

# Govan High School

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# Special News Report



*Strathclyde Police Pipe Band*

## **The Govan Weavers' Annexation Dinner**

An important part of 'The Govan High Way' is our promotion of partnerships to enhance the educational experience of our pupils. In particular, these partnerships aim to develop and hone the experiences and skills that will mean so much to our pupils as they seek a positive destination in work or continuing education when they leave us. Our partnerships have been enhanced by the involvement of the Parent Council with its co-opted members with the school. In the biggest event yet, pupils involved in media studies, music and hospitality all worked with the Govan Weavers' Society, Gleneagles Hotel, City of Glasgow College and the Govan Gaelic Choir to put on the Govan Annexation Dinner in the Pearce Institute. This event commemorated the Centenary of the annexation of Govan into Glasgow.

It was a truly spectacular evening with food and entertainment of the highest quality. Our pupils worked with our home economics supremo Kath Baxter, Former Pupil Willie Jones, Food and Beverage Services Manager at Gleneagles and Executive Chef Alan Gibb to provide and serve the delicious meal. They were aided by students from the City of Glasgow College.

Willie had this to say after the event. 'The stars of the show were the pupils of Govan High. What they all did was an incredible achievement and how smart did they look?! On a number of occasions two of my team working with the pupils came up to me and said how impressed they were with the pupils.'

The confidence all the pupils showed was fantastic. It's great to see some of the quieter ones grow with confidence just by way of how they engage with others

Not one pupil failed to do what they were asked or messed about. It was a humbling honour to present each pupil on stage with their medal and certificate thanking them for all for their efforts in front of Glasgow's "Chain Gang" and guests in what was a moment of history marking the annexation of Govan.

I am very proud of them all!



*The kitchen team*



*Willie Jones, Food and Beverages Manager, Gleneagles Hotel;  
Hamilton Purdie, Deacon of the Govan Weavers*



*Hamilton Purdie*



*Chief Superintendent (retired) Iain Gordon; Iain White, Head Teacher Govan High School*



*Ian Macpherson MBE, Govan Weaver and former pupil*



*Gleneagles chefs*



*Jack Donald with memorial medal and certificate*



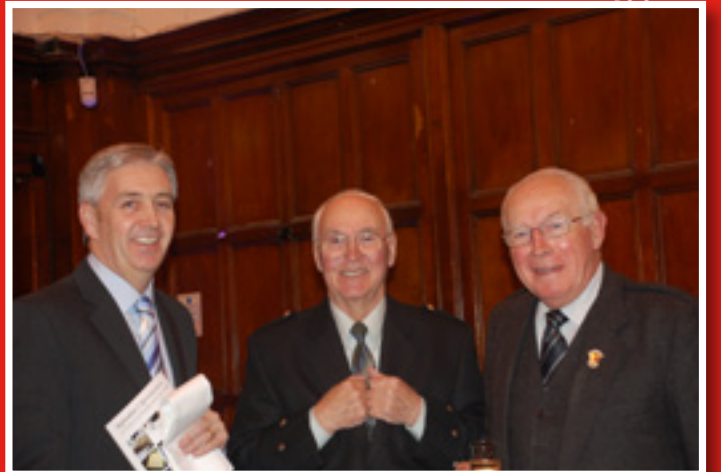
*Johnnie Beattie*



*Dr Bruce Thomson, composer of the winning pipe tune*



*Dora Fisher and Lorna Primrose and Robert Primrose, and Roy Parkin, Past Deacon Govan Weavers*



*"The Pipers": Iain Lawrie, Angus Lawrie, composer of The March of the Govan Weavers, Iain McLellan, pipe tune competition judge*



*Melissa Taylor, kitchen star*



*Norman Hamilton, Deacon of the Anderson Weavers and the Govan Weavers, Sheena Watson of the Association of Trades House Ladies, John Lindsay, Deacon of the Glasgow Weavers.*



*Govan Weavers banner*



*Front of house team*



*Govan High School Band*



*Govan Gaelic choir*



*Table setting*



*The top table*



*Jeannie and Laura - kitchen stars!*



*Commemorative medal*

Executive Chef, Alan Gibb said, 'It was great to be involved with the event and working with your pupils, where they all did fantastically.'

From a kitchen perspective, the eight pupils directly involved did a brilliant job, both with the preparations at The City of Glasgow College and after at The Pearce Institute, all taking ownership of any tasks given and doing it all with a smile and of course some good banter. It was also great having them being willing to try the foods prepared too, which most of them enjoyed

A special note needs to go to Kath and Jeannie (Govan High staff), who were brilliant by being totally involved to the end of the evening, both are a real inspiration to the children with their encouragement, enthusiasm and compassion.'



*Amy Collie, Lynne fraser and Gleneagles mentor*



*Govan High School and Pirie Park Primary Choir*



*Serving the main course*



*Govan Gaelic choir*



*The Hall*



*Pitie Park Primary choir*



*Govan High School Choir & Govan Gaelic Choir*



*Govan High School Band*



*Govan High School Choir*



*Desert*



*Front of house team: Talia, Lynne, Casy Jo and Jo Beth*



*Courtney Early and Casey Jo Pinkerton - front of house stars*

Our band played at the start of the evening and the joint Govan High/ Pirie Park Primary Choir sang beautifully. Our own pupils had done some practice with the Govan Gaelic Choir and sang the traditional Gaelic children's song 'S' ann an Ile' along with the Gaels.

Our media studies pupils looked after taking still photos and filming the event. We cannot begin to thank all of our partners who were involved in giving the Govan High pupils the opportunities they had from this great night for Govan. The fact that it was done in Govan, by Govanites, makes us all the prouder.

The "new show" in town for Govan was the Weavers' Annexation Dinner. The new show in town for Scottish education is *Curriculum for Excellence*. As far as our pupils are concerned, they are one and the same thing. I cannot think of a better exemplification of the spirit of *Curriculum for Excellence* than the learning experiences enjoyed by our pupils who were involved with the Govan Weavers' Annexation Dinner.



*Govan High vocal group and Pirie Park Primary Choir*



*Govan High Choir and Govan Gaelic Choir*