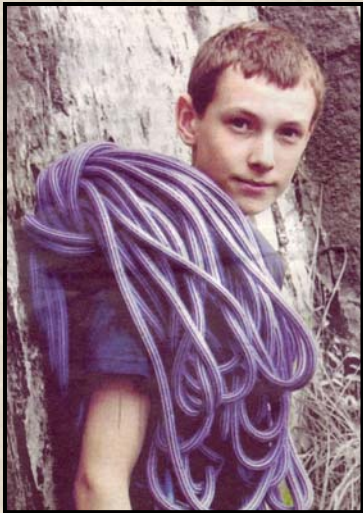


Lifelong Learning/Creativity and Ambition



Best Climber in Scotland
Robert Mackenzie



Girls Get Set



World Junior
Recurve Champion
Andrew Begg

The school continues to provide a wide range of Work Experience placements for S4 students and it is in this area that we develop most of our community links. We are very grateful to all the local businesses that support our pupils who work with the Pupil Support Team, in consultation with Careers Scotland in providing this useful insight into the world of work. The English/RMPS faculty supports this work by providing the platform for students to talk and write about these experiences.

In Business and Computer Education a new core S2 business Unit has been introduced this session. S3 students attend a Problem Solving day and seniors attend a Business Management day, both of which focus on leadership and management skills. Also we have an increasing number of teachers embarking on *Excellence in Education through Business Links* programmes, which will benefit the school as a whole in terms of enterprise and industry links.

Throughout the school there are many outings and field trips designed to stimulate student creativity. Edinburgh University provided this year's Science Exhibition road show and also presented lectures on subjects such as the origins of volcanoes. This faculty also arranged the successful *Girls Get Set* residential visit to Heriot Watt University, a project designed to encourage young women to look seriously at Science and Engineering as prospective careers. This project also featured in the school's new Scottish Executive funded primary/secondary magazine *Science Walk*. This project is intended to stimulate interest in Science at all stages and is run by senior students working in collaboration with staff to produce the magazines and film materials. The participating students attended last year's *Determined to Succeed* initiative, The Scottish Film School and went on to work on a successful community film project in Strathpeffer. In Art, students work with the Artist in Residence at the now well established residential visit to Cromarty. Portfolio and Advanced Higher students also attend various Open Day visits at institutions such as Duncan of Jordanstone and we were delighted by the impact of our student photographic display, which was held recently at Eden Court. The Pupil Support Team also run trips to the many University Open Days held throughout the country.

Social Science students enjoy a range of field trips, especially in Geography and Geology; outside speakers to the faculty come from *The National Trust* and the *Job Centre*. In the Creative/Aesthetic faculty, *Careers Scotland* and *Highlands & Islands Enterprise* provide Construction Days, which foster interest and knowledge in the construction area through a mixture of presentations, problem solving and group work. CITB testing in the faculty is linked to acceptance for modern apprenticeships and college placements at NVQ, Level 1 are increasingly being seen as a route to the world of work. Undoubtedly, we must all continue to work towards fostering greater flair, creativity, imagination and ambition in the young people around us...for their own future success in life as well as for local and national well-being.