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HM End of Term Letter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Spring Term always disappears at a rate of knots with a whirlwind of activity. This one has been no different where the full range of a truly holistic education has been on show.

Over 80 guests attended the inaugural Creative Arts Dinner with 22 performances on stage and a wonderful display of artwork from across the whole school. Also, the Senior Art Spring Ball was run by the senior pupils with a fantastic range of competition entries. The Pipe Band played brilliantly at the Scottish Schools Championships over in Kilmarnock. We also had tremendous success in the regional Burns Federation recitals with three golds, two silvers, and a bronze. Really well done to Logan B and Jack B!

Outdoor education has headed up into the hills with seniors, juniors have had trips up to St Fergus and down to Bannockburn as well as a visit to the RSNO in Dundee, whilst the boarders have been helping with lambing closer to home.

Sport has continued at pace, with our Open Netball Team attending the Independent Schools Cup competition last weekend. The S2 netballers can take most of the plaudits, though, after winning the Aberdeen Schools Tournament, as can our junior teams, who got stuck in at the Ardvreck tournament. Our junior and senior teams have shown real strength in depth with notable wins across the age ranges – although my favourite memory has to be watching the Under-18 7s side when they were down in Hereford for the Marches 7s, scoring with a “crash ball” try at the end. Also, many congratulations to our six Under-16 Glasgow Warriors who recently played against Edinburgh – an incredible achievement.

Cross-country has also gone extremely well, with victory for Cameron M at the Belhaven Hill Invitational and the Under-11 boys at the Merchiston relay race. There was also lots of success across the junior age range at our own invitational event and championship success at the Albyn Invitational – the Under-9 boys and S1 boys came home with team trophies, and there were individual wins for Alfie S, Cameron M, Bradley T, Harry L, and Grace R. As soon as the junior swim gala was over on Friday, we had a few pupils head down to Bath for the UK Biathlon Championships, where Benjamin, Bradley, and Jack all did extremely well. Bradley had a fifth-place finish, which is outstanding.

Also, Grace R was running for Scotland in the cross-country international down in Wales after her National Championship showing. Andrew F in S4 has played football for Scotland U-16s and was Man of the Match against Cyprus, and Michael U won the Scottish Schools Indoor Athletics Triple Jump Championship.

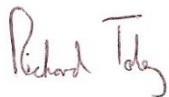
J6 have been doing the school proud with their Euro Quiz exploits and our senior chess team, after some tough games with Karachi Grammar School, managed to finish as runners up in the North-East Chess Championship.

The variety of clubs and activities across the school in our wider curriculum has been a joy to see—not just in their variety, but in the high level of take-up. Seizing these opportunities, whether it be in Art Club, Junior Ceilidh Band, or Eco Group, volunteer work, or rifle shooting, also led to the confidence I saw in the current S3 on their YPI Finals Day. The insight, empathy, and passion that they displayed were evident to all in the audience, with all being worthy of receiving the £3,000 for their chosen charity.

At time of writing, our Under-16 7s squad are down in London preparing for the Rosslyn Park 7s. This is the largest schools rugby 7s competition in the world and will undoubtedly be a fantastic experience for all the boys.

Summer Term starts on 13th April with the Parents' Association Coffee Morning and whole-school photograph - formal uniform is required for all, please - before J5–7 have a mountain day on the 17th. Finally, our Annual Rugby 7s, sponsored by Alan Rutherford Wealth Management, is on 18th April. Please do buy or sell some raffle tickets, there are some excellent prizes up for grabs, including an Apple Watch and limited-edition framed prints personally signed by Finn Russell and Huw Jones!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Toley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'R' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

Richard Toley
Headmaster