Recipients **must** be pupils of Jordanhill School and must meet the criterion of individual excellence.

Applications

Applications should be made in writing to the Rector whose decision on the allocation of any grant shall be final.

The **William Farish Fund** is administered by the Educational Amenities Trust Fund.

Further details are available on the web site.

The School would like to thank the Farish family for their generosity in establishing this fund.

Examples of 'Excellence'

- National Youth Orchestra of Scotland
- Representing Scotland in a sport at U-16 level or above
- Euroscola participant

This list is not exhaustive.

FUTURE LEARNING AND TEACHING



For some time the School has been recognised as a centre of excellence in the use of ICT (Information and Communications Technology) for learning and teaching, winning the Becta ICT in Practice Award in 2006.

Last June pupils in P6 and S3 were the first in Scotland to test **Glow**, the new name for the Scottish Schools Digital Network, while in March 2007 pupils and staff are piloting the use of a number of further features within Glow

- Portal
- National Directory
- Web Hosting
- Glow Meet
- Glow Chat
- Video Streaming
- Mailing List
- Secure File Transfer



One of the key features of Glow is that it provides a secure environment for pupils and teachers to share learning resources and to exchange communications whether in school or at home.

Glow will roll out nationally during session 2007-08. The new teaching block will be fully configured to utilise Glow to best effect. It is, however, 10 years since the last major change in infrastructure in the Main building. Following evaluation by external consultants, significant investment will shortly be made in upgrading both the hardwired backbone and the radio network.

Visit www.ltscotland.org.uk for further information.



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