

Rectors Report

Staffing

Two Acting Depute Rectos have been appointed. Mr James Davidson, PT History will be in post until Mr Hall returns to The Gordon Schools and Mr Stewart McLauchlan, PT Business Education, ICT & Enterprise will be in post until the end of the summer term. They will however be continuing to teach their Higher classes.

Adverts are in place for post of teacher of Modern Studies/Social Subjects and two Curriculum for Excellence posts

Mr Adam Sutcliffe, PT (Faculty) Modern Languages is due to take up his post on Monday 4 February.

Mrs Ann Gray has taken up the post of Technical Assistant in place of Mrs Elaine Webster who has left The Gordon Schools and joined Meldrum Academy in the role of whole school technician

A new pupil counsellor has been appointed in place of Mrs Gaynor Smith. Mrs Amanda Doyle has already taken up post

School Show

The music department's production of We Will Rock You took place December. This was a very successful show and monies raised will be going into school funds.

Health & Wellbeing Young Leaders

Kris Auld, a sixth year pupil designed Aberdeenshire's logo for the above initiative. The design will be turned into a badge and used on all future documentation.

Stem in the Pipeline

Six senior pupils gained third place in STEM in the pipeline competition. This is an Engineering challenge sponsored by BP. The school was presented with a cheque for £100 which the pupils got back in the form of vouchers

Assemblies

There is a running program for assemblies. Future assemblies will include: World Poetry Day for S2 pupils, Young Leaders Health and Wellbeing Assembly for S2 pupils followed by a whole day of workshops. It was agreed to post a copy of the assembly program on the website.

Sport Stories

- S1-3 and S4-6 girls reached the finals of the NASSA hockey tournament. Juniors lost narrowly to Mintlaw in a penalty shoot out and the seniors beat Mintlaw by one stroke also in a penalty shoot out.
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior teams all reached the finals of the NASSA badminton finals . The junior and intermediate teams beat Banff and Meldrum. Seniors lost to Mintlaw. The Gordon Schools won the overall trophy for the first time since 1998.
- Kirstie Gordon, S4 has been selected to play for Scotland U19's development cricket squad in a tournament in Dubai and Abu Dhabi in February
- Raoul Sutcliffe, S4, has been selected to play for Scotland U16's Rugby League Team.
- Rhiannon Chisholm, S1 and Keona Eastwood, S3 represented Scotland at the World Martial Kombat Federation Championships in Sicily. Rhiannon won a bronze medal in the advanced level. Keona won a gold medal and became a Junior Beginner World Champion
- Angus Rennie, 6S has been selected for the U19 Scotland Rugby Union Squad
- The U15 and U18 girls' rugby teams have reached the final of the Scottish Bowl
The finals will take place at Murrayfield on 25 March
- The U16 boys beat Gordonstoun in the final of the Grampian Rugby shield.
- Rachel Coffey, S3 and Jodie Sutton, S2 represented North Aberdeenshire in swimming. Rachel won 2 silver medals and Jodie set 2 new club records. Jodie also qualified for the finals of the Scottish Schools swimming at East Kilbride
- A number of pupils from the school have been selected to be part of the British Nordic Skiing Development Squad
- The senior boys beat Kinross High School to reach the semi finals of the Scottish Cup in volleyball