

# Royal High School Edinburgh

## 2011-2012 Annual Report

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- Major change to organisation of school departments, changing from 17 Principal Teacher to 10 Faculty Heads; subject departments being organised into faculties
- Continued implementation of Curriculum for Excellence, with new S3 about to embark on the final year of Broad General Education and departments preparing for new National courses
- Results at Standard Grade were very good indeed and among the highest on record at Advanced Higher.
- Organisation of first Activities Week for S1-3 in May, with S3 involved in numerous trips to Europe and the UK, S2 taking part in a range of activities in the school and further afield, S1 taking part in an outdoor activities residential week at Dounans
- Trips included an English/Modern Studies trip to New York (visiting Ground Zero and the United Nations), a Comenius exchange with our partner school in Mannheim and the Habitat for Humanity project helping to build homes in Romania
- Participation in the 'Speak Up Speak Out' project, highlighting issues of discrimination and with a particular focus on the Holocaust, including a visit from survivor Eva Clarke and the performance by pupils of the thought-provoking drama *Children of the Holocaust*
- Continued range of shows, including an *Inter-Nation Talent Show* (won by the Angles), *Strictly Come Dancing* (fundraising for Romania) and the *Spring Fling* Dance Show involving over 200 performers from the school and the local primaries
- Success at the Edinburgh International Film Festival's Schools' Competition
- Continued growth in numbers taking part in after school dance classes, participation in workshops with international dance companies and an Indian dance company residency in a joint project with the Edinburgh International Festival
- Encouraging interest in the sciences through the running of a Science Club, including the creation of glow-in-the-dark slime and foxglove radios
- Creative writing projects with the Edinburgh Festival and with the Scottish Poetry Library
- Continued recognition of wider success at the second Wider Achievement Ceremony - with Andrew Cramond, selected for the Scotland U18 rugby team winning Sports Personality of the Year
- The Royal High Tennis Team becoming national champions in both the girls' and the boys' competitions for the second year running and being awarded Team of the Year by Tennis Scotland
- Creation of new clubs like mountain biking, netball, kick-boxing and cheer-leading
- The U18 Football team won the league championship
- S1/2 girls won the Edinburgh Schools Cross Country League
- The Parent Council organised a 'World of Work' event for S4 pupils, campaigned for improved social and dining spaces for pupils and for improved road safety at the back gate. Tina Woolnough stepped down as chair of the parent council
- Staff departures included Jane Carter (Maths), Rena Dearden (Computing) retiring after 22 years service, Jim Dalziel (Art), David Dickson (Chemistry) and Ian Marshall (Geography) who made a huge contribution to a range of extra-curricular activities in his 22 years of commitment to the school

### Prize Giving

Louise Stevenson (President of the FP Club) chaired proceedings.

Mrs Caroline Barrett, former Principal Teacher of Modern Studies who contributed 33 years of dedicated service in the classroom and beyond before retiring last session, presented the prizes

David Robb (fresh from starring in *Downton Abbey*) gave the FP address. David quoted from the eulogy to English rugby player and 1974 British Lion Andy Ripley, which quoted the player as saying "you can EARN a living from what you get, but only LIVE from what you give. He commended that principle to the leaving students.

Ewan Smith, the Dux, responded with a thoughtful, articulate speech. Aside the Prize for Dux, Ewan had won the Inches Prizes (1917) for Chemistry and Physics, the Tullis medal (1868) for and James H Scott prizes for Mathematics.

## 2011/2012 Photos



Maths Camp at Auchengillan  
Outdoor Centre



James Dalgleish / Sophie Addison  
10 Days – best trailer / Stop and  
Stare – best music video at EIFF



S1 students on a rafting expedition  
at their Dounans residency



Dux Ewan Smith with former  
principal teacher of Modern Studies  
Caroline Barrett



David Robb, Rector Jane Frith,  
former Rector George Smuga,  
Briony McRoberts



6<sup>th</sup> form pupils preparing to leave  
School for the last time