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STUDENT YEARBOOK

2012-2013

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 First Middle Row: Erin Roberts
 Front Row: Jamie Swift
 Missing from the Picture: Ross Gibson, Michael Ackland

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We all love meeting new people so what would be a better way than spending two days doing activities and sharing a dorm with some people you don't know. S1 from all registration classes at Wallace Hall Academy got the chance to meet new people and learn new things, after about two hours we were finally in Kingswood Hexham ready to go and settle into our new rooms and have some lunch. Finally being put into our dorms and groups everyone had a chance to have some lunch in the sun, as soon as we had lunch we started with our activities like teambuilding and night line (yes in the daylight). After a few more activities we got a quick juice break. After even more activities everyone got to sit down and have dinner.

One of my favourite activities of the first day was Camp Fire, a great activity with singing and a lot of marshmallows, after lots of rhymes and riddles we all had a warm and relaxing mug of hot chocolate.

Back in our dorms we got changed into our pyjamas and played on our electrical for about half an hour then we got settled into bed, of course no-one really wanted to sleep, this was the best time to tell scary stories and spook out your friends. Finally once everyone had told stories or ate all the sweets that someone had packed away secretly everyone eventually fell asleep.

The next morning we were all woken up at 7, however, due to the time we had gone to bed at the previous night, let's just say we needed a little sleep in. Eventually



we got changed into activity clothes and headed to get some breakfast. There was a variety of foods like fruit, cereal and croissants to choose from.

As soon as everyone had finished breakfast it was time to do some more activities. Yet again we had another juice break and headed back to even more activities, my favourite activity of the second day was a very popular one called the 3G swing. On 3G swing you are harnessed to a horizontal pole made of metal and you and a partner would be pulled up by a long, thick rope by your team mates. Finally the person on the left would hold on to a small string and would yell 1...2...3G!!! They would pull the string and release the rope and you and your partner would fly forward and backwards (now that was fun).

After all our activities and our dinner we all went back to our dorms and repeated what we done the night before. The next morning (the final day) we had breakfast and packed away our bags and cases, we only had two more activities and my favourite last activity was stacking crates in mid-air on a harness with a partner. We had to stop the crates from falling. Well... Kingswood was over and it was time to get back home. This trip was a great experience for all the S1's and I am sure we would do it all again. Emily Newport 1N2 was a very popular one called the 3G swing. On 3G swing you are harnessed to a horizontal pole made of metal and you and a partner would be pulled up by a long, thick rope by your team mates. Finally the person on the left would hold on to a small string and would yell 1... 2...3G!!! They would pull the string and release the rope and you and your partner would fly forward and backwards (now that was fun).

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By Emily Newport 1N2



LIVERPOOL

On a cold morning outside Wallace Hall Academy the S2 pupils waited anxiously and excited for the events to come. We boarded the two coaches that were on route to one place and one place only; Liverpool. As we arrived at the hostel which was far beyond our expectations initially we went to our rooms which we shared with our peers and unpacked. After eating dinner and getting changed we all hopped on the coaches again and went over to the local bowling alley that also featured an arcade. It was incredibly entertaining playing the numerous arcade games and having bowling tournaments with our friends. The next day we went out to certain destinations that we chose beforehand individually. The choices were either going to the Anfield football stadium or going to a couple of museums. Being a strong Manchester United supporter I decided to choose the museums which gave great insight on numerous interesting topics. After we decided to go shopping in the centre of town where we could do what we pleased in the area with our spending money so long as we were back by the designated time. After dinner we again got changed but this time we went out to the cinema. The movie that was being shown was "Men in Black 3". Our trip had almost



come to an end. We had packed up and were ready to head back onto the coach for quite possibly the most enjoyable part of the entire trip; Blackpool Pleasure Beach. The fun filled theme park had rides suitable for everybody. It also features one of the highest and fastest rollercoasters in the whole of Europe; The Pepsi Max. It was undoubtedly a fantastic trip. I would definitely recommend going on the trip as it is a great opportunity.

By Tom Lancaster



SPORTS DAY



**S1 boys
champion
Fraser Hogg**



**S2 boys
Champion
Ben wicks**



**S1 Girls
Champion
Sarah Maxwell**



**S2 Girls
Champion
Heather O'Connor**



**S4 Girls
Champion
Kathryn Park**



**S3 boys
Champion
Declan Hill**



**S4 boys
Champion
Craig Neill**

Halloween Disco

The tickets had been sold; the skeletons were in position and the crowds flooded in. A variety of costumes arrived for the annual Halloween Disco. We had scary, crazy and the really not so scary!!! Some of the S6 girls took the option of the not so scary when they choose to come as the 101 Dalmatians accompanied by Mr Cubbon. Unfortunately Mr Cubbon didn't look quite so friendly as the girls when dressed up as the evil Cruella de Vil!! Pupils danced all night as the judges paced the floor deciding who deserved the title of Best Dressed. The results were: 1st

place: The Alice in Wonderland Crew, with the runners up being Kieran Nicol as "The Mask" and Adam Dalglish as a teacher within the school! The S6 also received a special commendation for the sheer number and cuteness of the Dalmatians! The night continued with some Gangnam Style dance demonstrations on the stage by S6 and some traditional dooking for apples in the street. Nobody could disagree we celebrated Halloween in style with a great night of laughter and dancing!!!







A DofE programme is a real adventure from beginning to end. **It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from.** You just need to be aged between 14 and 24 and realise there's more to life than sitting on a sofa watching life pass you by.

By doing your DofE, you're in for an amazing adventure and masses of fun as you take part in a range of activities, all leading to the achievement of an Award that's recognized by units and employers alike.

This year's Bronze groups are well underway and have so far this year they have or are completing all the aspects of the programme including:

Volunteering- undertaking service to individuals or the community.

Physical- improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activity.

Skills- developing practical and social skills and personal interests.

Expedition- planning, training for and completion of an adventurous journey in the local area.

The groups are going out on practice expedition over the coming weeks and are looking forward to the challenge ahead



"I like DofE best for the feeling of achievement that I get out of it and I am looking forward to putting it on my C.V. once complete."

"Learning to be independent"

"I really like DofE because I get to be with my friends, it gives me something to do and I am gaining great experiences."



I like DofE best for the opportunity to learn new things and being with friends."



I enjoy the skills part of the training as I get to improve something that I enjoy doing already."

"I have particularly enjoyed the volunteering part of it as I have been able to meet new people and learn new things and I have also been able to help other people at the same time."





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Recently, the Business Mentoring scheme was adapted and improved. Currently pupils from S4, S5 and S6 are given the unique opportunity to be paired with a Business Mentor where they meet monthly to gain invaluable information on applying to universities, colleges and jobs.

In addition, they can get advice on interview techniques and their CV's. This year there was such a high demand for the programme that not all pupils that applied could be matched with one of the 21 mentors and a waiting list had to be made. However, those who did get the opportunity thoroughly enjoyed and benefited from their experiences.



To further help pupils in their transition from school into further education and work, the Queensberry Initiative provides work experience tailored to the individual and their interests. It allows pupils to gain valuable and relevant placements for their future career plans provided by the unique database of business contacts. This has resulted in pupils working in medicine at D& G Royal Infirmary, attending court with criminal lawyers, working in local schools and nurseries, getting hands on in Agricultural Engineering and experiencing dairy, beef, sheep and pig farming. The placements enable pupils to work within the wider community and gives them a taste of employment and its requirements, including punctuality, dress code and interaction with the general public.

The Queensberry Initiative has also been influential in the founding and running of the school's new social enterprise, 'whapples'. Undoubtedly, this has been hugely beneficial in providing pupils with first hand business experience and entrepreneurial skills.

Nevertheless, the Vocational Courses, one of the key elements to the initiative, remain to thrive. Rural Skills courses continue to be popular from pupils who prefer a more hands-on work environment, yet also for S6 students who are looking to enhance their university application. This course proves to be beneficial at giving pupils an insight into agriculture and provides them with employability skills from the tasks they undertake including; fencing, weighing and scanning of stock. Construction skills, the motor vehicle course and the Hairdressing and Beauty course are all provided through the Queensberry Initiative's partnership with Dumfries and Galloway College. All of these courses provide ample opportunity to gain hands on experience with the added expertise and knowledge of college lecturers. Managing Environmental Resources and the Hospitality courses allow pupils to gain an insightful awareness of the local and rural opportunities around them.



The Queensberry Initiative's reputation for being innovative and sector leading seems set to continue with its piloting of new courses. Forestry and Activity Tourism has been newly introduced and currently, Wallace Hall is the only Secondary School in Scotland to offer these courses.

As can be seen pupils thoroughly enjoy these courses and gain a valuable insight into the opportunities available in their local area. Next year proves to be exciting as the Queensberry Initiative aims to expand their countryside connections and develop these courses.

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China Trip 2013



By Emma E Sloan and Sally Peacock.

In February 2013 a group of pupils from various years set off on the trip of a lifetime to China. The trip involved flying into Beijing where we visited various temples of emperors and walked up the Great Wall of China, which for the record was pretty hard going, however there was the elite team (ourselves included) that tanked it up the wall no problem. Also in Beijing we visited Tiananmen Square and the Mao mausoleum also the Olympic park which many of us had seen on TV and were amazed to see in real life.

We tried out the local cuisine which wasn't to everyone's taste; however once we got to Shanghai we discovered that McDonalds would in fact deliver to our hotel which made the trip much more bearable for those who didn't fancy deep fried quail.



In Shanghai we saw the amazing “Pudong,” or new city which included the TV tower which yielded a breath taking view of the city. We also visited the French concession and Bund which was a surreal taste of France and Britain in the middle of the city. In Shanghai we were also given time shop on Nanjing road and (preferred by most) in markets, where our haggling skills were put to the test, and where we managed to pick up a few bargains and only one or two complete rip offs. Our time in China was pretty amazing experience that many of us will never repeat. I fully recommend this trip to all pupils and would like to thank Mr Harley, Mr Miller, Miss Smith and Mrs Wilson for organising such an amazing trip.





Mrs Fraser



What 3 things would you take to a desert island?

A good book, sunglasses and my best pair of Jimmy Choo heels.

What was the worst thing you did as a pupil when you were at school?

Pfft, I was a model pupil!

Although back in my days at St. Joe's we used to skip double R.E. on a Tuesday morning and go to The Pancake Place and drink tea.

If you didn't do this as your job, what would you like to do?

A shoes designer or personal shopper.

If you could choose anyone to run the school, who would it be?

Alan Sugar.



Mr Culbon



What 3 things would you take to a desert island?

Fake tan, my ipod... And more fake tan.

What was the worst thing you did as a pupil when you were at school?

There are so many things I can't tell you, but once I pulled the chair away just as my teacher was about to sit down.

If you didn't do this as your job, what would you like to do?

An international rugby player, or a lorry driver – that's something I've always wanted to do.

If you could choose anyone to run the school, who would it be?

Me, of course... or the pupil council.

Mrs Menzies



What 3 things would you take to a desert island?

My much loved Nikon D3100
(Turning into a real Camera geek),
my kindle and my iPhone.

What was the worst thing you did as a pupil when you were at school?

I'm ashamed to admit that my nickname was the 'four day week girl'- I thought Fridays were optional!

If you didn't do this as your job, what would you like to do?

Think I would like to try my hand as a photographer- still got a lot to learn though!! But of course I would really like to be Superwoman!

If you could choose anyone to run the school, who would it be?

Myself! But with some help from S6!



Mrs Mess



What 3 things would you take to a desert island?

A book—"The Land of the Leal" by James Barke, epic novel set in the Rhines of Galloway.

A ring given to me on my 50th birthday by my five "kids"

A parrot—well I will need something to talk to and I could teach it to talk back. I would then be able to pretend I was in a Classroom!!

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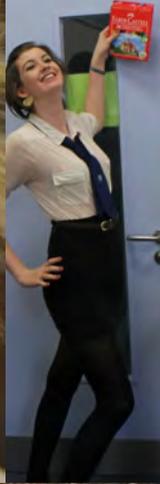
I was given the belt for—yes you guessed it—talking too much.

If you didn't do this as your job, what would you like to do?

A prison officer—and NO I cannot see any similarities between the two jobs.

If you could choose anyone to run the school, who would it be?

Boris Johnson.





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BACK ROW: MHAIRI MORTON, LUCY CURRIE, KEIRAN WATSON, HANNAH LITTLE, HAYDEN MEREDITH, BRUCE MAXWELL, JEREMY CHETRIT
MIDDLE ROW: ANITA ROBINSON, KAITLYND BELL, ROBBIE LOPEZ-SMITH, AMY DALGLEISH, GRACE TAIT, ALEXANDRU NAN
FRONT ROW: CHARLOTTE THWAITE, EMMA BENNETT, HARRIS MAXWELL, MOLLY KITSON, PAOLA HRISTOVA

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BACK ROW: JACK McTEIR, JACK BAIN, CALLIE MCCLEARY, CAIT KOSTKA, EMMA BALFOUR, KELSEY HUXHAM
MIDDLE ROW: ERIN DOBIE, BILLY DUNDAS, RORY GRANT, TRAVIS KELTING, ELAINA BRAY
FRONT ROW: MIA OSBORNE, ALICE GONLAG, GRACE JONES, ANDREW JACK

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BACK ROW: OLIVER ADKIN, MHAIRI WATRET, RUAIRIDH FAIR, SCOTT McLELLAN, MARIANNE NICHOLSON, AMY BROWN
MIDDLE ROW: ROSS CRAWFORD, IONA WARRIOR, IONA I'ANSON, MARIAM BAYATY, ERRIN CLARK WYSE, LEAH BYAR
FRONT ROW: OLIVIA McKEOWN, CAITLIN GREENWOOD, JACK ROBERTS, LOTTIE BRAMLEY



BACK ROW: ELLIE THORBURN, ANNABELLE HIDDLESTON, ZOE GRIEVE, SARAH SMITH, MAISIE WALKER, BENJAMIN HAYES, ALICE BEST
 MIDDLE ROW: LAUREN WHITELAW, KATHRYN PHILLIPS, HANNAH GRAHAM, MAIA SMYTH, GEORGIE BLOUNT
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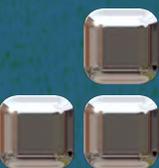
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BACK ROW: DARCEY MOORE, CAITLIN CARRUTHERS, REBECCA RENTON, GAVIN WILSON, LOUIS STAPLES
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 FRONT ROW: OISHIN O'HARA, SAM HAMILTON, EMMA BYERS, WILLIAM MCCARTNEY

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BACK ROW: BRYONY MARTIN, FRASER MORTON, MURRAY WAUGH, CAMMIE WALKER, SARAH MAXWELL, OWEN ROSS, ROSS BELL
MIDDLE ROW: CAITLIN HARLEY, GRACE O' SULLIVAN, JAMES ROBERTSON, DERI RONAN, GEORGIA CLARK, JUSTINE CROSBIE, JOSIE FAIRLEY KEAST
FRONT ROW: CORIN SKINNER, SCOTT NELSON, CALLUM RENNIE, CARLA FREEMAN, CONNOR McANDREW

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BACK ROW: JORDAN ANDERSON, ELLE FINDLATER, KAI FERGUSON, JAMIE CONNOR, GREG WATRET, ROBBIE LOGAN, NIAMH McQUARRIE PARKES
MIDDLE ROW: BRIONNEY PROWSE, IMOGEN GORDON, JOSH NOTMAN, LORNA McCAFFERTY, CARRIE NICOL, MHARI PRENTICE
FRONT ROW: CALLUM WILLIAMS, KYLE STITT, DREW THOW, BRANDON MUNDELL, KERRY CARNHAM, BRODIE HALL, LUKE SPRINGGAY



2022

BACK ROW: FINLAY MCLACHLAN, LAURA MARCHBANK,
CHARLIE GEDDES, LUKE WELLS, GEORGE GRAY, ANDREW WALKER
MIDDLE ROW: TEDDY BOYD, CHELSEA ROSE LAWSON, OWEN DAVIES,
HANNAH BROWN, EMMA CRONIE, SUZIE WEDGE
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HARVEY BUCHANAN, BEN BELSHAW, GEORGIA HARRIS



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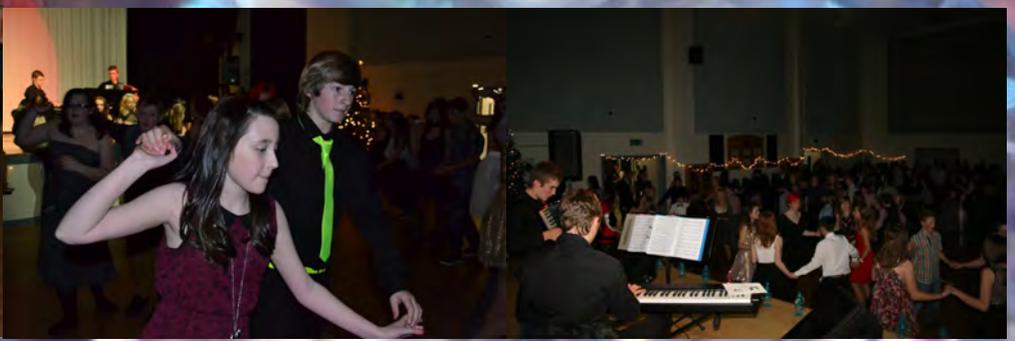
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MIDDLE ROW: KYLE THOMSON, MEAGAN WOOD, HADYN PAYNE,
GLENN HOWAT, THOMAS WRIGHT, DARYL HURLEY, DUNCAN WRIGHT
FRONT ROW: LORNA RIDEOUT, BRYONY PLATT, CAMERON WOOD,
OLIVER TREADAWAY, SHAUN WILSON, ROBIN DEARDEN, CHARLOTTE MEDLEY



2020

BACK ROW: BECKY WALKER, AUSTIN LITTLE, FRASER HOGG, LAUREN
JOHNSTONE, NIALL HOLDEN, LIAM ROBERTSON, ANDREW MOODYCLIFFE
MIDDLE ROW: DYLAN LITTLE, SASHA MCLINTOCK, ZARA EASTWOOD,
GLEN THOMAS, ROBERT PONTON, SEAN WELLS
FRONT ROW: JADE DAVIDSON, LIAM GRIERSON, SARAH WILSON,
GAVIN GRIERSON, DEMI BROWN





CHRISTMAS DANCE

S1 AND S2

The highlight of the year for many of my classmates is the annual S1/S2 Christmas dance. In the weeks leading up to the dance we practise our dances in PE to make sure we are foot perfect. On the night of the dance the floor was filled as soon as the first dance started. Everybody was looking amazing in their kilts and dresses. The PE teachers really helped the night go with a swing as they called out the dances and encouraged us to join in. We all had a 'ball'.

Ross Bell (S2)



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BACK ROW: TOM MARTIN, FRASER MORTON, THOMAS GRIERSON,
DYLAN LAWRIE, SOPHIE LEE, TEIGAN LORD, EMILY MORTON
MIDDLE ROW: MORTON HARVEY, ANDREW HENDERSON,
TOM LANCASTER, KAYLEIGH GRIERSON, ALIX MUIR, ANYA BORROWS
FRONT ROW: GEORGIA GORDON, CATHERINE ANDERSON,
ELLIS CORRIGAN, ADAM DALGLEISH, EMILY BURNETT

3N1



BACK ROW: WILLIAM JACK, ALISTAIR MUIR, DANIEL PAYNE, ALEXANDER
JACKSON, EWAN DONALD, SOPHIE LAWRIE, CONNOR BARNES
MIDDLE ROW: KEENAN MOSS, JOE KIRKPATRICK, ANDREW KENNEDY,
DANNY CRINGEAN, POPPY McMILLAN, NATALIE HUTCHINSON
FRONT ROW: CALLUM CLARK, ARCHIE HARKNESS, LUCY BROWN,
KELSEY HIRST, ABBY MURRAY, KERRY LOVE, NATALIE BROATCH

3S1



BACK ROW: OLIVIA MESS, FINLAY MAXWELL, MAISIE RANDS, IAN
CARLISLE, LIAM WATSON, SEAN WICKS, SAM SOLLEY
MIDDLE ROW: ALICE ROBERTSON, DONALD KENNEDY, FRASER
LETHARDY, ELLIE DAVIES, CRAIG SCOBIE, JACK ADKIN
FRONT ROW: MARTHA BEYNON-GRAY, JOSH HALL, KIRSTY HIGGINS,
FINDLAY THOMSON, SEAN JOPSON



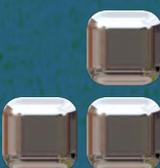
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EMMA MCKENDRICK, KIM ACKLAND, BLAIR ROSS
FRONT ROW: ANTONIA WEBSTER, NIAMH TAIT, HEATHER O' CONNOR,
ZARA KENNEDY, ROSS WHYTE

3C2



BACK ROW: JORDAN WOOD, CONNOR WILSON, JOSH PATERSON, EVAN
CRINGEAN, LEWIS TAIT, NICK WILLETS, CAMERON LANG
MIDDLE ROW: AVES NAQVI, ADELE MCGREGOR, HANNAH JONES,
MOLLIE HODDINOTT, NIAMH SNAILHAM
FRONT ROW: MELISSA DUNDAS, JORDAN FINDLAY, MOLLY BAIN,
CHLOE FLANNIGHAN, KIRSTY MASTERS

3N2



4C1



BACK ROW: HANNAH PATERSON, BEN MURPHY, SAM HALL,
NATHAN HOGG, DAVID KILGOUR, GRANT MARCHBANK
MIDDLE ROW: TODD HAY, JAMES WRIGHT, FLEUR ROBINSON,
BETH JOHNSTONE, STEPHANIE WELLS
FRONT ROW: KOREY PATTERSON, PAUDEY RONAN,
KIRSTY ARMSTRONG, REBECCA SMITH

4N1



BACK ROW: JO HUTCHESON, AMY KERR, KAINE BRAY,
MATTHEW WOOD, ROSS CLARK, JOHN BLACK
MIDDLE ROW: KATHERINE MCNEIL, MORGAN CROSBIE,
JESSICA FERGUSON, OLIVER RIDEOUT, RIAN HILL, ALLY NICOL
FRONT ROW: MILLIE PARKS, LUKE BALL, CHRIS COLEMAN,
DAVID WALLACE, LILY GONLAG

4S1



BACK ROW: AIDEN HALLIDAY, JASON VERNON, CAMERON DOBIE,
DECLAN HILL, ALISTAIR HAINING, JACK CAIRNIE
MIDDLE ROW: ELSPETH NICHOLSON, PETER GOODBURN,
CHELSEA KILTIE, ASHLEIGH TELFER, AMY REDPATH, FREJA GRANT
FRONT ROW: SCOTT CAMPBELL, LAURA BROWN,
AMI AUSTIN, EMILY GIBSON



BACK ROW: EDEN FISHER, EMMA HOLDEN, REBECCA CONNOR,
 AILSA MORTON, JAMES DONNELLY
 ANGUS BRUCE, KYLE SMYTH
 MIDDLE ROW: SARAH KERR, INGA HILL, MICHAEL GODRIDGE,
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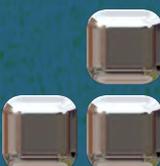
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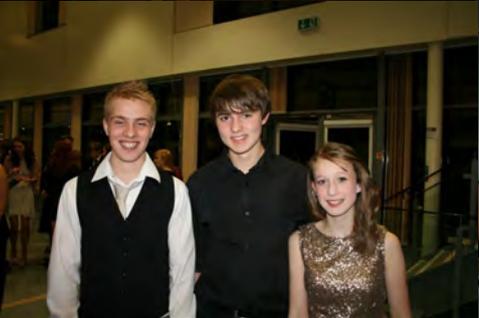
4N2



BACK ROW: ROWAN DEARDEN, JACK PYBUS, ALEX RADLEY,
 JESS DORLING, KEIRAN PARKER, MALACHY SWEENEY
 MIDDLE ROW: ALICE BYAR, BRYONY IRVING, EMMA THOMAS, ALICE DALE
 FRONT ROW: ZOE BELL, KATHRYN PARK, CALLUM WILSON

4S2







Around Christmas time in 2012 there was a Christmas time dance for the young chaps and chapplets at Wallace Hall Academy. It was a joyous occasion filled with laughter and smiles. We sang carols on stage and ran to pictures when the music stopped. Competitions were held such as the carol contest and the annual tango contest with the prize of a selection box for each. It was a fantastic night for all, with everyone making a wonderful effort to dress in their best.

Kayla Kerr (S4)
Tom Lancaster (S3)

S3 AND S4

CHRISTMAS DANCE

S5

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BACK ROW: GORDON WALKER, JACK SIMCOX, MOLLY CRONIE,
FINLAY GIBSON, OLIVER FROST, MORGAN DAVIES, LEWIS MORRISON
MIDDLE ROW: LAUREN THWAITE, ALLYSON HARVEY,
JODIE CARR, RACHEL SHNAPP, REBECCA MUIR, ALISON MAXWELL
FRONT ROW: ROB CLARKE, JESSICA IRELAND – HUGHES,
SOPHIE HENDERSON, EUGENE FUNG, JOSH MCLOED

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BACK ROW: SHONA RHODES, TALIA BROWN, JACK MCQUEEN,
TOM KEHOE, SAM CULLEN, DAVID HARLEY
MIDDLE ROW: TAIN STEVENSON, MONICA BARBOUR,
ASHLEY MCGREGOR, MILLIE THOMAS, LAUREN DALGLEISH
FRONT ROW: EMMA GREENLEES, AMY LANDBURGH,
BETHANY RANSOM

S5



BACK ROW: DYLAN MUNDELL, ABBIE CLARK, GRAEME MARSHALL,
RYAN GIBSON, LIAM STEVENSON, GUY PALMER,
JORDAN HIRST, SEBASTIAN SUMMERS

MIDDLE ROW: MEGAN CHESNEY, HAYLEIGH WATSON, AINSLEY HUXHAM,
NIKKI MARCUCCI, LEWIS STEWART-GAULT, DANIEL HOLT

FRONT ROW: KELSIE DUNN, CHIREILLE FROST, KATIE GREIRSON,
KATRINA TAYLOR, PHOEBE CALLAN, JESSICA MARTIN



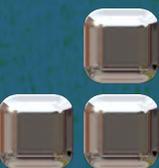
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MARCHBANK, CRAIG NEILL, CHLOE DAVIDSON, HAMISH BROWN,
SION DAVIES, THOMAS LOGAN, ABBIE THOMPSON

MIDDLE ROW: KELLY HAMILTON, FAE TREADAWAY, NIKKIE BELL,
LIZZIE SMITHARD, CLAIRE MANSON, STEWART HILL, MACAULEY BURNS

FRONT ROW: ADAM JOHNSTONE, JASMINE THOMAS, CRAIG HOWAT,
IMOGEN EDWARDS, LAURA MCLELLAN

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Christmas Dance





The S5/S6 Christmas Dance lived up to expectations. The hall was transformed and large numbers of S5 and S6 turned out in their finery to celebrate in style. The evening was opened by a speech from Deputy Head Boy (Duncan Muir) and Depute Head Girl (Susan McGinley). After a lovely meal, the night really got underway with a ceilidh dance to the David Kennedy Dance Band. The dance floor was filled every time and the elimination and Strictly style dances sure did add a competitive edge. The vote of thanks was given by Head Boy (John Carlisle) and Head Girl (Judi Park). Thanks must go to Mrs Miller for her excellent compering on the night. It was a brilliant night and definitely one of the highlights of the year!

Mhairi Dalgliesh (S6)





Head Boy/Girl Interview

JOHN

How has your year “in office” been?

Didn't know that we were meant to get an office.....?

What has been your best memory as Head Boy of Wallace Hall Academy?

My best memory of being head boy has been working as a link between pupil and teacher

What is it like working with the Deputy Head boy and girl?

They were brill and helped with loads of stuff. Couldn't have asked for a better pair.

What has been your most challenging moment as Head Boy?

Well I would say working with Judi but that would result in another slap on the face and I have had plenty of them this year!

Do you have any advice for next year's Head Boy?

Give it your best shot and put your all into it.

Over and out!!! Top Dog

JUDI

How has your year “in office” been?

Amazing! I have loved every minute of it!

What has been your best memory as Head Girl of Wallace Hall Academy?

My best memory would have to be representing Wallace Hall Academy at the Closeburn Memorial Service. It was a big honour.

What is it like working with the Deputy Head boy and girl?

Working with Hunky Duncy and Groovy Suzy has been a pleasure and they made John and mines life a lot easier.

What has been your most challenging moment as Head Girl?

Balancing school work and my duties. It was challenging but achievable.

Do you have any advice for next year's Head Girl?

Hire a first year as your assistant – it would have come in handy!



Ardeche



On the 3rd of June 37 5th year pupils accompanied by teachers Mr Turner, Mrs Griffiths, Miss Wilson and Mr McEwen (bravely embarking on his last school trip) turned their backs on the gale force rain of Britain in search of the sunny climates of south France, to be specific, the Ardeché river. In Birmingham we welcomed to our stuffy bus Kevin and Kenny, two men with decent banter but questionable music taste, who had been charged with the task of taking us to the Chanel and beyond. After 30 gruelling hours of travel (rain storms and rocky seas having prolonged our journey - yay) we finally arrived at camp. We were off for a quick splash in the pool and a game of water polo, then back to the surprisingly comfortable camp beds in preparation for the adventure that lay ahead.

It was an early start the next morning, as we prepared ourselves for the 32km river decent. Stuffing clothes, sleeping bags and, for those clever few (pillows) into the waterproof barrels that would hold our possessions for the trip. (A piece of advice to those of you embarking on the trip this year — If your going to capsize and **it's you or the barrel... save the barrel**). **And then we were off. It was a good start for all, with no capsizes (no accidental ones anyway)** and steady weather, keeping us reasonably warm and unburnt by the sun. That night we were to stay at the bivouac, a river side camp used by others undergoing a similar expedition. Far from the luxurious camp beds, we were to sleep under a tarpaulin with nothing but a waterproof sheet between ourselves and the stony ground. Despite this we woke the next morning refreshed and ready for the last 14km of our journey. Unfortunately, even with our new canoeing skills, day 2 saw several students and teachers ending up in the water, especially after the attacks by Mark and John. It was back to the main camp that night, where, after a day of burning heat, we experienced the excitement of our first Ardeché tropical storm.





By our 4th day in France it was time to pack ourselves back onto the bus for a 6 hour journey through the mountains that would take us to our next home: Aosta, Italy. Now being experienced travellers we entertained ourselves with our Ardeché anthem, 'We love you Burnley', courtesy of The Inbetweeners Movie – a film we had been banned from finishing watching. The next few days were packed with even more exciting activities; white water rafting with our eccentric Italian coaches, rock climbing, cave squeezing, gorge walking (belly flopping into Glacier water), high ropes and Aosta Cluedo. We were even treated to pizza and ice cream in the local village.

And then it was our final night in Italy, and it wouldn't have been the experience it was if it wasn't for the annual 'Miss Villeneuve and Bob The Builder Pageant' which saw 8 lucky campers compete for the most womanly boy - Harvey Stroud (Tinkerbell) and the most butch girl (Beth Muirhead – Derek/Bill)

Then came the morning we were all dreading, and it was time to pack up our sleeping bags and cram ourselves back onto the bus to make our final journey – the journey home. It was a fantastic experience, definitely bringing our group of new S6 pupils closer together, the memories of those few days together will stay with us forever...

...Especially that last morning in Italy #“sunstroke”

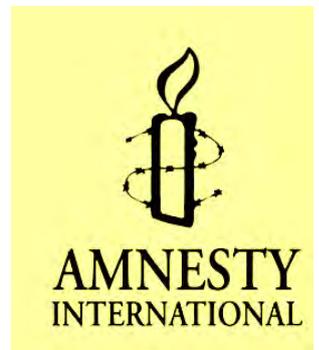


Aosta



A NIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Interview



What was your main inspiration for choosing Amnesty International and the charity to support?

We felt like it was a charity worth supporting.
Their main fundraising is done by concert.

Did you receive a good response from pupils wanting to take part in the concert?

Yes, everyone was very enthusiastic, we had a great line up this year.

Was the concert night a success?

Yes it was a fantastic night, there was a great turn out
and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

What was your final grand total?

£732.11

What will the money allow Amnesty International to do?

Help poor people suffering injustice.

Would you like to thank anyone?

Everyone that took part and attended, Mrs Davies for coordinating our work, everyone in our modules, those who performed and all those who took part behind the scenes.



QUEENSBERRY HALF MARATHON

For the third successful year running this fantastic event, it took place, once again, at Drumlanrig Castle. The breathtaking scenery and remarkable landscape attracts a lot of interest from all sorts of runners and joggers across the UK. More and more people take part each year and the event is gradually becoming more popular. People travelled far and wide to participate in this event as well as students and teachers from our school,

while others kindly volunteered to help out with the running of the event. Without the help from staff and volunteers, this event would not be able to take place. Everything went according to plan and we are improving year after year. Fortunately it stayed dry, unlike previous years, and everyone involved had a great time. Remember, it's not about the winning; it's the taking part that counts!

There were mixed reviews about the 10k course. Faster runners seemed to find it more challenging and strenuous than others. The course had many steep inclines and the soft mud made conditions treacherous. The fun run was very well attended by people of all ages and abilities. Due to the great success of previous races, it has recently been decided that this will now be an annual event.





whapples

Fruitful start for local orchard

By Robert Guthrie

FOR WALLACE Hall Academy pupils, money could grow on trees. 'whapples', a groundbreaking social enterprise developed by a board of pupils, local businesses and teachers, aims to give something back to the community and got off to a crisp start on 26 November, with 104 apple and plum trees being planted on land near the school. Surely it's been one of the biggest highlights this year.

Under the project, pupils from Wallace Hall have been working with members of the community to create an



orchard whose produce will eventually benefit local people. The initiative also has a large green element through enhancing the environment.

whapples has been supported by Mid and Upper Nithsdale's Queensberry Initiative (QI). This emphasises the value of the outdoor classroom as an educational tool. Students at Wallace Hall regularly visit the nearby Drumlanrig and Queensberry estates, set in the



outstanding Dumfries and Galloway landscape. Thanks to the links made through QI, students have been able to take on key roles in pioneering the whapples project, ranging from negotiating the lease for the plot of land for



the orchard, to managing the costs.

A board of 11 pupils ranging from years S1-S6 have worked hard to make this project a success since January 2012, with each group represented on the board. Staff from Wallace Hall and local business advisers have also been involved in the team, giving advice and support.

The group has been grateful of assistance from Trevor Jones, Business Development Manager of Barony College Campus, Sharon Glendinning, Project Manager of South of Scotland Business Solutions and Tom Jones, Assistant

School children, along with teams of local Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Girl Guides.



Estate Manager of Buccleuch Estates. The Woodland Trust has also generously donated hedging plants to increase biodiversity and encourage wildlife.

Funding has also been given by the Wallace Hall Academy Parent Council and Dumfries and Galloway **Housing Partnership's Community Pride Fund**, allowing fencing to be erected. Paths and paving will also be added soon.

One of the **whapples** board's biggest aims is that the enterprise will feed back into the community and leave a lasting legacy for all ages. Pupils of Wallace Hall in years to come will be able to help gather the fruit from the orchards. The apples can then be turned into local produce such as chutneys, apple juice, cider vinegar and jams which can be sold in the community.



It is also planned that the orchard, set against the backdrop of the beautiful Galloway hills, will become a place for the public to visit.

whapples Board Co-Chair and S6 Pupil, Caitlin Murray commented on the work the enterprise group have done so far and said: "I think **whapples** has really brought the school together. Not only through meetings consisting of board members from different age groups but also through recent events such as our Planting Day which brought a number of pupils and people from the **community together.**"

Mark Turner, former Wallace Hall Academy Depute and former **whapples** company secretary added: "This is an



It is hoped that all of the trees will be sponsored in the very near future – two thirds are already. Sponsors include parents, local businesses and clubs, tutor groups at Wallace Hall Academy, and even the Wallace Hall Comenius group – the successful European pupil exchange initiative, whose motto, coincidentally, is "Dwindling Resources – Growing Challenges." All tree sponsors will have their names engraved on a plaque in the orchard.

Community members joined Wallace Hall pupils on the 26 November planting day, including Wallace Hall Primary



Teacher Awards

Mr Graham - Keepin' it real since 29/10/12

Mrs Graham – Most Dedicated To The Environment

Mr Gilius – Best Storyteller

Miss Stuart - Sweetest

Mrs Black – Biggest Gossip

Mr Hall – Biggest Hipster

Mrs Wilson – Most Reliable

Mr Rae – Biggest Investment In Hollister

Mrs McMillan – Biggest Bookworm

Mr Wilson – Best Accent

Ms Flint – Most Religious

Mrs Menzies - Most Awesome #superwoman

Mr Cubbon – Cruella De Vil

Mrs Fraser – Best Shoes

Mr McKellar - Most Lovable

Mr Dillon – Most Dedicated To P.E.

Mrs Miller – Best Muscles

Mrs Mitchell – Nicest Car

Miss Wilson – Best Cook

Mr Bruce – Best Jokes

Mrs Bruce – Most Accident Prone

Mrs Cannon - Friendliest

Mrs Whyte - Yummy Mummy

Mr Docherty – Most Easily Distracted

Miss Clark - Actually been to Japan!!!

Mr Turner - LEGEND

Mrs Kirby—Most Dedicated to Education

Mr Harley – Best Typer

Mrs Weir – Most Organised

Mr Riley – Best Ties

Mrs Davies – Biggest And Best Laugh

Ms. Beynon – Kindest

Mr Mack – Biggest Party Animal

Mr Frew - Hottest Male

Miss Livingstone – Most Mysterious

Mrs Van Dyke – Most Missed

Mr Pape – Best Taste In Music

Miss Carson – Most Imaginative

Mr Harrison - Best Moustache (before shaving)

Miss Carnochan – Best Female Footballer

Mrs Davidson – Best Bum

Mrs Simpson – Most Likely To Get Into A Fight With A French Chick

Mrs Gall – Most Opposed To The Showing Of Ankles

Mrs Pinkerton - Most Cheerful

Mr Corrigan - God

Mrs Blackburn – Most Loving Mum

Mr Jack – Best Smirk

Dr Fulton – Most Solid

Mr Miller – Most Quotable

Miss Landers – Best Table Tennis Player

Miss Smith— Biggest Globetrotter

Mr Arrowsmith— Most Sporty

Mrs Griffiths – Most Quotable Phone Voice

Mr Davidson - Best Smile



Leavers

John Austin – Studying HNC Agriculture at SRUC Barony Campus

Lauren Brown – Studying Higher Hairdressing at Dumfries and Galloway College

Robert Brown – Studying BTEC Diploma in IT at Dumfries and Galloway College

Ben Buckley – Works at Halfords

Jacob Carrick – Studying HNC in Health, Fitness and Exercise at D&G College

Beth Chalmers – Studying Agriculture at SRUC Oatridge Campus

Fraser Clark – Forestry Contractor

Courtney Cox – Studying Introduction to Creative Media at D and G College

Andrew Emmerson – Apprentice with Scottish Power

Lee Emmerson – Completing school at Dumfries High School

Ronnie Esquierdo – Unknown

Aaron Fisher – Apprentice Chef at the Buccleuch and Queensberry Arms Hotel

Toni Fleming – Mum to a little girl

Andrew Gibson – Works in Morrisons

Benjamin Goodrich – Completing school at St Josephs College

Corrie Gracie – Works at Tiggerific Day Care

Sarah Gracie – Works in McDonalds

Lenny Greatorax – Studying at College in England

Samantha Haining – Stockperson at the Crichton Royal Farm

Grant Hamilton- Studied Engineering at SRUC Barony Campus and now works with Charlie Lauder Transport

Shannon Harvey – Horticultural Apprenticeship with Dumfries and Galloway Council

Stacey Haugen – Studies at Dumfries and Galloway College

Ali Henderson – Studies HNC Agriculture at SRUC Barony Campus

Joe Henderson – Farm working

Josh Henderson – Farm working

Dylan Hill – Studied at SRUC Barony Campus and now works at Drumlanrig Castle And Country Estate

Shaun Hills – Unknown

Matthew Hogg – Studying at College in Yorkshire

Chris Huxhum – Works at Marchbanks Bakers, Thornhill

Ross Irving - Studied NC Agriculture at SRUC Barony Campus and now farm working

Declan Kostka – Doing an Open University Course

Sam Leask – Studying Mechanics at Dumfries and Galloway College

Lewis Little – Moved to Dumfries Academy

Reece Lock – Studies at Dumfries and Galloway College

Alexander Loudon – Unknown

Connor Manson – Apprentice with Scottish Power

Coll Maxwell – Working as a Vehicle Engineer

Stephen Maxwell – Studied NC Agriculture at SRUC Barony Campus and now works on the family farm

Harry McCron – Apprentice at RM Thompson Garage, Keir Mill

Neil McCubbin – Works for J. Rodan and Son Agricultural Contractors

Andrew McDonald – Studying BTEC Level 3 Guitar at Glasgow Academy of Music and Sound.

Megan McKnight – Studying Early Education and Childcare at D and G College

Hannah Menzies – Works at Tiggerific Day Care

Demi Moore- Works in Morrisons

David Nicholson – Studying Rural Mechanics at SRUC Barony Campus

Josh Patterson – Studied Electrics Course at D&G College

Ryan Payne – Studied at Dumfries and Galloway College

Julian Pombo – Studying Music at Douglas School, Milngavie

Shaunagh Rennie – Works as an in-house nanny in Lincoln

Nathan Robinson – Completing school at St Josephs College

Isobel Rose – Applying to study at Glasgow College

Jade Savage – Studied Hairdressing at D&G College

Kelly Shennan – Studied Hairdressing at D&G College and now full-time mum

Harvey Stroud – Moved to France and works with the family removal company

Megan Sutherland – Studied Int 1 Hairdressing at D&G College and now works in Drumlanrig Café, Thornhill

Alice Thompson – Studying Early Education and Childcare at D&G College

George Waddoups – Studying Social Sciences at Telford College, Edinburgh

Melissa Wakenshaw – Studied NVQ2 Hairdressing at D&G College and now lives in Elgin

working at Aqua Hair and Beauty

Aaron Walker – Studied Welding and Fabrication at D&G College

Connor Warrington – Studying Highers at D&G College preparing to go to University

Stephanie Wilson – Studying Veterinary Nursing at SRUC Barony Campus

S1 FRANCE TRIP

During activities week last year we went to Normandy, France. We arrived at Dover around 6 o'clock in the morning. We then got a ferry over to Calais. From there, we had a five hour bus journey to get to Château du Tertre.

The first day we went to the market and bought what we wanted for lunch. We had to ask for everything in French. One of the afternoon activities was to build our own raft in groups. After learning how to tie different knots and working out the best way to put the barrels in, we had to test them out. Everyone fell in the river!

One of the days we went to a bakery. We learned how to make and roll croissants. It involves a lot of butter! We got the opportunity to taste their products too.

We did lots of other fun activities! We would go again. We recommend this trip and it has been a great experience!





Trip!

On Friday the 5th of October, a group of pupils and staff travelled to Alton Towers theme park in Staffordshire. The pupils were physics students from 3rd and 6th year. Accompanying the pupils were Mr Jack and Mrs Fraser. The pupils were forced to wake up at 4 o'clock in the morning to catch the bus! They then had to endure a tedious 5 hour bus journey into the depths of England. When finally arriving at the destination, the children were issued with admission tickets and shown where the meeting points for the lecture and



the end of the trip were. They were then let loose on the park. The more daring pupils went straight to the fastest ride, Oblivion. The ride travelled at 67mph straight down into a steamy gaping hole in the ground. The pupils then carried on to other scary rides such as: Rita, Air, Nemesis, Ripsaw and Enterprise. Although some people were satisfied with the smaller rides such as: Thirteen, Sonic Spinball and Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory! The class met at 12:30 to go to the lecture about Rollercoasters and Relativity. It was extremely interesting and highlighted some of

the parks more scientific points. They also hinted as to the concept of S.W.7 (Secret Weapon 7) a ride currently under construction in the park. On leaving the park, it seemed we picked up another pupil in the form of a giant teddy won by a pupil. The trip was extremely

enjoyable and the pupils would like to thank Mr Jack and Mrs Fraser for organising it and accompanying us on our journey.



THEN AND NOW

Our 1st Year & 6th Year

2007- 2008

August- First day of SI. When the older years thought we were pests and we were constantly told that R.E was in the church.

September- Eurovision dance contest held for the first time in London.

October- The movies released this month were rubbish!

November- World vegan day took place this month.

December- Christmas no 1- Leon Jackson when you believe.

January- 'Basshunter – Now You're Gone' hit number 1.

February- Leap year. 'Duffy – Mercy' hit number 1.

March- Nothing remotely interesting happened this month.

April- 'Iron Man' released in UK – the start of the Avengers.

May- Last month of being in SI. May 25th was African Liberation Day. Ting Tings - 'That's not my name' hit number 1.

2012- 2013

June- Our last year at WHA begins J Chart no 1- Rudimental feat. John Newman - Feel the Love. The memorable 6th year Ardeche trip took place, it's a shame some people got 'sun stroke' on the way home. Gemma Waugh was the first girl of the 6th years to pass her driving test.

July- 2012 Olympics took place in London Team GB took 65 medals including 29 gold's. On the 11th Chris Little was the first boy in 6th year to pass his driving test.

August- Olympics closing ceremony.

September- Everyone was going Gangnam crazy as it hits no 1 in the UK.

October- Hurricane Sandy (super storm) hits New York!

November- "Movember" Obama re-elected as President. WHA –Bringing back the Blazers.

December- The world ended on the 21st ...NOT. Kate Middleton- the Duchess of Cambridge announced she was pregnant.

January- So Much Snow! WIL.I.AM and Britney Spears Scream and Shout hit number 1

February- Guess what it was still snowing! Harlem shake was taking over. Meteors attacked Russia. The great Speddoch Hall held its last party before burning to the ground.

March - NASA announces that Mars is capable of sustaining life among other unprecedented discoveries about the red planet. Wallace Hall says goodbye to Mr Turner, who has become the new head teacher at Dumfries High School.

April - Terrorists strike the Boston Marathon. Luis Suarez promotes Serbian cuisine but makes an absolute meal of the season. Gangnam Style artist PSY releases a new song, 'Gentleman'





K. Carmichael

Ann McLachlan

Scott Lisett

Isabel Rose

Sinclair Lowledge

Roy Bayman-Wray

Emma E. Glenn

~~Ross~~ A. Glenn

Tamlyn Tait

Gemma Waugh

Roy Fisher

John Carlisle

Michelle Bryson

Rachel Sommerville

Emma Kennedy

Amy Makinson

Craig Stoddart

M. Halliday

W. Halliday

R. Walker

L. McNeil

Duncan Min

Bill Marshall

Ann

Gillian Watson

Kirsten Collins

M. Dalrymple

Roket Lenza

Alex Meek

Abbi Fowler

Emma Markens

Imogen Leask

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Cameron McNamara

Rebecca Moodycliffe

Judi Park

Fiona Marsh

Michael Ackland

Sophie Johnson

Keathen Kelly

Iona Anderson

Matthew Higgins

Nathan

Matthew Higgins