



# Parents' Newsletter



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## Head Teacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

This has been an unusually hectic end of session at Clydebank High School! We tried to cram as much information into our last Newsletter as we could but we ran out of time and space! As a result, I have decided to compile a "supplement" to our last Newsletter, covering the main events at the very end of the session. Life is certainly never dull here!

I hope you enjoy these last few paragraphs and photographs.

Yours sincerely  
*Stewart Young*

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## Summer Holiday Arrangements

Please note the following dates :

**30th June:** School closes at 1 p.m. for the summer break

**4th August:** SQA exam results are sent out by text, email and post.

**11th August:** Re-coursing day for senior pupils (See further details below).

**16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> August:** In-service days for staff

**18th August:** All Pupils start back at 8.50 a.m.

### Special points of interest:

- Head Teacher's Letter
- Recoursing
- Sports Assemblies
- Reach programme
- Summer Concert

## Recoursing

Please note : If your son/daughter has sat SQA exams and wishes to discuss a possible level or subject change, he/she should come into school on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> August at the following times :

**S6: 9.30 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**S5: 1 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.**

All Pastoral Care teachers will be available in the Assembly Hall.

**No re-coursing will be possible after this date.**

## S2 Awards

*Apologies to anyone who thought that we had forgotten our S2 award winners. We should have mentioned that we were having to keep the details for this "supplement".*

**Here are the names of our S2 Award winners :**

### Platinum Merit Awards    Gold Merit Awards

Megan Clapperton	2A1	Anna Abraham	2A1	Eilidh Watson	2C2
Catriona Crawford	2A1	Amanda Inglis	2A1	Sophie Clark	2C2
Joanne Dempster	2A1	Nicola McLelland	2A1	Becca Davidson	2C2
Lucy Marshall	2A1	Mark McLuckie	2A1	Kimberley Heeps	2C2
Heather McEwan	2A1	Christopher Nelson	2A1	Hannah Kilday	2C2
Louise Steele-Milne	2A1	Caitlyn Bannatyne	2A2	Stuart Love	2C2
Shelby Shades	2A2	Carly Buchanan	2A2	Stephen Maitland	2C2
Jamie Wright	2A2	Ben Gallacher	2A2	Jodie Muir	2C2
Caragh Allan	2A2	Jennifer Hardy	2A2	Abbie Warrington	2C2
Heather Beattie	2B1	Hayleigh Quinn	2A2	Sean Gallagher	2C3
Kern Donald	2B1	Claire Stormouth	2A2	Michaela Jarvie	2C3
Eilidh MacDonald	2B1	Lisa Taylor	2A2	Chloe Paton	2C3
Kaitlin McAuley	2B1	Natasha Weir	2A2	Jack Adair	2D1
Amy Morrison	2B1	Blair White	2A2	Rachel Busby	2D1
Sophie Pollock	2B1	Victoria Colvan	2A3	Sam Crawley	2D1
Corrie Haran	2B2	Nicole Gill	2A3	Catriona Dougherty	2D1
Abigail Harkness	2B2	Katie Graham	2A3	Ross Elder	2D1
Carrie Mitchell	2B2	Afton Stevenson	2A3	Rebecca Graham	2D1
Danielle Grozier	2C1	George Bowman	2B1	Jade Henderson	2D1
Sian Hayes	2C1	Clayre Byrne	2B1	Lewis Henderson	2D1
Krystyna Loney	2C1	Natasha Ferrier	2B1	Sarah Kennedy	2D1
Meghan Stewart	2C1	Robbie Garnett	2B1	Kirsty Mallon	2D1
Mairi Voy	2C1	Jamie Henry	2B1	Elaine McGowan	2D1
Caitlin Jordan	2C2	Allister Kennedy	2B1	Lauren McLachlan	2D1
Connor McDonald	2C2	Bethany Lynch	2B1	Lauren McLaughlin	2D1
Lisa McKain	2C2	Jamie Simpson	2B1	Niamh O'Donnell	2D1
Graeme Cox	2C2	Alison Warne	2B1	Melissa Sullivan	2D1
Ryan Devine	2C2	Meghan Bellshaw	2B2	Sean Docherty	2D2
Heather Murray	2C2	Jennifer Cree	2B2	Alistair Maxwell	2D2
Adele Kane	2C2	Sam Currie	2B2	Alan Murray	2D2
Amber Clark	2D2	Amy Hamilton	2B2	Connor Murray	2D2
Amy Hood	2D2	Chloe James	2B2		
Lauren Pearson	2D2	Chloe Keenan	2B2		
Beth Spiers	2D2	Amy Little	2B2		
Jacob Toland	2D2	Christopher McDonald	2B2		
		Kyle McDonald	2B2		
		Louise McNally	2B2		
		Emma Nicolson	2B2		
		Iona Bentley	2C1		
		Rebecca Fitzpatrick	2C1		
		Mark Fraser	2C1		
		Kyle Halley	2C1		
		Alison McIntyre	2C1		



**Well Done!**

## Sports Assemblies

*This week, for the first time, we have held specially organised sports assemblies to celebrate the achievements of our competitors.*

***At our S3 event we focused on the following:***

- the girls who performed at the Dance Festival on 8<sup>th</sup> June to the huge acclaim of the audience and dance motivators. The girls' teamwork, obvious dedication and high standard of performance captivated everyone. The girls involved were:



**Isla Mclarty 3A1, Kim MacPherson 3A1, Caitlin Gilfillan 3A2, Bonnie McNeil 3A2, Chloe Vincent 3B1, Hirra Mahmood 3B2, Leanne Hill 3B3, Amy McDonald 3C2, Nikki Main 4A1, Laura McLellan 4A2, Sarah Kennedy 4B1, Katie Fletcher 4B1, Gemma McDonald 4B2, Kaiynat Mahmood 4C1, Charmaine Tembo 4C3, Chloe Anderson 4D1, Carla Gallagher 4D2.**



- the girls of our netball team who had just returned from Spain (see Newsletter 10)



- the school sports' day winners (see Newsletter 10)



- the county sports medalists

**Adam Stevenson 3A2  
Craig Wilson 3B2  
Alan Stewart 3D3  
Kyle Whyte 3C2**



***A  
tremendous  
result!***

*All our sportsmen and women were awarded engraved medals and certificates. In addition, the S3 boys' and girls' captains were presented with a brand new silver trophy.*

*These trophies will be passed on to next year's winners.*

*At the moment our plan for next year is to make our senior school awards ceremony later in June so that we can incorporate the sports awards into that same event.*

*At our S1 and S2 assemblies the focus was on our own in-house sports' champions in each year group. What was particularly amazing about the S1 sports' day was that more than 98% of the year group took part.*

*A tremendous result!*

## Reach Programme



**Already it  
seems  
invaluable**

The Reach Programme is the name given to the links that Clydebank High School has developed with Glasgow University to support our young people who have made ambitious university career choices, such as medicine, vet medicine, dentistry and law. This extract from a letter from Mrs McNally, one of our Pastoral Care staff, shows that the programme is already well under way for our new S6 pupils.

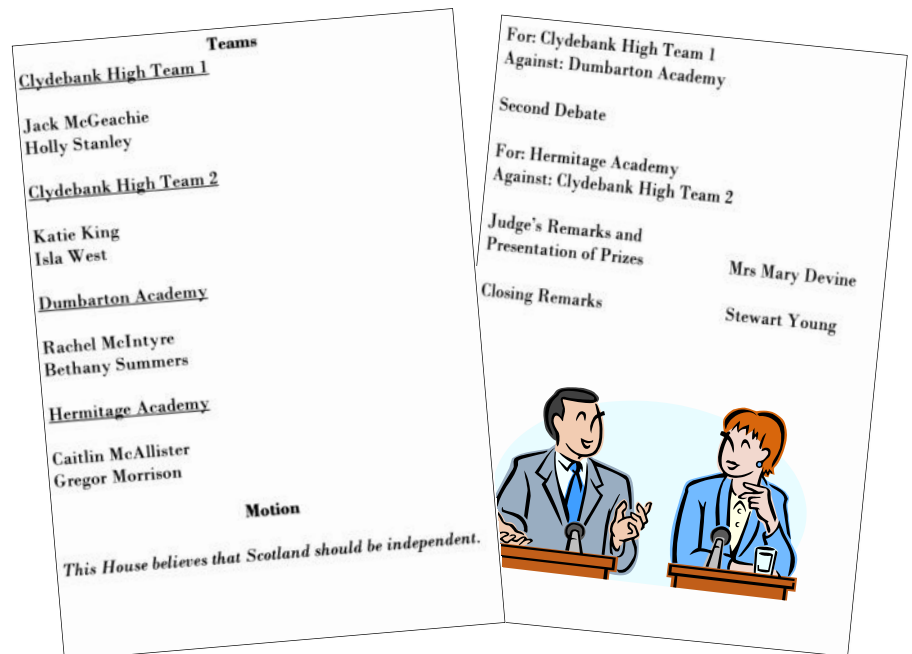
*The pupils took part in a couple of activities in the school to prepare for the summer programme. The pupils went last week and had a fantastic time. The programme included lectures, seminars, library research etc. The week also involved workshops on aspects of application: personal statements; UKCAT, LNAT tests; and interview preparation. They were personally highlighted as brilliant candidates for their chosen careers, the university said that they were better than the current first year students. A great recommendation for us".*

**Kelly McNeil 5A1 Nicola Mitchell 5A2 Amy Cranney 5B1  
Kay McCubbin 5B2 Kerry Lyon 5C1 Ashley Jackson 5C1  
Alan Ross 5C2 Meagan Henry 5D1**

## Debating Competition

Increasingly, as time goes by, education is seen to be about more than simply classroom-based learning. It is also about acquiring skills for life and work, one of the biggest skills being the ability to present yourself in a range of situations in a confident way e.g. at interview, in an exam. Debating is an activity that helps to foster this kind of skill. It also helps with team work, research skills, pulling together an argument to justify an opinion, and so on.

On Tuesday, 21st June, Miss McLeman of our English Department organised a debating competition between ourselves, Dumbarton Academy and Hermitage Academy. Unfortunately, the other schools in West Dunbartonshire did not take part. Nevertheless, the competition was very keen as the teams debated the pros and cons of Scottish independence. Clydebank High entered 2 S1 teams, both of whom acquitted themselves exceptionally well. Unfortunately, the greater maturity and experience of the Hermitage Academy team won the day. Congratulations to them !



***I would just like to thank our young debaters for doing so well and enhancing the school's reputation.***

***You have a great future ahead of you!***

***Thank you to Miss McLeman, supported by Mrs Ryan, for all your hard work!***

## Summer Concert

This took place on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, and what a success it was! Our first ever summer concert took place many years ago in the old school. The original idea was to have a quiet informal event for the families of the musicians. This year we had a full-blown concert with every seat in the house taken! It was fantastic! What a tremendous experience for our young people to perform to such a large crowd.

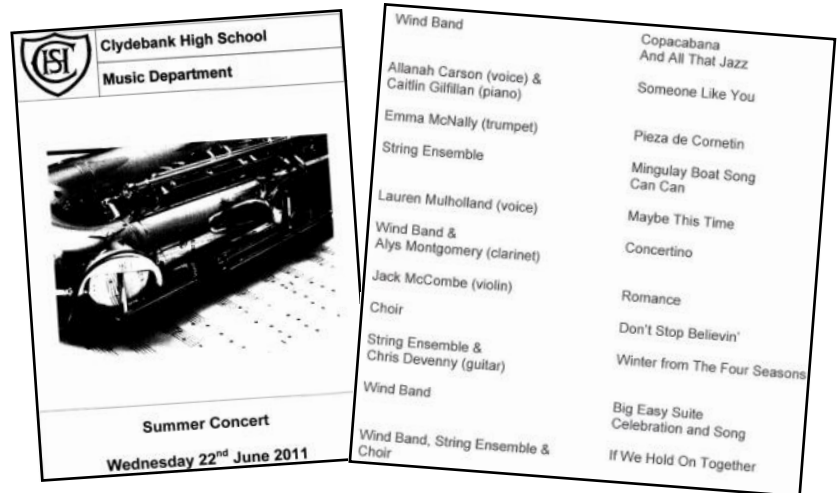
As we have come to expect, the range and depth of music on offer was amazing. There is also no doubt that the intimacy of our new assembly hall adds to the atmosphere of these events.

Just so that you can all see what you missed (and to wet your appetite for next year!), here is a copy of the

programme.

I would just like to thank Mr Kelly and his team (Mrs Hawthorn, Mrs Hunter, Miss McCormick, Mrs Morris, Mr Pugh) and all the instrumental tutors for the sterling work that they do with our young people. We all appreciate it.

*The intimacy of our new assembly hall adds to the atmosphere of these events.*



## Clydebank College



Well done to the following pupils who have had 100% attendance, for their course at Clydebank College.

Robert Skinner 3C1      Sarah Nicholson 3B1  
Kirsten Stewart 3B3      Bonnie McNeil 3A2

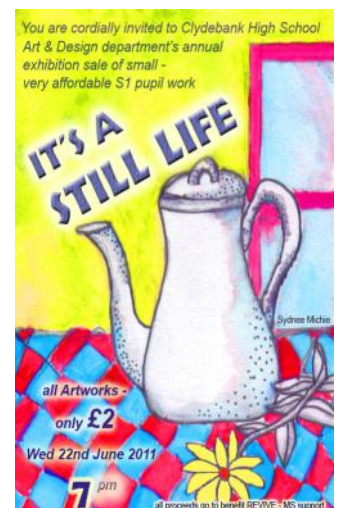


## Art Exhibition

This took place on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, before, during and after our summer concert! This year's art work was produced by our S1 pupils on the theme of "still life". The art work was beautifully mounted and presented in our "street" area. It was great to see so many families and visitors milling about this area, just like a real gallery opening! At £2 per piece the art work disappeared like snow off a dyke! In all, the sum of £150 was raised for Revive - (giving people with Multiple Sclerosis support). Thank you to all who came and spent their money.

I would just like to thank Mr Fleming and his team (Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Gormley, Mrs McGoldrick, Miss Neilson, Miss O'Hare) for all the tremendous work they do with our young people. We all appreciate it.

Thank you also to Mrs Duffy and the members of the S3 Hospitality course for the amazing home baking!





# High School Musical



Full details of this event were published in Newsletter 10. However, I would just like to thank the parent who wrote in to congratulate us. She wrote

*Dear Mr Young*

*I felt I had to write this letter to congratulate the school for the success of 'High School Musical'. The cast enjoyed every minute which was unmistakably evident in the faces of every pupil on the stage.*

*Please pass on my thanks to the Music department and all the other staff involved for their enthusiasm and hard work which made the show a professional, sleek production which I am sure will be forever in the pupils memories from school.*

It is so rewarding for staff to receive this kind of thoughtful feedback. Thank you!



**Congratulate the school for the success of High School Musical**



The Audience



The Cast



## Pupils' Achievements

### Ross Doohan 1C1

Congratulations to Ross, who was away with Celtic Boys Club in Prague for a football tournament with teams from all over Europe. Ross won goalkeeper of the tournament.



### Dean Mowatt 3B1

Apologies to Dean whose name was missed off the S3 award winners list in the last Newsletter. Dean was one of the two PE prize winners.





## P7 Enhanced Transition Project

For many years now primary and secondary schools have been good at the pastoral side of transition from P7 to S1. Clydebank High and cluster primaries are certainly no exception to this. However, now we are developing more the curricular aspect of transition i.e. there is a smoother transition in terms of classroom-based work. This is particularly important as A Curriculum For Excellence is introduced ; everyone needs to know and understand what everyone else is doing, why they are doing it and how they are doing it. As a result, our P7 pupils this year had 7 transition days rather than 2. This means that the primary pupils already know the secondary school incredibly well. It also means that primary and secondary teachers have had a chance to teach together, to mark together, to share standards and expectations. This has only helped to bring the cluster together even more strongly than before.

In particular, I would like to thank Mrs McLaughlin for all her hard work in leading and coordinating this initiative. Thank you also to the teachers, both primary and secondary, for giving up so much of their time.

*Letter received from Mary Devine, Quality Manager, WDC.*

*Dear Mr Young*

*Can you pass on my thanks and congratulations to Hazel McLaughlin and all the staff involved in the Transition programme. It was wonderful to hear the young people talk today about their experiences. They are confident about coming to Clydebank High and look forward to continuing their learning with you. They were enthusiastic about their visits and they are 'at home' in Clydebank High now. The future holds no fear, only exciting challenges. This could not have happened without the commitment of all the staff involved, particularly Mrs McLaughlin.*

**"Amazing"  
Heather  
Brand  
Whitecrock  
Primary**



**"I enjoyed the visit, I'm still a bit scared I will get lost but it will be fun"  
Lorna Filshie,  
Gavinburn Primary**



**"I know more people and enjoyed making friends from different schools"  
Eve McGinley,  
Clydemuir Primary**



**"It's been a great 7 weeks and I'm looking forward to the 6 years to come"  
Jordan Chisholm,  
Edinbarnet Primary**

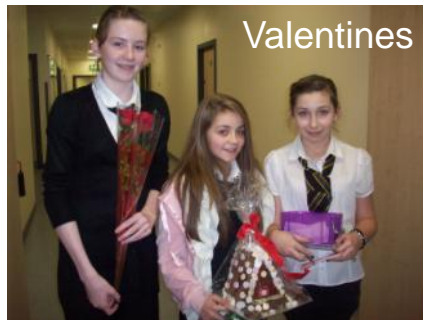




# Our Year in Pictures



Marbella



Valentines



BBC Visit



Amazing Things



Amazonia



Awards



CHS Got Talent



Pila Ski trip



Art Dept



Paris



Pizza Treat



Teacher v Pupils



Sports Day

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<b>Tuesday 28th June</b>	<b>Activities Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 29th June</b>	<b>Activities Day</b>
<b>Thursday 30th June</b>	<b>School Closes 1pm</b>
<b>Thursday 4th August</b>	<b>SQA Exam Results</b>
<b>Thursday 11th August</b>	<b>Re-coursing day</b>
<b>Tuesday 16th August</b>	<b>In-service day</b>
<b>Wednesday 17th August</b>	<b>In-service day</b>
<b>Thursday 18th August</b>	<b>Pupils Return</b>

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## **Stop press - Berlin trip**

Mrs McGuffie Teacher of History along with Rebecca Forbes 5A1, Neil Montgomery 5A1, Rachel Watson 5A2, Laura Ferrier 5B2, Stephen Pringle 6A1, Christopher McInnes 6C1, Gregor Watt 6C1, Adam Hamilton 6D1, William Boyd 6D2 and Lucy Elder 6D2 have just returned from a fantastic trip to Berlin. Mr Young our Head Teacher has just received the following e-mail.

**Received from Mr Young, PT Computing St Peter the Apostle**

**Dear Mr Young**

**A quick note to say that I had the pleasure of accompanying a trip to Berlin together with a number of pupils from your school. I would like to say that your pupils involved were excellent ambassadors for Clydebank High. They were mature, motivated and superbly behaved young adults, restoring my faith in the youth of today.....**

We look forward to hearing all about the trip in the next Newsletter.

### **SCHOOL CLOTHING GRANTS / FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

**From the 2011 academic year, the benefits section within the Corporate Services Department will be dealing with the award of school clothing grants and free school meals.**

**Please note that the Registrations office will no longer deal with these applications**

**If you received a clothing grant or free school meals last year, you will not need to apply again this year as your entitlement will be reconsidered automatically.**

**Forms are available on the Council website. Alternatively you can complete the application over the telephone by calling our Customer Contact Centre on **01389 738282** and one of our team will take the information from you.**

**If you have any queries please telephone **01389 738282**.**

**Applications and any information requested can be sent to**

- Housing Benefit Section, Council Office, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU**
- Housing Benefit Section, Council Offices, Roseberry Place, Clydebank G81 1TG**
- Housing Office, Mitchell Way, Alexandria G83 0LW**

