



## NEW HOUSE SYSTEM IN AUGUST

The Academy will have a house system in August for the first time in many years. The names of the new houses - chosen by a ballot of staff and pupils—will be Dunskey, Inch, Glenapp and Logan.

**Glenapp** will be made up of the current A and B register classes, with Mr Warren as Head of House and Mr Nimmo and Miss Dougan providing Pupil Support. **Logan** (E and F classes) will have Mrs Bradley as Head with Miss Livingstone and Miss McCulloch providing Pupil Support. **Inch** (D & H) will be headed by Mr Benson with Miss Bryce and a new Principal Teacher of Pupil Support. Finally, Mr Law will be Head of **Dunskey** House (C&G), assisted by Mr Hyslop and Miss Irvine.

The house system will provide opportunities for competition and for students to take on responsibilities. All teachers will also be members of a House.

## HEAD BOY AND GIRL ANNOUNCED

For the first time in many years Stranraer Academy will have a Head Boy and Head girl during 2010-11.

Following a series of interviews on Friday 18 June, Jenni Murray was announced as Head Girl and Michael McClorey as Head Boy.

Because of the high standard of interviewees, it was decided to also appoint a Deputy Head Boy, Lewis Wilson, and Deputy Head Girl, Emma Hurcomb. Congratulations to these four, and also to the 9 other candidates who ensured a strong contest.

A number of further appointments will follow—Prefects and a Head Boy and Girl for each of the four new houses.



*Head Girl Jenni Murray and Head Boy Michael McClorey*



*Emma*



*Lewis*

**BOOKS—A REMINDER** All students are asked to check if they have school textbooks at home and return them as soon as possible

## Roll of Honour 2010



*Patrick Bourne (S3), this year's winner of the UCAN Prize.*



*Helen Bodle (S6) - First winner of the Douglas Cochrane Citizenship Award*



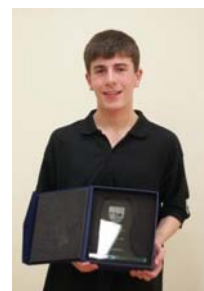
*The Student of the Year Award in S6 was this year shared by Rachel Caldwell and Natalie Henry.*



*Jenna Burns*

### STUDENTS OF THE YEAR 2009-2010

Student of the Year (S3)	Jenna Burns
Student of the Year (S4)	Liam Binnie & Blair Campbell
Student of the Year (S5)	Laura Fisher
Student of the Year (S6)	Rachel Caldwell & Natalie Henry
University of the West of Scotland Award (Best Higher results in School in 2008)	Natalie Henry
Douglas Cochrane Citizenship Award	Helen Bodle



*Blair Campbell*



*Liam Binnie*



*Laura Fisher*

Students of the Year for S1 and S2 will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on Tuesday 29 June. See school website after 29 June.

### SPORTS CHAMPIONS 2010



**Senior Girls Sports Champions Aileen McIntosh (2nd) and Vicky Wright (1st)**

	Boys	Girls
New S2	1st Ryan Hardie 2nd Jonathan Baxter	1st Jenna Douglas 2nd Paula Douglas
New S3	1st Jason Harvey 2nd Lewis McColm	1st Erika McIntosh 2nd Carolyn Fisher
New S4	1st Kieran Little 2nd Dean Forsyth	1st Rebecca Smith 2nd Clare Riley
Senior	1st Vicky Wright 2nd Aileen McIntosh	1st Lewis Schofield 2nd Blair Forsyth



**Senior Boys Sports Champions Lewis Schofield (1st) and Blair Forsyth (2nd)**

Carly Conlay (S2) was 1st in Shot Putt and 2nd in High Jump at Regional Sports

## SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Stranraer Academy athletics championships for 2010 were held inside the schools athletics arena on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

The weather was pleasant throughout the day and some excellent performances were recorded. With pupils changing timetable from early June and moving up a year group, pupils entering competed for the individual year group championship (S2/S3/S4 and Senior boys and girls) and the overall class championship for the highest combined points total from S2-> senior classes.

For the individual year group championship, pupils competed in five events over the morning and afternoon programme (100M, 800M, Long Jump, High Jump and Shot Putt) with points awarded for each individual event. The afternoon programme ended with the 4x100 metres relays with 4 class teams for boys and girls competing in each year group.

Although the overall championships were organised by members of the P.E. department, officials and recorders were provided by senior pupils from the new Sports Leader and Intermediate 2/Higher P.E. classes.

Towards the end of the afternoon programme, three primary school teams from Sheuchan, Park and Rephad competed for the boys and girls 4x100 metres invitation relay shields.

At the end of the day, Mrs Bryant, retiring depute headteacher, presented trophies to year group champions and overall class champions.

### Stranraer Academy's Silverstone Success

Our team's success at this year's Formula Schools Championships at Silverstone is thought to be Stranraer Academy's first ever UK championship win in any competition, beating the UK quarter final spot achieved in TV quiz programme 'Top of the Form' in 1972 (pictured below).



The team again received great sponsorship support from local companies. This year's sponsors were Trevor Tenant Scot Signs, King Bros., D & G Council, FC Maxwell Mechanics, Stena Line, Peter Caldwell printers, Gibb Caldwell printers, Brunton Motors, P & O, McLean's Taxis, Graeme Young, Kenny Pearson Photography and Promech. Many thanks to all of these.



Jenna Douglas was 2nd in the 100m and 2nd in the Long Jump at the Regional Sports.

### Stranraer Academy 'Guid Nychburris' Swimming Success

Pupils representing Stranraer Academy competed at the annual Guid Nychburris (Good Neighbours Gala) in DG One Leisure Centre in Dumfries on Wednesday 16th June. The event attracts schools from all over the region and is organised in conjunction with the traditional Dumfries Guid Nychburris week.

The gala got off to a flying start in the first event when the S3-S6 mixed relay team of Seona Corbett, Kieran Lawson, Graham Shaw and Vicky Wright brought home gold medals and the Army Cannon Relay Trophy. The swimmers, who are all members of the Stranraer Stingrays added to their success with a clutch of medals and personal best times (PBs). Congratulations to all swimmers involved and thanks go to Linda Duffy and Val Laburn of the Ryan Centre and Stranraer Stingrays.

A breakdown of the results are as follows:

**Lois Mawson:** Gold 50m Butterfly, Silver 50m Front crawl, Bronze 50m Back crawl, Bronze in the 50m Breaststroke. PB 50m Front crawl and PB 50m Butterfly

**Graham Shaw:** Silver 50m Front crawl and PB 100m Individual Medley.

**Carrick Laburn:** PB 50m Breaststroke and PB 50m Back crawl.

**Kieran Lawson:** PB 50m Butterfly.

**Campbell Wallace:** PB 50m Front crawl.

## TEACHERS RETIRE AFTER 105 YEARS!

The end of this term sees the retirement of four long-serving teachers.



Mr Flower

Mrs Cathy Stevenson (Business Studies) leaves after 19 years. Mrs Jean Lock, who was formally Principal Teacher of Support for Learning and has recently been working part-time, retires after 21 years. Steve Flower, Principal Teacher of Pupil Support retires after 31 years. It is hoped that a replacement will be appointed before the end of term, who will also take on Mr Flower's responsibility for careers and university applications.

Finally, Mrs Bernice Bryant will leave us after no less

than 34 years service to Stranraer Academy—as an English teacher, Guidance Teacher, Assistant Head and Depute Head Teacher. Mrs Bryant is pictured (right) presenting the trophies to this year's sports champions.

We thank them all for their combined service to the school of 105 years and wish them a long and satisfying retirement.



### Attendance Procedures

Parents/Carers are reminded it is important that they inform school as soon as possible if their child/ward is going to be absent from school. This can be done either by phoning in on the day of absence giving an explanation and a date for return when possible or, if not, by phoning on each day of their absence. Alternatively you can send a letter to their registration teacher upon the child's return to school. Parents/Carers should be aware that if they do not phone school to advise us of an absence, a group call will automatically be generated when their child/ward is registered as absent. If an absence is planned, a letter of explanation should be handed in to school in advance.

We are constantly seeking to improve attendance rates at Stranraer Academy as we recognise that good attendance is essential for our pupils to maximise their potential. It is both regional and school policy to advise you in writing should you child/ward's attendance fall below 85%. In this instance the Attendance Liaison Officer, Mrs Stephens, will also be made aware and may speak with your child/ward in school or visit you at home in order to offer support and advice.

It is important that we keep our attendance records up to date and accurate so to this end we will be sending home an attendance printout monthly following the summer holiday if there are any unexplained absences recorded. This will allow you the opportunity to clarify and account for any discrepancies.

Should you have any concerns regarding your child/ward's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact their Pupil Support teacher.

### Aird and Learning Centre Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle. We are delighted to have raised £650 which will be spent on new equipment for our multi-sensory room. The fundraising effort would not have been possible without generous support from parents providing prizes and also the local REMAP panel who built our star prize the beautiful doll house which had been donated to Aird by Mr & Mrs Stokes.

Lucky prize winners are:

Dolls House – Mrs Dutton. Other prizes: A. Bourne, Mrs Cronie, J. Fitzgerald, W. Hutton, R. Hardie, Joyce (Belmont), Mrs Haigh, Mrs Johnstone, Mrs Johnstone (Stoneykirk), A. Milligan, L. Brown, S. Beagrie, A. Rose.



Formula Schools Championship — the teachers were as excited to win as the pupils! Mr Kaine and Mr Tait proudly display the cup.

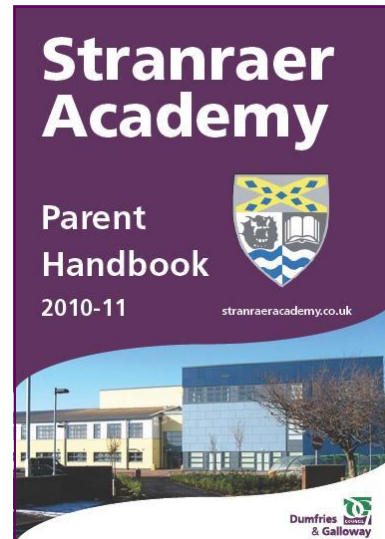
Abbie Kirkwood (S2) was 1st in the High Jump at the Regional Sports.

## PARENT HANDBOOK

The Parent Handbook has recently been updated for August and is available for download as a PDF file on the school website. Paper copies are provided annually for parents/carers of the new S1, but for ecological and cost reasons we do not automatically send paper copies to parents of pupils in other years. If it does not suit you to view the Handbook online, you can request a printed or CD copy by contacting the School Office.

## HAITI NOT FORGOTTEN

The new 2E register class have been raising money for Haiti. They had a "guess the number of sweets in a jar" and a Sports quiz made up by them and they have raised £25.



## THANKS

Pupils in the Learning centre have this term been cultivating plants in two raised beds and various pots and tubs in the area between Aird and the School Kitchen. The pupils are very grateful for donations from Morrison's (a variety of plants and hand tools) and South West Plant Hire (garden hose plus fittings, hand forks and trowels).

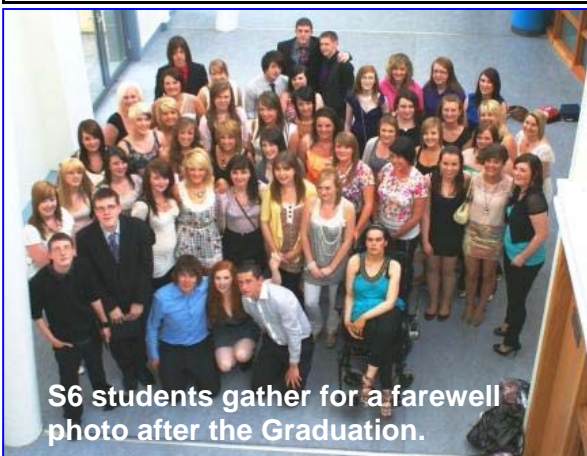
### Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 4 August	SQA Exam results received by text
Thursday 5 August	SQA Exam results received by post
Thursday 26 August	Pupils return
Thursday 9 September	Parent Council Meeting
Thursday 16 September	S3 Information night (provisional)
Thursday 23 September	UCAS Parents' Night (provisional)
Thursday 7 October	S1 Information Night (provisional)
Friday 8 October	Last day of Term 1

### SQA Results

S5 and S6 students will receive their exam results on Wednesday 4 August by text or e-mail for those who have registered at

**www.mysqa.org.uk** All certificates will be delivered on Thursday 5 August. For queries about the layout of the certificate the SQA's Advice Line on **0845 278 8080** can help. For queries about the results, please contact the school. Mr Flower will be available to consult in school on 4 and 5 August. For advice on University/College vacancies and next step career options, Careers Scotland provides a helpline from 8—25 August on **0808**



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Ryan Hardie (S2) was 2nd in the High Jump at the Regional Sports. He also broke the previous record.

**Summer Term finishes with two days of activities on 30 June and 1 July**