

Achievements!

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Four Awards in a Week!

I am sure that you will share our delight in the successes of Govan High and its pupils in the week just before the Easter holidays.

On the Monday, at the presentation ceremony for the Merchants' House of Glasgow awards, Govan High won the Enterprise category and also received a Highly Commended Certificate. This success was celebrated in the Evening Times and you can see the full story on this link: <http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/prizes-show-city-kids-mean-business-156952n.23772184>

Then on the Friday, Govan High won the Brookfield Multiplex Independent Learning Competition for secondary schools in the south west of the city following some weeks of study by a team of seniors and the preparation (and delivery) of a final presentation on the impact of the new hospitals at the Southern General on the community. Six schools competed in the final. This was our second year in a row winning the trophy!

Also that Friday, a team of our pupils gained the Tomorrow's Citizen Award sponsored by Jobs and Business Glasgow, Glasgow Housing Association and NHS Greater Glasgow. The team was made up of pupils who are doing the bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The pupils redesigned a garden to make it more suitable for the resident who has to use a wheelchair and the garden was remodelled to the more friendly design. Two members of the group – Sean Ferguson and Liam Harvison – gave a presentation about the project.

All-in-all it was a great week for the school. It is always pleasing when our aspirations to do well are recognised by external assessors and judges and the pupils see the result of their labours recognised in the awards they gain. It is very motivating for them.

Of course these successes follow upon Govan High winning the Molendinar Award earlier this session. And a special thanks to everyone who was kind enough to nominate me for the Education Services Individual Staff Awards. I received my award for *Leadership* and *Delivering Results* from the Executive Director at a nice ceremony in the City Chambers.

- Iain White, Head Teacher



Govan High School Pupils Look Forward to a 5 STAR Future

Business law firm DWF, has brought its innovative 5 STAR Futures development programme to Glasgow to help talented students improve their skills and boost their chances of securing employment.

Following the success of its inaugural scheme in Liverpool and Manchester, the 5 STAR Futures initiative has been brought to Govan High School. The scheme provides students nearing the end of secondary school education with insights into the world of work and a real-life context for learning via a series of workshops.

The first 5 STAR workshop took place on Wednesday 15 January at DWF's offices in Glasgow. The session – with S4 pupils – focused on developing workplace behaviours and gave participants the chance to gain learning from the firm's experts.

Bringing together secretaries, paralegals, receptionists and facilities colleagues as well as partners and associates from across the Glasgow office, the project demonstrates DWF's collaborative approach and commitment to giving students the broadest possible mentorship.

The scheme was developed by DWF lawyer Simon Price, in partnership
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Stop Press

Just as this edition went to print Iain White called a school assembly to deliver the news that, after twenty years as Head Teacher of Govan High School, he will be leaving in May to take up the post of Principal of Newlands Junior College. The college is a brand new educational institution, supported by Glasgow City Council, the Scottish Government and several large industrial concerns. It is dedicated to preparing young people for apprenticeships and the world of work. The next edition of this newsletter will be a special edition dedicated to Iain's twenty years as Head Teacher of Govan High School.



New Technology Careers Day

Every two years Govan High School holds an event to raise awareness of where the good jobs will be in the near future. The idea is based on research on the jobs market and is designed to let pupils know what kind of jobs will be available and what qualifications will be needed to get them. Recent events have included turning the school into a general hospital to raise awareness of NHS careers and into the Gleneagles Hotel to highlight careers in the hospitality sector.

This year we put the focus on new technology careers. This is in keeping with the school's aim of raising academic attainment and encouraging more and more pupils to aspire to further and higher education en route to a professional career.

All pupils in S4, 5 and 6 spent a morning in workshops provided by partners and potential employers in various branches of new technology businesses. These included Adobe and Spider (ICT sector), Jobcentreplus and Sky Webhelp (call centres), Glasgow Science Centre, Scottish Power, Strathclyde University and Skills Development Scotland.

An offsite workshop was provided by Linn Music where a group of pupils toured the Linn factory and attended a presentation in the Linn demo house.

An additional workshop was provided by Sean Kerwin from the Behind the Noise Music Business Education Programme. Sean worked with a group of our Music Technology pupils in the school radio station and created a podcast to document the event (this is available on the school website, GHS100).

Car Mechanics at GTG Training

A group of 5th year pupils have been attending a car mechanics course at the GTG Training centre on South Street. This training centre is Glasgow's finest training centre. All Arnold Clark apprentices are sent here for their training before heading to work in the garages. Govan High School is the first school to do this programme. Pupils involved are Lauren McCormick, Jordan Richmond, Scott Blain, Dylan McGartland, Patrick Clark and Stuart Sinclair. They have been attending the course since October and all have had nothing but praise for the course and the staff. Everyone who has attended the course has enjoyed themselves and Scott Blain, Dylan McGartland and I are currently waiting on the second stage of our interview to become fully fledged Arnold Clark apprentice.

- Lauren McCormick .



FROM THE HEIDIE'S OFFICE



Our statement of the way that we do things around here, called 'The Govan High Way' is principally about our quest for success. Indeed, it starts by saying that 'The Govan High way is on which requires every member of our community to strive for success'.

We are passionate about this and we are passionate that this applies to each and every individual within our community.

I guess about as good an

illustration as you could get is this very newsletter. As you read your way through it, or even just glance at the photos you will see the evidence in success stories for individuals, for groups and for the school. Pupils of all ages and stages are involved and their successes are in a huge range of activities in so many different areas of the life of the school.

It is vital that we build on these successes and the skills that our pupils develop as they participate so that there is a bright future for all of our leavers when the time comes.

As I write this, the new national exams begin in the school tomorrow. We approach them in good heart, well prepared and with confidence. That's 'The Govan High way' after all!

Holocaust Education Project

When GHS was included in the group of Glasgow schools to host the Anne Frank Foundation exhibition, we looked upon it as an opportunity to create a truly cross-curricular learning experience for some of our young people.

The school was to host the exhibition in November. In preparation Kevin Sweeney, DHT and English teacher and Margaret Lewis, RME teacher, planned a course of complementary work in English and RME for a second year class they both teach.

Prior to studying the actual Anne Frank project, RE student teacher, William Van Heinegen, taught several lessons about discrimination against Jewish people in Germany. These lessons were based on his own family's experience during the German occupation of the Netherlands. Following this, while the pupils were working on a rota as guides in the exhibition, they spent class time in RME in group discussion and



making posters for a wall display highlighting the difficulties for the Jewish race within Nazi Germany.

Simultaneously in English the pupils spent August to November studying a multi-text unit called "Discrimination". This began with a worksheet booklet that taught pupils a definition of discrimination through discussion and role play of various exemplar situations and a pair of textual analysis exercises based on South African apartheid and race discrimination in the Southern USA.

The next part of the thematic study was a novel, "Across the Barricades", which is about religious discrimination in Northern Ireland. Using the internet, the class also studied news coverage of the true story of the Romeo and Juliet of Sarajevo. This was followed by study of a non-fiction text, "Hana's Suitcase", which tells the story of Hana Brady, a 13 year old Czech girl who died in Auschwitz and how Hana's suitcase became the central exhibit in the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Japan. By the time the Anne Frank exhibition arrived in mid-November, the class had embarked upon the study of a media text – the film "Schindler's List", Steven Spielberg's account of the Holocaust.

Prior to the exhibition opening to the rest of the school and other visitors, the 16 pupils who had volunteered to be involved spent a day with Paula Fraser from the Anne Frank Foundation training as tour guides. They spent the next two weeks, working in pairs, taking parties of GHS pupils, primary pupils and adult visitors around the exhibition, explaining the lead up to The Holocaust, the terrible events during it and the aftermath from WW2 till today.

The 16 pupils performed brilliantly as tour guides and became steeped in The Holocaust story. The staff involved felt that the pupils' time and effort had to be rewarded by continuing the project beyond the exhibition. It was decided that a good resolution to all their months of

work would be a trip to Poland to see for themselves what they had been studying for so long. When consulted, all of the pupils said they wanted the trip to go ahead and volunteered as fund raisers.

The pupils have organised several fund raisers, including a race night, a car wash, several bake sales and home-made jewellery sales. To date they have raised more than ten thousand pounds.

In January 2012 the class were invited to do a presentation about their studies at the Holocaust Memorial Day event at Glasgow City Chambers. Four members of the class, two boys and two girls, gave a 10 minute PowerPoint presentation, telling the story of their project and explaining about their attempts to organise a trip to Auschwitz. Their performance certainly made an impression, not least on Baillie Jean McFadden, Convener of Education for Glasgow City Council who, in her closing speech, asked the Govan High School class to remain behind after the event so that she could speak to them – and donated £100 to



Rabbi Rubinstein at Govan High School, August 2013

their cause by writing them a cheque on the spot! The class also attended a lecture by concentration camp survivor Ziggy on February 27 2012 at Glasgow City Chambers.

Through their involvement in the exhibition, their work in RME, English and Home Economics and their fundraising activities, the pupils are developing an impressive range of cross-curricular skills including literacy, numeracy, problem-solving, teamwork, enterprise and empathy. Moreover they are connecting their studies to the real world in that they have written to various potential sponsors, including the Jewish community in and around Glasgow. The pupils are also being supported by Rabbi YY Rubenstein, a former pupil of GHS and noted Jewish scholar from New York, after he posted a supportive comment on the school website (GHS100) about the significance of the exhibition being in the school and its effect on the young minds of today. Kim Robertson of the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council has been recruited to assist with preparation and organisation of the study visit to Auschwitz. The trip is planned for later in 2014.

And, on March 24 2014, Govan High School won the Merchants House Enterprise Award for this project.

Piping Hot In Govan Schools

Pupils in Govan are, according to The Herald, shunning games consoles and embracing bagpipes and drums after being offered tuition from members of the world's most successful competition pipe bands.

Officers in Greater Glasgow Police Scotland Pipe Band, formerly Strathclyde Police Pipe Band, are sharing their skills with 60 youngsters in Govan, coaching a team to compete for the first time in the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships.

Funded by the Govan Weavers' Society, four primary schools – Riverside, St Constantine's, Pirie Park and St Saviour's – receive an hour of tuition every week while aspiring musicians at Govan High School receive instruction one day a week.

Iain MacPherson, Glasgow Police Pipe Band sergeant, said, "It's been a real privilege to head back to Govan to open the eyes of youngsters to the world of piping. It's definitely helped inspire them into picking up the bagpipes and we have been inundated with requests for tuition. Their dedication is really shining through and instead of going home to play on their Xboxes, students are now staying at school after hours to perfect their technique. Although we are still in the very early stages, we've set our sights on a debut public performance at the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships next year. We are very much looking forward to the challenge."

The Greater Glasgow Police Scotland Pipe Band, originally formed as the Burgh of Govan Police Pipe Band in 1883, has won 20 World Pipe Band Championship titles. Tom McNally, Deacon of the Govan Weavers Society said the group was keen to build on important elements of the community's history as part of a programme of regeneration. He added, "Govan suffers from a number of social and economic issues and it is our central objective to ameliorate this. We looked at a number of possibilities but thought the piping project was not only fitting with the history of pipe bands in the area but also due to the great number of benefits it brings.

An interesting postscript to this story appeared the following day in a letter to the Herald's letters page from Robert Wallace at The College of Piping. Robert said: "How heartening it was to see a more positive representation of the national instrument in your pages. The report on the Govan schools teaching initiative showed just how the bagpipe can be used to bring enjoyment and common cause to children of all backgrounds. A deserved "well done to the Glasgow Police Scotland Pipe Band for their teaching and to the Govan Weavers for finding the cash."

- Daniel Sanderson, Herald Correspondent



Piping tutor Iain Watson gives Brenda Sheng a helping hand. The police piper is giving lessons to pupils from a number of schools in Govan.

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with schools and other educational institutions, to provide an aspirational learning framework for students.

Simon commented: "As a values-driven law firm, we know it is important to actively support the communities we operate within, and Glasgow is no exception. The 5 STAR Futures programme demonstrates our commitment to the next generation of young professionals and their success, and we hope that the pupils from Govan High School will gain real benefit from their time with us.

"In January alone we will be supporting over 130 pupils from across Glasgow, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Liverpool, Leeds, Manchester, Preston and London, and we've got over 200 individuals from across our offices signed up to be act as coaches already.

"The programme was launched to meet a genuine requirement by the education sector to find solutions to the challenges it faces, especially that of employment for school leavers. The level of involvement that DWF's education group has in the scheme will enable us to gain valuable insights into the education sector and the issues it must overcome, allowing us to take steps towards finding answers."

Depute Head Teacher at Govan High School, Kevin Sweeney, added: "Providing our young people with positive role models is a key part of their development and this programme is helping our S4 pupils to develop the skills they'll need for working life. They are getting to experience a professional office setting, and throughout the programme will be challenged with ambitious goals to help them develop confidence and flexibility."

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The Molendinar awards

The Molendinar awards are an annual competition which all primary and secondary schools are eligible to enter. Each year there is a theme, and this year the theme is "The Glasgow Trail". This is because 2014 is an important year for Glasgow: with the Commonwealth Games there will be thousands of visitors to our city. Each school had to choose 15 points of interest in their local area, research them, visit them and present them to the judges in either a pamphlet or a frieze.

The places we chose included Ibrox Stadium, The Pearce Institute, Film City, Govan Old Parish Church, BAE Systems and Galgael. We spent two days in groups visiting all of the places on the list, taking photos, speaking to people and building on our research. Once all of our research was collated we worked with Glasgow Creative in Ibrox who designed an amazing display for us. Govan High pupils Mark Wallis and Derek Galloway visited Glasgow Creative to give their approval to the design and to find out how the display board would be created. They also because experts in assembling the display and presented our work to the school in the Achievement Assembly.

We were invited to attend the awards presentation ceremony at the banquet hall of the City Chambers. Some schools had presentations to show us and there were songs; but then they got to the exciting business of presenting the awards. Everyone had fingers crossed and we were uncertain whether we had won. But, to our surprise we came first in the secondary school category. It was a fantastic achievement for all the pupils and staff involved and we are all incredibly proud of our work. We are all looking forward to next year's competition too!

- Michael McCarron & Sam Wrigglesworth



Bryan Tennant talks to school pupils about the future for transport for Govan

Pupils from Govan High School in Glasgow invited Bryan Tennant, Bus Project Development Officer from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) to talk about the future for transport in and around the Govan area.

Bryan was filmed for the pupils' entry into this year's Brookfield Cup, which is run by the Brookfield Independent Learning Programme. The Brookfield Independent Learning Programme has been set up by the organisation developing the new South Glasgow Hospital to engage with and give back to the communities around the development.

Govan High's entry to the cup examines at how the new hospital will help regenerate the area – including improvements to housing, creating job opportunities and improving transport infrastructure and services.

The students created a documentary about the ongoing work happening across the area to get ready for the South Glasgow Hospital opening. Along with the screening, they will be doing a performance set 25 years in the future talking about the difference the hospital has made to the communities surrounding it.

Bryan was interviewed by sixth year pupil Chantelle McCuish, who asked what SPT is working on to make sure the transport could cope with the increase in people passing through and working in the area. Bryan gave an overview of improvements like the upcoming modernisation of Govan Subway, including the installation of a lift, improvements to Govan Bus interchange and he spoke about progress with the implementation of a new rapid bus service 'Fastlink'.



After speaking with Bryan, Chantelle said:

"It is great to hear about SPT's plans. It is already mobbed around residential streets in Govan and the new hospital will just bring more cars.

"The new transport links sound like they will help everyone in the community. It will stop cars parking outside people's houses and it will also be great for people who live here and don't drive or those who want to use public transport."

"We're really grateful that Bryan took the time to come talk to us about what SPT is doing. We're talking to lots of different organisations and the new hospital is already making a difference, shops are expanding, there are more jobs and we're getting a faster bus service. Govan is going to be an even better place to live in 25 years!"

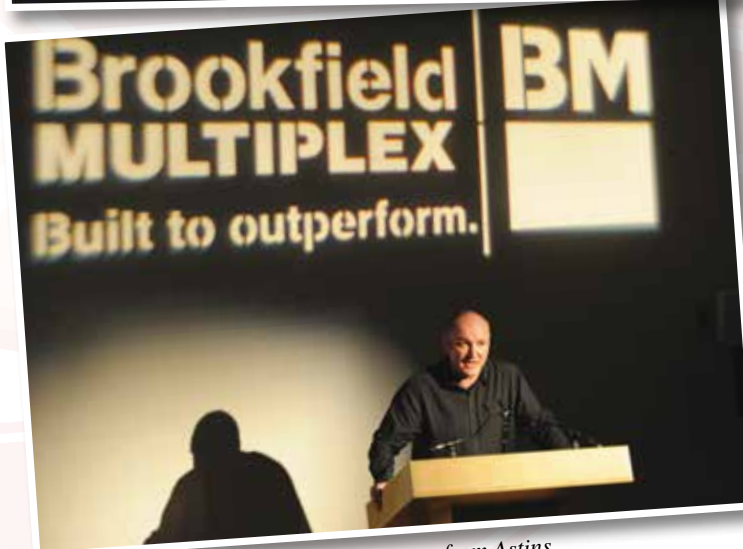
SPT is working with partners including Glasgow City Council and the new South Glasgow Hospital to get a better understanding of the impact that its opening will have on transport in the area. SPT is in the process of developing and implementing initiatives to get the transport infrastructure ready for the hospital and to make public transport the cheapest, quickest and easiest method of travel for getting to the hospital.

The pupils presented their submission to the Brookfield Cup on Friday 28 March... and see the next page for the result.





Gordon Strachan presents the Brookfield Cup to the winning Govan High School team



Lee Compton, mentor from Astins



Brookfield Champions Again!

The final of this year's Brookfield Independent Learning Programme was held in the lecture theatre of The Burrell Collection just before the Easter holidays. This was the third year of the contest in which local schools are set a challenge by Brookfield Multiplex, the company building the new Southern General Hospital. In the first year, the Brookfield Cup was won by Bellahouston Academy. Last year it was won by Govan High School....and this year Govan High School retained the trophy!

The GHS team was Chantelle McCuish, Aaron Campbell, Katie Hughes, Iain McNally and Carly Devlin.

The schools in the competition were each given a challenge to research and, in the final each school had to do a presentation based on their findings. During the research phase each school was assisted by a mentor in the form of a senior manager from Brookfield or one of its subcontractors. The challenges ranged from research on construction materials to the environmental aspects of such a huge construction site. Govan High's challenge was to examine the impact of the hospital project on the community of Greater Govan now and in the future.

All of the presentations were informative and all were received well by the large audience in The Burrell. Most teams chose to do a PowerPoint presentation. The Govan presenters, however, decided to make a film set in 2015, the year of the hospital's opening and, as the film was shown on the big screen, they performed a sketch of a TV panel show set in 2040, discussing the contents of the film and the impact of the hospital on the community over the ensuing years.

This was a risky strategy because a lot could have gone wrong (you're only as good as your ICT!) but, on the day, the film was very effective in communicating the positive benefits for the community, exploring aspects like housing and employment; and the sketch was clever and amusing – including turning the Clyde Tunnel into a museum, a wee in-joke about Gordon Strachan taking us to the Euro finals in 2016 and a closing quip about 'next week's programme' investigating the effects of global warming on the Govan vineyards.

The judging panel, chaired by Scotland national team manager Gordon Strachan, obviously appreciated the effort that Govan High had put in and the verdict was unanimous: outright winners Govan High School for the second year in a row.



The team perform in The Burrell Collection Lecture Theatre



Gig at the Grand 2014

Govan High School is in its third year of involvement with the Behind the Noise programme. BTH is a course designed to give young people insight into one of Glasgow’s largest employers – the music industry. It is a hands-on Business Studies programme which shows how the music industry works by involving pupils in a series of tutorials about the various jobs and roles in the sector as a lead up to the young people planning, organising, marketing and staging their own series of gigs at a major city centre music venue.

Behind the Noise is run by Ewan McLeod of Scotland’s Music Hall of Fame and Rico Capuano of Doghouse Studios. It is supported by Glasgow City Council’s “Determined to...” Programme and part funded by Linn Music. (For more detail on the programme see the double page article in The Sunday Herald published on 20 April 2014 <http://www.heraldscotland.com/business/company-news/finely-tuned-to-the-economy.24001101> or listen to the podcast at ghs100.org.uk

After the classroom-based taught part of the course, this year’s class decided against putting on a rock band in favour of promoting our home grown dance outfit, “Street Beatz”. Street Beatz is DJ Paul Devlin and vocalist Emily Taylor. Their set was generally agreed to be the highlight of the night – but on this course the performance is only the visible tip of the iceberg.

The rest of the class spent the afternoon and evening of the gig doing all the behind the scenes things that make performance possible, ranging from taking money and tickets on the door, to selling merchandise like CDs and T shirts. Demi Miller and Lyall Moses also worked as a roving press team capturing pictures and interviews to document the event and Billijo Graham was stage manager, looking after the artists and making sure that everything went as planned.

Govan High has been at the forefront of Behind the Noise since it started, with GHS pupils involved in every aspect from advertising and merchandising to sound, lights and stage crew as well as performance. Several former pupils who have come through the programme are now studying for professional qualifications in various further education colleges.

Trip to London by the wood turning class

Five S1 pupils and 3 members of staff visited London on 25th March

We left early in the morning and travelled on a Virgin train which was going so fast it was like flying.

After arriving in Euston Station, we travelled on the underground to the Houses of Parliament where we met with our MP, Ian Davidson, who along with Kevin, his assistant, gave us a tour of the building and told us some of the history of Parliament, Mr Davidson took us onto the terrace where we could see the River Thames, the London Eye and the MI6 building (the one blown up in the James Bond film). We then sat in the gallery and watched the MPs debate the budget.

While we were in Parliament, we saw where the MPs hang up their swords. We also saw lots of medals including a Victoria Cross (which is only given to soldiers who have done something especially brave).

We walked along Whitehall past Downing Street (saw some demonstrators) and through Horseguards Parade then up the Mall where we saw squirrels (one was climbing up a woman’s leg to get food) and parrots in St James Park before reaching Buckingham Palace. As we were waiting to cross the road, Prince Charles drove past with his police escort. The Queen was at home as the Royal Standard (her flag) was on top of the building.

We continued to walk to Leicester Square where there were street entertainers and the M and M shop which was amazing.

After Leicester Square we went to Piccadilly Circus with the great bit TV walls and light -s it was amazing - then onto the Tube to Euston Station and back home



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Australia Day

Australia Day celebrates the first British fleet to land in Australia in 1788. It celebrates the different Australian cultures. The Australia Group visited Australia in October last year and decided to celebrate Australia Day in Govan High and share some of what they learnt during their study visit. Emma Crawford, Melissa Rice, Craig Wallis and Taylor Young planned and organised an afternoon of activities such as Netball, Cricket, Aussie Rules Football and boomerang painting. Displayed around the hall were pictures and videos of the trip as well as interesting facts about Australia, The Commonwealth, and the history of The Commonwealth Games.

S1, 2 & 3 pupils took part in the event and enjoyed all the activities which were run on the day by the Sports Leaders. Many friends of the school also attended, and it was a chance for the group to thank our sponsors who helped fund the once in a lifetime visit for the 4 pupils involved.



Cambridge Diary

On Wednesday we met at the school at 7.30am - which was a struggle for some of us; we then got taxis to Central Station to meet Mrs Hydes and Mr McCarron.

The London train was on time and it was going to take four and half hours to get to London.

The trip was adventurous with lots of laughs and carry-on. We really enjoyed the train journey. Once we got off we had to walk to King's Cross (which was a 15 minute walk). Then we went on another train for 50 minutes and arrived in Cambridge and got shown to our rooms. We got unpacked and then went for a quick tour before dinner. The dinner hall was really big and there was other people having dinner at the same time as us. The food was really good and we all enjoyed it. Then we put "jammies" on and went to the Common Room and watched the film "Hunger Games" and played pool and ping pong. At ten o'clock we all went back to our rooms.

The next day after our breakfast, we went to St Johns College and had two short sessions and a tour to compare it to Selwyn; after that we went back to Selwyn for our lunch. Then we went to Magdalene College and did a tour of the new and old buildings. After that, we went to an archaeology museum followed by shopping and before returning to pack and get ready for dinner. After dinner we made sure everything was packed before making a return visit to the Common Room to watch "Anchorman" and play pool until bedtime.

The next day we got up and ready, went for breakfast and left to go home. We had to get a train from Cambridge to London Kings' Cross, and then had to walk back along the road to get to Euston train Station. We were on that train for 4 and half hours before arriving back in Glasgow Central. There were taxis waiting to take us back to Govan High where we were picked up and taken home.

We all enjoyed this once in a lifetime experience. It brought us all closer together, and we all got on very well. We all had a great laugh and enjoyed every minute of it.

- Alexander Gray, Leigh Wingate, Nikki-lea McAuley & Rebecca Morrisey



Scottish students get a taste of university life

Recently our S3 graduate group did a residential visit to Sunderland University. The following article about their visit appeared in The Sunderland Echo.

SCOTTISH students crossed the border to find out what life is like at the city's university.

A group of 19 youngsters from Govan High School, Glasgow, spent three days at the University of Sunderland and National Glass Centre to get a taste of what higher education life is all about.

Staying in the university's halls of residence for two nights, the students took part in taster classes at National Glass Centre and spent time with student ambassadors.

Sunderland students who work on Spark FM, the university's radio station, helped the young people create their own radio advert using the studios at the Sir Tom Cowie Campus at St Peter's. The schoolchildren also spent time conducting research with the university's tourism department.

Graham Robertson, teacher of pastoral care at Govan High School, said: "The purpose of this visit was to raise aspirations for our young students to consider university as an option when they leave.

"We felt these students would benefit massively from the visit to Sunderland and to give them the option to go to higher education. This university is the perfect fit for us, it's a great university, it's a great city and it feels like a natural fit for our students to come here."



Street League

Since August we have been in Govan High delivering the CSLA (Community Sports Leader Award) Level 1 to participants on a Tuesday and Thursday. This has consisted of a mixture between theory work on what it takes to be a good leader, planning sessions, health and safety, planning a community event and researching different sports. There has also been a practical side to the course with young people delivering and taking part in multi-sport and fitness sessions.

As well as delivering these sessions, we have also linked in with our progression staff to deliver some minimal employability and group work sessions which aided two young people leaving school and joining a Street League programme before being successful in gaining modern apprenticeships.

Finally as part of the CSLA, we took 3 young people along to a mini Olympic community event that they had planned in conjunction with two Street League academies to run and deliver different stations. This was a huge success, with the young people fully enjoying their day and gaining valuable experience on top of mixing and working with people older than themselves.

Overall we have hugely enjoyed our time at Govan High and seen a massive transformation in the young people we have worked with and have been delighted to help them achieve this qualification. We also hope to stay in touch with those who plan to leave in the summer and help them as best we can to find a positive destination.

- Joann Duffy & Matt Boyle



Friends, Team Mates Now Colleagues

Connor Gilogley (16) and Chrisy Airdrie (16) from Govan High have completed Street League's Glasgow South Academy and will be starting apprenticeships in *Ground Works*.

They were introduced to Street League during a successful pilot program run by Street league Staff Joanne Duffy and Matt Boyle. The boys left school as Christmas leavers and went on to the NEW Glasgow South Academy run by Football Coach Scott Smith and Progression Co-ordinator Danny Dewar.

It didn't take long for Connor and Chrisy to fit into the academy and they soon became valuable members of the squad. At the end of January, the pair secured their first interviews for modern apprenticeships. With assistance from Street League on interview techniques, skills & qualities and communication skills, both were offered jobs.

Chrisy Airdrie said, 'I'd like to thank all members of Street League, specially to Joanne Duffy, Matt Boyle, Scott Smith and Danny Dewar for all they have done to help me move on.'

Connor Gilogley added, 'Over the moon with my apprenticeship, can't wait to start earning my own money and have a better life style, another thanks to Street League for their help.'

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Determined to cook finalists

The Govan High School Determined to Cook Team has got to the finals and it's all thanks to Miss Baxter and our chef Jim who runs the G1 Group restaurant "The Social" in Royal Exchange Square.

Recently Miss Baxter received an email from Education Scotland telling her about the 'Determined to Cook' competition in October. Every pupil in the senior hospitality class had to come up with a dish costing no more than £3 to impress our chef. When the class 'cook off' took place, the chef came in to school and everyone made their dishes. The chef then chose the team from the best tasting dishes, based on who worked to the highest standard and who managed their time best. The team chosen was: - Jordan Richmond, Jamie-Lee McKenzie, Ewan Davies and Courtney Early. It was down to us to make a two course meal with a budget of £10 for the area cook off to get to the final.

The dishes we chose to make were a main course and a dessert. The main course was Oriental Duck Breast with Thai Scented Broth and Fine Noodles. The dessert was a White Chocolate Mousse with a Raspberry Coulis partnered up with Chocolate Chip and Orange Delicious Cookies. These 2 dishes complemented each other like Yin and Yang - one was a bowl of beautiful, exotic spices and textures to enlighten the taste-buds - the other was a cold creamy, soothing taste that we felt wiped out every taste that has ever been in the mouth and replaced it with heaven.

We had three practice sessions after school under the guidance of Ms Baxter and the chef. By the time the 'Cook Off' arrived we were ready and eager to show our skills and expertise to the judges. On the 20th February in our kitchen we competed against teams from Hillpark Secondary School and St Paul's High School Both teams competed extremely well with their own chefs and produced tasty dishes.

Our two dishes won us a place in the final which will be on the 28th of March 2014 held in the Tennent's Cookery School. Wish us luck!

- The GHS Determined To Cook Team



The National Theatre of Scotland in Govan High School

The National Theatre of Scotland recently ran a series of workshops with all of our S1 pupils. This was part of the Tin Forest project. As Glasgow prepares to welcome the world in 2014, The Tin Forest invites the people of Glasgow to retell the city's story and to reimagine its future.

Inspired by the bestselling book of the same name, and part of the Glasgow 2014 Cultural Programme, The Tin Forest is one of the National Theatre of Scotland's most ambitious projects to date. Between now and August, it will take root across the city and across the Commonwealth, and lead us ultimately into the iconic South Rotunda on Glasgow's Clydeside.

Before then, we will be sifting and sorting stories of Glasgow's past, looking around the city as it is today and challenging ourselves to reinvent the future. Over the next few months, The Tin Forest will be recruiting participants and gathering stories, dreams and wishes in four post-industrial communities in Glasgow: Springburn, East End, South West and Govan. Through a series of drama, craft and design, music production, dance and storytelling, urban arts and making workshops we will create a series of events, culminating in an event in the local areas.

The project is based in The Pearce Institute and is running weekly classes and workshops for Govan people of all ages who wish to take part. Salma Mahmud of first year has been invited to be a participant in the Govan performance in Elder Park as part of the Govan Fair in June.



PLANNED SPORTS:

The Sports Leaders visited the Glasgow Club Drumoyne Gym at Pirie Park last month. They learnt about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and ways to ensure they stay healthy after they leave school. The group also used the Fitness Suite for a few training sessions.



Darren McJimpsey



Jordan Richmond



Ryan Costick

Sport – Bagpacking

The school of football pupils took part in a Bagpacking at Morrison's Anniesland in March. They were raising money to put towards their development tour (developing what e.g. football in general or specific skills?) to Valencia later this year. All the pupils worked really hard all day and managed to raise over £1100.



Shaurie, Toni and Emily Taylor



Jordan Hay

The Planned Sports class have been on a few trips this term. The pupils visited Scotkart in Cambuslang to take part in time trials, and had a Paintballing competition at Delta Force Paint Ball, Houston, Renfrewshire (

During both trips the class had to use skills including teamwork, leadership and organisation. It was great fun.

BOYS FOOTBALL

S1 and S2 teams have been participating in the Soccer1/2/3 Championships at Toryglen throughout the session. The boys enjoyed the final week of games just before the Easter holidays playing teams from St Rochs, Shawlands, Jordanhill and Glasgow Gaelic School. Our S1 team had mixed results over the season but managed to finish the league in a solid mid-table position. The S2 team, who completed in a league for S2 and 3 pupils, were narrowly beaten into second place by a strong St Rochs team.

The boys involved are:

S1 Dylan Duncan, John Ross Allan, Jordan Bow, Thomas Cooney, Ryan Hay, Harvey Hughes, Josh Masson, Kieran Stone, Sean Wales, Mark Wallis,

S2- Alan Wright, Lee Airdrie, William Bowden, Kristofer Campbell, Dylan Daly, Bawan Jamal, Declan Lang, Marc Mannion, Dylan Sanderson



BBC SPORT RELIEF

Pupils in S1 attended the Sports Relief night at the BBC. They were in the audience to watch young people from across the City sing and perform.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPS

The National 4 PE class attended the National Swimming Championships which was held at Tollcross Pool. The event was a test event for the Commonwealth Games and the young people got to watch athletes who will be representing Scotland in various swimming events in the Commonwealth Games later this year. The event was great because it showed the pupils the performance standards they are striving to achieve. They enjoyed watching the model performers and were excited by the race atmosphere on the poolside.

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