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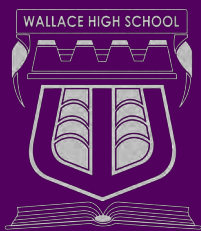
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SCOTTISH SCHOOL OF SPORT



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Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the Spring 2017 edition of Flourish!

The term between Christmas and our Spring holiday is always an incredibly busy one, with lots to celebrate and enjoy in our school community, but also much hard work, especially for our seniors who are in the midst of completing courses and preparing for the SQA examinations (these begin on Tuesday 2nd May).

On a personal note, I wish to say a huge thank you to pupils, parents, staff and partners for all of their support in the past term. Achievements are notable across the school, and fully celebrated in this issue of Flourish. Highlights include: our Social Subjects team completing fantastic work on encouraging democratic participation through the 'Ready to Vote' initiative; our Scientists performing brilliantly, once again, coming second in the regional Go4SET finals; our young Mathematicians producing some outstanding work in the UK Maths Challenges; our Creative Industries team producing an excellent Fashion Show and preparing for (as I write) another celebratory Spring Concert; our pupils engaging with work experience and the Coca Cola Real Business Challenge; the launch of our Languages Confucius Club; our young Shakespeareans wowing Glasgow Head Teachers; and outstanding national success from our sports stars with, amongst many other team and personal achievements, two Scottish Cup Final winning basketball teams and our first ever Senior League football championship. In Ochil House, the Play Unified initiative, which sees our sports leaders working with Ochil House pupils to enjoy sport and activity has been an outstanding success. We will, indeed, be the only Scottish school represented at a celebration event for this at the House of Lords in the last week of term.

It is little wonder that we are all now ready for a well-earned break!

Reflecting on the above, I take great pride in the positive feedback I received from a full range of partners about our youngsters' attitude and conduct through all of the above. To cite but two examples, I was present at one of our Scottish Cup final wins and our Senior League decider. Besides enjoying pupils' success and the joy they rightly took in their victory, I was most proud of *how* they won. What was evident was great sporting spirit, dedication, hard work and a positive ethos that is essential to great *character*. It is this which we seek to foster in all of our pupils.

Please follow us on Twitter (@wallacehighsch) to keep up-to-date with our pupils' achievements on an on-going basis. I look forward to collecting these and sharing them once again in our Summer edition. I am also very much looking forward to joining pupils, parents and staff for our S6 Graduation farewell and our inaugural S3 Graduation that sees our juniors stepping up into the senior school. In the meantime, I hope that families enjoy a very happy and restful Easter break. I look forward to seeing pupils and staff back for the start of our Summer term on Tuesday 18 April.

Scott Pennock, Head Teacher



Staff News...

Congratulations to **Mrs Suzanne Harris** (Teacher of Mathematics) who was appointed as Principal Teacher at Bannockburn High School. Mrs Harris has now taken up her new appointment with the best wishes from all at Wallace High and appreciation for her 12 1/2 years service to the school.

Additionally, Wallace High said farewell to **Sally-Ann Christmas**, who supported young people in Ochil House for over 12 years as a Support for Learning Assistant. Sally departs with the best wishes of all the staff, pupils and parents.

New Appointments...

Wallace High welcomes **Miss Kirstin Gibbons**, temporary Teacher of Modern Languages.

Key Date Reminders

Monday 4th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 18th April	New Term starts
Thursday 27th April	S6 Graduation
Monday 1st May	Public Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	SQA Exams begin
Wednesday 3rd May	S3 Graduation
Thursday 4th May	Activities Day
Tuesday 9th May	Health & Wellbeing Family Learning Event (7pm)
Tuesday 23rd May	P7 Parents' Information Evening

Junior Ski Trip, Bormio, Italy...



In January, Wallace High returned to Bormio, Italy, for the annual ski trip. This was the fifth time Wallace High visited this resort.



The weather was excellent throughout, with blue skies and sunshine every day. With the assistance of the on site ski instructors, pupils improved their confidence on the slopes and increased their ability, ensuring that they could access, and tackle, all the ski runs from the top of the mountain to the village.

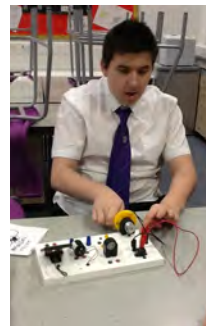
Each day, before and after lessons, they had the chance to ski with the staff and have some fun with their friends.



Evening entertainment in the form of quiz nights, karaoke, and a pool competition were thoroughly enjoyed. The pupils were a credit to themselves, their families and the school. The plans for a return visit in 2018 are already underway.

Ochil House—Science...

Young people in Ochil House have enjoyed science classes where they explored different types of energy. Eleven pupils have been successfully achieved SQA National awards in science.



Staying after school doesn't work for everyone so we are coming to you!

Each week some teachers will be visiting the local areas to provide general supported study. This is available to all pupils sitting SQA exams in May and June.

WHS SUPPORTED STUDY



WHEN

Tuesdays 4:30 – 6 Cornton Baptist Church Hall

Wednesdays 4 – 5:30 Fallin Primary

Thursdays 4 – 5:30 Raploch Community Campus



If you want to attend a session please sign up with Mrs Horne in A6 (we need to know how much food to order!)

Coca Cola Real Business Challenge...

In February, Wallace's S2 Excel Group represented the school at the Scotland National Real Business Challenge Finals in Edinburgh.



The budding entrepreneurs, Caleb Whitby, Daniel Hanisek, Georgia Blair, Jackson Green and Thomas Meier, successfully secured a place in the final with their company, Cre-8. They developed a drink band called 'Re:', and its first drink 'RE:Fresh'.

Accompanied by Mrs McFarlane and Mrs Chumley, the group met their Coca-Cola European Partners' Business Mentor and were challenged with establishing a company to help engage their local community with the GB Special Olympics to be held in Sheffield in August 2017.

It was a demanding day of decisions and deadlines, with the pupils being challenged to produce and record a radio advert, create a media campaign and manage a fundraising budget. Information for each challenge was released in a staggered fashion, requiring quick thinking, adaptability and excellent teamwork skills from all. The Wallace team rose to the challenge and created a fantastic piece of work.

The day was rounded off with each finalist school presenting their concepts to the team of judges and the other finalists to decide the winners. It was an excellent experience for some potential future business leaders. Congratulations once again to our team for reaching the final.

Primary Drama Workshops...

Over the last fortnight, some of our pupils have delivered fantastic drama workshops to the Primary 7 pupils of Riverside and Bridge of Allan Primary schools, as part of their Silver Arts Award. They were commended for their organisation and enthusiasm, inspiring future performers for next year at Wallace High.



Glasgow Head Teachers' performance...



Our committed cast of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" were invited to perform at the Glasgow Head Teacher's meeting to promote the Shakespeare Schools Festival. Their performance was commended as being exceptional, and inspired six Glasgow schools to sign up for this year's festival.

Junk Kouture...



Our fantastic pupils reached the national final of the Junk Kouture fashion design competition in February at the SECC in Glasgow. 'Paper Dress' was designed by Morven McCulloch, Clara Turnbull and Ruby Allan, who also modelled at the event.

The dress was made from old bed sheets, which were then made into a dress pattern. They also used old fashion magazines as they wanted create their own unique piece of fashion with a 'nod' to the fashion press. The pupils had an excellent experience. They were given the opportunity to meet with the judges and they represented the school fantastically. We also had a great support team of pupils, staff and parents who came along to the event in the evening.

Fashion Show 2017...



Wallace High's recent annual Fashion Show was an excellent evening showcasing the talents of our pupils and staff. Pupils from S1-S6 had designed garments for the show. We had tartan sporrans and brooches from S2s, Ochil House pupils designed silk scarfs, S3s created hats and masks.

Our senior pupils designed body adornment, collars and dresses for their SQA submissions. We also had our pupils modelling and they did a fabulous job 'strutting their stuff' on the catwalk.

Our staff also participated in a 'Staff Design Competition', where they had to refashion an old shirt to represent their department. The staff then took to the catwalk to show off their creations.

The winning shirt came from the RMPS department. Our pupils and staff also modelled local business 'Capture' and 'Country Pursuits' clothing as they supported the event. We were lucky enough to enjoy musical performances from our pupils and our S1 DJ, Aiden, who all did a fantastic job. An excellent event all round!

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UK Maths Challenge...



On the 21st of March, S1 pupils Davron Majidov, Isabella Bland, Georgina Robertson and Georgia Winters travelled to Forth Valley College in Falkirk to compete against twelve other schools in the regional finals of the UKMT Team Maths Challenge 2017. The day was made up of four rounds: Group, Crossnumber, Shuttle and Relay. The team particularly enjoyed the Crossnumber round, which was a crossword type puzzle where one pair had to work on the across clues and the other worked on the down clues. Although the team did not finish in the top three, they still had a great day and were a credit to the school - well done!

Maths Problem of the Month...

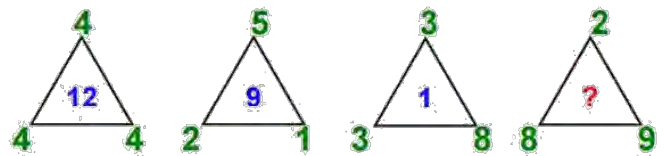
The Maths Department run a 'Problem of the Month' open to all pupils and staff at Wallace High.

The winners this year are:

August: Katie Brown (S2) & Mrs Spencer
 September: Abishek Jason (S5) & Mrs Winters
 October: Ben Yarrow (S3) & Mrs Crawford
 November: Amber Slattery (S6) & Mr Rough
 December: Dylan Kelly (S2) & Mrs McFarlane
 January: Davron Majidov (S1) & Mr Pennock
 February: Shona Laverty (S3) & Mrs Payne

Why not have a go at April's Problem of the Month – prizes are up for grabs! Put your solution in the box outside L104 (staff can email Mr Cruickshanks with their entry).

April's Problem of the Month



What number goes in the fourth triangle?

Put your **name** and **tutor group** on your solution and put it in the problem-solving box outside Mr Cruickshanks' room (L104).

NSPCC Day...

On Friday 3rd February Wallace High School participated in the NSPCC Number Day, an event set up in order to raise awareness for the NSPCC and the fantastic work they do for children all over the UK. Pupils were involved in various activities including the NSPCC Quiz, Who Wants to Be A Mathionnaire and a Number Hunt set up across the school. We even managed to raise some money along the way. The winners of our Number Hunt were **Rachelle McMeechan 1A3**, **Ellie Dawson 2L3** and **Mia Dawson 3L3**. Well done to all the pupils who took part and thank you to anyone who made a donation.

S4 Business Management Visit to ASDA, Maryhill...



Thirty-five S4 Business Management pupils enjoyed a guided tour around ASDA Maryhill, looking at how the large retailer uses a range of marketing practices to increase sales. ASDA staff gave a series of talks on how the company's Human Resources department motivate staff, along with a series of relevant examples which encouraged participation from the group. Pupils conducted their own

surveys with both customers and staff, and gathered lots of rich evidence for their National 4 and National 5 assignments. ASDA staff commended our pupils on their genuine interest and excellent conduct.



Pernod Ricard – Business Management...



Following the success of their visit to Pernod Ricard's Dumbarton bottling facility last September, 25 S5 and S6 Business Management pupils participated in a series of workshops with this global drinks company.

Ken Lindsay, International Brand Ambassador, explained how Pernod Ricard market their products, and how external factors affect their promotional strategies.

Colin McKerron, Quality Manager, challenged pupils to find potential solutions to a previously identified fault with a piece of production machinery.

On both occasions, pupils worked collaboratively and applied their Business Management theory in a problem-solving context. This analysis formed the basis of their Business Management coursework. The Business Education department would like to thank our visitors at Pernod Ricard for supporting us in the third year of this partnership, and to recognise the effort that Mrs Wilkes has made to co-ordinating this important aspect of the course.

My World of Work Ambassadors...



As part of our close links with Skills Development Scotland, six senior pupils have undertaken training to become My World of Work Ambassadors. This role allows our young people to demonstrate the features of the My World of Work website to their peers, at a series of year group assemblies. My World of Work Ambassadors have also spoken with parents and carers at course choice events, and have used iPads to explain the benefits of the website to visitors. My World of Work is a great resource, and contains information on subjects and careers as well as offering a powerful CV building tool. It can be accessed via www.myworldofwork.co.uk and is regularly promoted via WHS Futures. Follow @WHS_Futures on Twitter for more information.

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Work Placement focus 2017...

Wallace High School's successful work experience programme has continued to grow, with a record number of young people taking part this session. During February and March, S5 and S6 pupils studying both Enterprise and Employability and Personal Development courses have benefited from extended opportunities to develop skills for learning, life and work. By matching the needs of participants with those of our school's economic partners, as part of our commitment to Developing the Young Workforce, Mr Smith has coordinated individualised placements within a variety of local businesses. A wide variety of partners support our programme, including Lecropt Nursery, Active Stirling and HMV.



Nathan Binnie has undertaken a work placement with Stirling Council, to build on his interest in construction. "The best part has been using skills I have learned in school and at college. I have become part of a team, and I am encouraged to complete real tasks with full-time staff. This has really increased my confidence", explains Nathan. "I have really enjoyed the challenge of my work placement, and this is definitely a career that I want to explore in the future."

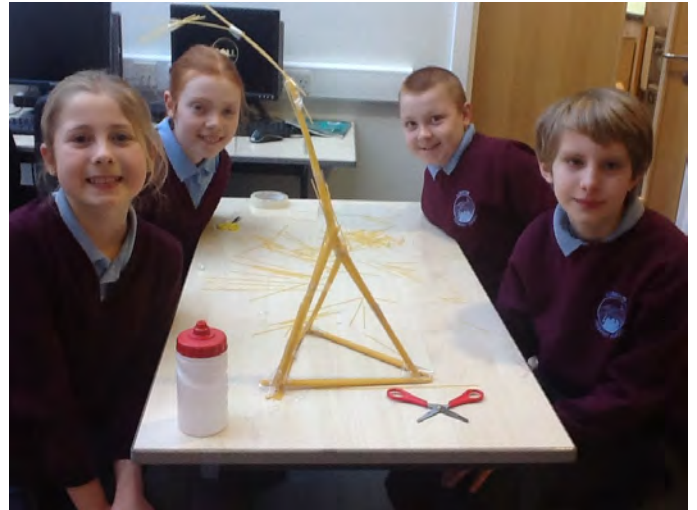
Morgan Williams has been supporting young people with disabilities, by working at Plus Stirling's after school activity programme. "My work placement has been brilliant", says Morgan, "and I now feel very comfortable working with others. I have worked with lots of different people, and I now realise that my skills are valued by employers. This has been a great preparation for my college course in Health and Social Care, which I will start next year."

Mr Smith would like to thank all of our work placement partners for the valuable workplace insights that they offer to so many of our young people. He would also be keen to hear from both small and large businesses in our neighbourhood who would be willing to support our work placement programme in session 2017-18.

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P6 Transition...

This year's transition event was another success with our excited Primary 6's visiting Wallace High School for the morning. In Maths, they had to put their problem solving skills into action along with showing great teamwork in order to build the tallest spaghetti tower possible. Following this activity they took part in a Maths relay, again working as a team to answer as many of the relay questions as possible. Pupils showed great enthusiasm throughout the morning and we look forward to seeing them again in May.



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Purple Friday...

Once again Wallace High School celebrated LGBT History Month in February and finished the month with Purple Friday. Purple Friday is traditionally the last Friday of LGBT History Month, when people have the opportunity to wear purple to show their support to LGBT+ Rights and reflect on LGBT History Month. Throughout the month during tutor group time, pupils had the opportunity to discuss significant LGBT history events in Scotland which have occurred in the last few decades and recognise barriers which many LGBT+ people face. Many pupils and staff joined in the celebration of diversity on Friday by wearing purple ribbon badges and making a donation to LGBT Youth Scotland. It was encouraging to see so many pupils and staff supporting the LGBT+ community as well as creating more awareness around LGBT issues.

For more information on what our LGBT Group have been doing around the school, please follow us at @WHS_LGBT_ on twitter.

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Scottish Champions—Under 15 Boys' Basketball

Our sensational U15 Boys Basketball team, made up of Louis Sullivan, Rob Gilmour, Jack Hencher, Ben Yarrow, Rory Silcock, Fraser Adams, Gabe McArthur, Gregor Paton, Callum McGlasson, Piper McGowan, William Kemp finished the regular season undefeated with convincing wins over Falkirk, Denny and Braes High school before going on to dismantle the best of the other divisions in the country in St Aloysius, Stewarton, and Lourdes to set up a tasty Final against an in form North Berwick team. After months of preparation before and after school with both School and Stirling Knights training the boys went into the game full of confidence and firing on all cylinders. They started the game well with a good spread of scoring throughout the whole team with Louis Sullivan, Fraser Adams and Robb Gilmour leading the charge offensively and Jack Hencher minimising NB's best player and Scotland Captain to go in to the half time interval 14 points up. North Berwick came out of the locker room fighting and gradually chipped away at our lead, but big shots from Callum McGlasson and Rory Silcock kept the NB at bay to set up a tense finale. North Berwick had a chance to win or tie the game with 3 seconds remaining on the clock and ran a play to get a shot off, however some excellent help defense from Ben Yarrow and Rory Silcock narrowed the angle for NB's best player ensuring he missed his shot and the buzzer went to end the game 74-72 to Wallace!

The season as a whole was a fantastic team effort, including impressive contributions from Piper McGowan, William Kemp, Gabe McArthur and Gregor Paton along the way.

Scottish Schools' Swimming Championship—Tomasso De Nova...



Tomasso De Nova (S4) was a finalist for the Scottish Schools Swimming Championships this year in the 14/15 years age group for both the 100m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley, where he was just out touched for a podium place. Tomasso will go into next year's event as a strong favourite, having another year left in the same age group.



Scottish Champions—Under 15 Girls' Basketball...

Congratulations to the Under 15s Basketball Team who defeated Dunbar Grammar, 50-27, to lift the Scottish Cup. The girls performance was excellent, topping off an incredible unbeaten season. Scorers were: **Freya Walker (Captain); Molly Waddell; Abbie Woodward; Ciorstaidh Ainsworth; Danielle McCallum; Hannah Draper; and Tilde Murru.** The Most Valuable player award, fittingly, was awarded to

the entire Team. Well done girls,

League Champions 2016/17—Senior Boys' Football Team...

Congratulations to the Senior Boys' Football Team, who were crowned as league champions defeating St Modan's High School, after penalties, at Stenhousemuir FC's Ochilview Stadium. The team, on winning, became the first senior Wallace football team to win the prestigious trophy.



Music Department update...

The Christmas Concert was a sell-out event with high quality performances from a variety of ensembles including Orchestra, Choir, Ukulele Group, Trad Group and the Ochil House Choir.

The Annual Battle of the Bands competition took place on the 19th December with guest judge Brian Hurren, keyboard player with the band Runrig. A fantastic afternoon of entertainment was provided by our four bands. Congratulations to the winning band, 'Keith'.

The school was represented in Logie Kirk Hall by a number of instrumentalists and singers who provided entertainment for a Guild Scottish evening which included some excellent recitations. Pupils performed at the afternoon club and for Reverend Fulton's leaving celebrations.

The Trad and Guitar Groups performed at the HITs (Heads of Instrumental Tuition) conference at the Stirling Court Hotel, giving some excellent performances to launch the conference.

At time of going to press, the team are in the midst of preparations for our Primary Transition music days and our Spring Concert. More of this in our Summer issue of Flourish!

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Eco-Club Edinburgh Zoo Global Classroom Conference...

In February the Eco-club along with Miss Lester attended our annual Edinburgh Zoo Global Classroom Conference, the theme of this year's conference was the biodiversity of Africa. We took part in various workshops and even got to meet some giant African land snails and African snakes!

"Ready To Vote"...



The Social Subjects Department held a voter registration event on Wednesday the 1st of March, this was the Scottish Governments register to vote day.

All pupils aged 16-18 were given support from Social Subjects teachers with the registration process. Pupils fully engaged with the event and understand the importance of voting.

This was a fantastic opportunity and our young people fully enjoyed the event.

Social Subjects Study Pod...

On the 25th of January the Social Subjects department received a welcomed new addition to the corridor in the form of a Study Pod.

The Study Pod provides a group study space in the corridor where senior pupils can work individually, can meet and discuss their ideas and can work on presentations.

The pod will be equipped with a plasma screen, plug sockets for laptops and a whiteboard.



Debating Club...

The Junior debating club, with participants from S2 and S3 have recently participated in the COPFS Public Speaking competition at Denny and Bannockburn High School. The topic for the speeches was 'Social Media is the enemy of equality?'



Annie McCaskill and Josh Hamilton participated in week one and both members delivered great speeches by using persuasive speaking tactics and excellent figures to support their arguments.



Week 2 was Avaz Majidov and Natasha Logan who also delivered excellent speeches which captivated the audience and encouraged some thought into the way in which Social Media has taken over our lives today. Very well done to all participants – you all did Wallace High proud.

Start-up Stirling...



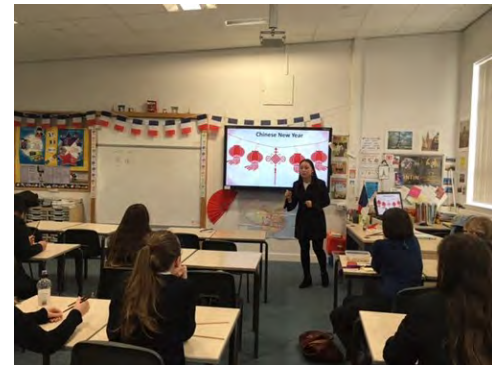
During the Festive period the Social Subjects department collected various non-perishables, selection boxes and personal care items for Start-Up Stirling. We received a generous donation from pupils and staff, and we would like to thank all who donated.

On the 20th December Social Subjects captains Erin Tierney and Lori Ross delivered the items to volunteer Jamie at Start up Stirling.

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Confucius Hub...

The Modern Languages department have initiated a 'China Club' collaborating with the local Confucius Hub. Pupils are



enjoying the variety of experiences that are being offered and lapping up the excitement of learning about another culture. They have been learning about Chinese New Year & using chopsticks to try Miss Song's delicious dumplings and have had some paper cutting fun with the character for 'xi', which means happiness.

Holocaust Memorial...

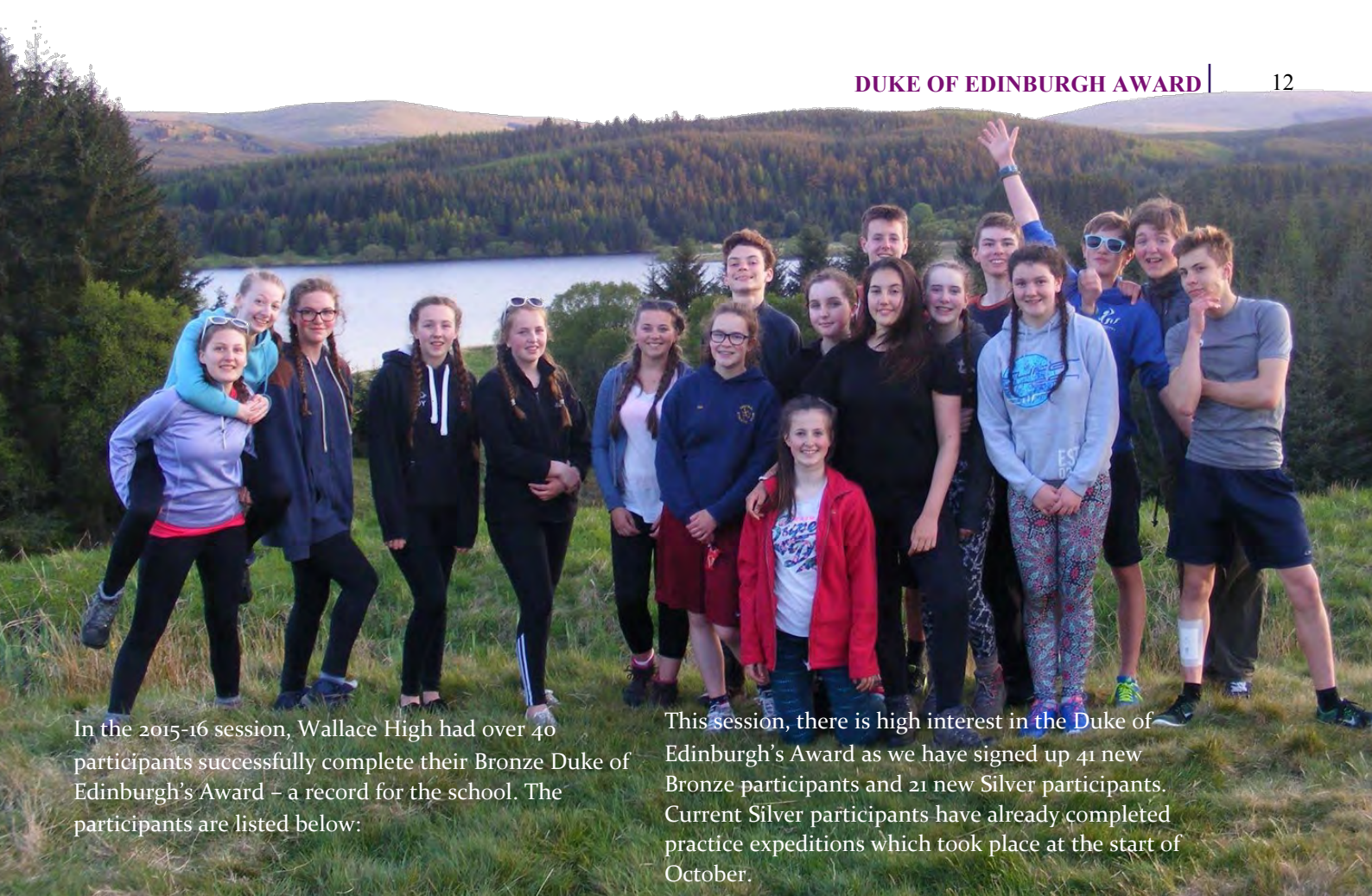
Amy Turnbull and Ellie Wilson represented the school last term on a visit to Auschwitz and they were so affected by the experience that they delivered powerful assemblies to the whole school during the week of the Holocaust Memorial Day.

Fashion Show winner...

Jade Campbell of S2, designed the prize winning RMPS shirt design at the Fashion Show.

The shirt symbolised the focus of Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies, which is to question, challenge and learn from the beliefs and cultures around the world.





In the 2015-16 session, Wallace High had over 40 participants successfully complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award – a record for the school. The participants are listed below:

This session, there is high interest in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award as we have signed up 41 new Bronze participants and 21 new Silver participants. Current Silver participants have already completed practice expeditions which took place at the start of October.

Over 150 pupils have been involved with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the last two sessions – an outstanding turnout!

Earlier this session, we said farewell to Mr Stuart McDonald. Stuart was committed to seeing DoE succeed at Wallace High School and was dedicated to supporting our pupils through their Awards. Stuart was presented with his "10 Years of Service" Award before leaving Wallace High School and we are very appreciative of all his hard work with the DoE team and pupils over the years.



Blain Adams	Hannah Kobelia
Sylvester Anker	Louise Laley
Andrada Botezatu	Emma Logan
Morag Campbell	Ailsa McColl
Bonnie Cholerton	Morven McCulloch
Callum Fettes	Cody McFarlane
Luke Forsyth	Rhona McGibbon
Amber Fotheringham	Lauren Metcalfe
Maddison Fowler	Amy Morrison
Holly Francis	Lewis Rands
Katie Francis	Megan Rennie
Isla Fraser	Sara Roberts
Caroline Gallan	Giorgia Sanchez
Emily Geyer	Heidi Smith
Anna Gillespie	Anna Sweeney
Melissa Goldie	Harry Thomson
Louise Hamilton	Helen Walker
Prabhleen Kaur	