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Headmaster's End of Term Letter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Spring Term always disappears at a rate of knots with a whirlwind of activity. This term has been no exception, showcasing the full breadth of a truly holistic education.

Before half-term we were treated to the wonderful production of *Oliver Jr.* and *A Night at the Musicals*, showcasing our musical stars from across the junior and senior schools. Elsewhere on stage our junior pupils recorded considerable success at the North East Burns Federation competition while our Pipeband delivered a superb performance at the Scottish Schools Championship in Kilmarnock.

The Senior Art Spring Ball, organised by senior pupils, was another fantastic highlight, featuring a winning competition entry by Evie C. Outdoor education has headed up into the hills with an S2 winter skills trip, Learning Outside the Classroom opportunities have seen our juniors exploring Dundee and Bannockburn, and our boarders recently took a trip to St Andrews and the Secret Bunker.

Sport has continued apace with our Open Netball Team meeting with success at the Fettes Tournament, reaching the National Plate quarter finals as well as beating Aberdeen Grammar in the last match of their Aberdeen League. Juniors have gained valuable experience in competitive hockey, while both senior boys' and girls' football teams have been in action. Cross Country has been a real highlight, with a new course record set by J4 at the Merchiston Relay event. Our athletes also claimed victories across the junior age groups at our own invitational event, along with championship success at the Albyn Invitational, where our J5 and J7 boys secured impressive wins. Particularly well done to Bradley T in J5, Harry L in J7 and Hania C in S5 who all won their individual categories.

The variety of clubs and activities across the school in our wider curriculum has been a joy to see not just in variety but in the high level of take up. Seizing these opportunities whether it be clubs such as Warhammer, Eco Group, volunteer work, and rifle shooting has contributed to the confidence I saw in our current S3 pupils during their YPI Finals Day. The insight, empathy and passion that they displayed was evident to all in the audience with two groups impressively raising over £3000 for their chosen charities before the final actually took place!

In staffing news, I would like to inform you that Mr Govan has left the Lathallan staff to pursue other interests and opportunities. I want to wish him well in the future and thank him for all his work. A new member of the boarding team will be appointed shortly. Also, Mr Barry will be

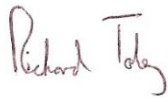
leaving his post in individual support at the end of the summer term to take up a role in Zambia – we wish him and Mrs Barry who will also be working there, all the best for the future.

The first weekend of the holidays was busy for our sporting pupils with top 20 finishes for our Biathletes in the GB event in Bath and the U16 7s rugby team reaching the Cup Final of the RGC event where they eventually lost to Merchiston.

At the time of writing, we have a large contingent from the Junior School in the Lake District, our skiers are hitting the slopes in Italy and next week our U16 rugby squad will be in Biarritz on tour.

Summer Term starts on April 14th with the Parent Association Coffee Morning and J5-7 having a mountain day on the 18th. On April 22nd, our Whole School Photo will take place - please ensure all pupils are in formal uniform - and J5 will then embark on their biking exploits. We are looking forward to our Annual Rugby 7s on April 26th - don't forget to buy and sell some raffle tickets as this year we have some truly fantastic prizes!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Richard Toley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'R' and a stylized 'T'.

Richard Toley
Headmaster