

Jordanhill School

Journal

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Opening Ceremony



The south campus building and grounds were opened with a fanfare on Monday 1st September by Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning.

James MacMillan's composition *Jebel* provided a tumultuous and rousing finale to the opening ceremony which took place in the atrium of the south campus.



The ceremony commenced with a trumpet piece called *Apocalypse*. This may not seem the best of auspices, but "apocalypse" means "unveiling".

The Cabinet Secretary and a large audience of guests, pupils and staff assembled in the atrium were welcomed by the Convener of the Board of Managers, Rosemary Winter-Scott.

In his remarks the Rector expressed his appreciation of the close working partnership with the Scottish Government

"We worked together to define the project brief, appoint the design team and contractors and supervise all stages.



While the Scottish Government tested our ideas thoroughly they did not seek to impose an external view of our educational or social needs or interfere in the design concept. This has been a model of effective project management.

Today we have a building completed on schedule, to budget and of a standard that few can match.

The design team led by architects Elder & Canon took our educational needs and offered an embodiment of them that we had not conceived.



That the quality of the building is so high reflects not just the detailed planning but the input of all our consultants and the commitment of Mansell our main contractor who have delivered what we asked for to a very high standard."

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In looking to the future he said

"This project does a lot more than enhance the working environment. It offers new ways of working and we have already made significant changes in this regard.

I have every confidence that our staff and pupils with the support of the community will exploit all of the opportunities that this project brings to take the quality of educational provision at Jordanhill School to even greater heights."

Prior to unveiling a commemorative plaque, the Cabinet Secretary spoke about her visit and impressions of the school

"I've had a very enjoyable tour and relished meeting both staff and pupils who really enthused about the school and the new improvements.

It reaffirms for me just how important a part buildings and facilities can play in offering a supportive and inspirational environment.

I have much appreciated seeing and hearing about some of what you do – your focus on sports, on music and the arts, on science, on languages, indeed on a breadth and richness of curriculum which is an example to others.

Jordanhill has an enviable reputation of educational innovation and excellence. The new facilities cannot help but maintain and strengthen those traditions to the benefit of pupils."

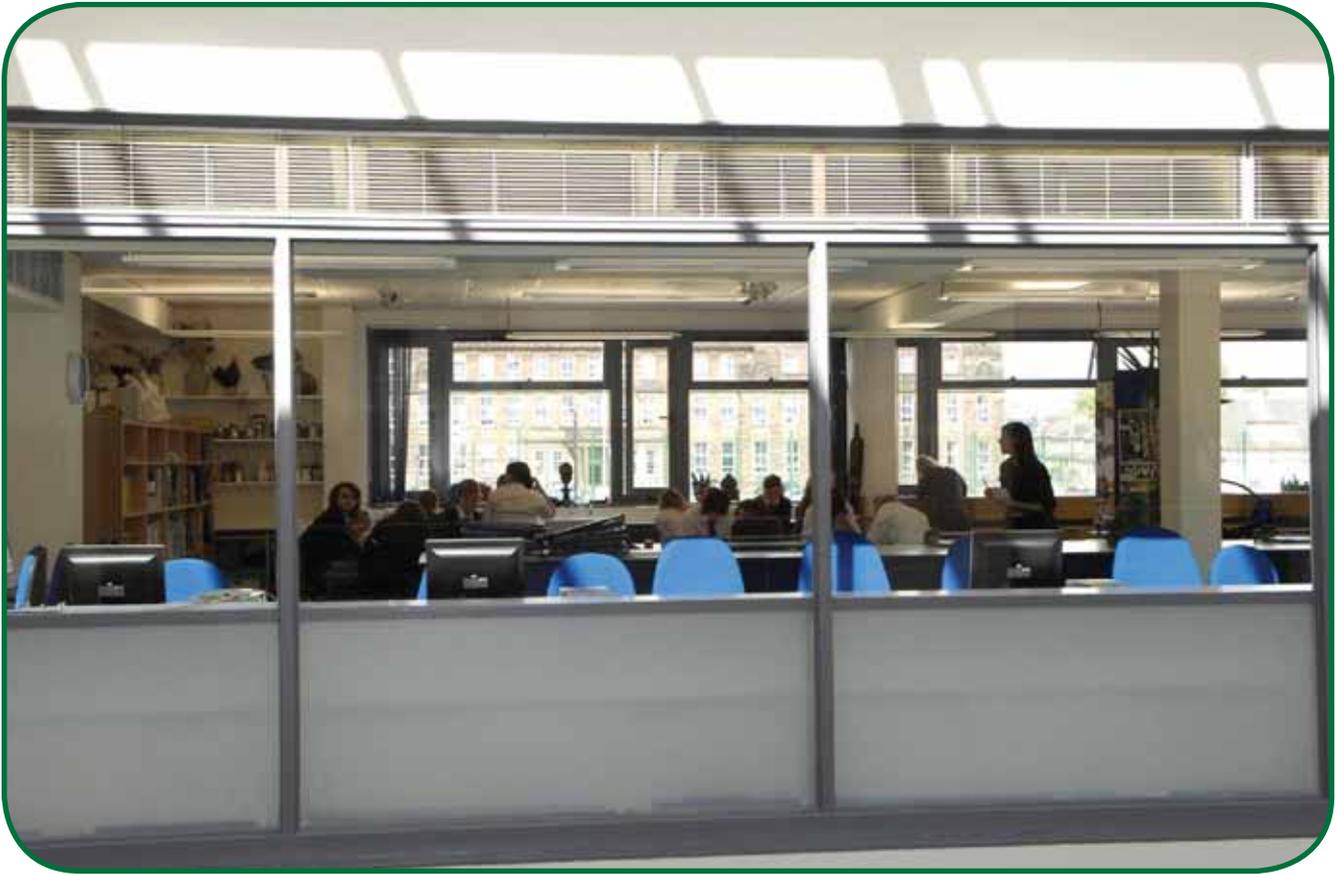
In introducing his composition, James MacMillan described his motivation and his research on the historical connections of the school and its site which led to the name Jebel which means "hill" in Arabic. Each of the parts had been written to match the capabilities of the individual players. He had greatly enjoyed working with them during rehearsals.

"I am delighted to dedicate my Jebel to the school's outstanding Principal Teacher of Music Ian Anderson."



Cabinet Secretary Tour

In advance of the ceremony, the Cabinet Secretary had an opportunity to view the new sports pitches and landscaping and to talk to pupils and staff in each of the departments located in the new building.



Art

The new Art department has a panoramic window facing North to the old building and a picture window facing South into the atrium.





Katie Wyllie & Donald Leggat with the Cabinet Secretary





Before





After



Sports Day 2008

Alan Bryant Photography





Prizegiving

24th June 2008



Prizegiving was blessed with a beautiful sunny day.

This year's principal guests were Iain MacMillan CBE, Director of CBI Scotland and his wife.

During the ceremony the School Captains, Jenny Nash and Mark Bradshaw presented a cheque for £17,000 to Sister Rita Dawson from St Margarets of Scotland Hospice the charity supported by S6 during the year.



Lesley Williams Memorial School Dux SV
Kirsten Somerville

Hugh S. Goudie Proxime Accessit Award SV
Julia Houston

William T. Branston Memorial Dux SVI
Matthew Thain

House Shield Winners
Crawfurd



Pictures by Alan Bryant

- Iain MacMillan
- Jenny, Mark and Sister Rita
- Duces receive applause of audience
- Stewart Booth, Matthew Thain and Mark Bradshaw
- Mrs MacMillan
- Coryn Dickson and Rhona McCluskey



Events 2008-2009

Band Night

Wednesday 29th October
School Hall

Fireworks Night

Friday 7th November
School Grounds

Christmas Concert

Wednesday 3rd December
College Hall

Pantomime

Wed. 10th & Thur. 11th December
School Hall

Spring Concert

Thursday 2nd April
School Hall

Young Musician of the Year Finals

Monday 15th June
School Hall

School Sports

Saturday 15th June 10.30am-1.30pm
School Grounds

Gala Concert in Aid of S6 Charity

Monday 22nd June
College Hall

For further information please contact the school
or check the web site



Wolfson Foundation Grant

We are delighted to announce that the school has been offered a grant of £40,000 by the Wolfson Foundation to support the creation of new science laboratories in the practical building.

These much needed facilities will be formed in the spaces vacated by the Art department which has moved to a custom built area in the new building and the old staffroom.

They will comprise two science laboratories and a new Science department base for all staff. In turn the old bases will be freed for other purposes.

Already, we have doubled the size of our technician base, created a new meeting room and stripped out the Art department. At the time of writing this project is going out to tender and we hope to complete it for the start of session 2009-10.

The school would like to express its gratitude to the Trustees of the Wolfson Foundation for their generous support.

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Jordanhill School would like to thank all those who have contributed to the successful completion of the redevelopment project.

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