Chief Executive: Kathryn Lindsay

2nd October 2026

Dear Parent, Carer,

Science Fair Final 2026

What a fantastic afternoon celebrating our pupils' creativity, curiosity and enthusiasm for STEM! From impressive models to thoughtful scientific explanations, our finalists had so much to be proud of. It was lovely to see them sharing their projects and the hard work that went into them. 👏🔬

A special thank you to our judges from GlaxoSmithKline, alongside our S6 pupils Matthew and Max and Mr Smart, for giving their time, encouraging our young scientists and helping us choose our winners! 🌟

🥇 1st place: Alexander Wallace — Lava Lamp
🥈 2nd place: Oran Severino — Amazing World of Volcanoes
🥉 Joint 3rd place: Evelyn Clarke — Hot Air Balloon
🥉 Joint 3rd place: Harry Cheeseman — Fossils

Congratulations to our winners and every pupil who took part! Thank you also to the families and staff who supported the projects, and everyone who donated recycling materials to help bring the pupils' ideas to life. ♻️💡

Mrs Brown, PT Science

Silver Duke of Edinburgh

- We are now recruiting candidates for our Silver DofE group/s for this year.
- Places will be limited, with priority being given to those who have done Bronze (but you can join silver without having done Bronze).
- Watch a video about what the award is and why it is so brilliant here: https://www.dofe.org/recruitment/start-your-silver-award/
- If you are interested:
    - Take an information sheet & permission form from Mr Dewar's doorway;
    - Return it to Mr Dewar as soon as possible;
    - Come along to a meeting in 36B on Thursday 22 October – the first Thursday back after the holidays if they are interested in doing Silver.

Drama trip

A group of senior drama pupils visited Dundee Rep on 1st October to watch 1984. They will now analyse the performance and use their knowledge for various components of the different Level 6 courses they are studying. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the play and were excellent ambassadors for drama and Montrose Academy. Thanks to Mrs Ferguson for organising the trip and also to Mrs Dallas for driving.

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e-Sgoil Evening Study Support (S4- S6)

The e-Sgoil Evening Study Support programme is now open for registration. The programme provides free, weekly online webinars delivered by qualified teachers to reinforce classroom learning and boost confidence in exam preparation. Please ensure your child has their Glow username and password ready as these credentials are required to complete the sign-up process. The e-Sgoil Evening Study Support timetable and further information can be found here: https://e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/study-support/

Technical

As pupils are now completing practical work in Technical, parents and carers are reminded that due to Health and Safety, hoodies and other outdoor clothing cannot be worn in the workshops. Can you please ensure your child wears something under their hoody such as a T-shirt or bring a spare jumper they can change into?
Thank you for your support.
Mr Austin Principal Teacher, Technologies

Artwork of the week: 'London Taxi' by Lauren Ellis.

Wider Achievement

At the end of each session, we recognise pupils' achievements beyond the formal curriculum. This may include representing the school in musical or sporting events, success through clubs and organisations beyond school, or making a positive contribution to the local community through volunteering. We are keen to ensure that the wider achievements of our young people are recognised and celebrated. Please use the form below to tell us about your child's achievements since the start of July 2026:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/d5RTGH7QM4

S1 Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who came along to the S1 Parents' Evening. There was a real buzz both in the hall and in the Dome Café, an initiative started by Ms Wheat, Mrs Stewart and out Parental Engagement Improvement Group, and very ably supported by some of our prefects. Thank you to all staff who contributed towards the successful launch of the Dome Cafe, to staff who provided home-baking or set up information displays and to Cheryl Graham, MAPP chair, for supporting the event.

Taekwondo

We are incredibly proud of our senior pupil, Shenai Burns, who is currently competing at the prestigious ITF Taekwondo World Cup in Benidorm. After facing a tough match against a strong opponent from Finland in the junior sparring earlier this week, Shenai is back in action today. She is competing in the highly competitive Junior I Degree Patterns category. We wish Shenai the very best of luck- we are all cheering you on!

Photography Opportunity

Hospitalfield House in Arbroath have a FREE few spaces left on an upcoming Workshop: The Living Camera – A Collective Apparatus
9–11 October 2026. This is for Angus school pupils aged 13 – 18

- Friday 9th October 1 pm– 6pm
- Saturday 10th October 10am – 4pm
- Sunday 11th October 10am – 5pm

It is FREE & Lunch is provided on the Saturday and Sunday FREE of charge. The workshop will be led by photographic artist Jess Holdengarde, and involves making pinhole cameras, natural developing fluid from foraged plants and creating a camera obscura on site here at Hospitalfield. Details are also on their website https://hospitalfield.org.uk/visit/events/workshop-the-living-camera-a-collective-apparatus/ Anyone interested in booking a space should email Emma Longmuir Collections Curator Hospitalfield at emma@hospitalfield.org.uk

From the Pupil Bulletin:

- S6 pupil, Max McClintock, is looking to stand as a candidate for the Scottish Youth Parliament. To make sure that his campaign focuses on the most important issues for young people, pupils have been invited to complete a short survey. The survey has been uploaded to the Library Team for each year group.
- Art Competition: Theme: Local environment. Age Categories: S1, S2, S3 & seniors. It can be in any art medium and any size! Deadline: End of November. Please hand in any art pieces to Mr Galligan in the Art department. 1st, 2nd & 3rd win house points!
- French Raffle Prize Winner: Jake Watson.

Key dates:

21st October – Targeted Support Parents' Evening (4.30pm – 7pm)
17th November – S2 Parents' Evening (4.30pm – 7pm)
16th December – S1-S3 Christmas Dance
22nd December – S4-S6 Christmas Dance
26th January – S3 Parents' Evening (4.30pm – 7pm)
10th February – S4 Parents' Evening
17th February – S5/6 Parents' Evening

Mr M Smart
Head Teacher