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Editor’s Welcome

Dear Accies

Welcome to the latest edition of The Academical. This edition features women in science with interviews from our first Accie girl, Consultant Nephrologist, Edwina Brown (EA 1966–67), first female Ephor, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Catherine Kellett (EA 1987–88) and 2018 winner of the Edinburgh International Science Festival’s Edinburgh Medal, Cordelia Fine (EA 1990–92). We also feature an update from the Rector on where we are with our own Science and Library extensions (p6).

In December 2017, Rector Barry Welsh welcomed Accies back for Christmas drinks and mince pies, and we held our first get together for our most recent leavers. With the New Year came a hugely successful Accies’ drinks in London, where over 60 of you joined us for a relaxed drink in the heart of the city with ages spanning from Accies in their 20s to 80s. The drinks proved so popular, we will be repeating these along with a dinner later in the year — more details coming soon. In February 2018 we held our 3rd Pub Quiz, with numbers on the rise these are becoming a firm favourite. April saw Classes of 1970–80 return for their decade reunion with over 100 Accies and former staff joining us.

In June 2018 we celebrated the 1968 Leavers’ 50th anniversary Reunion. Please see p40 for instigators, Colin Beveridge (EA 1957–68) and David Coard’s (EA 1961–68) write up. A new 50s Club has formed with annual reunions to celebrate Accies reaching half a century since leaving the school. The AGM in June saw important progress to the Raeburn Place Development and the addition of former staff member and Accie, Tony Cook (EA 1951–61; EA Staff 1975–2003), to the EAC Council as a former staff representative.

In September 2018, EAC’s inaugural lecture series kicked off with Polar Explorer, Craig Mathieson from the Polar Academy with his ‘Ready for the World’ lecture. Accies, pupils, current staff, former staff and parents came together to hear Craig’s fascinating tales of adventures, please see p42 for more.

In 2019, we have a very exciting line-up of events. On 15 March, we held our first Business Breakfast in London, followed by Accies’ drinks. In April we welcome back Classes of 1980–90 for their decade reunion and June sees the second of our 50s Club anniversary reunions, which includes Court Chairman, Mike Gregson’s year. In October we will be holding a special Founders’ Day Dinner which marks the 5 year countdown to our bicentenary. We do hope you’ll be able to join us for these events. Please see p69.

My thanks go to Barry Welsh, the School, Accies, current and former staff, EAC committee, and in particular, President Charles Robertson (EA 1972–85) who devotes many hours and provides so much support in making the Academical Community such an exciting and vibrant one. In addition, I am very grateful to those who have taken the time to contribute to, or be featured in, The Academical this year.

Floreat Academia!
Alison Wardrop (EA Staff 2016– )
Alumni Relations Officer

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The Edinburgh Academy is a charitable body registered in Scotland, number SC016999.
I am pleased to report that it has been a busy year for the Academical Club. Considerable progress has been made in increasing the number and type of events and the credit for this is largely down to the hard work of Alison Wardrop, Alumni Relations Officer. Well supported events have been held in Edinburgh and London. There have been drinks, reunions, tours of the School and the Archive and last, but not least, three pub quizzes, all of which with the highest number of attendees in recent years.

At the time of writing the long leases relating to the re-development of Raeburn Place have been signed with Raeburn Place Foundation. It is now the responsibility of the Raeburn Place Foundation Trustees to deliver on their ambitious development plans in order to fulfil their vision for sport at Raeburn Place. In order to get to this stage, a huge number of people have devoted considerable time and effort. However, a special mention must be made of Colin Innes (EA 1972–86) who has for many years worked tirelessly on behalf of the Club in matters relating to Raeburn Place.

I would like to welcome Tony Cook (EA 1951–61, EA Staff 1975–2003) to the Council. Tony joins us as a representative of former teaching staff but also as an Accie himself. He has many ties to the Academical community and I feel privileged to welcome him back to sit on the Council. I would like to thank Council members Cass Kellett (EA 1986–88) and Harry Paton (EA 1992–2005) who have stepped down this year. Their hard work, support and commitment have been invaluable during their time with us and they will be missed.

Finally, my term of office at the Club will come to an end in 2019 and I would like to take this opportunity to say that it has been a pleasure to represent the Council during a period of such change.

Please do get in touch if you are interested in attending any events or joining the Council: accies@edinburghacademy.org.uk or 0131 624 4958.

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Charles Robertson (EA 1972–85), EAC President (2016– )
Sarah Boyd (EA Staff 2009–)

Sarah has been a teacher at the Junior School since 2010. Prior to that, she worked at the Bank of Scotland for 17 years. Educated at St George’s School for Girls and St Andrews University, she has two children and her son was educated at the Edinburgh Academy. She enjoys hillwalking and exploring new areas of Scotland now that her children have left home!

The 2017/18 EAC Council

President
Charles Robertson (EA 1972–85)

Charles is a FCSI Chartered Wealth Manager and has worked at Murray Asset Management in Edinburgh for over 20 years. Educated at the Edinburgh Academy and St Andrews University, he has two children currently attending the School. In addition, Charles is President of the Edinburgh Academical Cricket Club and, when not busy playing golf, still plays the occasional game for them.

Vice President
Brian Hay-Smith (EA 1970–84)

Brian is a Chartered Accountant and Business Development Partner with Mazars LLP, having previously worked in the whisky industry, which without question suited his drinking skills. Educated, allegedly, at the Edinburgh Academy where he represented the School in many sports, he also played for many years for Edinburgh Academical Cricket, Squash and Rugby clubs (where his claim to fame was losing the first division championship by missing a conversion versus Ayr at Millbrae in 1988). He is currently also the Captain of the Golf Club. Brian is not comfortable with silence.

Secretary and Treasurer
Colin Innes (EA 1972–86)

Colin is the Secretary and Treasurer of the Edinburgh Academical Club, having previously served on its Council as President. He is a Partner at legal firm Shepherd & Wedderburn. Whilst at School, Colin played rugby and cricket and was Captain of the 1st XV. Colin was also a Sergeant in the CCF, won the V1’s Geography prize, the Ian Harvey prize for services to the School and the Thompson prize for Scottish History. In his spare time, Colin enjoys fishing.

Rector
Barry Welsh (EA Staff 2017–)

Barry is the 18th Rector of the Edinburgh Academy, having taken on the role in August 2017. Barry has had a varied teaching career. He started out at Harrow School and took on the role of Head of Geography at Fettes College. After 11 years, he was promoted to the role of Deputy Head of Shrewsbury Lake School, Canada. He moved back to Edinburgh in January 2017 to take on the role of Senior Deputy Rector and then Rector of EA. His two sons are both at the Academy. Outside of school life, Barry enjoys the great outdoors and loves getting out on the hills.

EA Junior School Staff Rep
Sarah Boyd (EA Staff 2009–)

Sarah has been a teacher at the Junior School since 2010. Prior to that, she worked at the Bank of Scotland for 17 years. She attended St George’s School for Girls and St Andrews University. She has two children and her son was educated at the Edinburgh Academy. She likes travelling and regularly visits family in various parts of the world. When at home, she enjoys singing and has been a member of the School’s Choral Society for several years. She enjoys hillwalking and exploring new areas of Scotland now that her children have left home!

EA Senior School Staff Rep
Angus Tully (EA Staff 2004–)

Angus is the Staff Representative on the Council. Having taught at the Edinburgh Academy for over 13 years, Angus has recently been appointed Director of Music at the Academy. Outside of School, Angus enjoys singing and conducts several choirs around the UK.

Council Member

Tony was educated at the Edinburgh Academy, then went to The Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester for a year. He then worked in London with the brewers Watney Mann for 3 years. He took a degree in Zoology at Aberdeen University followed by 3 years research in Edinburgh University Zoology Department. He was appointed to the Biology Department at EA in 1975 where he taught until retiring in 2003. He has 4 children who all went to EA and now has 10 grandchildren, 3 of whom are in the EA Junior School. He has been trying to retire for some time. His wife, Jenny, is his well-known accomplice.

Council Member
Andrew Cosh (EA 1994–2003)

Andrew is Captain of the Edinburgh Academical Cricket Club and led the team to Championship promotion in 2017. A third-generation Academical, Andrew’s grandfather, Major S.H. Cosh (EA 1930–38) MBE, captained the Scottish cricket team. While at the school, Andrew received colours for hockey and cricket. He joined the CCF, flying at RAF Cosford, and was a member of the shooting, fencing and mountaineering clubs. He gained a Master’s degree at Edinburgh University, and worked in London, before returning to Edinburgh to work as a Digital Manager for a luxury product supplier. Andrew enjoys a wide range of sports, with cricket his passion. He recently joined the MCC.

Council Member
Colin Cunningham (EA 1954–61)

Colin has been a member of the Council for a number of years and is President of the London Edinburgh Academical Club (LEAC).

Council Member
Chris Duncan (EA 2002–08, EA Staff 2014–)

Chris has served on the Council since 2015. He is currently Director of Hockey at the Edinburgh Academy and Scotland Under 16 Hockey Coach. Educated at Edinburgh Napier University in Business Management, Chris went on to study for a Postgraduate degree in Sports Coaching & Performance. Outside of work and study, he played hockey for Scotland and despite no longer playing internationally, still plays for the University of Edinburgh in Scotland’s Division 1. Other than this, he enjoys spending time with his wife Maggie, who he married at the Academy in October 2016.

Council Member
Anna Robertson (EA 2008–09)

Anna has served on the Council for over two years. She qualified as a solicitor in 2016 and now works at the Procurator Fiscal Service. Anna was educated at Peebles High School, the Edinburgh Academy and University of Aberdeen. In addition, she is a keen sailor and serves as an active Board Director of the Aberdeen Law Project — a pro bono law and outreach centre.

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This year has been another extremely busy period for the School. I wish to thank Joan Smith who retired from the Court in December, 2017 and was a tower of strength and support as Chair of the Education and Policy sub-committee.

In January 2018 I informed the Court that I would be retiring as Chairman during 2019. I am delighted to announce that my successor will be Ms Morag McNeill, a former parent, current Court director and Chair of the EA Finance and General Purposes Committee. She has extensive knowledge of the school and, amongst other directorships, is Deputy Chair of Heriot-Watt University.

As this will be my last article as Chairman following my appointment in 2012, it seems appropriate at this stage to look back over the last decade given the massive changes that have occurred at the Academy.

It has been my good fortune during my involvement on the Court to have worked with some inspirational Rectors — John Light (EA Staff 1995–2008), Marco Longmore (EA Staff 2008–17) and now Barry Welsh (EA Staff 2017–). I have also been privileged to meet many interesting and knowledgeable directors and have been extremely grateful to them for giving of their time so selflessly. And, most importantly, the dedication and professionalism of the staff has enabled the school to provide so many opportunities for its pupils.

We started the 21st century as a boys’ school with boarding facilities and with girls in the final two years. By the end of the decade, the Court had decided to transform the school into a co-educational day school meeting the needs of the pupils from 2–18 years. The proceeds from the sale of the boarding houses were reinvested in the school to provide much needed investment in the school estate.

Eleven years ago the school had just completed the James Clerk Maxwell Science Centre. Major additional improvements then followed and have included the opening of the purpose-built Nursery at Arboretum Road in 2009 and the building of the McTavish Wing for the Junior School Upper Primary. New Field has been transformed with a new hockey pavilion, two floodlit artificial hockey pitches and a large upgrading to the main pavilion. And, at Henderson Row, the Magnus Centre for the Performing Arts, a brand new, purpose-built theatre with a retractable seating system and flexible staging, was built in the original Rector’s classroom and which, in my era, was used for Physics. Additionally, owning the Grade A listed site at Henderson Row comes with a significant responsibility to maintain these historic buildings for future generations as well as ensuring that any changes respect the listed status. Whilst not immediately apparent, this maintenance comes at significant cost — for example, over the last five years we have spent over £1.5 million on reroofing.

In 2013, Eric Stevenson, an Academical based in Singapore who had established a company called Highland Flies, manufacturing fishing flies for anglers, left the school around £16 million which, under the terms of his will, is managed in a separate charity. The school has never been financially well-endowed and it is the intention of the trustees to ensure that the fund benefits future generations of pupils and supports widened access through using the income from the fund to support the bursary programme. Additional capital support may be provided to the school as long as the level of bursary support is maintained.

The generous support of the trust has enabled the school to significantly increase the number of means-tested bursaries that it provides. Over 30 pupils now benefit from fully-funded places at the school with the bursary funding having increased ten-fold over the last decade. We are also very grateful to those Academicials who have supported this programme which aims to give life changing opportunities to pupils.

Apart from the building work, there have been many other significant changes. Following a major review, we are now focusing predominantly on the Scottish exam diet. As the Rector’s report shows, the school continues to provide an array of opportunities for all pupils across art, drama, music as well as sport and a much-expanded outdoor education programme.

There were over 1,200 pupils and staff captured in the recent school photograph which is the highest level for many years but...
which does not detract from the individual attention that each pupil receives. The net result of this is that School now has waiting lists at all main entry points.

Another notable achievement has been the opening up of the School Archives, to which we owe a great deal of thanks to Andrew McMillan (EA 1960–70), our Honorary Archivist, who continues to discover historical items stored in cardboard boxes hidden throughout the school. This archive has become the main focal point for the reunions that have been so successfully run over the last few years in conjunction with the Academical Club.

When funds allow, we retain an ambition to digitize some of these records to make them accessible on a global basis as the school was founded at an exciting and significant time in Scottish history. With the recent updating of the Royal Charter under which the school operates, we have uncovered the previous versions of the charter dating back to 1824 and it is our intention, following specialist advice, to display these in a prominent position in the school.

As Chairman, it has been my privilege to represent the school on many occasions. The most humbling of these was at Twickenham in December, 2014. The event was the 133rd Varsity Match between Oxford and Cambridge which was a major commemoration of the 55 Blues who fell in World War 1. Of these, eight of the Blues had attended the Edinburgh Academy — the most from any school.

Our plans to start the redevelopment of the Henderson Row site are now well-developed. The first development is the extension of the Science Centre linking to a major expansion of the Library. It is quite apparent that, in addition to following an exam syllabus, we will need to equip our pupils with the skills and multi-disciplinary approach to succeed in a world that will change rapidly through advances in artificial intelligence, bio-technology, stem-cell research etc and which will provide significant ethical and moral challenges to decision-making. Following on from the legacy provided by James Clerk Maxwell, we aim to provide a highly flexible, multi-use engagement space, linked to both our existing science and library buildings, which will provide a dynamic resource for students, a hub for ideas’ exchange and experiential learning, and a genuinely collaborative space for creative and critical thinking through a broad spectrum of activity.

We received planning permission in August 2018 for the development and we hope to start Phase 1 by altering the Science Centre during the 2019 summer holidays. We are extremely grateful to a number of Academicals who have contributed most generously to the start of the development fund. We are now broadening this campaign and further details of the development and opportunities for support can be found in this magazine. Please contact the Rector or me directly if you feel able to support and have any questions.

As Magnus Magnusson stated in The Clacken and the Slate, which was published at the 150th anniversary of the founding of the school: “No, it does not stand still at the Academy. It keeps changing, seeking the best of the new, keeping the best of the old”.

There are many exciting opportunities for the school and its students in the years ahead. I am confident that we are well-positioned to prosper as we approach the school bi-centenary in 2024.

Please do keep in touch — you will be welcome at any time to come and view the changes at New Field, the Junior School or Henderson Row. If you wish to visit, please contact the Development & Alumni Relations Office who will be delighted to assist you.

Floreat Academia!

Michael Gregson (EA 1960–70)
Chairman of the Court of Directors 2012–19
PHASE ONE: THE LEARNING COMMONS
The Edinburgh Academy has created an ambitious Masterplan to improve its Senior School site in Edinburgh’s New Town by the time of the School’s bicentennial in 2024. The Masterplan provides the strategic framework for the development of the campus and will deliver outstanding facilities which support the School’s aspirations for academic excellence. The Edinburgh Academy has always strived to develop young people with vision, courage and creativity, ready for the radically different world of opportunity and work beyond school. The Masterplan will create a school that is focused on the future and equipped to deliver the skills and learning that pupils require to be successful in the 21st Century.

The Edinburgh Academy has always kept pace with the times and kept alive the vision and energy of our founders – Lord Henry Cockburn and Leonard Horner – and their fellow Directors. As our bicentenary approaches in 2024 we are facing a pivotal moment in our history: to create a truly future-ready school offering inspirational learning and opportunities which equip our students for a rapidly changing world. The Academy has never shied away from a challenge and our TO24 objectives are ambitious. We intend to redevelop our campus significantly, maintaining our heritage site while extending and improving provision across a range of subjects.

Approved by the Court of Directors in January 2018, the Edinburgh Academy TO24 Masterplan provides the strategic framework for the development and improvement of the school campus. It ensures we will have a forward-thinking infrastructure, responsive to developments in teaching and new technologies, and prepared for increasingly agile methods of learning. Phase 1 of the Masterplan delivers a new building, the Learning Commons: a flexible, multi-functional, learning environment; a discovery hub where all our learners, both pupils and teachers, experiment and explore, build connections and expand learning in new and exciting ways.

The Learning Commons is at the centre of our TO24 Masterplan. It will transform the eastern boundary of our campus by developing a unique learning space, uniting the traditional seat of learning, our school library, with the James Clerk Maxwell Science Centre, currently our most modern building. The Learning Commons will provide us with a high quality and inspirational setting for education and equip us with much needed space for the continued pursuit of academic excellence.

BARRY WELSH, RETOR: “Our Masterplan development seeks to create a campus fit for the future. Good spaces inspire, stimulate, challenge and support pupils – they assist the learning process and encourage the development of pupils’ skills through new interactions and experiences. I believe our proposed expansion will develop even further our pupils’ readiness for the world and create a genuinely collaborative environment.”

The Campaign for the Edinburgh Academy’s next century
Phase 1 of the TO24 Masterplan is the development of the EA Learning Commons — a dedicated space joining the James Clerk Maxwell Science Centre to the Library. The new Learning Commons Building will deliver on five key educational objectives.

› Significant improvement of science teaching and learning facilities, with three new science laboratories and a dedicated seminar/research space for collaborative project work;

› A dedicated Makers’ Studio, linked to our Science Centre, which will be at the heart of our inter-disciplinary learning process: blending traditional learning styles, creative design thinking, innovative problem-solving and technological and engineering literacy for all;

› Provision of a highly flexible, multi-use, engagement space, linked to both our existing science and library buildings;

› The new building will provide a dynamic resource for students, a hub for ideas’ exchange and experiential learning as well as a pastoral space for the character and values’ teaching that is central to the well-rounded education of our young people;

› Enhanced library facilities, to accommodate different knowledge acquisition styles and improve creativity, the exchange of beliefs and ideas, to encourage debate and discussion and facilitate decision-making.

Phase 1 of the development will also facilitate increased opportunities for wider public and community support and engagement through the creative usage of the new facilities. Our enrichment and activities programme will use these new spaces to extend learning beyond the examined curriculum. We also hope that the Learning Commons will become a community hub where people can gather together for a range of events and special occasions.

How you can support us

The School has begun the process of securing £4.4million to implement Phase 1 of the TO24 Masterplan. The Edinburgh Academy Foundation is responsible for driving forward the fundraising plan and will seek to raise the necessary funding mainly through gifts from our Academicals and parent communities and retained earnings from the School. Our target for donations is ambitious but we are committed to realising our vision and delivering facilities designed for 21st century scholarship.

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MICHAEL GREGSON, CHAIR OF THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY FOUNDATION

“Our pupils today are entering a complex, challenging world and we need to ensure they have the skills, aptitudes and tools to succeed in this globalised society that requires exceptional adaptability and responsiveness. Our TO24 Masterplan is our road map to achieving this vision. Our new wing will harmonise the established and the new, joining spaces together and enhancing the feel of community and sharing. Through it we will develop future-ready facilities while preserving our past, creating a campus that stimulates and inspires our pupils, and all those who use our School. I am hugely encouraged by the determination of our Rector and his staff to make this vision a reality and to take the Academy forward into an ambitious future that will serve generations of pupils to come.”
WOMEN in SCIENCE

NINE MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY COMMUNITY SPEAK ABOUT THEIR LIFE IN SCIENCE
What is your favourite memory of EA?

There are so many it’s hard to choose just one, but I have very fond memories of all the musical activities I took part in at the Academy, and most particularly of Philip Coad (EA Staff 1989–2017) and Peter Backhouse (EA Staff 1990–2014). I also have happy memories of engaging in ‘tea bag warfare’ with a fellow pupil (who will remain nameless since he is now a distinguished medical professional), in which we tried to surprise each other by hiding tea bags in unexpected places.

Congratulations on winning The Edinburgh International Science Festival award this year! What does this award mean for you?

Thank you! Winning the Edinburgh Medal was the most tremendous honour. I also see it as a wonderful recognition of the importance of the work of scientists — often women — I write about in my books and draw on in my academic research. These people have progressed science by challenging long-held assumptions about the sexes and asking different research questions.

In the history of Science who do you admire as someone who influenced your thinking or development?

I guess any woman who has been to university owes a debt to those who might be regarded as the first feminist scientists. In the late nineteenth century, while first-wave feminists campaigned for full access to higher education, distinguished male medical doctors claimed that if women of reproductive age study too hard, the diversion of energy away from the greedy female reproductive system towards the brain would lead to distortion of proper feminine character, poor health, infertility, insanity and even death. In response, female physicians tirelessly collected reams of data indicating women’s surprising ability to simultaneously menstruate, get a college degree and stay alive.

What would you say is your greatest challenge being a woman in science?

One of the frustrating aspects of the work I do is the common assumption that the science of the neurobiological basis of behavioural sex differences is objective while any critiques of that science are ideological. This isn’t just a very naive view of science; it’s also highly counter-productive to scientific progress.

Tell us about what you’re working on at the moment.

In addition to research and a bit of popular writing, I’ve been developing some new undergraduate subjects: one about sex in science and another on gender diversity in the workplace. One of my goals for both is to link scholarship to everyday debates and concerns: from the inclusion of trans women in sport to the ethics of gender targets and quotas.

What three attributes do you think would help Academicals succeed in science?

Purpose, purpose and purpose. By this I mean things like, what would you like to achieve, and learn? What contributions would you like to make to a profession, industry or society? When we enjoy a strong sense of purpose, it can help to keep us going through dull or difficult periods. There’s even evidence from social genomics — the study of how social and psychological factors influence gene expression and health — suggesting that a strong sense of purpose can serve as an antidote to some of the negative effects of stress, adversity or loneliness on gene expression.

A strong purpose is also vital for organisations and institutions. There will likely be times in scientists’ lives when what happens at work conflicts with ethical values. Industries, organisations and people place themselves in ethical peril when, individually or collectively, they lose sight of their purpose. Whether it’s a finance industry that forgets that its purpose is to provide financial products that serve the needs of the community rather than merely maximally

Cordelia Fine is a philosopher, psychologist and writer. She is a Professor of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Melbourne, Australia. Cordelia has written three popular science books on the topics of social cognition, neuroscience and the popular myths of sex differences. Her latest book "Testosterone Rex" won the Royal Society Science Book Prize, 2017. She has also written and reviewed for several publications including the New York Times and New Scientist. In April 2018, Cordelia was awarded the Edinburgh Medal. This medal is awarded to "men and women of science and technology whose professional achievements are judged to have made a significant contribution to the understanding and well-being of humanity," Cordelia has a bachelor’s degree in Experimental Psychology with first-class honours from Oxford University, a Master of Philosophy in Criminology from Cambridge University and a PhD in Psychology from University College London.
profitable ones; or a scientific lab that loses sight of its purpose to produce reliable knowledge about nature, rather than merely high impact publications and grant income.

Now for some lighter questions...

What would you do with your winnings if you won the lottery?

I would have to spend them extremely subtly, given how many times I have told my children what a waste of money it is to buy lottery tickets!

Which three public figures (alive or dead) would you invite to your fantasy dinner party?

Since I’m not a great cook, I’d invite Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall on condition he took care of the catering. And no doubt my family would have a very lengthy debate about the identities of the other two guests!

Something interesting about me you may not know is...

I was the Under 14 Scottish fencing champion in foil. My children find this very amusing, bordering on literally incredible.

You live in Australia. If anything, what do you miss about Scotland?

While in general, I would be lying if I said that I missed the weather in Scotland, I still haven’t got used to Christmas being in summer! Plus all the greenery that comes from ample rain, and the stunning, historic buildings.

Testosterone Rex is the winner of the Royal Society Insight Investment Science Book Prize, 2017
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UNMAKING THE MYTHS OF OUR GENDERED MINDS

As thrilling and mind-bending as any novel...For anyone with an appetite for a revolution.
Naomi Alderman, author of The Power
Professor Edwina Brown is a Consultant Nephrologist and London Honorary Professor of Renal Medicine at Imperial College Hammersmith Hospital. Edwina was also the Academy’s first female pupil, arriving in 1966. Her main clinical and educational interests are peritoneal dialysis, dialysis in the elderly and renal supportive care. She has published extensively and is the author/editor of several books. She is an honorary fellow of the British Renal Society and of the European Renal Association and is chair of the guidelines committee of the International Society of Peritoneal Dialysis.

You were the Academy’s first girl — a female in a male-dominated environment. Do you think this experience helped you in your later life/career?

Definitely. Medicine was a male-dominated profession — and still is, though to a lesser extent. My experience at the Academy has meant that I am never intimidated by being in a meeting where I am the only woman or being faced with an all-male interview panel.

What professional challenges have you faced, working as a woman in science?

Most of the challenges have been time pressures when trying to fit in family life, clinical work and a research career. My academic activities have mostly been done in the evenings or on weekends. It is therefore not surprising that there is a dip in publications for some years on my CV when my two children were young. There were also delays in getting my substantive consultant post, and I think I must have broken some sort of record being a senior registrar for twelve years. Fortunately, questions at interview such as “you have been busy the last few months” (when eight months pregnant); and “How can you work in Slough when your husband works in the city?” can no longer be asked.

How did science classes at the Edinburgh Academy shape your future career development?

I remember finding the science classes at the Edinburgh Academy to be inspirational, having previously been at a small, all-girl boarding school in Suffolk, where few did science. I did my Biology A-Level in my year at the Edinburgh Academy and it proved to be a sound foundation for moving on to Oxford.

You are an Honorary Professor of Renal Medicine, an author/editor of several books, an honorary fellow of the British Renal Society and of the European Renal Association — Where does your motivation come from?

My main motivation is that I enjoy what I am doing and find it very fulfilling. My mother had read History at Oxford and having got married after the war, did not continue her career. She did everything possible to encourage me to work and have ambition while giving me the confidence that as a woman, one could succeed. That confidence has driven me over the years — and also, not to be outdone by my two brothers, both of whom have excelled in their fields.

What advice would you give pupils considering a career in medicine?

Medicine is a fantastic career. The medical school years and early training are hard, but even early on one can start experiencing the terrific variety that exists under the umbrella of ‘medicine’. My advice would be to develop areas of interest from early on. Just having
something that is different from the day to day routine activities can make such activities more interesting and prevent later burnout. There is huge variety in medicine. The trick is to find an area that suits one’s personality and interests. Both my sons have gone into medicine. It was obvious they were different from the start — one did his degree project on spinal cord development in chick embryos, and the other on radiation damage following Chernobyl. The former is now training in endocrinology and is currently doing a PhD on a model of osteoporosis in mice, and his brother is training in psychiatry.

What is your proudest achievement to date?

On a personal level, my proudest achievement is the fact I have managed to bring up two boys mostly on my own (my marriage ended when they were quite young) and that they are now both successfully following their own careers in medicine, while at the same time I have had my own very fulfilling career.

Now for some lighter questions...

What’s your signature dish?

I have always enjoyed cooking — a good way of switching off after a busy day at work. However, it needs to be simple so I have developed a style of ‘one dish’ meals. My grandchildren like the chicken pieces roasted with peppers and aubergine.

What three things would you take to a desert island?

A good book that can be read many times — War and Peace, or Middlemarch would do. Photographs of family to provide memories. And some paper to write letters to friends and families — to be posted when rescued.

What are the top three things on your bucket list?

The Alhambra in Granada; an opera at La Scala and more exotic travel.

If you were a super hero, what would your super power be and why?

Write the perfect grant application that automatically got funded.

What is your favourite film?

Testament of Youth.
Catherine trained in Orthopaedic Surgery in Oxford. Towards the end of her training, she spent six months working in trauma and general orthopaedics in Geneva, Switzerland. She then completed an 18-month fellowship in lower limb joint reconstruction at Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto. In 2007, Catherine was appointed as Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, working for five years in NHS Tayside and the University of Dundee, before joining the Golden Jubilee National Hospital in 2012. Catherine is a specialist primary and revision hip and knee Arthroplasty Surgeon, with interests in arthroplasty research and surgical education. As a 2011 British Orthopaedic Association Travelling Fellow, she was Visiting Professor at the University of Toronto and Research Collaborator at Mayo Clinic. She was an ABC Travelling Fellow in 2012 and is a member of the British Orthopaedic Association Training Standards Committee. Catherine has recently started a year’s secondment at a new hospital in the Maldives to help with orthopaedics and to be Director of Medical Education.

Did you have a teacher at EA who inspired you and how?

Yes, several. Val Bland (EA Staff 1979–2002) and Tony Cook (EA 1951–61; EA Staff 1975–2003) showed me how essential a good sense of humour is for science. Colin Evans (EA Staff 1955–93) for teaching me to work hard even up to the last minute. The music department for always putting on a concert at the last minute and making you realise it is possible to achieve a high standard in a short time.

What is your favourite memory of EA?

Becoming the first female Ephor and being one of the first girls to turn up for hockey only to find there was no girls changing room. Being bitten by the mice in my 7ths biology project.

What advancements would you like to see in your field?

I would like to see a cure for arthritis and repair for damaged cartilage.

You have worked all over the world and currently in the Maldives to help with orthopaedics and to be Director of Medical education — what’s the most rewarding part of your job?

It has to be the patients. Seeing the difference a hip or knee replacement has made to their lives.

You have achieved so much in your working life, what’s the secret to your success?

Never being afraid to push yourself or try something new. Hard work. A sense of humour.

Now for some lighter questions...

What is your favourite song of all time?

Happy, by Pharrell Williams.

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Cheerful, hardworking and independent.

What do you pretend to hate but actually love?

Second helpings of chocolate.

If you were Prime Minster, what would your first act be?

Focus on education and understanding because it is at the route of most aspects of life — health, economics, international relations etc.
Holly studied Biochemistry at the University of Edinburgh and was made Head of Department at 28 making her the youngest Head of Science in Academy history. Holly has a special interest in organic chemistry, in particular, the organic pathways involved in drug synthesis and their medical applications. She enjoys tennis and netball in her spare time.

Holly Ferguson (NEE KINCADE, EA STAFF 2010– )

You joined EA in 2010 what were your first impressions?

I remember thinking it was an incredibly warm and friendly place. Even on the day that I had my interview and was wandering around obviously looking lost, several people stopped to help point me in the right direction. From the outset, both the staff and students made me feel very welcome and at ease. It really is a special place, which is probably why so many of our staff stay for so long!

Your main area of interest is in organic chemistry, can you tell us a little more about this?

I studied Biochemistry at Edinburgh University, and my interest during the course really peaked when studying medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry. I enjoyed the logical nature of how we can synthesize one compound from another via organic pathways and found it very interesting to be able to relate understandings of biological mechanisms alongside knowledge of genetics and synthetic chemistry to be able to design and predict how pharmaceutical interventions would proceed.

How do you see teaching chemistry developing at EA?

Chemistry as a subject at the school is absolutely thriving at EA currently, and I hope to see it continuing to do so. Pupil uptake at Advanced Higher level more than doubled in the year 2016–17 and the extremely high uptake at this level has been maintained this year. We have an increasing number of students choosing to study STEM-related subjects at University level which is really encouraging. Students are taking more of a leadership role in the department this year by helping to run help sessions and support younger pupils, which is a specific area which will continue to evolve in the coming years.

You’ve achieved so much at such a young age, what advice would you give to pupils and Accies looking to pursue a career in science?

Find something you are passionate about and build your career around it, despite what others may think of your decisions. My father was a solicitor and my mother was a barrister, and even my brother and sister chose to study Law and English and Philosophy respectively at University. I was definitely the black sheep of the family when I chose to study Chemistry, Biology and English Literature for A-level and then continue on with my sciences at University. I think the main advice would be to take up all opportunities that come your way because you never know where they will lead you. Don’t be afraid to take risks, put yourself in a position to fail or do something that is out of your comfort zone. It may just be the best decision you ever make.
What is your favourite part of teaching Academy pupils?

This is such a difficult question because it is hard to pinpoint just one thing. I genuinely love my job and the main reason is the pupils I encounter on a daily basis. They make every day different, challenging at times, but always worthwhile. Even when lessons don’t go exactly to plan they still thank you at the end which is lovely!

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Who inspires you and why?

My father was, and still is the most inspiring person for me. He was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis when I was eleven, but despite his illness continued to run a successful solicitors firm and give up his free time to help others in his capacity as chairman of the charity Crossroads Care NI and in his work with the NSPCC. Growing up experiencing his resilience and unwavering positive mind-set despite many setbacks along the way, has undoubtedly helped me to overcome many things in my life, including his death. He taught me many life lessons, but the most important ones were to always do whatever you can to help others, and to not take life too seriously.

Now for some lighter questions...

Are you an early bird or a night owl?

Early bird! I normally go to bed by 9:30pm every night, and get up at 6am most mornings (including days off, unfortunately!). The rock and roll lifestyle of a teacher!

What decade of this century would you like to go back to and why?

That is a difficult question; I am quite happy in this decade, but would like to go back to a time without social media and the internet!

What would be your go-to karaoke song?

I have never done karaoke, and for the sake of saving others from the pain of hearing me sing, I don’t think it is a hobby I should take up anytime soon!

If you could bring something extinct back to life, what would you choose?

I would love to bring back a Diplodocus. It was my favourite type of dinosaur when I was a child, after seeing ‘Dippy the Diplodocus’ in the Natural History Museum in London. I think it would be amazing to see a species of that size in real life and I just always liked saying ‘Diplodocus’!
Nicola Kiernan (EA STAFF 2014- )

Nicola started out working at BP as an Analytical Chemist, then in Research and Development developing new polymer adhesives. She then went on to PhD research at Heriot-Watt University, sponsored by Rolls Royce PLC as a result of winning the Millennium Student of the Year Award for her undergraduate research examining the chemistry, physics and materials engineering aspects of the polymorphic liquid crystalline states of slug slime! Nicola worked within the Polymer Group for eight years whilst starting her family (of four sons). After various other projects, she took time out to re-train at Moray House. She began teaching at EA and very much appreciates the privilege of inspiring the next generation of Accies to develop their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) senses. Nicola is currently completing a part-time PhD in Digital STEM Education at Edinburgh University. She is also an Academy mum with three children currently at the school.

What were your first impressions of EA when you joined?

I applied for a position at the Academy at the behest of my tutor at Moray House School of Education who suggested it might suit me and be worth a visit. At that time, I was really quite unsure if I’d want to commute into the city centre every day and had already verbally accepted another position much closer to home. However, I remember the first person I met at the Academy was Jenny Coutts (EA Staff 2000–16), previous Head of Chemistry — she instantly put me at ease and impressed throughout the interview as did second interviewer, Senior Deputy Rector, Debbie Birrell (EA Staff 2009–16) (also a Chemist). By the end of the afternoon, having met with the rest of the department, I was delighted to accept the position and eager to get started. As a new teacher, my initial impression was quite different from what I might have anticipated from such an established, independent school of traditional values spanning centuries. The James Clerk Maxwell Science building was entirely modern and not at all the environment I might have expected to work in — it was light, spacious, fitted with the latest smart boards and lab fittings and had a lecture theatre! Another notable first impression was how welcoming and friendly the staff were and how evidently committed they were to their jobs. Not simply educating the masses, but it was very clear that pastoral care for pupils was equally paramount at the school.

If you could see three advancements in chemistry in your lifetime, what would they be?

I would like (and expect) to see some of the promised applications of graphene — an allotropic form of carbon which offers revolutionary possibilities for nanoscopic electronics due to its conductance, invisible strength due to its single atomic layer structure and heat insulating coatings due to its thermal conductivity. All of which are currently the stuff of science fiction; charging a phone or electric car in seconds, smart biomedical implants which can interrupt brain signals to ease conditions such as epilepsy and Parkinson’s Disease, invisible insulation, the world’s smallest and bendable computers — should hopefully soon be out of a lab near you!

Other advancements I would like to see is in the specialism of ‘Green Chemistry’. Green chemistry looks to modernise and economise our practices to ensure that from the first hypothesis and experimental trial, Chemists are considering how to recycle waste products effectively and efficiently (in particular the previously un-recyclable plastics) and also how to minimise harmful effects on the natural world — the ethos being prevention is better than cure!

The third advancement of chemistry is in the same vein as the previous point and would be to further our understanding of biochemical processes and structures which we can use to inspire and innovate the next generation of sustainable, biodegradable materials. To look to nature for solutions that solve modern day problems. Spiderweb is a made of a polymeric material which is significantly stronger weight for weight than steel — if we could manufacture silk on an
What is your guiltiest pleasure?

Without a doubt, cream! Whipped, single, double, clotted or salad — I love it. Any substrate will do. Bran flakes topped with whipped cream is a particular favourite.

What is the most challenging part of your job and the easiest?

The most challenging part of the job has to be the necessary administrative duties which can at times prevent you from doing your job. The easiest part is all the rest!

What would be your advice to young people/Academicals considering a career in science?

My advice is to consider whether they ultimately want to be an ‘innovator’ or a ‘facilitator’. Both roles are crucially important in the here and now but only one will fundamentally change our way of living and ultimately the advancement of our civilisation in the future.

What is your favourite thing about the Academy?

There’s no place like home.

You’ve achieved such incredible things and had a family of four in the process — how do you manage to balance home and work life?

Thank you. The word ‘grandparents’ immediately springs to mind! My husband and I are very lucky in that both sets of parents are close by and love to see our/their four boys whenever possible. They more than accommodate and support our busy schedules. Likewise, the job itself facilitates our work-life balance as the regular holidays and long summers provide good catch-up family time.

Now for some lighter questions...

What is your most treasured possession?

This is easy — my iPad mini! I’m lost without it! Also, my Rufus Wainwright Spotify playlist.

Where is your favourite place and why?

Edinburgh. I have been lucky enough to see many capital cities, but none are as stunning as Scotland’s Edinburgh and it is home.

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Lynn joined the Academy in 2010 to teach Biology and Chemistry. Lynn’s interest in science first began after being given a chemistry kit as a child. After leaving school she studied Human Physiology at Newcastle University. Lynn deferred doing a PhD at the University of Stirling to travel. She lived for 12 years in Japan where she learned Japanese and developed a passion for Yoga. Lynn credits Yoga with enabling her to de-stress and stay in great shape.

After returning from Japan, you were looking for a small school whose ethos was in line with your own. What were your first impressions of EA?

I thought it was a great place to work. I remember being impressed by how friendly and supportive the atmosphere was, and also by the pupil review meetings where those pupils who might need extra intervention/support for whatever reason, were discussed by all staff. It gave the impression that every child really did matter.

What do you see as the future for teaching science?

The new Higher and Advanced Higher Biology courses are very technical in that specialist equipment is needed to carry out some of the practicals. I think this may be the future. It’s great to see institutes like Roslin and Edinburgh University and the Science museum offering workshops where pupils whose schools don’t have the technology can go and experience the experiment.

And how important is it for EA to have the best facilities?

Very important. As I said above, the new courses include lots of specialist techniques which require specialist equipment. It would be nice to see partnerships developing between the EA and local state schools so that we could offer the use of our facilities in the future.

Which teaching method do you use to help students understand a difficult scientific concept?

I think if concepts can be visualised they are easier to understand. Video clips and bespoke animations are useful, but also talking concepts through and using analogies from pupils’ everyday experiences is a great strategy, it is a more personal approach which hopefully aids memory as well.
Who inspires you in your field and why?

I like attending lectures by researchers who are working at the cutting edge of our knowledge and understanding. I have a friend working on skin cancer at Edinburgh University and it’s fascinating to hear her talk about what she is discovering.

Did you have any challenges getting into your chosen area? What advice would you give to pupils/Accies struggling to get into their field?

I have only ever worked in Biology as a teacher. However, when applying to university as a teenager, I didn’t get the grades I needed for the course I wanted, so I arranged to meet with the head of the department I wanted to be in to plead my case. He said if I passed my first year exams he would let me in, which I did. So I guess my advice would be, keep trying, and even if you make mistakes or get knocked back, don’t give up.

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What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

Nothing. I’m not perfect, but on the whole I like me.

What was your most embarrassing moment?

My husband finds it very embarrassing when I do my enormous sneezes in public, but other than that I can’t think of any you could print!

What could you give a 40-minute presentation on with absolutely no preparation?

Yoga, it would involve audience participation!

If you were a super hero, what would your super power be and why?

“Enviromental” a power which causes people to choose the most sustainable and environmentally friendly option in their decision making.

If you were a brand, what would your motto be?

Recycle me.

Now for some lighter questions...

Who inspires you in your field and why?
Joanne Petit joined EA in 2016. After studying Chemistry with Pharmaceutical Chemistry at Heriot-Watt, Jo worked as a chemistry technician at Queen Margaret University for six years. During this time, she studied for a post-graduate degree in higher education. Here she found her love of teaching and went on to study at Moray House. She is a keen runner and has completed four half marathons, enjoys reading novels and bringing up her four children!

Tell us about your journey getting into teaching.

It took me a little bit of time to get to teaching. At school I wanted to train as a nurse and then, through ill health, this was not possible. So when it came to deciding what to study at university, I chose the subject I had enjoyed at school: Chemistry. Fortunately, I absolutely loved my course and whilst I was studying I would tutor the younger years and high school students and so becoming a teacher seemed like a natural career choice. However, life had other ideas. It took me a further eight years, including a husband, four kids, six years working as a Chemistry Technician, a PGDE in professional and Higher Education and a PGDE in Secondary, Chemistry before I finally qualified as a teacher.

Do you think the ethos of EA lends itself well to teaching?

Thinking back to my time as a student, my favourite teachers were my Chemistry and Maths teachers. I was never top in the class in either of these subjects so never liked them because I was excelling in their subjects, they were my favourite because they always had faith in my ability even when I didn’t. They always pushed me to do better. The school’s values are based on the traditional motto of ‘Aien Aristeuein’, Excel Always, so in my opinion, the ethos of the school is intertwined with the fundamentals of teaching.

Who inspires you and why?

This is extremely cliché, but I am inspired by the women in my life rather than anyone famous. My mum and four sisters take no nonsense from anyone and are the epitome of the modern woman. I am extremely privileged to be working with two women who are also truly inspirational. Holly is a focused, dedicated head of department who is pas-
I am passionate about ensuring that the students have the best experience they can. Nicola Kiernan is able to juggle motherhood with being a full-time teacher and studying for her second PhD that will enhance teaching and learning — need I say more?

**What is your favourite part of teaching at EA and what is the most challenging?**

The pupils are my favourite and most challenging part of teaching. An early morning chat with one of my form pupils, the smile on a Geit’s face when you tell them we will be using a Bunsen burner, a student who has struggled with a particular concept and then finally gets it and a thank you note at the end of the year from a senior who appreciates the time you have given them, all contribute to my favourite parts of teaching at EA. The challenge is to build the relationships and the right learning environment to get the student to each of these rewarding moments.

**What developments would you like to see in your field?**

Having studied Pharmaceutical Chemistry at University, any advances within the medical sector always grab my interest, especially STEM cell research. The advances that have been made in this area in a short period of time have been overwhelming especially when you remember the first STEM cell transplant was carried out less than 50 years ago.

Now for some lighter questions...

**Who would you like to see perform live, alive or dead?**

Abba. I just think they would have been absolutely brilliant. The glitz, the flairs, the boots and who doesn’t love to sing along to Dancing Queen?!

**Cats or Dogs and why?**

This is an easy one, dogs—sorry cat lovers!

**What’s your favourite book?**

I know I should probably say something very intelligent here like *A Brief History of Time*, or a classic such as *Pride and Prejudice*, but my favourite book is *Ruth Appleby* by Elvi Rhodes. My Gran lent it to me to read when I was 13 years old and it’s a wonderful love story about a servant girl who falls in love with the master of the house and how they have to overcome social prejudices to be together. I can’t help but adore a good love story.

**Who would you invite to your dream dinner party?**

Don’t tell my husband, but I think I would like a private dinner date with Ryan Gosling!

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Debbie Carr is EA's Head of Geography and has been teaching at the school since 2002. Debbie has degrees in Geoscience and three years’ experience in the oil exploration industry before teaching. Brought up in Aberdeen, she was the first in her family to go to university. Her first glimpse into her future career in geology was from her classroom window, which had a view of the oil rigs stored just offshore. After her undergraduate degree in Aberdeen, and PhD in Edinburgh she went on to work for Mobil in London, before moving back to Scotland to start teacher training.

Tell us about your first impressions of EA.

A place of very high standards, long held traditions and long-serving, dedicated staff. Oh, and in need of a coat of paint and some new carpets. The former still holds true. The latter has definitely changed.

You studied the seabed in Thailand for your PhD, can you tell us a little more about your research?

I learnt to scuba dive at Aberdeen University and one of my lecturers was looking for a PhD student to study the geochemistry of marine sediments in a bay in Thailand and needed a diver. So I spent two winters diving every day around Phuket collecting sea-bed sediment samples and helping my supervisors drill corals for their climate change research. It was an obscure little corner of science with no obvious use apart from extending the field of human knowledge. But then came the 2004 tsunami and my study became the baseline for what the bay was like before the event.

What do you see as the challenges facing anyone today working in science?

To stay in academic research outwith a company or lectureship means short-term contracts, reliance on grant funding and great uncertainty about your future career. Many of my peers left science due to this.

What advice would you give young Accies looking to pursue a career in science?

Keep your interests and academic pursuits as broad as possible. If you stay in science...
Who is the last person you would want to get stuck in a lift with and why?

My first thought was Trump but then I thought it would be quite enjoyable to completely ignore him. Imagine if everybody did that and "unfollowed" him on Twitter. So instead, anyone not prepared to join in with singing the entire score of "The Sound of Music" to while away the hours until we’re rescued.

Where is your favourite place in the world and why?

Anywhere on the west coast of Scotland with mountains, sea and no 3G. Yellowstone comes a very close second but is just a bit too busy.

What book can’t you put down?

Full Tilt by Dervla Murphy about her cycle ride from Ireland to India. It showed a teenage me how far a bicycle could take you and conveyed the challenge, excitement and adventure of intrepid independent travel. Whenever I found things a bit tough on my Trans Am ride, I’d hear Dervla chuckling at my woes and be spurred on to keep turning the pedals.

If you could see one advancement in your field in your lifetime, what would it be?

Bring Geology back into the Scottish school curriculum. The “Father of Modern Geology”, James Hutton, came from Scotland but we do not teach the subject in our schools and very little is covered in the Geography or Science courses.

What do you like to do outside of work?

Grow fruit and veg, climb mountains and ride a bicycle. Approaching a significant birthday made me realise I was older than my parents when they walked the Appalachian Trail. It was time to have an adventure. So my partner, Andrew, and I cycled from Virginia to Oregon on the Trans America trail over 10 weeks (many thanks to EA for giving me the month of June 2016 off). Fair to say I had the time of my life. So we plan to do more long distance rides before our bodies tell us we can’t. Next summer it’s Canada to Mexico on the Sierra Cascades route.

Now for some lighter questions...

Which three guests would you invite to your fantasy dinner party?

Dervla Murphy. Cyclist, travel writer and the most modest, grounded and level-headed person on the planet. Lael Wilcox. She won the 2016 Trans America cycle race, beating everyone in a mainly male field. She did in 18 days what took me 70. I don’t think she stopped for photos so I could show her some of mine. Wilfred Thesiger. Explorer and writer. I suspect he’d not be too pleased to be brought back from the dead to listen to three women chatting away, but perhaps he’d warm to us when he heard more about Dervla’s and Lael’s travels and their similarly deep respect for the people they meet in remote corners of the world.

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Fiona Lane is an Engineer with more than 20 years’ experience in the global telecommunications and IT Industries, specializing in marketing and training. Fiona studied Engineering at Cambridge University and went on to have a high-flying career in Hewlett Packard/Agilent Technologies Telecommunications Divisions, beginning as a graduate trainee product support engineer and then going on to manage European business development and marketing communications. She now works part-time in Hubbub, a small home technology business. Fiona has two daughters in the Senior School at the Academy and is one of the Joint Chairs of the EAPA (Edinburgh Academy Parents’ Association).

You’re a scientist, parent and as Chair of the PA — heavily involved in life here at EA. What’s so special about the Academy?

The Academy has a real community feel about it — it is small enough for everyone to be known by the staff and pupils alike, but big enough to offer a really broad range of subjects, sport and clubs. I also like the ‘buddy’ system that works up and down the School — it gives younger children a sense of belonging to a family and the older pupils a chance to get to know, nurture and encourage the younger ones.

What sparked your interest in Engineering?

As a youngster I was fascinated by the Forth Bridge, the beauty of it, the structure of it and the sheer scale of the engineering involved. I wanted to be part of something that created solutions and made life easier for people. I embarked on a general engineering degree and had the opportunity to be sponsored by Hewlett Packard, which coincidently was located just at the south end of the Forth Bridge, and specialised in telecom test equipment. So although I ended contributing to the “bridging” of worldwide communication through the development of telecom networks, I didn’t get to build the physical bridge I dreamt of! I still love working with others to problem solve — I believe the sum of the parts of a team create something bigger than the number of individuals involved.

Engineering is traditionally viewed as a male occupation. Is there anything that you think women bring to the field that differs from their male counterparts?

Engineering is all about problem-solving, be it building a bridge over a deep ravine or enabling a mobile phone network to operate in the Highlands of Scotland, and women typically bring a collaborative approach to any team working to find a solution. Engineers must be able to communicate their ideas, and again women in a team are often very good at explaining and selling their vision. Some of the best teams I have worked in had a strong mix of men and women of a range of ages and experiences.

What are the challenges of being a woman in science and do these still exist?

Challenges do exist for women in science and engineering, but I think these are largely due to their own perceptions and understanding of what is involved in a career in these disciplines. Yes, there are some areas where superior physical strength is a pre-requisite, but the vast majority of science and engineering jobs...
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If you were to come back reincarnated, what would you be?

I would love to come back as a girl growing up in 2019. Youngsters now have a huge range of travel opportunities, career options and sports that I did not have. Granted, dealing with the challenges of social media would be a bit of a mine-field, but the communication and access to information that youngsters have now are fantastic.

Now for some lighter questions...

What was the best meal you have ever had?

Every year, I can’t believe how tasty Christmas dinner is — I love all the trimmings!

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

“You don’t know how lucky you are”!

The Academy has a real community feel about it — it is small enough for everyone to be known by the staff and pupils alike, but big enough to offer a really broad range of subjects, sport and clubs.

What is your earliest memory?

I remember when I first saw my little sister when I was almost three years old. I had been playing outside with my friends when my mother and the new baby came home from hospital. I remember looking in the carry-cot at the sleeping child and deciding it was more fun playing outside!

Who would play you in the film of your life?

Emma Thomson — she is so composed, smart and appears to get younger in every film she does.

What three pieces of advice would you give a pupil/Accie wanting to pursue a career in Engineering?

Go for it. Believe in your own abilities. Trust your instincts. If you like problem solving, if you enjoy working in teams, if you want to make the world a better place in which to live, if you want to tackle environmental problems, if you want to help find cures for diseases... choose a career in science or engineering.
Since 1983, the Trust has been giving modest grants to Academicals to help them onto the next rung in the ladder of career-readiness. The Watt family set the Trust up in memory of Rob Watt (EA RECTOR 1951–62) and his wife Barbara.

Nicholas Milliken graduated in Medicine from Aberdeen University, having also undertaken an intercalated BSc during his studies. He completed his foundation year Programme in the West of Scotland. Nicholas is currently a Clinical Development Fellow within the Plastic surgery unit at St John’s in Howden, Livingston which is a national plastic trauma centre in Scotland. Nicholas will be applying for Core Surgical Training this year to commence in August 2019 down another long but very exciting training path!

How did you hear about the Watt Trust and why did you apply?
I learnt of the Watt Trust through the Academical magazine when I was a medical student at Aberdeen University. I had decided, at an early stage, that I wished to pursue a career in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. I was extremely fortunate to be given the opportunity to work with an expert in that field during my final year elective. Unfortunately, he was based in London and I then applied for a Watt Trust grant to help me with the high costs of this experience. After graduation I decided to undertake an MSc in Surgical Sciences and the Trust has also provided me with a grant helping towards these fees.

What did the Watt Trust do for you?
My elective study provided me with both an insight into Plastic Surgery and also with a paper which was then presented at an international conference. The MSc which I have just started is run jointly by the University of Edinburgh and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and involves three years of online distant learning which I will carry out in addition to my full-time work. The first two years are designed to be preparation for the MRCS, the first of the professional exams necessary for progression of my career path whereas the third year is research based.

What impact on your career did receiving a grant from the Trust have?
I am extremely grateful for the funds I have obtained from the Watt Memorial Trust bursary which have certainly aided my being able to undertake these studies which will allow me hopefully to continue developing along the route of Plastic and Reconstructive surgery. I found the application very straightforward to complete and would recommend this to any Academical seeking help to further their own careers.
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To Academicals far and wide, greetings from Henderson Row.

It is my great pleasure to report on another most successful year for pupils and staff at the Edinburgh Academy. The start of the 2017–18 academic session was dominated by the results for students sitting external exams. 2017 marked the first diet where our students in the S5s sat predominantly SQA National 5s exams, rather than the GCSE. In those National 5s, they performed superbly well with 68% gaining A’s and 95% gaining A–C, which was an exceptionally strong range of results. Our Higher and Advanced Higher results were also very strong — at Higher 52% of our students gained an A grade with 91% gaining A–C, with our Advanced Higher cohort doing equally as well with 53% gaining A grades and 95% gaining A–C range. We were delighted with these results and they reflected the hard work, perseverance and diligence of our students and also gave them a wonderful start to the next stages in their careers.

The 2017–18 year was incredibly busy, with a great many wonderful achievements by our students, who continue to impress by our students, who continue to impress with a great many wonderful achievements. Our students and also gave them a wonderful start to the next stages in their careers. Our students and also gave them a wonderful start to the next stages in their careers.

In our other Creative Arts subjects, the Art Department continues to set very high standards for all our students. Their chosen theme for the year of ‘Alone Together’ was a fruitful focus as a way of interpreting the theme of community. Our A-level students enjoyed their trip to Skye and the Head of Department, David Prosser (EA 1975–88, EA Staff 2004– ), led and organised the ISADA conference, with lectures and discussions on the development of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) within the UK educational landscape as well as a range of creativity workshops. David Prosser also led the Division competition to design new logos for each of the four Divisions and pupils worked with Edinburgh College, as well as Whitespace in Edinburgh, to design new logos in a hotly fought competition. Mark Doyle our Artist in Residence has been a fantastic creative source in a range of media from silk-screen printing to casting and ceramics. Our Design and Manufacturing Department, assisted by the Science Department, are also supporting the growth of STEAM subjects within the School and growing a range of activities in areas such as robotics, ‘4x4 Challenge’ and in engineering. We were delighted to see three of our students win the Best Newcomer award in the Young Engineers competition at the Scottish Council for Development in Industry club competition. The School is nearing the start of Phase 1 of our Masterplan, which will involve the development of plans to extend the James Clark Maxwell building, improve our Science facilities, develop further resources for the teaching of STEAM subjects and also to extend behind the Library. We hope to have further news on this exciting development in the coming months.

Another area of the School where our students have been leading further development is in Service and Charities. Our pupils chose War Child for our international charity, as they felt it was crucial for other children and young people around the world to be able to have a sense of normality amidst the chaos caused by conflict. For our local charity, the committee chose the Simpson’s Special Care baby unit which works to give every baby in the Neonatal Unit (NNU) an equal start in life. The Charity Committee’s hard work, enthusiasm and commitment resulted in a total of £10,000 being raised for charities by the School this year.

As would be expected in a school that prides itself in being ‘grounded in Scotland but ready for the world’, our students have travelled extensively this year and have undertaken a variety of trips. The CCF have benefited in experiencing camps across Scotland, England and the Netherlands, as well as in France and Belgium. The Modern Languages Department enjoyed trips to France, Spain and Germany and our Outdoor Education Department undertook a variety of expeditions across the UK, as well as climbing the highest mountain in North Africa, Mount

Senior School Report (AS AT SEPTEMBER 2018)
BARRY WELSH (EA RECTOR 2017– )
Hockey continues to thrive at the summer of 2018. Captain in Scotland U18 Sevens squad and Meryl Smith has recently been selected heading out to Argentina for a two-week tour. This summer saw 28 senior rugby players promise getting to Schools’ Cup semi-final. Under 18 team in their unbeaten 5 Nations going one better in starting for the Scotland the course of the season and Rory Jackson with 15 boys playing rugby for Edinburgh over representation has once again been strong time and the implementation of strength and resulting in an increased usage during games Sports Centre has proved very successful, The refurbishment of the fitness rooms at the activity is vital to creating a healthy lifestyle. the life of our young students and physical and contribute to school life. Sport continues to play a major role in the life of our young students and physical activity is vital to creating a healthy lifestyle. The refurbishment of the fitness rooms at the Sports Centre has proved very successful, resulting in an increased usage during games time and the implementation of strength and conditioning sessions for our athletes. District representation has once again been strong with 15 boys playing rugby for Edinburgh over the course of the season and Rory Jackson going one better in starting for the Scotland Under 18 team in their unbeaten 5 Nations Championships. The U16 squad showed promise getting to Schools’ Cup semi-final. This summer saw 28 senior rugby players heading out to Argentina for a two-week tour. Meryl Smith has recently been selected as captain in Scotland U18 Sevens squad and played in a range of internationals over the summer of 2018. Representative honours have also been collected by members of our hockey teams this year. Hockey continues to thrive at the Academy and our players are enjoying a great deal of success. We currently have four international players (3 Under 16 & 1 Under 18) with Matthew Taylor selected to train with Scotland Under 21, Joel Davenport, Jake Inglis & David Macrae all represented Scotland U16 in capped internationals against Wales. These four, alongside Magnus Harkness and Jamie Rintoul were selected into the Scottish Hockey National Academy at stages 1 & 2. Iasly Barne and Nisha Haydock were selected into East District Under 18 Girls, Freya Scott and Niambh Edgar to East Under 16s and Finan Harkness and Nicholas Temperley were selected to East Under 14 Boys. Hugo MacPherson was involved in the Scotland U15 squash squad.

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I also wish to thank Alison Wardrop (EA Staff 2016–), our Alumni Relations Officer, and Lesley Boyd (EA Staff 2012–18), our Development Director, for the enormous work they have done in the Development Office and in Alumni engagement. I was privileged to attend a number of Alumni events over the course of the year, most notably the London drinks, where a range of Accies managed to meet to re-live old times, as well as the recent event at Henderson Row to celebrate 50 years as an Accie. These events are an important part of our attempts to build a community of thriving Academicals throughout the world. Our continued use of LinkedIn is a huge step forward in trying to connect Academicals of all ages. The Development & Alumni Relations Office has done an enormous amount of work to overcome the challenges of GDPR, ensuring that we have maintained the channels of communication to be able to engage with Academicals across the world.

I hope that you will be encouraged to make contact with our Development & Alumni Relations Office and where possible either visit the School to attend one of the many events we have throughout the Academic year, or to be a part of our ongoing evolution and progress within the School. As ever, I would be delighted to welcome Academicals back to the School to discuss our projects and my colleagues in the Development & Alumni Relations Office will be more than happy to help if you should require further information. They are contactable on 0131 624 4958, or by email accies@edinburghacademy.org.uk.

Floreat Academia!
Barry Welsh (EA Rector 2017–)
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Ben Apted (EA 1987)
Rector’s Christmas Drinks
8th December 2017, Main Hall

New Rector, Barry Welsh welcomed Accies and former staff back to School for Christmas drinks and mince pies in the Main Hall. A warm and convivial time was had by all. This event will be repeated annually.

Class of 2017 Leavers’ Drinks
20th December 2017, Hectors

On Wednesday 20th December our new Accies came together for their first catch up since leaving us in the summer of 2017 at Hectors in Stockbridge. A very pleasant evening followed. We will be welcoming our newest Accies for leavers’ drinks annually at Christmas.

EAC Pub Quiz
8th February 2018, Dining Hall
By Andrew Cosh (EA 1994–2003)

Following the success of last year’s inaugural Academical Pub Quiz, the dining hall was packed with over 60 Academicals from all years, as well as former and current staff. Chairman Mike Gregson (EA 1960–70) was also in attendance, as were the members of the Academical cricket team, who took up their tables at the back of the dining hall, next to the bar.

Quizmaster Brian Hay-Smith (EA 1970–84) set the stage for an entertaining evening with a wide range of questions, challenging everyones’ field of knowledge, and was the perfect showman conducting proceedings. Incredibly, the winners for the second year in a row, and demonstrating the quality of the Academy’s education, were the current staff. Winning the wooden spoon, with much delight, was the Academical cricket team, who were obviously more focused on consuming alcohol. The night continued into Hamilton’s Bar, providing an opportunity to reflect and wonder; will anyone ever beat the staff team? Special thanks to Alison and the committee for organising, and the charismatic quizmaster for making the evening so enjoyable!
London Accies’ Drinks
22nd February 2018, The Vintry, London
By James Munro (EA 1997–2010),
London Accie Rep

The Vintry Pub and Restaurant in The City of London entertained a memorable London Academics’ Drinks on the 22nd February 2018. The evening welcomed former pupils of all generations, members of staff and the Rector, Barry Welsh (EA Rector 2017– ). Over 60 Accies, former pupils, former and current staff enjoyed the evening that went on into the wee small hours! We look forward to a repeat of this in March 2019.

Thank you on behalf of all in attendance to the EA’s Alumni Relations Officer, Alison Wardrop, and President of the EAC, Charles Robertson (EA 1972–85), for their efforts in arranging such a successful event.
The Annual Dinner of the London Edinburgh Academical Club was held at the Caledonian Club, Halkin Street, London SW1, on Friday 28th March 2018.

Twenty-three Accies and guests were present. The London Accies were delighted to welcome Barry Welsh (EA Rector 2017–) who was attending his first London Dinner.

We were very pleased that a number of younger Accies, based in London, were attending their first London Dinner, and are grateful to Scott Gray (EA 1980–88) for encouraging them to attend. Also attending his first ever London Dinner was John Newlands (EA 1960–72), after forty-six years!

Two ladies were present; Maggie Cunningham, wife of Colin (EA 1954–61), and Alison Drake, guest of Charles Runcie (EA 1966–76).

Robert Campbell (EA 1950–60) proposed the toast to the Academy and the Academical Club, to which the Rector, Barry Welsh responded.

In his reply, Barry talked about current events at the Academy, and ongoing plans for Henderson Row. In conclusion, there was an impromptu question and answer session, with many of our younger Accies participating.

The Dinner was concluded traditionally by singing the Floreat.

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On Wednesday the 19th September the Accies Club hosted a lecture given by Craig Mathieson, Scotland’s Explorer in residence and Head of the Polar Academy. It was pleasing to see the event well supported by members of the Accies Club and wider Academical community.

The subject of the talk was loosely based on the school’s theme of ‘Ready for the World’ and Craig really was the ideal person to give the inaugural lecture. There were two main elements to the talk.

The first focussed on Craig’s expedition experiences in both the Arctic and Antarctic. We heard how inhospitable the Antarctic really is, the temperature at which the enamel in your teeth freezes could only be guessed because the temperature gauge ‘only went so low and had stopped working’. Inhospitable also in terms of the welcome he received from the US research base he visited there, though he subsequently received a generous apology from somebody on behalf of the American people (but whose identity has yet to be revealed!). We also learned that the North Pole represents a slightly different challenge and out of this formed the idea for the Polar Academy.

The second part of the talk focused on the actual work of the Polar Academy (www.polaracademy.org) which identifies ‘invisible’ secondary school children, aged 14–17 years old, crushed by low self-esteem, and gives them the chance to redefine their physical and mental limits. The training programme lasts ten months, ending with a ten-day trip to Greenland. Their stories of the children ‘before and after’ were inspiring and proof that so-called ordinary children can achieve the truly extraordinary and the confidence earned will mean that they are indeed ‘Ready for the World’.

It is very much hoped that an annual lecture will form part of Accies’ calendar of events going forward — the talk given by Craig set a very high standard.
UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Classes of 1980–90 Reunion**
Saturday 27 April 2019 / 5.00–11.00PM
The Edinburgh Academy, Dining Hall

Classes of 1988 & 89
30 Year Reunion
Saturday 1 June 2019 / 5.00–11.00PM
The Edinburgh Academy

Classes of 1969 & 70
50 Year Reunion
Friday 7 June 2019 / 5.00–11.00PM
The Edinburgh Academy

Edinburgh Academy Choral Concert
Sunday 9 June / 7.30–9.00PM
Usher Hall – for more info and to book: www.usherhall.co.uk

**Founders’ Day Dinner**
Saturday 5 October 2019 / 5.30–11.00PM
The Edinburgh Academy

**Rector’s Christmas Drinks**
Thursday 12 December 2019 / 5.00–7.00PM
The Edinburgh Academy, Main Hall

Class of 2019 Leavers’ Christmas Drinks
Wednesday 18 December 2019 / 5.00–7.00PM
Hectors, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

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If you would like to attend any of the events listed above, please RSVP to: 0131 624 4958 or accies@edinburghacademy.org.uk
nostalgia being the refuge of the ageing, I look back with great fondness at our 1970s–80s Academy reunion at Henderson Row on a balmy Edinburgh Spring evening last April.

On arrival, we (John Fulton (EA 1960–72) and I) were very warmly greeted by two Academy pupils who swept us off on our trip down memory lane. We started at the Games Hall where so many of our exams were held and now seemed so much smaller than we remember when we played basketball, badminton and Pirates!

After a quick trip past the Fives Courts; the School Dining Room (‘Mince and Tatties?’) and the famous Tuck Shop, we were taken into the enormous Donaldson's Building which of course in the 70s we were never allowed to visit. It now has room after room dedicated to learning and the Hon. Archivist, Mr Andrew McMillan (EA 1960–70) had done a superb job in putting together so many relevant artefacts from the 70–80s period (some say a golden decade-plus under the firm and focused leadership of Dr. Herbert Mills).

Then on to the charming Library with one half of a room generously given over to University prospectuses from not only all the British Universities but also some in the USA; a sign o’ the times perhaps?

In need of refreshment, we were then taken to the quite magnificent James Clerk Maxwell Science Centre which has seen quite a shift of gears from the Chemistry and Physics labs of our days with the steep, tiered seating of the big Chemistry lecture theatre where every December we were allowed to watch the Varsity Match, especially if an Accie was playing!

Over 100 Accies and EA Staff gathered in and outside the Science Centre for prosecco and canapés along with warm welcome speeches from the new Rector and EAC President Charles Robertson (EA 1972–85) (son of our former 7th Modern master ‘Granny’ Robertson) as a prelude to Dinner.

It was a fitting chance to catch up on so many ‘Giants of Old’ and personally, I was delighted to be able to spend some very precious moments with Tony Dyer (EA Staff 1965–2001), our inspirational cricket coach who coached our 1972 team (led by John Fulton (EA 1960–72) as Captain) to an undefeated season; my former long-suffering House Tutor, Norman Jack (EA Staff 1965–2000); the suave and charming David Stanley (EA Staff 1970–2011); my boat maintenance pursuits master, the ageless and lovely Rob Cowie (EA Staff 1963–2006) and never forgetting our past international rugby referee, Jake Young (EA 1966–93) always exhorting me after gym to “Take a spray, MacGregor!”

Of my Accie contemporaries, there were just too many to mention but I shall always have a lasting memory of Jonathon Brown (EA 1960–73) wearing his old Academy cap and tie with enormous pride throughout the evening and which he’s cherished for over forty years!

And then on to the wonderful Main Hall (again which looked so much smaller than the old days) for a wonderful dinner including of all things, an EA crest on my pudding; it’s the small things you remember! A rousing post-dinner speech from my old friend Mike Gregson (EA 1960–70) (an excellent Chairman of the Court) but sadly, no two thundering verses of Floreat Academia?! Perhaps in 2028?!

Excellence and quality is never an accident but always the result of high intention, sincere effort and skilful execution so my deep thanks go to Alison Wardrop and all the others involved in organising such a great evening which will live long in our 60 plus-year-old memory bank!

Floreat Academia!

By Colin I. C. MacGregor (EA 1963–72)
In 1967, an obscure British band sang ‘It was twenty years ago today, Sergeant Pepper taught the band to play’. In our case, it was 50 years and we did not teach the band to play but had a magnificent bagpiper play for us instead. However, other words from The Beatles song resonated particularly ‘sit back and let the evening go’, ‘it’s wonderful to be here, it’s certainly a thrill.’

The tour of the school brought back a flood of memories mainly surrounding the masters who had taught or tried to teach us. The tour of the school brought back a flood of memories mainly surrounding the masters who had taught or tried to teach us. The classrooms themselves, the tuck shop outside which our bottles of milk either froze in winter or curdled in summer, the Dining Room (little changed over the years), the new science block and the Magnus Magnusson Arts Centre. Central to it all, was the magnificent Main Hall, a focal point in all our hearts and minds during our years at school. Then, a journey through to the Archives led by our young piper whose lungs must have been bursting by the time we reached our destination. This gave us a chance to look through documents and photos pertaining to our time at the school, excitedly pointing out if we recognised a photo of one of us in our younger days.

Then onward with our young guides to a drinks reception in the James Clerk Maxwell Science Lecture Theatre and welcome speeches (is it our age or are Rectors getting younger?). Also a chance to mix with our fellow Academicals and find out what they have been doing for the last 50 plus years of the lives. Some were still working while others had taken to the high road or the low road while many had become grandparents and were finding their rewards in that direction. Golf and walking had taken over from the more energetic sports of younger years but it was clear that no one had been letting the grass grow under their feet.

Next, we crossed back through the main courtyard to the Robertson Room for our excellent three-course dinner, immaculately presented and served especially the sweet with the Academy crest sprinkled in cocoa powder on the plate. Throughout the meal a slide show reminded us of the ‘old days’ and gave us a further opportunity to catch up with old friends, exchange email addresses and swap stories about our time at school, the teachers who had the most impact on us (both good and bad!) and hear news on some of our co-leavers who could not be present for this reunion. Colin Beveridge and David Coard gave a joint speech thanking the Rector for hosting the event, Alison Wardrop for the slick organising of the day and Andrew for his presentation of the Archive, now with his new young assistant Duncan Mennie (EA 1963–68). There was also praise for the caterers, our young tour guides and the piper.

Logic indicated that it would not be sensible to leave it another 50 years before arranging another reunion but there was a general consensus that another in five years would be welcome if the Academy will allow and it would be good if others from that era who were not able to be at the event in 2018, can put 2023 in their diaries. We eventually broke up with fond farewells at the end of an event that far exceeded our expectations.

Floreat Academia!
By David Coard (EA 1961–68) and Colin Beveridge (EA 1957–68)
We’ve had a fair few adventures during our time with the Foreign Office in Brazil, seeing the Rio Olympics, travelling up the Amazon and soon to Easter Island, but most important has been the chance to indulge in a bit of family history. I should explain.

Not long after we met, my wife Susie and I discovered that, though we came from opposite ends of the country, our families had been linked half a century before. Both of our grandfathers had served on HMS Exeter during the Second World War. Hers had served at the beginning of the war, during the Battle of the River Plate, whilst mine had joined the ship after that engagement, seeing action in the Battle of the Java Sea. We didn’t know back in 2015 when we were posted to the Embassy in Brasília that we would have the opportunity to visit the sites of key moments for both.

The first part of my posting to Brazil was taken up, to a great extent, with helping the Brazilian government prepare for the Rio Olympics. London having been the previous host, the UK was seen as the centre of expertise in hosting such events. After a lot of hard work (and quite a bit of just plain good fortune) the Games passed off without a hitch, green diving pools notwithstanding. As soon as the flag came down at the Maracanã, the Olympic train pulled out of the station, heading to Tokyo. Like the Brazilians before them, the Japanese government were also keen to learn from the UK about the process of organising such a huge event. And I was invited to Tokyo to brief them.

Back in 1941, the Exeter was also Tokyo bound. But in February of the next year, it, together with several US and Dutch ships, was intercepted and surrounded by the Japanese navy. At around 5.00pm on 27 February, a Japanese navy shell hit HMS Exeter’s boiler room and the ship’s days were over. After limping into harbour, it was sunk the next day. My grandfather survived, jumping from the ship and spending a night with the sharks in the Java Sea. Those who survived both the battle and the sharks were held for a time in Makassar in Indonesia before being transferred by prison ship to Japan to work as slave labourers. The majority from Exeter were held a Fukuoka Camp No. 2 in Nagasaki where they worked in the Mitsubishi shipyards.

I realised that my meeting in Tokyo would take me as close as I’d ever be to Nagasaki: if I were ever to visit, it was probably now or never. Frankly, I was not looking forward to the trip. I’d be in a foreign city, immersed in a culture very different from my own, with a 12 hour time difference from Brazil and carrying a whole lot of emotional baggage to boot. The whole thing was quite daunting. But at times like this, the internet can really come

You cannot overstate how moving it is to grow up with stories of pain and personal resilience and then have the opportunity to stand in those places and take a moment to reflect on their significance.

Adventures in the Foreign Office

GEORGE BALLENTYNE (EA 1981–90)
into its own. My wife, Susie, had joined the
HMS Exeter Facebook group and mentioned
my upcoming visit to the camp in Nagasaki. In
response, Barbara from Western Australia got
in touch. Originally a Brit, her father had also
served on the ship and ended up in Fukuoka.
Barbara was visiting at the same time as me.
A friendly face.

But that wasn’t all: she’d chosen to visit on
that date to coincide with the annual memo-
rial service on the site of the camp. Not only
that, she was in touch with the POW Research
Network, a Japanese group which sought to
help relatives of prisoners of war make just
such journeys to remember their sacrifices,
two of whom had been awarded honorary
MBEs for their work. I’d gone from the pros-
pect of wandering lonely amongst the streets
of a distant Japanese port town, grappling
with the ghosts of the past, to having a
ready-made friend, a memorial service and
a Japanese guide to facilitate the whole thing
and all on the exact dates when I happened
to be there.

There is nothing left of the camp itself. The
site is now home to Koyagi Junior High School.
But there is a memorial, which is where the
service was held. The story of how the memo-
rional came to be there is inspiring. Stanley Guy,
a British author living in Japan, decided to
write a crime novel set in the country during
the war and specifically not much at all about
the serviceman for permission to use the diary
during captivity in Nagasaki. He’d asked the
serviceman to track the

tence of the POW Research Network, which
may be true in part. But the persistence of

do so within a very specific field of view. This

The support of numerous organisations,
embassies and at times, sheer good fortune
has made this posting to Brazil far more
personally meaningful that we had ever antici-
pated. You cannot overstate how moving it is
to visit Montevideo and specifically the memo-
ral within the city, they organised a wreath
to be made in Portsmouth and delivered to my
wife’s parents who were visiting us in Brazil a
week later. We’d also discovered, through our
Embassy in Uruguay, the foremost local expert
on the battle, Richard Cowley, who in turn had
made himself available to take us around town
to the main sites. Richard and his wife Liz run
tours in Montevideo, the ‘Real English Tour’
company, but Richard kindly put himself at our
disposal for over five hours for free to show us
the most significant sites related to the battle.
Having narrowly avoided missing the
ferry from Buenos Aires, we spent a day visit-
ing the naval museum, Cementerio Británico,
and Holy Trinity Church, where the names of
those British sailors who died in the battle are
honoured. Holy Trinity is a beautiful church
inside and from the arched doorway you can
stand and look out over the Rio de la Plata.
We asked our son, Alistair, to lay our wreath
there in the church and reminded ourselves
how fortunate we were to be one of the few
Exeter families to have the opportunity to
travel so far from home to remember the
crew who gave so much.

During the course of the day, Richard
provided some incredible insights into the
dynamics of the time. The battle between a
German pocket battleship, the Graf Spee and
the cruisers, HMS Exeter, Ajax and HMNZS
Achilles on 13 December 1939 claimed 108
lives, 72 from Exeter alone and was the first
naval battle of the Second World War. Whilst
the sea battle itself lasted for only 80 minutes,
the story of the German Graf Spee limping
into Montevideo and finally being scuttled by
her Captain as a result of a deception plan
orchestrated by British diplomat Sir Eugen
Millington-Drake, in Montevideo is fascinating.
Fortunately for Susie’s grandfather, HMS
Exeter, though badly damaged in the battle,
made it to the Falkland Islands afterwards;
and over a series of months and with the
exceptional care from the nurses and Falk-
land Islands community, he made a full
recovery. Until his death at the age of 82, he
continued to attend the annual Battle of the
River Plate reunions. A testament to Church-
ill’s prediction that the battle would be ‘long
told in song and story’.

Barcelona is a strange town, it’s been
described as Milan Keynes in the jungle.
After a while, it drives you in search of the
thrill of a proper international city. Hence
our visit to Buenos Aires earlier this year and,
more importantly, to Montevideo, site of the
Battle of the River Plate.

Like Nagasaki, this trip was another tes-
tament to the power of the internet for good.
Having told the HMS Exeter society of our plans
to visit Montevideo and specifically the memo-
ral within the city, they organised a wreath
that was

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Life after the Academy

Robert (Bob) Dickson was educated at the Edinburgh Academy and the University of Edinburgh, qualifying in Medicine in 1967. He completed his surgical house jobs in Edinburgh, working for Professor JJP James on the trauma wards at the Royal Infirmary and completed his research work at the famous Hammersmith Hospital in London where he also did his surgery in general training and research for his Master of Surgery, awarded by the University of Edinburgh in 1973. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1972 and was awarded the degree of Master of Surgery by the University of Edinburgh in 1973. After moving to Oxford, where he worked as Lecturer with Professor Robert Duthie, he worked as a spinal fellow for the great Dr Kenton Leatherman in Louisville Kentucky where he learned to correct spinal deformities by routine posterior instrumentation and by using an anterior approach through the chest or abdomen as well as spinal osteotomies dividing and re-setting the spine for particularly rigid deformities. Then a talented pianist, Bob played keyboard in Kentucky with the Cumberlands, America's premier bluegrass group, and under the auspices of the Bishop of Louisville, Bob led a spinal surgical team to Guatemala City to stabilise the spine of the many very serious spinal injuries as a result of the earthquake in February 1976.

On his return to Louisville, for his charitable effort in difficult circumstances the Governor of Kentucky, Julian M Carroll, commissioned Bob a Kentucky Colonel, a great distinction and honour and one of which Bob is immensely proud. In 1971 he reviewed and wrote up Leatherman's experience of two-stage wedge resection procedures for congenital spinal deformities and this classic paper was subsequently published in the British Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery in 1979. On his return to Oxford he was appointed Reader in Orthopaedic Surgery and Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon. He was then invited to be a Founder Fellow of Green College Oxford and member of the governing body by the Warden, Sir Richard Doll, another honour of which Bob is very proud. Bob and Leatherman then wrote a comprehensive textbook on the Management of Spinal Deformities in Children which is regarded as the definitive work on the subject. The Causes and improved treatment of spinal deformities in Yorkshire children. When Bob and Leatherman's experience of two-stage wedge resection procedures for congenital spinal deformities and this classic paper was subsequently published in the British Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery in 1987 — a journal of which he went on to become Chairman of the Editorial Board. In 1982 Bob set up the charity, the Yorkshire Children's Spine Foundation, with the well-known Leeds Solicitor Mr George Turnbull. His patients Dr Kevin Vaughan and Norman Hunter became Trustees of this Charity along with Sir James Hill Bt, Mrs Sue Burgess and family, Mr Chris Coughlin and Mr Edgar Price, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon in York. A number of well known Yorkshire dignitaries, including Miss Maureen Lipman, Mr Barry Cryer and the Archbishop of York, were also supporters of the charity. As a result of their work with Bob, thousands of pounds of charitable monies were raised to support research into the causes and improved treatment of spinal deformities in Yorkshire children. When Bob finally hung up his scalpel he had straightened the spines of more than 2000 children with hunchback deformities. Unfortunately his teacher and hero Dr Leatherman passed away recently and so in revising and updating the Leatherman/Dickson book he was joined as co-author by his great friend Professor Juergen Harms from Heidelberg and this text has just been published.

Bob is founder and editor of the journal Current Orthopaedics and sits on the editorial boards of seven journals. He has authored eight textbooks and written over thirty chapters and a hundred papers on spinal surgery. A generation of spinal surgeons have learnt their trade and secured higher degrees under his tutelage; the Leeds spinal alumni are spread far and wide. His academic prowess has been recognised by most awards available to surgeons, including the Maynihan Prize of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, an Arris and Gale Lectureship and the Hunterian Professorship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1984, the Société Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie (SICOT) prize and the Société Internationale de Recherche en Orthopédie et Traumatologie (SIROT) prize, the Jacksonian Prize from the English Royal College in 1990 jointly with his colleague Peter Millner and the Robert Jones Medal of the British Orthopaedic Association in 2002.

Administratively, Bob has stamped his mark on the University in Leeds and in many organisations beyond. He has served on the University of Leeds Medical School Management Committee, became the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and was the appointed member for the Universities of Leeds and Newcastle on the General Medical Council for several years and then finally chaired the GMC's Professional Conduct Committee. Outside clinical and academic life, Bob enjoys family life, travel, music and the company of a wide circle of friends. He has a passion for golf, transmitted to his son, Mark (the current captain of the Scottish Universities Golf team) and evident by the choice of a home in St Andrews. He has entertained on the piano at many a departmental Christmas party, at home, under the tolerant eye of his wife Irene and a multitude of colleagues, juniors and their families. Ever the generous host, he is equally generous with his time and, for a man infamous for his sharp wit and outspoken manner, surprisingly tolerant when dealing with timid trainees and unerringly kind and caring to his patients. We wish him well in his retirement.
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AN INTERVIEW WITH

Blair Kinghorn (EA 2002–15)

B lair Kinghorn (EA 2002–15) was captain of the EA 1st XV during the 2014–15 season. This was an outstanding season with the team losing twice in the space of three days, but winning all other matches. During his time at the School, Blair excelled in many sports but it was his performances for the Scotland Under 18 team that thrust him into the limelight. He signed a professional deal straight out of school and his career has been on an upward trajectory ever since, culminating in his first full International cap in Scotland’s epic Calcutta Cup victory — making him the 105th Academical to have played International Rugby. Blair popped into School during a break from International duties in February 2018 for a chat with his former 1st XV coach Mark Appleson (EA Staff 2009–).

How long were you a student at the Edinburgh Academy and what are your recollections of your time at the school?

I was at the Academy my whole school career from Primary 1 all the way up into 7ths. During that time I met a lot of good friends, I got into a bit of trouble when I was younger, mucking about a bit but I managed to get my head down in my last couple of years and I got my exam results. It really made me the person that I am today. I made friends for life and it gave me a good grounding for life away from school.

What sports did you play as you were growing up and to what level?

At school, I played pretty much every sport, rugby, cricket, athletics, fives and squash. Outside of school, I played football for Tynecastle and then I managed to get scouted by Hearts and played for their Under 14 team as a centre back. That was the highest my football went as rugby was on the same day as my football and I had to make a choice so I started to concentrate more on my rugby playing all the way through for Edinburgh and Scotland at Under 18 and Under 20 level (going to three Junior World Cups).

Did you ever go on tour whilst you were at EA and if so where did you go and what was the tour like?

I did go on tour. We went to Canada which was brilliant. Two weeks away with some brilliant friends. It was an amazing experience and actually, we played some good rugby and managed to do some fun things as well — we saw some whales which was really cool. Also, I went on a cricket tour down south to Barnard Castle and a rugby tour to Bradford Grammar School when I was in 2nds where we managed to win every age group which was pretty impressive.

So after school, you signed for Edinburgh and it’s been onwards and upwards pretty much from the start. Did you expect to play for Edinburgh so soon after you signed?

Probably not, no. When I signed I was just really happy to be part of the squad. It just happened that there were a couple of injuries in my position and players left the club so I managed to get my shot and just tried to hold on to it for as long as possible, working hard from week to week to get as much game time as possible.

I watched you playing for Edinburgh as an 18 year old and you are a totally different player now so what’s changed?

BY MARK APPLESON
( EA STAFF 2009– )
I have just been working really hard in the gym and on my speed — having moved from fly half to full back I have had to add to my running game as well as all of my core skills. I spend a lot of time on my passing, catching and kicking. It certainly didn't come overnight and I have had to work incredibly hard with the strength and conditioning guys and really make a change to my lifestyle. I don't really think too far ahead with my goals, I just concentrate on playing well for Edinburgh and if I am doing that then I knew that I would get a shot with the Scotland squad. I try to look week to week trying to be the best player that I can be.

Saturday was an amazing game to gain your first cap. What were you feeling when you saw Tommy Seymour go down after half-time?

I was excited and nervous. I saw him go down and I got the call to go and get ready. My stomach was going a bit as it was an important part of the game. I was really, really excited but I thought I was ready for it and as soon as I crossed the white line I knew that nobody could take that away from me. Looking back on the game now it was a little bit of a blur — running around not quite like a headless chicken but sort of. I was on the pitch for 15 minutes but it felt like 30 seconds! I don't think it has quite sunk in yet a week on but it was a day I will never forget.

Now that you are a full International what are your goals moving forward both for Edinburgh and Scotland?

I don't tend to make too many long-term goals. The key for me is to keep working hard and put myself in contention for selection, whether that's for Edinburgh or with Scotland trying to get into the match day squad. If I keep doing what I've been doing I should be in a good position to keep the shirt at both club and international level.

What are your words of advice for senior rugby players going on tour abroad?

Have fun! Buy into the culture of the places you visit and I am sure that you will have a great time. When I toured Canada I really enjoyed being hosted and this is a really important part of the tour. Buy into that and you will create lifelong memories. Have a great two weeks away, it will be world class.

Final question. Who was your favourite teacher at EA and why?

I probably have to say Mr Bryce (EA Staff 1996–), as I’m currently going out with his daughter. Mr Bryce was definitely a big influence growing up. I’ve been on the receiving end of a couple of his tellings off but they got me on the straight and narrow. Mr Mair (EA Staff 2000–) as well was definitely one of my favourites, but everyone likes Mr Mair. Mr Allingham (EA Staff 1999–) also — he was one of my favourite teachers for all of his sporting excellence.
Samuel Anderson (EA 1968–69)

Samuel Anderson (EA 1968–69) is the founder of Samuel Anderson Architects based in New York. For over twenty-five years SAA has established a reputation for excellence in architecture for a wide range of museum, library and academic clients. Their practice portfolio of work includes projects for the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the Harvard University Library and The Museum of Modern Art. Samuel is also a Professor at his alma mater the Cooper Union, New York and a member of the American Institute of Architects. This is the story of his design of the Thaw Conservation Center at the Morgan Library & Museum, a world-class laboratory for the conservation of works on paper and parchment.

For paper savers, architect Samuel Anderson transformed an old attic at the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York City into the modern Thaw Conservation Center.

During a recent trip to the new Thaw Conservation Center at New York’s Pierpont Morgan Library, visitors spied a sheaf of letters written by English satirist Jonathan Swift sitting on a cherry countertop. Conservator Reba Snyder, who has the cool, firm handshake of a surgeon in a hygienic smock, was inspecting the pieces for signs of wear and tear. She gladly (albeit gently) thumbed through them so the group could get a closer look. Such is a day in the life at the Thaw Conservation Center, where the Morgan’s entire world-class collection of works on paper will be safeguarded against the ravages of time. The project reaffirms designer Samuel Anderson Architects’ mastery of the programmatic and aesthetic challenges of outfitting old buildings with climate-controlled environments to protect objects of cultural and historic value — a skill the firm honed at Harvard’s Fogg Art Museum. Meanwhile, the Morgan now enjoys a state-of-the-art paper-conservation laboratory and educational center that’s as handsome as it is functional.

Building the Thaw was a strategic milestone for the Morgan, which owns more than 350,000 drawings, prints, and manuscripts, one of the largest private collections in the U.S. “If we can’t preserve our collection, our raison d’etre has vanished,” says Charles E. Pierce, Jr., director of the library. Conservation was once done on an ad hoc basis to prepare objects for exhibitions, but with the new facility, and under director Margaret Holben Ellis, the library can now establish a systematic plan for preserving all its precious holdings.

Conservators at the Morgan, a complex of three buildings in Midtown Manhattan, were elying out an existence in the attic of the Morgan House, a brownstone built in the 1850s with an addition dating from the 1890s. The attic, dim and rabbit-warrenish, lacked climate control and other modern technology needed for the meticulous work of paper conservators. It was this attic the architect had to retrofit.

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Anderson divided the floor plan into two functional areas: the western portion for wet and dry conservation, the eastern portion for services like the entry and reception area, photography, matting and framing, and a seminar room/library. Because visitors enter the Thaw from the east, Ellis notes that the layout keeps them from disturbing conservators working in the treatment areas. The Thaw’s services will eventually be shared by the book bindery, to be located in the east, where Renzo Piano is planning a large addition to the Morgan Library. Anderson enjoys working with conservators, who, like architects, are immersed in the art and science of the tangible. The Thaw gives these artisans a cozy home in the heart of the city, nestled high between the jutting pinnacles of skyscrapers and the muffled hum of street life. In an age of digital everything, it’s a place where one knows that pixels will never trump paper.
There was a positive and very welcome response to my request in the last edition of The Academical for assistance in the Academy Archive. In January 2018 I was delighted to welcome Duncan Mennie (EA 1963–68) and together we have set out to document many bundles of 19th century papers most of which have probably not been seen the light of day in well over 120 years. These bundles originated in various metal deed boxes, which probably once resided over the decades in the offices of various solicitors to the Academy. What an extraordinary collection they are — the bundles contain everything from receipts for items for all aspects of teaching, the delivery of essential goods (e.g. coal for the school boilers), building projects and repairs to buildings, day-to-day correspondence and memoranda of Rectors and Directors, the early days of Raeburn Place and older sports grounds, the development of the Boarding Houses, teaching methods, and testimonials of both successful and unsuccessful applicants for teaching posts. Whilst we cannot attempt to read every document, the aim is to catalogue the bundles in a way which will be of use for future researchers.

Other most welcome assistance has been provided by Griselda Fyfe (Hon. Academical) and Stuart Guild (EA 1930–39) who have made great progress in identifying pupils in the Upper School photograph for 1939. This year’s reunions for 1970–80s Leavers and the 50th Anniversary Leavers (1968–69) also provided welcome opportunities for Academicals to name unannotated photographs. Recent donations of photos and other archive items are gratefully acknowledged. I was pleased to receive from Willie Henderson (EA 1961–70) a rugby cap belonging to Andrew B Mein (EA 1904–07, d. 1912), Captain of the unbeaten XV of 1906–07 (School Champions). Some years ago, this cap was given to Willie’s father by a neighbouring farmer at Innerwick, ABM’s elder brother James Elliot Mein (EA 1900–05). Rupert Forbes kindly donated various items of cricketing and rugby attire (beautifully dry-cleaned) which belonged to his father-in-law, Robert (Robin) Burnett (EA 1919–26). Hugh Lees (EA 1953–59) donated a framed photo in excellent condition of the Cricket XI for 1890 — his father Harold Lees (EA 1888–91) played in this team. Sometimes items turn up from unusual sources such as the recently acquired framed photo of the 1915 Academical Cricket XI which once hung in the now demolished Centre Court pub at Craiglockhart.

The provision of bookshelves in the Rector’s Reception room has offered an accessible location in which to develop a collection of books about and by Academicals as well as books relating to the School and a set of the Chronicles. I have received two books which will shortly to be added to this collection. One in which Academy boys of the 1820s and 1830s feature prominently is entitled 1824 — The World’s First Foot-Ball Club. The book, which chronicles the life and work of John Hope and his Foot-Ball Club, was kindly donated by Andy Mitchell (EA 1970–82) who co-authored it with John Hutchinson. I am also grateful to Alan Fyfe (EA 1957–69) who sent in a copy of a book published in 2012 by Zander Wedderburn (EA 1941–53, d. 2017 — see obituary in Issue 26 of The Academical) entitled B — A Life of Love, a poignant account of the life of his wife Bridget who succumbed to Alzheimer’s Disease.

It has been a busy year fielding a wide range of enquiries. I was very pleased to welcome two students who are completing...
MSc degrees in Information Management & Preservation at the University of Glasgow. There was also a visit to the Archive by Richard McLaughlan (EA 1992–2005) who is working on a biography of Viscount Haldane of Cloan (EA 1866–72). A recent visit by David Morrison and his wife Judy enabled them to see the print of the famous painting by W H Overed and L P Smythe depicting the Calcutta Cup match of March 1886 played at Raeburn Place. In this action picture featuring Scotland captain Charles ‘Hippo’ Reid (EA 1877–81) and Thomas Irvine (EA 1880–83), the athletic back on the left hand side of the painting is Reggie Morrison, David’s grandfather. Reggie was an overseas medical student from Australia at Edinburgh University. An outstanding sportsman well versed in Aussie Rules Football, Reggie adapted to the Rugby Football code and in his final year, 1886, he captained the university XV and XI as well as gaining three caps for Scotland. On returning to Australia he commenced medical practice in Toorak, Victoria.

Mentioning Rugby Football, it was a pleasure to provide on loan items for the temporary exhibition at Hampden celebrating the 160th Anniversary of the founding of the Academical Football Club. Featured in the exhibition was the magnificent Kingsburgh Cup. J. H. A. Macdonald (Lord Kingsburgh) (EA 1845–52), one-time President of the Academical Club, died in 1919. In a bequest under his will the School received the Silver Bowl which had been presented to him by the Council of the Rugby Union. It was to be held in trust as a Challenge Cup. From the late 1920s until the 1950s the cup was awarded for inter-divisional Boxing. Since then, as far as I am aware, it has not been awarded for any sporting achievement. Perhaps it is time to identify a new challenge?

Finally, visitors to the Academy Archive are always welcome. It is helpful to contact me or a staff member of the Development & Alumni Relations Office in advance. Likewise, if you would like to know more about the Archive, please get in touch.

Andrew McMillan (EA 1960–70)
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I arrived at The Edinburgh Academy for the beginning of the Autumn Term in 1963, a year which had seen the publication of the Beeching Report on the future of the railways in Britain, the end of National Service, the Great Train Robbery, Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech and the release of the Beatles' first album "Please Please Me" and which was to see the assassination of President John F Kennedy and, somewhat less important, the first showing of Doctor Who on television.

Having lived at home and been brought up for the first thirteen years of my life in the football-mad town of Sunderland and having played that sport until the age of eleven, it was a bit of a shock to me then out on my own as a boarder in Dundas House, in full control of how I spent my weekly pocket money of 2/6d and required to play the game of rugby, something to which I had only recently been introduced.

Why was I here? According to my father, he had made himself a promise. It was made in May 1940 when he was with the Seaforth Highlanders in the 51st Highland Division and he had seen a close friend killed during the retreat which ended in the surrender of the Division at St Valery-en-Caux on 12 June 1940, six days after the end of the Dunkirk evacuation. This friend had attended the Academy so that’s where any son of my father would go. During my time helping Andrew McMillan (EA 1960–70) with the Academy archives this year it has been fairly firmly worked out that my father’s friend was Lieutenant Charles Alastair Young (EA 1930–35), aged 22, who was killed in action near Zillebeke, just east of Ypres in Belgium. Thanks to Andrew and, especially, to the late Griselda Fyfe for helping with the identification.

In 1963 we played rugby using a laced leather ball which was not easy to pass, catch or kick, particularly if wet and heavy. If it hit you in the face you knew about it. The only "refreshment" during a match was a wedge of orange at halftime. Scoring a try, penalty goal or dropped goal all resulted in three points. All boys were directed to tackle below the waist and to try to beat a man, as opposed to running into him or making a "big hit". A report in a Chronicle from 1964 refers to the game as "rugger". The game has changed dramatically since then. Looking at a video of the 1990 Grand Slam match you look at amateur players playing a very different game to that of today in front of a packed Murrayfield. Now the top tiers of the game are professional and the law-makers are discussing whether tackles should move from being not above the shoulder line to not above the armpit line. My own interest in the game has waned somewhat since the advent of professionalism.

Back to my small world and without any debate, I found myself in the Under-13 rugby practice and featuring in either the 13th XV or 14th XV for the school. The following year unsurprisingly took me to the Under-14 practice and promotion to playing for the Under-14 Y team. Maybe I was getting the hang of how to play the game. That season does, however, bring back my first memory about playing, namely chatting with Stephen Furst (EA 1956–68) during a lull in a practice game. He was playing on the wing and I was in the centre and we agreed that we would both prefer to play in each other’s position so we simply swapped places during the game. It took a while for the master in charge to notice that something was not as he had planned and we then both received a talking-to as to who was actually in charge of what we did. Notwithstanding, he left us where we wanted to be.

The following year saw my progression through to the Under-15 team for season 1965–66, only three inter-school matches being played that season due to bad weather and an influenza epidemic. I do however remember watching the then undefeated 1st XV captained by John Crerar (EA 1952–66) lose at home to Merchiston 0–3, their only defeat that season. A very bitter pill to swallow. Few rugby memories but a clear memory of being ill in bed in Jeffrey House with flu and achieving the then house record for the highest temperature at 104.6 degrees!
Then, not being of star quality at Under 15 level, it was on to the 3rd XV when John McPhail (EA 1955–58) and I apparently stood out for our covering in a team that had a mixed and frustrating season, “sometimes playing well and pluckily but losing and sometimes having the ability to win but not necessarily the will”. However, “we tried to play bright rugby and enjoyed our game”. I’m glad.

My final year at the Academy saw me feature in the 2nd XV, this being a year which my memory recalls as being enjoyable on the pitch. The highlight of the season was the 1st and 2nd XVs getting coaching from four of the visiting All Blacks team who were about to play Scotland, a game notorious for Colin Meads being sent off. The 2nd XV backs were primarily coached that day by Mack Herewini, the then reserve fly-half/full back, with Sid Going introducing us to the then novelty of a spin pass. Our team was a blend of us older guys and some kids who came up from the previous year’s Under-15 team, star turns such as Willie Henderson (EA 1961–70), Jo Williamson (EA 1964–70) and Norman Morrison (EA 1960–69), learning from/on us as a stepping stone to 1st XV glory the following year. The team had quite a successful season, the backs scoring 44 tries in 16 matches, Gav Adam (EA 1963–68) and me on the wings scoring 24 and Jo Williamson (EA 1964–70) and J.K. “Fij” Thomson (EA 1967–68) in the centre scoring 12. The style of rugby brought the enjoyment, especially to a winger! It was especially good to meet up again with Gav Adam and John McPhail (EA 1954–68), our “very steady player” at fly-half, when attending a 1968-Leavers’ Reunion at the school in June 2018. Fifty years on and none of us had changed, apart from some having a few grey hairs.

As well as playing for school teams there was also the opportunity to play in Division matches. Being a boarder this meant playing for Houses, taking on the other Divisions of Kinross, Carmichael and Cockburn, be it at senior, middle or junior level. Looking back at the results of matches at this time, it is interesting to see that Houses were by far the most successful of the Divisions. No doubt this was partly due to the fact that we were together 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during term time, members of other Divisions being largely 9 to 5, 5 days a week.

Of playing rugby at the school, I suppose a regret was that I never managed the last step up to the 1st XV. The nearest I got was being selected to play away at Dollar Academy. The fact that there was then another flu bug and also several feet of snow on the ground made the actual playing of the game a non-starter from before selection was made until actual cancellation prior to match day. The Rector’s report on my leaving in 1968 mentioned that my ability merited playing at a higher level than what I had achieved at school. In playing rugby for the Accies for a number of years after that, he might have been correct but only others can comment, there being a few memorable games for various Accies teams, some good, some not so good. My own rugby highlight was playing for Edinburgh Under 23s in the intercity against Glasgow Under 23s at Meadowbank Stadium in February 1971.

I set the scene to this article with events of 1963. In leaving the Academy in 1968 it is interesting to see that there are “bookends” with 1963 in that both Martin Luther King and Robert F Kennedy were assassinated in 1968, other notable events in that year being the launch of Apollo 7, the first manned Earth orbital mission, Richard Nixon becoming President of the USA, the last steam train passenger service running in Britain, a year of student protests and, of course, the release of the Beatles’ White Album and the first showing on TV of Dad’s Army. And the scoring of a try would soon be worth four points.

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In writing my Exhibition speech at the end of June 2018, I reflected on a year which had seen many highlights both within the school and in our contribution to wider community life.

The Junior School and Nursery opened with our largest roll for many years and ended, after a very fulfilling year, with us saying goodbye to two of our longest serving members of staff Mrs Barbara Robertson (EA Staff 1994–2018), Mrs Helen Stewart (EA Staff 2006–18).

It was a year in which we moved ever further into the vanguard of e-learning when, led by our Apple Distinguished Educator and Head of e-learning Mr Martin Willis (EA Staff 2008–), we held the first Edinburgh Academy eLearning Conference with educators attending from all corners of the British Isles. As Headmaster it was lovely to see the confident way in which several of our staff team shared their considerable knowledge in some of the seminars.

Our Exhibition also unexpectedly required the use of technology when our speaker — Sports Journalist Orla Chennaoui, was sent to cover a breaking story about the Team Sky Cycling Squad in the Alps. An urgent call came for her to ‘race’ to Paris on the Tuesday prior to our Thursday morning event. It was hugely to her credit that she recorded a speech from her alpine base which we were able to broadcast on the big screen. Mrs Robertson was honoured to step into the breach and present our prizes on the day.

Of course, technology is only one way in which we promote the Edinburgh Academy Learner Attributes of resilience, collaboration, creativity, independence and curiosity. 2017–18 was Mrs Fiona Penman’s (EA Staff 2009–) first school year as our Head of Music and under her baton, our choir won not only the Edinburgh Primary School Choir of the Year award but also the Scots Song Choir of the Year award. Up against predominantly P7 groups, their performances in both categories were given the top grade of ‘Outstanding’ by the well-known adjudicator Frikk Walker.

In Maths, our work in making Maths tangible and ‘real’ in the Early Years saw us hosting a conference for other teachers in March. We also hosted a gathering of educators from ten different countries as part of our Erasmus+ project in October and Academy staff visited five other countries and gained valuable insight into different educational systems.

As with all schools, the mental and physical health of the children remains central to what we do at the Academy with figures showing that 1 in 10 children (aged 1–15) in Scotland will be suffering from some form of diagnosed mental illness at any given time. With this in mind, fourteen members of Junior School staff engaged in a Mental Health First Aid course in 2017–18 and we also started to train all staff in an acclaimed programme called ‘Confident Staff; Confident Children’. As I said in my report of 2017, “It should be the legacy of this school that we have equipped our pupils for my old phrase of being ‘confident but not arrogant’ but also having the tools to be able to cope with modern life”.

I also courted controversy in my Exhibition speech when I said that the vast majority of our children have a good balance of exercise and diet but I worry when I look in snack boxes that some of us are in danger of ‘buying into’ the first-world obsession with supposedly ‘healthy’ foods and are actually under-feeding some of our children. This is why I insist on age appropriate things like full-fat yoghurt for the younger children in our dining hall.

This said, the introduction of our ‘Walking School Bus’ on a Tuesday and the re-introduction of Cycling Proficiency under the guise of ‘Bike-ability’ were both notable events of the last year, as was the donating of £16,438.44 to a number of charities. Sustainability was also a continued theme last session and our orchard continues to flourish. The Gardening Club also helped with planting in Starbank Park Community Garden and we were delighted to hear that they have been pronounced Best British Community Garden 2018.

And finally, our Nursery continues to be a place of awe and wonder and we remain a leading player with regards to learning out of doors and producing first class learning opportunities for our youngest charges.

As ever, I would be delighted to welcome any Academical who would like to come along and experience the Edinburgh Academy Junior School of 2018 whilst recalling their part in the last fifty-eight years of Prep School education in Arboretum Road.

Floreat Academia!
Gavin A Calder (EA Staff 2011– )
Headmaster
New Academicals

Caroline Bingham
Junior School

Hannah Emmerson
Nursery

Aaron Reid
Sports Centre

David Gibson
Senior School Janitor

Jackie Murray-Brown
Support Staff

Vivienne O'Regan
Nursery

Alice Ramsey
Nursery

...welcome!
After five years’ service, we welcome Academy staff into the Academical Club. We caught up with some of our Academical staff and asked them to share some of their happiest memories during their time with the School.

Liz Mackinley (EA Staff 2007– )  
**Senior School Staff**

My first A-level trip to Skye was a week after I began my job at EA in 2007; I didn’t know the students, I didn’t really know the staff and off we set for a seven hour journey in a school mini bus...what an introduction!

We stayed in a Glenbrittle cottage, to which we had to trek from the bus, over a rickety bridge and uphill along a stony path, lugging box after box of art equipment and food in sideways rain. Once indoors I was assigned the role of chef’s assistant as Craig Murray (EA 1992–4; EA Staff 2005– ) rustled up his (now renowned) bacon wrapped chicken and the students immediately began work on large ink paintings of the night sky. There was an amazing artist’s studio on the back of the house and the intensity of what was achieved in a few short days, reading, drawing, painting, discussing and making in all weathers, exploring the landscape during the day and in the dark, was as new and exciting for me as it was for the students. The view from the kitchen window, across the Cuillin Hills was genuinely awe-inspiring and the memories of standing, looking at that scene, through the rain-smeared window, cradling a cuppa and preparing for a day of drawing, still moves me now over ten years later!

I have been on quite a few trips North with A-level students since then; these trips kick-start the A-level course, inspiring and creating memories for successive groups of students, year after year. That initial trip was the one that set the tone for me and was the only trip when I experienced everything for the first time, like the pupils... it was certainly a pretty impressive kick-start to my own time at the Edinburgh Academy.

Mark Appleson (EA Staff 2009– )  
**Senior School Staff**

Having worked at Merchiston before coming to EA, I already knew a few members of the common room and how close it was, but even so I was amazed at the camaraderie amongst the staff when I first arrived. This was evident at my very first Edinburgh Academy Games at the end of the summer term. It was the first time I had organised this extravaganza of sport and I was delighted with how the day had gone. The final track event is traditionally the Arboretum 6x200m relay and a staff team was entered. The event is handicapped and all of the young guests and athletes were given a healthy lead by Nick Armstrong (EA Staff 1997– ). My abiding memory from that event was seeing Simon Mair (EA Staff 2000– ) tearing round the final bend desperately trying to overhaul a lead that one of our five year old guests was trying to maintain — he was just about to go past him and win the event for the staff when I reminded him over the megaphone that his competition was in fact in Primary 1 — he stepped off the gas and sheepishly jogged in to finish Second but received pats on the back from his staff team members for his, belated, sportsmanship!

Mike Bryce (EA Staff 1996– )  
**Senior School Staff**

When I started at the Academy my daughter Lauren (EA 2011–13), now 22, was just eight days old. She was from the outset a keen supporter at New Field and as a baby and toddler attracted much attention from muddy rugby players and their mums and dads who were there to support. Imogen (EA 2010–16) came along a couple of years later and together they attended many concerts, matches and other Academy functions.

When the time was right, they both joined the school as pupils. Having them here with me as part of the community was really important to all our family and stands out as a really happy time for me as a dad and member of the teaching staff at the Academy.

I think the most memorable single moment at EA, and one that I will carry with me for many years, was when Lauren, Imogen and I all stood on the stage for assembly at the same time. It was a “Von Trapp” family moment. Judging a singing trio to be a bad idea, instead we recited some lines from Walter Scott’s “Lay of the Last Minstrel”, which the girls’ great grandfather had taught me as a boy. My theme that day was about the importance of continuity and families and if that’s not part of what the Academy stands for then nothing is.

I would add further that on the theme of continuity one of my great pleasures these days is meeting Academicals in the streets of Edinburgh. It is always a pleasure to chat and find out how the lives of those we cared for, for so long, have turned out.
Every year, Edinburgh Academy pupils benefit greatly from the professional knowledge and expertise of parents, Academicals and friends of the Academy. It may be from a presentation about career path and field of work, through to the mock interview process in October or by having an opportunity of doing work shadowing/experience.

We would be particularly interested in hearing from younger Academicals for whom Higher Education is not too distant a memory!

Thank you,
Yvonne Harley (EA Staff 1995– )

Mysie Ferguson  
(EA Staff 1996–2018)  
Senior School Staff

The past 22 years have given me the experience to work with some wonderful colleagues and excellent musicians. Highlights tend to be the performances...numerous experiences playing with the choir in the Usher Hall under the batons of Philip Coad (EA Staff 1989–2017), Peter Backhouse (EA Staff 1990–2014) and Angus Tully (EA Staff 2004–). But it is not just the playing experience but the exhilaration of shaping the music while conducting string or junior orchestras that I will remember fondly. As I write this I still feel how thrilled I was with junior orchestra’s performance of ‘Anthem’ last week. That feeling of emotion and the almost electrical power produced when all the pupils are playing their hearts out will stay with me for ever.

I remember tours with various groups to such diverse places as Shetland and Williamsburg in Virginia with joy now that sufficient time has elapsed to almost delete the tricky memories...arriving in Shetland to find the road to one of our concert venues blocked by a landslide; the time in Italy when one of our concerto soloists managed to leave his school trousers in Scotland... and of the almost five hour drive (which was meant to take about one hour) to the hotel in America when we arrived after an overnight flight; the concert in an Italian tomato canning factory!

It has truly been a privilege to work with such fine young people and with excellent colleagues. It has been most rewarding seeing pupils gaining confidence and skill and I shall continue to follow their progress with interest.

Accies, get involved with EA’s Careers Department

The Careers Department would welcome the input of Academicals to support and inspire Academy pupils in making informed decisions for life beyond school. We have a comprehensive programme of presentations, workshops and interviews – from 2nds to 7ths and would really appreciate any support you can give.

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Mysie Ferguson
Music Department
(EA Staff 1996–2018)

Mysie was educated at Morrison’s Academy for Girls in Crieff and then on to the Royal Scottish Academy for Music and Drama (now the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland) where she studied both Violin and Viola. From there, a professional career with the Academy of the BBC beckoned, before joining the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra on Viola in a spell that lasted fourteen years. During this time, she toured extensively to Hong Kong, the United States and throughout Europe. Closer to home, there were many performances at the BBC Proms with a varied repertoire, often involving demanding new commissions from emerging and established composers. In addition, she also freelanced with all the major Scottish orchestras, before taking up a new role with the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland, based in Fort William. Her task was to establish a more ‘Classical’ training for young players, where there had been no real opportunity to play anything other than traditional music. Concomitant with which, she was furthering her own knowledge and understanding of the Suzuki teaching method.

When Mysie and her family moved to Edinburgh and the Edinburgh Academy in 1996, this ‘String Goddess of wisdom and skill’ quickly made her mark. Indeed, Dr Philip Coad (Director of Music at the Academy 1989–2017) recently said that “Mysie is the consummate professional, who is firmly responsible for the first-rate string playing across the school — and further afield, too.”

At the Choral Concert in the Usher Hall June 2018, I took the time at the close of the concert to say how special such Academy events were — for it draws so many people together, especially families. And so it is true of the Fergusons. Her daughter, Shuna, taught at the junior and Senior School for over two years and was much adored by her pupils. Ruaridh, her son, was a pupil here from Geits to Sevenths and played a very active role in school music-making and it was particularly poignant to have Ruaridh playing in the Viola section that evening.

She has, of course, taken part in her fair share of Music trips: to Shetland, USA, the Amalfi Coast, Barcelona (twice) and most recently to Germany, in 2016. She also accompanied Jeremy Fenton on one of his legendary Iceland expeditions.

It takes a special kind of person to be a teacher; it takes a most talented person to teach pupils from Nursery age to Sevenths; it takes an experienced person to teach teachers and it takes a skilled and tactful person to teach pupils and their parents. No problem for our Mysie.

But, humour aside, Mysie has given a vast amount of her time to teacher training — even in the blistering heat of Madrid or other weekends in the UK, where she is leading and giving advice and support to advancing teachers. Little wonder, therefore, that when she was invited to speak and demonstrate at the Suzuki World Convention 2016 in Japan, it was an immensely proud moment for her and I know a real career highlight.

In school, her devotion to the pupils in her care — preparing pupils’ performances for exams, entering them in the Edinburgh Competition Festival classes, then trudging through the horrific weather whilst the country was in the grips of the ‘Beast from the East’ to support and hear them — just demonstrates the stuff of which she is made. And as Winston Churchill said, “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Knowingly or otherwise, her giving to others is far-reaching and when I recently met an Accie, Grant Copley, who works in Audio/Visual Solutions and does much setting up for outdoor Music festivals and stadium concerts, he claimed that he simply couldn’t do much of his music-desk job without the skills and listening ability he’d developed under Mysie’s tutelage.

In drawing to a close, it should be noted that Mysie is no push-over and is a person with whom one should not mess. I amusingly recall two Sevenths (Fraser Gillies (EA 1999–2010) Head Ephor 2009–10, and Robin Cumming (EA 1997–2010)) readying themselves for the Queen’s Hall concert and arriving at the rehearsal for a trumpet duet to be accompanied by the String Orchestra. Crucially, neither of them had their music. Slack-jawed and whey-faced, they feared a dressing down from Mrs Ferguson and approached me, asking if I would explain on their behalf. No chance; I was scared, too. From 2010, fast-forward to the start of this academic year, when I was having some nerves of my own, I quickly appreciated there are not enough Mysies around: her willingness to take on a crazy, ambitious repertoire like Belshazzar’s Feast in 2012; her sound advice on Scholarship auditions; her willingness to take responsibility for the less glamorous side of set-up and post-concert tidying up; her jokes in the Senior Orchestra on a Friday afternoon; and her altruistic topping up of the coffee and biscuit jars in the Music department staff room means so very much to us all. For all the wonderful teaching to so many pupils, for her kindness, musicianship and integrity, we all owe her our thanks and wish her all the very best in her retirement.

Angus Tully
Director of Music
(EA Staff 2004–)

Charley Parsons (née Clover)
Maths Department
(EA Staff 2009–18)

Charlotte Parsons joined us in August 2009 when Dave Buckley (EA Staff 1976–2009) retired. She came to us from her probationary year at Firrhill High School with a First Class Degree in Maths from Glasgow University. I recall that during the interview process she impressed with her down-to-earth manner and didn’t hide behind jargon, as many young, new teachers tend to do.

In this vein, Charley has always been eager to try new things. For example, we identified a need for our AS-level Further Mathematicians to sit the “Decision & Discrete Maths” module but no-one had taught it before. Completely
undeterred, and only having been here a short while, Charley grabbed the textbook and designed a whole teaching course! She ran this module single-handedly, very successfully, for a number of years before we switched to Advanced Highers.

Always up for more challenges, Charley decided to move to the dark side, from whence I believe balance will be brought to the force. Otherwise known as the SQA, she has been a Higher Marker, Question Validator and Verification Nomineee (to use some very long words). She has led several INSET sessions to the Maths department; our understanding of what there is to misunderstand about SQA has never been better understood.

Charley has also spearheaded the use of electronic resources in lessons, websites and Apps such as Mathletics, MathSpace and MyMaths to name but a few. She even managed to train old farts like me in their use!

When the role of Assistant Head of Department came up, Charley was able to push on with restructuring our Geit's to Thirds curriculum to dovetail with both Junior School liaison at one end, and National 5 and beyond at the other.

‘With gay abandon, parents discuss the merits of “level W core curriculum” and “level Z extension to NatS” — totally unaware that these aren’t national guidelines at all, but entirely an invention of Charley’s — an example of her uncanny ability to see the bigger picture and “boldly go…” as the saying goes.

She also took the Numeracy baton from Fiona McQuinn (EA Staff 2007– ), updated the Numeracy booklet and liaised with other departments for best practice.

Speaking of parents, one of the many things which I will really miss is Charley’s excellent communication skills, both face-to-face, on the phone and electronically. I’d not hazard a guess at the number of times a potentially “exciting” parental confrontation has been defused before it had the chance to involve me.

Despite all these departmental and whole-school contributions, plainly Charley’s number one priority was pupils’ learning. On the one hand, we have formal after-school exam revision sessions, lunchtime drop-in clubs and pre-registration core skills practice. On the other hand, we have the administration of all the national Maths competitions. On the third hand… we have her introduction of the highly successful and popular Division Maths Competitions. All these had Charley in both the foreground and the background, making sure they all ran smoothly.

‘Not only Maths — Charley has been a valuable class teacher of the Middle Years’ team. She has also been a very keen Head of Division, as Mike Bryce comments:

When we revised the programme nine years ago, Charley was instrumental in breathing new life into the Division Competition (along with Simon Mair EA Staff 2000–, Heather Kilfeather EA Staff 2010– and Henry Jarrold EA Staff 2008–). In that time she was a key member of the team that built what we see now as the Division Year. She led Cockburn to several 2nd place finishes in the overall competition and a great many wins in various individual events. These she celebrated with great delight — especially if Cockburn just pipped Carmichael in the 1st/2nd play-off. Charley was always there to lend a hand at events and supporting her Division. For her part in raising the profile of Divisions, the school is much in her debt.

Having recently relocated to Falkirk, it came as no surprise that Charley had been looking for a job closer to home. Denny High School in Falkirk is a ten minute drive away from home, rather than an hour and a half commute by train, so she’ll now see baby Orla (& Ryan!) for two and a half more hours a day. And this is time you can never get back.

Charley, it’s been a pleasure to have worked with you these past eight and a bit years. We’ll all miss you lots.

Charles Brookman
Head of Maths
(EA Staff 1994– )
Barbara was educated at Trinity Academy, where Head Janitor Ronnie Paxton (EA Staff 1983–) tells me that she was his prefect (I reckon that he was either kept back a few years or they had very young prefects in those days). She came to us directly from Niddrie Primary, having taught at Tranent Infant School and Kirkliston Primary before that. I know that she still hugely values the different experiences she had in all of those places prior to her time at the Edinburgh Academy. It meant that she appreciated more than most the opportunities that she played a full part in developing at Arboretum Road.

It was in Niddrie that she spent time in Nursery making use of her theoretical knowledge (based on the work of Peter Bryant) about the links between rhyme and children’s success in learning to read. She remains an avid reader and she shared her passion for books with all in organising our World Book Day celebrations alongside her close friend, librarian Sally Hood. Her part in organising our Scots Culture Competition, which celebrated its tenth anniversary this year, was also greatly appreciated and I know how much she enjoyed watching the children performing in the Scots tongue. Many people around the world have benefited from her experiences she had in all of those places prior to her time at the Edinburgh Academy. It meant that she appreciated more than most the opportunities that she played a full part in developing at Arboretum Road.

When Barbara applied to the Academy, she wrote to my predecessor Laurence Smith (EA Staff 1989–94) that she aimed to provide a ‘well-disciplined, hard-working, happy class; working at all times on building children’s self-esteem’ which she saw as central to a child’s wellbeing. It is little wonder that I hold her in such high esteem — we have the same core beliefs with the good of the children at the heart of all that we strive to do. The messages from children marking her retirement, and the wide variety of things that they identified as special about Mrs Robertson to them, tell the story of a true all-rounder held in high esteem for many different personal reasons. I always thought that she would have been an excellent football manager — knowing when the arm around the shoulder is necessary, but also when it is the metaphorical boot up the backside that is called for.

In short, Barbara Robertson is a special person, who has contributed a huge amount to the lives of many in the Academical community. We all wish her a warm and happy retirement.

Helen Stewart
Junior School
(EA Staff 2006–18)

When Helen Stewart first walked into the Edinburgh Academy as a prospective parent, she cannot have predicted that she would significantly outlast her children’s time at the school and play a pivotal role in the Junior School’s progress towards being acknowledged as sector-leading in the area of eLearning.

Having previously taught Maths and Physics in several establishments, including St. Serfs and our own Senior School, as well as spending time away from education raising her beloved family, she joined the Junior School team as our IT support guru in 2006. Her previous background as a teacher was crucial in knowing what was required of an IT system in a modern educational environment and she used the logic of her prodigious mathematical brain in keeping our IT system running in the most efficient way possible.

As with most systems that develop in stages, there have been problems over the years, but Helen proved most adept at finding ways to mitigate the worst of these and, to as great an extent as possible, managed to shelter the Junior School when the whole IT system went into something of a meltdown in the middle of the decade.

Her contribution to school life was invaluable and I know that she is looking forward to her retirement — spending time with her grandchildren and her husband Willie, visiting her cottage in Dinnet and building impossible looking Lego structures.

Jo Evans
Junior School & Nursery
(EA Staff 2006–18)

Jo Evans joined our Academy family 12 years ago as an Early Years Practitioner. Jo worked mostly in Nursery but was also part of our After School Club and Holiday Team, as well as working closely with staff and children in Primary One. She loved working with small children and was especially keen on outdoor learning. As time moved on, she was keen to continue her studies and the school supported her further by helping her to gain additional qualifications in Early Education. Outdoor pursuits were Jo’s first love and she was keen to be involved in activities enjoyed by children of all ages. Latterly, Jo helped out with the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award activities at the Senior School as well as outdoor adventure clubs for several different age groups. Surfing, cycling and water sports to name just a few, Jo was involved in it.

We will all miss Jo very much and wish her all the very best as she takes up a post in a Scottish Outdoor Centre doing what she loves most: working and enjoying adventure and high energy sports.

Lesley Patterson
(EA Staff 1990– )
Juan started working at the Academy in 2011, and for seven years has been our wonderful Spanish Language Assistant. I still remember, a few days after I started here, meeting him for the first time. Beard impeccably trimmed, wearing a very smart suit, confident and friendly: I knew straight away that we would get on.

For the last couple of weeks, I’ve had an incredible number of students coming to see me, asking if it’s true that Juan is leaving and many of them have been genuinely sad to see him go. This is a true testament to the work he has done here and the strong relationships he has built with the students.

For me, he has been more than a Language Assistant, teaching my Thirds Spanish class last year and my Seconds class this year. I have to say that he has done an incredible job in a very short space of time and I really enjoyed being his mentor. So, please do me a favour, Juan: apply for the PGDE the first chance you get, because you will be a fantastic teacher and will be an asset to any school you join. Who knows, you might even be back here one day!

Juan, I will miss our endless debating about football at lunchtime, and I’ll miss the personality you have brought to our department. As Head of Modern Languages, I’m losing an important asset, however, I’m fortunate enough to say that I have gained a friend.

On behalf of us all, thank you so much for what you have done for the school and, above all, for the students.

We wish you the best of luck for what is coming next for you and your family.

Juan–Carlos Varona
Senior School
(EA Staff 2011–18)

Youssouf Kassime
Head of Languages
(EA Staff 2017–18)
Participate and be pro-active. Ask any of our pupils from 3rds at the Edinburgh Academy and they will share with you something of their understanding of having a growth mindset, about embracing challenge and working as a team to achieve results. This is the theme we built during their week at the Loch Eil Outward Bound Centre, near Fort William. Working with the team of instructors and EA staff, our pupils challenged themselves to overcome feelings of being a prisoner, protester or passenger in order to become a participant. This language is a helpful tool for us to understand our mindset in certain situations, the key idea being that your mindset can change and is influenced by a number of factors: some you can change, some you can’t.

Our progressive and carefully-planned residential trips create the opportunity for our pupils to become resilient and independent, whilst learning skills which help them journey through the outdoors. Building a connection with Scotland, its environment and history, its culture and people, is an important attribute of an EA education.

In Geits, our pupils develop teamwork and communication skills at the Scottish Outdoor Education Centre at Dounants, Aberfoyle. At this camp, we see our pupils working together during the day on some tricky challenges and then in the evening celebrating their unique skills in the ‘EA’s Got Talent’ contest.

Newcastleton, in the Scottish Borders, is the centre for Rock UK and the setting for our Seconds’ trip. The main theme here is journeying skills. Learning how to mountain bike and canoe are key skills in enjoying the outdoors, and these sessions — along with some climbing and high ropes courses — are available over the three-day camp. In addition, the accommodation requires our pupils to prepare food and, in the absence of dishwashers or catering staff, wash up!

The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award continues to be popular at school. Our numbers have grown enormously over the last four years, with over 120 pupils each year involved in the award at various levels. The impact of the scheme, in terms of voluntary work being done within our school and the wider community, is huge and we are very proud of the contribution our pupils are making. I am delighted that the pupils recognize the opportunity the award offers: a personal award scheme that encourages pupils to set challenges, targets and goals in their lives.

The Skills, Physical and Volunteering sections require around an hour per week of a pupil’s time. Our pupils are spoiled for choice with incredible opportunities in the arts, sport, academia, and music available. The Expeditions continue to reflect our philosophy of being ‘Grounded in Scotland, Ready for the World’. Starting with our own hills around Edinburgh, the Bronze pupils work in the Pentland Hills. Silver expeditions are in the Tweed Valley, where I am an active member of Mountain Rescue and the local DoE advisor for expeditions. This helps us to offer challenging routes in the next ‘Zone’ outside the city. The Gold award expedition is up to our pupils to decide upon; they can canoe, bike or walk in any part of Scotland and are encouraged to take more ownership at this level. The biggest challenge is for groups to coordinate their busy schedules and for this reason, we try to target the holiday period for these expeditions.

Getting the chance to build relationships outside the classroom, working with young people who are challenging themselves, connecting with the environment and their friends, overcoming setbacks and making decisions is a highlight for our team. Our volunteers, a combination of staff, parents, friends and alumni, are a wonderful group of like-minded folk, who see the value of the outdoors while sharing their life experiences and ideas about how the world works. We offer a comprehensive package of training in the outdoors to ensure our volunteers are trained and prepared for the activity they are involved in. Fancy it? Come and join us!

We are planning another summit attempt on Toubkal, Morocco, in 2019 following the success of last year’s trip. We have eight pupils keen for this challenge.
I am so proud of our skiers at EA that some deserve a special mention. Daisy Stark continues her studies — achieving five ‘A’s at Higher — while following her dream of being a full-time ski racer. Daisy is also on track to complete her Gold DofE Award, is taking on the leadership of our Charities group and plays in the pipe band! The lifestyle is exciting, but it is also exhausting and requires great sacrifice, determination and lots of patience to overcome setbacks. Fraser Baggeley is following the same path, juggling school life with his studies and ski commitments across the world. Fraser’s naturally cheerful and encouraging manner is refreshing when we know how hard he has to work. These young folk are inspiring our skiers across the school, and I am delighted to now be working with a group of parents to help us support ski racing at the Edinburgh Academy.

We are using the climbing wall to support the PE curriculum and the out of school clubs. The pupils enjoy the challenge of climbing and we are continuously looking at the best ways to offer this activity. The sports centre staff have been working hard to build their personal climbing skills to enable them to offer more challenging sessions. We continue to support this and look forward to another division climbing competition in 2018–19.

At the Junior School, we are involved in ‘Bikeability’ with P5 pupils. Over two days, the pupils worked on their skills to help them enjoy cycling and hopefully encourage them to cycle to school in the future.

We have been keen to see First Aid as a skill learned by all our pupils across the school. Delivering the British Heart Foundation ‘Heartstart’ course to P5 and Fourths, raising awareness during class time and at whole school assemblies, we are keen to ensure our pupils and staff know what to do if someone is ill or injured.

Goodness me, what a busy year! We are a small team with big dreams, working hard to have an impact on our pupils at the Edinburgh Academy. The school community continues to offer us unwavering support with encouraging words, offers of help and funding. For our part, we will continue to build opportunities which give our pupils the chance to face the challenges of the world they will walk into.

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Office Bearers season 2018–19 is as follows:
President, Dougal Drysdale (EA 1947–58)
Hon. Secretary, John Lang (EA 1958–66)
Hon. Treasurer, Gordon Wallace (EA 1955–67)

2018 was a more challenging year with injuries and illness, and it proved harder to field full rinks on all occasions. It was unfortunate that Dougal Drysdale injured himself early in the season and was unable to continue the season. John Lang took over as president till the end of the season. This season had fifteen regular playing members and four reserves.

League fixtures:
The Salveson Quaich was keenly contested with the rinks of Hugh Lees (EA 1953–59) and John Lang both ending up with the same number of wins. The result was decided on ‘ends won’ and John’s rink won by one extra end.

The ‘pairs’ competition was poorly attended with only four players. A new format was agreed with each player having two ends with each of the other three players. The winners were those with most points after the six ends, (Hugh Lees and Craig Fulton).

Points competition:
after ten separate disciplines, Euan Macfie (EA 1950–58) and John Lang were tied. Two extra ends were played with John managing to pull ahead to win. Last season it had been decided to leave the FP league but to continue with a one-rink match against Heriots and to continue to play in a two-rink match for the Anderson-Crerar trophy against Watsonians (results below). On the positive side we now have two new members joining us for next season (Sandy Ramsay and Brian Robertson), and three reserves who enjoyed a few games with us last season.

We continue to be a friendly social curling club and an easy place to start curling for the first time or to start again after a lapse from the sport. We are an open club and would welcome any Accie friends who wish to join. Hopefully, we can continue to attract new members.

Trophy Winners 2017–18
League winners (Salveson Quaich):
Rink 1 John Lang (skip), Sandy Young, Gordon Wallace, Dougal Drysdale, Nigel Russell.
Points: Nick Thomson
Beer Tankard: John Lang
Pairs Competition: Hugh Lees and Craig Fulton.
Matches:
KGIV: lost in first round to Edinburgh Rotary.
Heriots: Accies were the winners.
Watsonian match (Anderson-Crerar Trophy) lost narrowly in both rinks.

Anyone wishing to join, please contact the Hon. Secretary as below:
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Edinburgh Academical Golf Club
End of Year Review 2018
Brian Hay Smith (EA 1970–84)
EAGC Captain 2017–18

As with all the best experiences, time seems to fly past and I can hardly believe my tenure as Captain of EAGC is almost at an end. It has been an amazing experience and one I will never forget. I will remember the committee meetings, the welcome drinks, the golfing meetings, the competitions, the Halford Hewitt, the Cyril Grey, the Grafton Morrish, victory in the inaugural Captain’s Challenge match and the dinners fondly. However, it is the EAGC members that make this great club and have given me some of the most fun, biggest laughs and memories over the last two years.

Our objectives continue to be the resurgence and modernisation of all aspects of the Club and to build on all the links with the golfing community of the School. We continue to deliver on both objectives.

Our membership continues to increase, with members making every effort to take part in our various golfing matches and other social events. We have finally got some ‘money can’t buy’ merchandise being nifty looking Bobble hats, logoed golf balls and some very fetching silk neck and self-tie bow ties.

We continue to work with the school on a number of fronts, be it the facility, the coaching of boys and girls by the Bruntsfield team...
or simply through our annual fixture versus the School at Bruntsfield, which this year we won 3.5 to 0.5. It was a lot closer than the score appears and everyone agreed what a great day it was.

On the results front, the 2017 Club Championship was won by John Lang (EA 1958–66). The 2018 Summer Hole and Hole was won by Henry Fairweather (EA 1953–64). The Winter Foursomes was won by John Paterson (EA 1951–59) and Iain Watt (EA 1950–64). The Spring Meeting at Muirfield was won by Iain Smith (EA 1970–83) with a 73 and the handicap by Henry Fairweather with 32 points. The Summer Meeting at Bruntsfield was won by Willie Henderson (EA 1961–70) with a 79 and the handicap by Richard Summers (EA 1970–83) with a net 71. The Autumn Meeting at Luffness New Golf Club was won by James Lowe (EA 1974–82) who travelled over from Canada with a scratch 78; the handicap by James Godfrey (EA 1977–90) with 35 points, the over 55s by Alasdair Loudon (EA 1961–73) and the over 65s by Willie Henderson. All results are available on the Club website: www.edinburghacciesgolf.com.

However, it has been the performance of our various teams that have been the highlight of the year. It is so pleasing that so many different players play in our teams. That is what a true club is about. A year of second for the 3rd XV and was forced to concede nine games across the season. Reflecting a national downward trend in the numbers playing rugby, we struggled with numbers for the 3rd XV and were forced to concede nine games across the season.

We retain the Edinburgh Trophy losing again to Glenalmond, by the narrowest of margins. We retained the Edinburgh Trophy with another dominant performance, which was another splendid effort.

But if there was an award for team of the year, it would go to our team at the Grafton Morrish at Mortonhall who produced some stellar golf to qualify in second place for the national finals in October. Our winning team of Mike MacPhee (EA 1969–82), John Lang, Doug Zuill (EA 1973–82), Iain Smith, Chris Paterson-Brown and Bertie Allison (EA 1996–2009) scored a more than adequate 95 Stableford points. In addition, John and Mike won the individual title with 35 points. At the national finals, we sadly lost 3–0 to Heriots in the second round, which was a very credible performance as two of their team are turning pro in the near future.

The 2017–18 Club dinner at Bruntsfield Links Golfing Society was again completely sold out, resulting in an excellent evening of magnificent food, fine wine and true camaraderie. Special thanks must go to David Maxwell (EA 1955–65) who again donated one of his signed prints for auction, which resulted in a very healthy contribution to club funds.

The Club continues to thrive with many new younger members joining this year. The modest annual fee of £35 supports and encourages golf at the School and helps to fund younger members to play in teams. Membership of the Club for under 30s has increased by 50% and 75% for those over 30. Membership is totally free and if you would like to join or merely make a donation please email edinburghacciesgolf@gmail.com.

It has been my honour and privilege to have been Captain for 2 years. I would like to welcome Mike MacPhee as our new Captain in January 2019 and formally thank the committee and all EAGC members for contributing to our ever thriving club!
have started well, recording back-to-back wins so far in 2018–19, and our available numbers for selection have been very encouraging.

Our 7s squad recorded our best King of the 7s result, finishing third behind Watsonians and Melrose, having reached six semi-finals and recorded a win against a visiting American team at Melrose that included several US Eagles.

The ACE Academy, the purpose of which is to “identify and prepare players with the potential to progress their rugby to the highest level”, is now starting its fourth year. 19 players have come through this programme in the last three years, with nine moving into senior rugby this season. Three players, Harry Paterson, Struan Whittaker and Rory Jackson are now SRU Academy Stage 2 players. Struan was in the National under 18 training squad and Rory played in the National under 18 team.

Our youth rugby at Accies Minis and Edinburgh BATS Rugby continue to go from strength to strength, with membership increasing to well over 300 youngsters who come from around 20 different schools. Our coaching standards continue to rise by encouraging coaches to take the UKCC qualifications and employing coaching assistance from senior club players, including BATS Assistant Development Officer and 1st XV hooker, Callum Black.

Our relationship with the Academy continues to build, with increasing numbers of former pupils training and playing at the Club, as well as involvement from EA pupils and parents in Accies Minis and BATS. Senior players from the Club are coaching at the school again this year, with Mark Appleton (EA 2009–) continuing as part of the coaching team at the Club. Of the 57 players who represented the Club, 12 were Academicals, including three in the 1st XV squad: Lawrie (EA 2004–10) and Ronan Seydak (EA 2005–12), and Angus Inwood (EA 1997–2011). We hope the connection between the Club, the Academy and the Academical community will continue to strengthen.

Fast bowler Asad Amir led Academicals bowling attack, and was the 5th highest wicket-taker in the Championship with 27 wickets. Asad also made valuable contributions with the bat, scoring 205 runs. Adnan Ali frequently made the important breakthrough, taking 23 wickets with best figures of 4–37. Lawrence Mann opened the bowling with great consistency, taking 20 wickets and best figures of 4–23. Also among the top wicket-takers, Tamal Banerjee took 19 wickets, best of 4–21, and Umair Saeed took 16 wickets, best of 3–9.

Academicals welcomed several talented players this season, alongside Max Banks. James Thornton scored a match-winning 50 to defeat Gala, and Peter Bendixen made a classy 100-run partnership, on debut, with Omais Altaf to beat Musselburgh. All of whom had exceptional performances in the field. The pick of the fielders, Anil Francis, took 10 catches. Andrew Cosh held 23 catches behind the stumps, the most in the Championship. A huge congratulations to Academicals 2nd XI who achieved promotion for the third consecutive year to reach Division 2 next season. The standout performer Yogesh Khanchi was the 2nd highest run scorer in Division 3, scoring 638 runs with an average of 63.8, and top score of 104. Faraz Hussain prevailed with the ball, taking 22 wickets, and was the 4th highest wicket-taker in Division 3. Well done to Academicals 2nd XI captain Ankit Sehgal for accomplishing the incredible feat of a hat-trick of promotions.

Special thanks to President Charles Robertson (EA 1972–85) for all his efforts, which are reflected in the club’s success over the last few years, and Secretary Troy MacLachlan. Thanks to Cricket Master Ryan Sales (EA Staff 2008–) for his admirable organisation of school cricket, and the traditional fixture between Academicals and the school XI, which is always played in good spirits. Thanks also to the school for their continued support, and the New Field groundsmen for producing one of the finest cricket pitches in Scotland.
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Can you give us an update on the Raeburn Place development and a summary of what is planned?

The Raeburn Place Foundation (RPF) has secured all the necessary consents and signed a 99-year lease with the Academical Club. RPF are in the final stages of negotiating the contract with Robertson Construction Scotland to build the frontage along Comely Bank Road, as well as installing the foundations and groundworks for the entire development.

RPF is starting with the commercial elements of the development as these will allow the Foundation to start generating income, but they are also the least attractive parts for grant funders. The Foundation’s fundraising team is now working to secure donations and grants for the remainder of the project, which includes the sporting section along Portgower Place, the pitches and the museum. RPF’s aim is to have raised sufficiently to let the next contract seamlessly as the first work is completed, which it anticipates will be in the autumn next year.

The commercial elements are essential to the success of the overall project as they will ensure the financial sustainability of the ground and newly developed sporting facilities. Not many people appreciate the costs associated with keeping green space green, but to do the job properly will cost in the region of £60,000 every year. The Foundation will take on this responsibility, freeing up Raeburn Place’s clubs to concentrate on the provision of sport. The Foundation will also remove the funding uncertainty from Edinburgh BAT’s Rugby, supporting the work this community amateur sports club does across North Edinburgh to encourage and develop grassroots activity, as well as supporting various other dynamic sports organisations.

It is intended that EACC will return to Raeburn Place following the redevelopment, thus returning the club to its original home.

Do you see the future of Raeburn Place as a home for a variety of sports, other than rugby? Can you give us more details of the importance of Raeburn Place being a multi-sport venue in the future?

The trustees’ aim is to improve lives through sport. Whilst Raeburn Place is primarily associated with rugby and cricket, it was also the original venue for the Games and over the years has played host to a variety of sports including tennis, lacrosse and softball. Following the redevelopment, the Foundation plans to increase the frequency and variety of use that is made of Raeburn Place. In a climate of increasing obesity combined with funding cuts to sports-related activities, it is essential both to preserve the fantastic green resource we have in the centre of Stockbridge and to make it available to as many people as possible. This means opening it up to those sports and activities that are appropriate.
It is intended that EACC will return to Raeburn Place following the redevelopment, thus returning the club to its original home. The Foundation also has an in principle agreement with Lacrosse Scotland to make Raeburn Place their headquarters post-development. In addition, RPF hopes to work with StreetFit Scotland, who provide exercise opportunities to homeless people, as well as continuing to support our established partnerships with Edinburgh BATs Rugby and Trust Rugby International. The ground will continue to be available to the School, plus we hope to encourage greater use by other local schools through BATs.

The physical and mental benefits associated with participating in sport are well documented. From establishing good habits in youngsters to opening up new avenues of activity and social interaction for the elderly, the Foundation is focused on providing a venue for people to come together and experience these benefits for themselves.

As well as a sporting facility, the plans include a museum of international rugby. Why do you think this is important for Raeburn Place?

Raeburn Place is known throughout the rugby-playing world as the site of the first rugby international, which took place between Scotland and England on 27 March 1871. If the ground was located in almost any other country it would be celebrated and commemorated with bells and whistles, but we are far too self-deprecating. It is time for that to change and for us to provide a worthy venue for those making the pilgrimage to Raeburn Place. With the 150th anniversary of that first international to be celebrated in just over two years, it would be a fitting tribute for the ground and facilities to be looking as good as possible and in a fit state to provide a real legacy to the memory of those Accies who made it famous.

The significance of Raeburn Place is not limited to the fact that it hosted the first international. Academicals and the Academic Football Club were instrumental in the development of the game both in Scotland and internationally. It was no coincidence that the first international was held at Raeburn Place. Two of the Scottish club captains who issued the challenge to play the match had been in the same class at the School and Benjamin Burns (EA 1862–64), who responded on behalf of the English clubs, had also been their classmate. With the RFU in its infancy and the SRU still to be formed, it fell to EAFC members to make all the arrangements for the game, as well as providing nine of the players on the day, eight for Scotland, including the captain, the Hon. Francis Moncreiff (EA 1860–67), and Benjamin Burns for England.

This was the start of a significant contribution to international rugby, with the Club contributing more than 120 capped players, mainly for Scotland but also including five for England and two for South Africa. This is more than any other club in Scotland. Off the pitch, the Club was arguably even more influential, with members significantly involved in the formation of the RFU, the SFU (now Scottish Rugby) and the IRB (now World Rugby).

This is significant sporting history that deserves to be recognised, preserved and promoted. The Museum of International Rugby will seek to do that. Creating a facility that will enhance the local community is also an important aspect of the trustees’ objectives and the museum will provide Stockbridge with an established tourist attraction, encouraging visitors to the area and increasing footfall for local businesses.

Ad for first international match.
1940–1950

Ian (I.L.S.) Balfour (EA 1938–50) Writes ‘On the third of April 2018, my wife and I will celebrate our Diamond Wedding Anniversary, with 30 children, grandchildren and great-grandson.’

1951–1960

Archie (A.M.) Campbell (EA 1947–53) was given a ‘Lifetime Achievement Award’ by the Institute of Cryogenic Engineers for his work on the properties and applications of superconductors. (Image 1)

Walter (W.F.) Davidson (EA 1946–58) writes ‘Almost 60 years ago Walter Davidson and John Wedderburn (EA 1947–59) went on a hitch-hiking trip through continental Europe. We wrote a report and submitted it for an EA Prize, the F.A. Hardy Prize for an Adventurous Holiday, which we won. I recently unearthed the original copy in the basement in my Ottawa home and shared it with John (the most recent Academical alerted me to his living in West Java!), scanned it and made a pdf version. We have been in touch for the first time in almost 60 years.

I went on to study physics at the University of Edinburgh. My prize, Kaye and Laby’s book, *Tables of Physical and Chemical Constants*, stood me in good stead during my studies.’ (Image 4)

Anthony (A.R.) Rathbone (EA 1954–60) writes ‘In 1960, my parents moved back to London. I was very sad to leave the Academy. Very good memories of bird watching trips with Mr King (EA Staff 1949–78). Admired but was in awe and fear of Miss McTavish (EA Staff 1923–65). Mr Hempson (EA Staff 1921–58), Mr Cooke (Habbakuk) (EA Staff 1931–69) and Bags Atkinson (EA Staff 1925–62). Still have not forgotten the punishment of having to learn ‘Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise’.

1961–1970

Michael Elcock (EA 1950–63) writes ‘My new book *Eyes of Rain and Ragged Dreams: Coming of Age in Edinburgh* is set in the 1960’s. A good number of ‘old’ Accies have read it. Most of them recognised the school that is depicted in its pages, and some of them have recognised some of the events in the book. The book is fiction, and the characters in it are fictitious as well — although some of them are composites of people who were around then. It has received very kind reviews and has been given a five star rating.

‘Anyone who would like a copy of *Eyes of Rain and Ragged Dreams* can find it at www.amazon.co.uk. It is also available through Amazon as an audio book, narrated by the author.’

Stephen (S.A.) Kreppel (EA 1951–63) is currently running operations in Southeast Asia and Central Asia for The Nation Consultancy Ltd. The work uses a specially developed marketing methodology, adapted to enable nations to achieve inclusive — and profitable — economic development through private enterprise. Using consumer marketing techniques for economic development produces sales results and gives a (much needed) focus on the activities of economic development projects in these countries. It’s nation-branding but based on authentic products with...
competition international advantages. Besides, it's a lot of fun, there is no writer to speak of, the people are lovely, the food is great and it's exceptionally easy to have five fruit and vegetables per day, thus contributing hopefully to a (very) long lifespan. Any contemporaries coming through Southeast Asia, especially Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and needing a large, cold, beer should contact me through accies@edinburghacademy.org.uk. Same applies to any Accies at all interested in importing high-quality brands, sponsoring profitable enterprise that happens to lift people out of poverty, as a useful spin-off, Scottish country dancing or carousing with no particular purpose. *(Image 5)*

Christopher (C.J.) Gordon (EA 1952–63) in retirement — with five grandchildren — is still researching and publishing articles. A lengthy essay of his on Elgar and the Hungarian violinist Jelly d’Arányi was the main feature in the April 2018 edition of the Journal of the Elgar Society. He is currently working on an article about Jennie Lee's celebrated 1965 white paper on the arts, and another about a late Classical Greek sculpture owned by the Royal Academy in London — brought to this country by a Scottish admiral (from an extraordinary Dumfriesshire family) who commanded the British Mediterranean fleet at the time of the Greek War of Independence. Christopher still lectures annually to a post-graduate Masters course in Cultural Policy and Management at the University of Bologna, and chairs the course in Cultural Policy and Management. This latter includes a week, early May in the University of Bologna, and chairs the course in Cultural Policy and Management lectures annually to a post-graduate Masters course in Cultural Policy and Management, thus contributing hopefully to a (very) long lifespan. Any contemporaries coming through Southeast Asia, especially Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and needing a large, cold, beer should contact me through accies@edinburghacademy.org.uk. Same applies to any Accies at all interested in importing high-quality brands, sponsoring profitable enterprise that happens to lift people out of poverty, as a useful spin-off, Scottish country dancing or carousing with no particular purpose. *(Image 5)*

Roy (R.R.) Durie (EA 1952–66) attended The Britannia Royal Navy College followed by Dartmouth and five-year commission in the Royal Navy where he rose to Lieutenant in 1966 and served until 1972. In 1972, Roy trained as a Chartered Surveyor and became a managing partner, then Senior Partner of Ryden — one of Scotland's largest firms of Chartered Surveyors, from which he has now retired. Roy was formerly a governor of George Watson's for three years and Mary Erskine and Stewart's Melville for ten years. He has also been an Elder at St Giles Cathedral for the past 47 years as well as being a charity trustee and active supporter of Edinburgh Accies rugby.

Gordon (G.W.) Morrison (EA 1955–67) writes 'Recently retiring from a career in Orthopaedic Surgery in Adelaide, South Australia, at the age of sixty-nine I had a sudden longing to see the school where I had spent such a happy time from 1955 to 1967. I am very encouraged that the future is in good hands at the EA.

'I feel I was fortunate indeed to go into medicine and then Orthopaedics at a time when great advances were being made and found a wonderful centre of excellence in Adelaide which let me contribute especially to education through the Australian Orthopaedic Association and deployments through the RAAF. I believe the EA is the best grounding for all to be able to walk with Kings, nor lose the common touch'. *(Image 7)*

David (D.A.C.) Packham (EA 1961–67) writes 'I retired in 2013 having spent forty years in the construction sector. Eight years prior to my retirement I was elected as a councillor on Nairnsea Town Council. Since then I have been active in putting my construction and project management experience to use on a number of local projects for the Council. I am now in my fourth year as Chairman of the Town Council at a time when the town is facing an influx of 3000 new homes over the next twenty years. So there is plenty to keep me busy.

‘When not at the Council, my wife and I enjoy our trips to Australia to visit family there as well as spending time with our six grandchildren in the UK. We have just recently returned from a visit to Peru which I can thoroughly recommend!' *(Image 8)*

John (J.A.J.) McPhail (EA 1954–68) writes ‘50 years on! The recent 68 Leavers’ Reunion at the School was an excellent occasion, with 25 of us being very well looked after by the Alumni team, the Academy and the Archivist.

‘I returned to Edinburgh only recently: seven years as Counsel in the Attorney General’s Chambers in Hong Kong at the forefront of the negotiations and changes to the laws prior to 1997; twenty-five years in London as an International Maritime Lawyer; thirty years in the Royal Naval Reserves. I could not give up work completely and I am now an Executive Coach. Helga and I now live for much of the year in Germany and the rest of our time in Edinburgh (a good Brexit hedge). Our son Thomas is serving in the Royal Navy.’ *(Image 9)*

Roger (R.J.) Barlow (EA 1958–68) has now retired after a career in High Energy Physics and Particle Accelerators that took him from Cambridge to Oxford, Manchester and finally Huddersfield, by way of Hamburg, Geneva and San Francisco. He is spending his time writing a book on Statistics for Particle Physicists, and is still trying to stay active in projects with the LHC at CERN. *(Image 10)*

Bill (W.G.) Menzies (EA 1957–1970) writes ‘Our Sârco Stopper business in Broxburn has been selected to participate in this year’s Parliamentary Review, which has now been published.'
Apart from myself and wife Barbara being Directors and daughter Fiona Wilson being Operations Director, the other Accies involved are, Ian Stevenson CA (EA 1947–59) — Non-Executive Director, our son, John (EA 1983–97) — Technical & Sales Director, Peter Hall (EA 1949–63) — Consultant Design Engineer and Tom Stuart — Operations & Purchasing Manager. While Tom is not an Accie, he is a nephew of Sandy Burnett (EA 1959–69), and since he came to Scotland from his Argentinian homeland nearly ten years ago, has played many of those years in the Accies 1st XV and more recently in the more social sides.

‘The Sarco business has recently won an innovation award for its water flow stopping and bypass systems in Western Australia, and over the last six weeks Sydney Water has placed its first equipment orders for utilisation in the City as part of their urgent actions to conserve water during severe drought, while also repairing leaks without interruption to customers’ water supply.

‘Sarco is currently developing medical stent technology for use in gas and water distribution to customers’ water supply.

‘Our thanks go to John Fulton (HC Member) for so kindly organising this annual battle which will take place over Royal Wimbledon next year.

‘The (70–80s) Leavers’ Reunion that took place at the School in the evening was a huge success and my thanks to all who organised such a great event ...but “nae mince and tatties” sadly!’

Richard (R.W.) Cornwallis (EA 1964–73) has returned with his family to live in Edinburgh after working as a lawyer in the Far East for the last 33 years, primarily in Jakarta, Indonesia, but also in Hong Kong and Singapore.

Richard (R.D.) Loudon (EA 1962–75) writes ‘Were you a member of the generation of Academy pupils who wondered whether it was just an urban myth that Paul Jones the lead singer of chart-topping band Manfred Mann was an Accie?

‘Manfred Mann was one of the half-dozen most successful British groups of the 1960s early in the era of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. Their hits included Doo Wah Diddy, Oh No Not My Baby and Pretty Flamingo.

‘After a recent Manfreds’ gig in North Berwick the ‘Accie’ question was put to Paul, who confirmed that urban myth it was not! He, as Paul Pond (EA 1958–60), is indeed an Accie. Paul is currently the frontman of the Manfreds and also has a successful career as a solo artist and radio presenter.

‘Paul is seen here with two decidedly less musically talented Accies — Rob Blair (EA 1964–70) and Richard Loudon (EA 1962–75)’. (Image 3)

Simon (S.C.) Jeffery (EA 1965–75) is a senior astronomer at the Armagh Observatory and Planetarium in Northern Ireland. He is also an adjunct professor of Physics at Trinity College Dublin and recent president of a Commission of the International Astronomical Union. He writes ‘My main interests are in how stars work, how they live and die, and how they vary and affect the space around them. I’m particularly interested in what happens to stars approaching their final stages of life — when really exotic things like explosions and collisions start to happen.’ Simon has been elected to a By-Fellowship at Churchill College, Cambridge, for Lent Term 2019. He is married to Angela, with three grown-up children. He would like to spend more time dinghy racing, sings baritone and hunts big game and wild seascapes with a camera. He is always pleased for an opportunity to talk astronomy... or physics in general!

Ronald (R.N.B.) Campbell (EA 1963–76) writes ‘I am this year’s Buckland Foundation professor, which means I give a series of lectures at suitable events on my chosen theme, which is the History of Salmon Management in the British Isles. The first lecture was given at the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth in August and others at Stirling, St Andrews, Cardiff, Dublin and Cork are to follow in late October and in 2018.’ (Image 4)

David (D.A.) Ogden (EA 1965–77) writes ‘I have recently been awarded another post-graduate degree, this time a Master of Research in Clinical Practice (with Merit) from St. George’s University of London. This propels me into a clinical academic career pathway and in October 2018 I will be joining...’
William (W.E.) Whitehorn (EA 1965–77) has joined the Royal Air Force Board and commenced employment on September 1st as a Non-Executive Director with rank equivalent of Air Vice-Marshall. Will is one of only two civilians to join the Board and the first Academical to do so since the Board was formed. He was appointed because of his previous experience in civilian aviation, his involvement in the development of civilian space launch technology at Virgin Galactic and his recent experience as Chairman of Clyde Space, the Scottish Small and Cube Satellite manufacturer based in Glasgow and owned by AAC Microtec of Sweden. Will Whitehorn is on the board of AAC Microtec and a shareholder in the company.

Commenting on his appointment Will said, “I am very excited to be joining the Royal Air Force Board at such an important moment for the RAF. It is not only celebrating 100 years of outstanding achievement but is rapidly adopting new technologies and has recently been given responsibility for military space activities by the British Government.”

Charles (C.) Runcie (EA 1966–77) Charles left the BBC in June 2016 after a thirty-four-year career there, latterly as Head of regional sport. He is now pursuing a number of work opportunities. He currently lectures on sports journalism at the City Lit in London, writes occasional articles and consults for a number of sports governing bodies. He has also recently hosted audience evenings with well-known BBC commentators Barry Davies and John Motson, plus he chaired an illustrated lecture at Henley on the history of Boat Race broadcasting. He lives in Southfields, SW London. (Image 7)

Tom (T.S.) Ogilvie-Graham (EA 1969–77) left the Army as a Brigadier, after thirty years and serving mainly with the Household Cavalry and operationally in Northern Ireland, the Gulf War, Kuwait, Bosnia, Rwanda and Baghdad, to become CEO of the St John of Jerusalem Hospital Group in 2013. During his tenure, he oversaw the complete refurbishment and re-equipping of the main hospital in Jerusalem and built new hospitals and clinics in the West Bank, Gaza and the Old City. The site in the Old City was in complete disrepair, having last been used 60 years ago — all the stones which had been put in by Knights of St John following the First Crusade in the early twelfth century had to be taken out and replaced exactly as they had been before — and now it is a working clinic again along with a small museum and peace garden. Tom also oversaw a complete overhaul of doctor training, clinical approach, mobile outreach and introduced world level international research with Hadassah University, having secured a substantial EU Partner for Peace grant. After this, he returned to his first love which is conservation in Africa, being appointed CEO of Africa’s oldest and biggest conservation group, the African Wildlife Foundation. He now oversees forty-one major projects in twenty-three African countries and, in his first two months alone, spent several days visiting a project with the mountain gorillas in Rwanda (which he had last seen twenty-four years previously at the tail-end of the genocide when he was seconded to the UN), another involving lions in the Masai Mara and travelling by light aircraft, canoe and on foot to see two more projects relating to preserving the rainforest in central Congo.

His elder son, William, and his fiancée both work in Burundi for the UN whilst Tom is now based in Nairobi — and Tom’s brother Andy Graham (EA 1969–74) also worked in South Africa for years and visits regularly — so it is quite an African family affair. AWF has just set up a UK branch, based in London, so maybe some Academicals may wish to become supporters of that in the future! There is a long tradition of Scots and Academicals, in particular, being involved with conservation in Africa. Whilst only being present in Nairobi for on average a week per month, as he is constantly visiting programmes throughout Africa and spending some time in the DC office, Tom would be delighted to see other Academicals there and take on the none too onerous task of African Rep!

Nigel (N.D.) Robb (EA 1965–78) writes ‘I have been appointed as Professor of Restorative Dentistry, School of Dentistry and Oral Health, Griffith University and am based at the Gold Coast campus in Queensland.’ (Image 8)

1981–1990

Alistair (A.M.) Learmont (EA 1972–81) is a former advocate. He is now researching Scotland’s links with slavery during the era of abolition. (Image 9)

John (J.L.) Orr (EA 1968–82) returned to Scotland last year after many years in England, Canada, and the USA. Most recently he was working in California at Google’s headquarters in Mountain View as a software engineer. Now settled with his family in the Borders, he continues to work with Google, keeping in sync thanks to fibre-optic broadband and
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frequent trips to London. At Google, John developed e-commerce payment systems which handled over $1bn in transactions and open-source educational software platforms used by millions of students worldwide. His current work continues his interest in education at scale, building software for projects such as “CS First,” which aims to help teachers and parents develop kids’ interest and skills in computer science. (www.johnorr.us) (Image 1)

Neville Wylie (EA 1971–85) was recently made Vice-Principal of the University of Stirling. (Image 2)

Campbell (J.C.) McAulay (EA 1977–86) writes “Together with two other current Academy parents, over several days in July I cycled across Scotland’s widest point from Ardmurchan Point to Cruden Bay (via the actual easternmost point in Peterhead harbour). We stopped to play golf in Boat of Garten and murchan Point to Cruden Bay (via the actual easternmost point in Peterhead harbour). We stopped to play golf in Boat of Garten and also climbed Ben Rinnes, the highest Corbett in Scotland. Further donations were very welcome! www.justgiving.com/fund-scotland” (Image 3)

Vice-Principal of the University of Stirling. (Image 2)

1991–2000

1991–93

Chrissie (C.) Hurst (EA 1991–93) writes “I’ve moved back to Edinburgh after a very long time away and field work abroad since 2002 — it is great to be back on the ground in Scotland.”

Toby (T.S.) Sigouin (EA 1990–94) was recently promoted to the post of Senior Wine Buyer with Inverarity Morton, and as such is now responsible for purchasing 25% of all wine consumed in the on-trade in Scotland (around six million bottles per annum). He was accepted onto the Masters of Wine programme in 2017 and successfully passed their Stage One Examination in June 2018. He is also now a wine judge for the International Wine Challenge, International Wine & Spirits Competition, London Wine Competition, Bacchus International Competition and Harpers Wine Star Awards.

Iain (I.J.) Morrison (EA 1991–97) writes “I was amused on reading the recent Academical to realise that the featured artist Sarah Cosmao was an Accie (Knill-Jones 1986–87). I had just been conducting a month’s British Council Brazil exchange alongside her at the same arts organisation, Despina in Rio de Janeiro, and somehow the subject of our shared schooling hadn’t come up, which, as any of you reading this will know, is rare when it comes to conversations about having been at school in Edinburgh! I enjoyed having a Scots companion in that context, even if we didn’t know we’d both benefited from the Academy’s excellent art department.

‘I had gone on that Brazilian exchange on behalf of The Fruitmarket Gallery, where I’m Enterprise Manager. I am not the only Accie on the staff there, as Jamie Mitchell (EA 1985–98), who was the year below me at Henderson Row, is the Gallery Manager. Nor is this the first time I’ve run into fellow Accies in the organisations I’ve worked for. In my first role after finishing university, I joined the team at Arnolfini, an arts centre in Bristol, only to shortly find myself working alongside Phil Walker (EA 1976–84) and James Forrester (EA 1983–91), who were two Accies slightly older than me. We hadn’t overlapped, but it was a welcome connection point as I oriented to professional life in a new city. I always enjoy seeing the news of what contemporaries have been up to. My leaving year has also done a fairly good job of staying in touch with itself and continues to provide happy and supportive friendships.” (Image 5)


Charles (C.) Rule (EA 1988–98) writes “I am currently a Captain at Emirates Airline, flying the Airbus 380, the largest passenger aircraft in the world, the SUPER jumbo. I currently live in Dubai but my career has taken me all over the world. I would be happy to share my career steps, from flying school to acceptance as a cadet in Easyjet to progression onto a legacy airline and the rise to Captain.”

2001–2010

Jamie (J.G.) Spratt (EA 1998–2003) in February 2018, as part of a three-man team I was awarded the New Star award at the Shenzhen Design Awards for Young Talent (SDAY). The competition brief titled “The Spirit of Craftsmanship” acknowledged projects which displayed high levels of attention to detail in craft through both concept and execution. Our product, “The Sociometer” used a pen line on a roll of paper to display real-time Wi-Fi consumption in a local Dundee pub. In June of 2018, I graduated with a first class honours degree in Product Design from the University of Dundee. I won the Eckersley book prize, which is awarded to the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design Student with the best written work. The Design Enterprise report “Can property management support a creative career?” explored the financial viability and workload pressures of forging a creative career, funded through the management income from rented residential properties. In July this year, I was nominated a Challenge Champion of the Sports Innovation Challenge. This has given me some initial funding and a space in the Sports Hive

[Images 1, 2, 3, 4]
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**BIRTHS**

Oliver (O.) Clegg (EA 1976–90) writes ‘Laura and I have now been married for eight years. On the 19th of January this year we welcomed Harry Ian Clegg into our family, brother to our daughter Ellie McKenzie Clegg who is now aged three years. Last year I started working for St Mungo’s Church in Balerno and have recently been ordained into the Episcopal Church.’ (Image 1)

Angus (A.R.) Watt (EA 1984–97) and his wife Joanna are delighted to announce the birth of Finlay Ridley Watt on 2nd May 2018 at the Royal United Hospital, Bath. (Image 2)

Will (W. J. M.) Holmes (EA 1987–2000) and wife Christine Beintner Holmes celebrated the birth of their baby daughter Amelia McLeod Beintner Holmes born on 13th May 2018 weighing 3365g in Leeds, UK. (Image 3)


Stephaine (S. C.) Taylor (Nee Harley) (EA 2001–03) and her husband James are delighted to announce the births of their daughters Cleo on the 18th July 2016 and Astrid on the 11th June 2018. Steph works as a GP in Devon. (Image 6)

Zake (Z.) Muluzi (EA 2003–08) and wife Lindsay welcomed baby Luke Zake on 19 April 2018. (Image 7)

**MARRIAGES**

Nigel (N.D.) Bailey (EA 1959–70) writes ‘I entered into a Civil Partnership with Mark van Jaarsveld in June 2006, and we have been living in Spain running a guest house ever since. However, following the recent changes in UK law, we decided to convert our status into one of Marriage. We were delighted that we were able to return briefly to the UK in order to do so in Norwich on December 14th 2017, followed by a small celebration with family and friends afterwards. Life has now returned to normal, running our business in the Valencia area of Spain and of course, we would be delighted to play host to any visiting Academicals who find themselves in the area!’ (Image 8)


Robert (R.A.) Cowie (EA 1978–91) and Laura Woods-Dunlop were married at Kinkell Byre, St Andrews on 30th July 2017. Robert is the elder son of Rob (EA Staff 1963–2013) and Daphne Cowie (EA Staff 1983–2007) and Laura is the daughter of Alastair Dunlop (EA 1961–75) and Jane Woods of Peasedown St John, Bath. (Image 10)

Holly Ferguson (née Kincade) (EA 2010– ) married to Cameron Ferguson on 16 February 2018 in Castle Leslie in Glasslough, Ireland. (Image 11)
Robbie (R.K.) Gray (EA 1995–2008) married his beautiful bride Margarita Maltseva in a very special wedding in Moscow on 30th September 2017. The couple met at Bath University when both were following Masters degrees in Business Management and Finance. Much bureaucracy followed but the challenges of administration and visa paperwork were ultimately overcome and the family were afforded the wonderful opportunity of attending a Russian wedding against the backdrop of such landmarks as Red Square and St Basil’s Cathedral. Long live internationalism! (Image 12)

Joanne (J.S.) Kenwright (EA Staff 2010–) Jo Kenwright married Symon Washer at Haverfordwest registry office followed by a very sunny reception by the sea in Solva, Pembrokeshire, Wales on a sunny 6th July 2018. Current staff Sandra Hennessy (EA Staff 1990–) and Lisa McWilliam (EA Staff 2008–) joined in the celebrations. (Image 13)

Kelly (K.) Ong (EA 2010–11) writes Philip Martin Bald (EA 2007–11) married Nicola Wight on Saturday 4 August 2017 at St Stephen’s Comely Bank Church in Edinburgh. Many Accies, young and not so young, were there to help with the celebrations.

Toby (T.S.) Sigouin (EA 1990–94) On Saturday 8th September 2018 married Dr Lisa Collin at St Giles’ Cathedral, Edinburgh. After the service, the reception was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh. The newly married couple were delighted that Mr Peter Backhouse (EA Staff 1990–2014) was able to play the organ for the service. Peter was one of Toby’s music masters at the EA and also taught Toby the organ during his time at the school. Peter composed a special descant which was sung by the St Giles’ Cathedral Choir during the wedding service. (Image 15)


Katharine (K.) Turner (née Haslett) (EA Staff 2009–) writes ‘We had a big disco-themed wedding full of mirror balls and some ridiculous music (entrance music was Here Comes the Hotstepper!). It was not a formal affair, very laid back and personal. Gordon McNeill (Head Ephor) and Cameron Turner (Pipe Major), to whom I also teach Advanced Higher Spanish, came down after Open Day to play the pipes and drums for us as people arrived. They were quite a tourist attraction as my family had all come from Ireland and Jim’s from Yorkshire. Actual Best Day Ever!’

Other EA staff past and present were: Holly Ferguson (EA Staff 2010–), Tamara Irving (EA Staff 2008–), Sara Medel Jimenez (EA Staff 2016–18) and Helen Bruce. (Image 16)

GRADUATIONS

Both the Academical Club and the Academy pass on our congratulations to the following people whose graduations we have been notified of recently. As colleges and universities no longer send us this information as a matter of course, please notify us of your success by emailing: accies@edinburghacademy.org.uk
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John ‘Robert’ (R.A.) Allan (EA 1973–85) was awarded upper second BSc Open Honours degree from the Open University July 2018. He and his wife Alison Allan welcomed their son Collin Allan on 8th December, 2016. (Image 1)

Hannah (H.L.) Duncan (EA 2002–04) graduated with a 2:1 degree of Bachelor of Laws from the University of Aberdeen in June 2018.


Jennifer (J.A.) Finlay (EA 2010–13) graduated with a 1st degree of Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of Aberdeen in June 2018.

William (W.) Graham (EA 200–13) graduated with a 2:2 degree of Bachelor of Science (EA 2001–14) graduated with a 1st degree of Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences (Anatomy) from the University of Aberdeen in June 2018.

Matthew (M.E.) Jackson (EA 2001–14) graduated with a 2:2 degree of Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of Aberdeen in June 2018.

William (W.) Thompson (EA 2001–14) graduated with a 2:1 degree of Master of Arts in History of Art from the University of Aberdeen in June 2018.


Elisabeth (E.G.G.) Young (EA 2012–14) graduated with a 1:1 degree of Master of Arts in History of Art from the University of Aberdeen in June 2018.

Our huge thanks go to Alan Fyfe (EA 1965–69) who wrote the obituaries this year. Tributes are often submitted by families or friends but we are also very grateful to Hon. Academical, Griselda Fyfe, who often shared notifications from the newspapers.

Charles (C.D.C.) Menzies (EA 1999–2013) graduated with a 2:1 degree of Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences (Anatomy) from the University of Aberdeen in June 2018.

Joseph (J.J.) Pitt (EA 2010–14) graduated with a 2:2 degree of Master of Arts in History from the University of Aberdeen in June 2018.

Louise (L.E.) Reid (EA 2012–14) graduated with a 1st degree of Master of Arts Education from the University of Aberdeen in June 2018.

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William (W.) Graham (EA 2000–13) graduated with a 2:1 degree of Master of Arts in Geography from the University of Aberdeen in June 2018.

Stuart (S.F.R.) Leishman (EA 2009–14) graduated with a 1st degree of Bachelor of Science in Immunology from the University of Aberdeen in June 2018.

Gary (G.) Leung (EA 2011–13) graduated with a first in Engineering from the University of Glasgow.

Alistair (A.C.F.) McConnell (EA 1993–2006) writes ‘I graduated from Herriot-Watt University in 2018 with a PhD in Robotics, the thesis was titled ‘A Novel Soft Orthotic Physiotherapy Device for Stroke Rehabilitation’. I am now working as a Post Doc Research Associate at the University of Edinburgh’.

2016

Mike (W.M.) Arnold (EA 1951–52, 56–62) in the summer of 2016 in Reading. Mike was at the Academy as a day boy in the Prep before heading south to Gayhurst School in Gerrard’s Cross. He returned to the third year of the Upper School at the Academy as a boarder in Scott House. While at the school, he threw himself into music and drama: he was a member of the school choir, leader of the school orchestra and played in Ruddigore, The Pirates of Penzance, Macbeth, The Yeoman of the Guard and The Merchant of Venice. He attended Edinburgh University before heading to England, where he pursued a career in IT, living in Surrey, Berkshire and Devon before returning to Reading in the 2000s. Q.J. McClay (1957–61)

Dr John (J.) Lant (EA 1953–59) on 1st February 2016 in Cambridge. John was born on 6th January 1948, the son of the Rev Denis Lant, who moved up to Edinburgh in 1953 and enrolled John in Denham Green, with the intention of his moving to Gordonstoun when he was 13. While at school, he was a keen musician and played the ‘cello in the Edinburgh Competition Festival. He proceeded on to Gordonstoun after a year in the Geits and went on from there to study chemistry at the University of St Andrews. He spent a further three years qualifying as a registered osteopath. He moved to Cambridge in 1971 and entered practice there as an osteopath, founding the firm of John Lant and Partners. He remained here for his whole career and from there became a major influence in the world of complementary healthcare, leading to the underpinning of the Osteopaths Act 1993, the uniting of regulation and professional excellence of osteopathy into the General Osteopathic Council. He became the first chair of the Complimentary and Natural Healthcare Council in 2012 and was Chairman of the Board of the British School of Osteopathy as it worked towards attainment of full University status in 2017. Tragically, he never saw this crowning achievement of his career as he contracted a brain tumour in 2015. based on letter from Vicki Lant

2017

Douglas (J.D.S.) Bullimore (EA 1944–47) on 30th September 2017 at home in Coldstream. The son of a sea captain living in London, Douglas boarded in Mackenzie House while he was at the Academy. He left from the Vth year of the Prep to attend Dover College, where he was in the cricket and hockey XIs. Leaving there in 1954, he attended the Kent Farm Institute and graduated with a diploma the following year. He settled down to farming at Gordon East Mains in Berwickshire, where he won prizes for breeding Aberdeen Angus cattle and for lambing. In 1960 he became affiliated to the EA Lodge and became Right Worshipful Master there for the years 1967–69. During that time, he retired from farming and joined the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland as a Field Officer (Livestock), working in the northeast of Scotland. In 1977, he married Effie Georgina Tait of Kirkoswald in the parish church there. They had no family.
Colin (C.P.) Crabbie (EA 1952–60) on 2nd December 2017 in Perth. Colin was a member of the notable EA dynasty of Crabbies: his great grandfather, George (EA 1860–64) donated the funds for the building of the ‘New’ School Library in 1900. The Crabbies were all keen athletes and rugby players, several representing Scotland on the track and in the field. Colin played cricket and rugby for the school but left from the IILs to go to Sedbergh School. From there he went to the North of Scotland College of Agriculture from which he graduated with a diploma (SDA) in 1969. He followed this with extensive travel in South America, the Falklands and South Africa. In 1971, he married a daughter of the manse, Elizabeth Macartney of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and they settled briefly in Edinburgh. They then worked as missionaries in Kenya for three years, after which he was a shepherd in Sutherland for a further two. In 1976, he started livestock farming at Balmuck, near Comrie, where his wife, Elizabeth, became the local GP. Colin also worked as a part-time journalist and was involved with the community, having been secretary of the local Community Council and president of the local branch of the NFU.

Kenneth (K.P.W.) Dougall (EA 1960–73) on 22nd September 2017 in Edinburgh. Kenneth was born on 30th September 1954, second son of Hamish and Margaret Dougall of Morningside in Edinburgh. His brother, Michael (1958–70) had already been at the school for two years when Kenneth joined the first year of the Prep in 1960. While at the Academy, he was a member of the Railway Society and the Sailing Team, in which he was Chief Bosun, but his passion was for photography and he was an active member of the Photographic Society and its Secretary from 1971 to 1973. On leaving, he went to Napier College to study photography and there branched out into publishing, being the founding editor of the college magazine and creating the college’s first handbook. He went on to become an advertising executive with Scottish County Press, the first magazine in Scotland to be produced using desktop publishing. In October 1982, he married Shona Stoddart and their daughter, Robyn, was born in May 1999. By the time of her birth, he had become a lecturer in media and advertising at Lauder College, Dunfermline, before setting up for them and lecturing in what was then the only full-time photography course in Scotland. In 2000, he and Shona founded the firm of Cockburn Publishing Ltd (Kenneth had been in Cockburn while at school) and he was still the Director there when he died of cancer in 2017, leaving Robyn as the company’s current director.

Bill (W.J.C.) Dunlop (EA 1956–63) on 10th November 2017 in Edinburgh. Bill left the Academy in March 1963 from the Geits, leaving no trail in the school’s records but showed up later at Stirling University. From 1984 to 1997, he worked in the community and adult education sector, becoming the Development Officer of the Action Connection Project, Edinburgh in 1997. More recently, he has been a prolific theatre and literary reviewer for edinburghguide.com. His final review, on What Shadows at the Royal Lyceum Theatre, was published less than two months before his death last year.

Alastair (A.J.) Durie (EA 1953–64) on 5th October 2017 in Larbert. Alastair was born on 4th August 1946 in Edinburgh. He and his younger brother, Roy (EA 1953–66), both came to the Academy in 1953, Alastair joining the IILs in the Prep. He was a keen sportsman, a member of the Golf Team, playing in the Second XV and as Captain of the Third Cricket XI. He was also a member of the Chess Club and Captain of the Chess Team. On leaving the school, he went to Edinburgh University, from which he graduated MA in 1969 and PhD in 1973, the year that he also married Catherine Green of Yorkshire. Having originally intended to study law, he found himself taking up a series of academic posts in the University of Aberdeen, teaching economic history and ending up as Director of the Overseas Office. From Aberdeen, he moved to Glasgow University for 12 years and then to Stirling University as a lecturer and senior lecturer, retiring in 2017. He was an author of several books including Scottish Linen Industry in the Eighteenth Century (1978), Scotland for the Holidays? (2003), Water Is Best: The Hydros and Health Tourism in Scotland 1840–1940 (2007) and Travels in Scotland 1788–1881: A Selection from Contemporary Tourist Journals (2012). Alastair donated a copy of Scotland for the Holidays? about tourism in Scotland from the late eighteenth to early twentieth centuries, to the Academy Library in 2004 and it was reviewed in The Academical of that year (issue 14).

Brian (B.D.) Head (EA staff 1963–77) on 30th April 2017 in Braddan, Isle of Man. Brian was born in 1937 and went to school at Christ’s Hospital, Horsham, leaving there to become a Senior Scholar at King’s College Cambridge. He was clearly born to be a teacher and his first appointment was at the King’s School, Rochester. He came to the Academy in 1965, taking over the mantle of Head of Music from Donald James (EA staff 1960–65), who had left to join the BBC. In addition to maintaining the Chapel Choir, he built up a voluntary choir of boys and masters that numbered 160 at its peak. He also encouraged the development of instrumental music, not only in the traditional orchestral format but with other string, wind and brass ensembles. He was also involved in a number of school activities including sports, skiing and helping to give pupils the outdoor experience that was Blair House. The Academy had the good fortune to have him at the musical helm in 1974, when we celebrated our 150th anniversary with, amongst other things, a concert in the Usher Hall, which culminated with Carl Orff’s colossal Carmina Burana.

Edinburgh itself benefitted from his musical talents: he founded a chamber choir and for several years conducted the Edinburgh Royal Choral Union. And Edinburgh was going to continue to benefit when he left the Academy in 1977 to take up the post of headmaster of the Primary Department of the recently merged Daniel Stewart’s and Melville College. He took with him his son, Sebastian, who had been at the Academy for only one year in the Prep (EA 1976–77). Brian was to remain in that post for twelve years before heading off to become headmaster of AberLOUR House, taking over the reins from Sir Toby Coghill, who had held the post for a quarter of a century. Brian’s time at the helm was not to be for as long, however, and he left in 1990 to take up the post of headmaster at the Buchan School in the Isle of Man. The Buchan School had been the preparatory school for King William’s College in Castletown and in 1991, the two schools were amalgamated.

In the same way that Edinburgh had benefitted from Brian’s passion for music, so too did the Isle of Man. In 1992, he set up the Buchan Community Choir, similar in many respects to the current EA Choral Society, a musical focus for parents and friends of the school. He was also Director and Conductor of the Tallis Consort, a post he held until 2015. He was last in touch with the Academy in 2011, when he sent us a touching letter congratulating the Chamber Choir (together with its conductor and pianist) on its success in the Songs of Praise School Choir of the Year Competition in Sheffield.

John (J.F.) Macdonald (EA 1943–45) in late 2017. John was born on 16th February 1935, the son of a civilian paperworker in Catterick Garrison, Yorkshire. Living with his maternal grandparents in Ravelston, he attended the Academy in the IILs and IILs of the Prep school. His grandfather, Duncan R. Macdonald had also been at the Academy (EA 1873–78). The school lost touch with him but he showed up later as a picture framer, owning his own business of Michaelmas Cottage Productions near Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk. In retirement, he moved overseas to the Dordogne.
Rev Alastair (J.A.) MacNaughton (EA 1968–72) on 20th October 2017 in Berwick-upon-Tweed. Alastair was a son of the manser, born on 21st October 1954 in Wooler, Northumberland. While he was at Wooler County Primary School, his parents applied for him to be admitted to the Academy in 1968; his maternal grandfather, James H. Elder, had been here (EA 1908–11). He joined the IVths as a boarder in Jeffrey House, becoming a day boy the following year. He shone in classics at school, winning the Kyd Prize in the Vths, the Blair Prize in the VIths and winning an Open Scholarship to St John’s College, Oxford. Though he left in December 1972 he was awarded the Blair Prize again in 1973 and was also Dux for that year. After a degree in classics and Russian, he went up to Ridley Hall, Cambridge to read theology. He married Diana Sawkins, whom he had met in Oxford, in August 1979 and after graduating, he was ordained deacon in Birmingham diocese, becoming assistant curate at St James, Rouds Green, in 1981. He moved to become team vicar in the parish of Bestwood, Nottingham, and vicar of Amble and vocations adviser for the Diocese of Newcastle. Latterly, he became Director of Developing Discipleship with the Lindisfarne Regional Training Partnership and moved to Berwick-upon-Tweed. In 2017, his translation from the Russian of Alexander Men’s book The Wellsprings of Religion was published; in the translator’s testimony and acknowledgements, he mentions his classics master at the Academy. (Image 1) based on a letter from his wife

Mike (M.T.R.) Marwick (EA 1943–52) on 28th October 2017. Mike was born in Edinburgh on 9th March 1934. He joined the Academy in the Prep Vths in 1943 and during his time at the school, became a first class sportsman and athlete, captaining the First XV and vice-captain of the Second XI both for three years and being a member of the Athletics Team in his final year at the school. He won the Fairbairn Cup in 1951 and 1952. After leaving the school, he played for the Edinburgh Accies and captained the XV twice. He graduated from the Edinburgh School of Agriculture with National Diplomas in agriculture and dairying and naturally went into farming at Wallowater Farm, Howgate. In 1961, he married Rosemary Baird and they had two sons, who also attended the Academy, Robert (1971–78) and George (1972–81).

Michael (M.R.) Richards (EA staff 1958–85) on 18th October 2017 in Edinburgh. Michael was an Old Sedberghian (1944–48), where he was a member of Evans House, a distinction shared with a former Academical and legendary golfer, Frederick Guthrie Tait (EA 1879–83). He was a Music Exhibitioner, school prefect and played in the 2nd XV. He went on to read classics at the Queen’s College, Oxford, after which he served with the Intelligence Corps in Cyprus during National Service before beginning a career in teaching. He came to the Academy from Liverpool College in 1958, employed principally as a classicist to teach Latin and Greek. This he did with characteristic zeal, though it was his teaching of English for which he is perhaps best remembered. This obituarist, who was not taught by him, found himself under the spotlight when he first edited The Academical. Michael remarked to an erstwhile colleague that he did not recall the new editor but that he certainly had not learnt his syntax of punctuation in his English class. It was his linguistic precision that earned him the task of editing school prospectuses and finally The Chronicle for seven years.

But it would be wrong to dwell on his use of English without referring to his teaching of classics. Alastair Learmont (EA 1972–81) remembers his kindness and humanity with immense affection and recalls how he and Ian Murphy (EA 1976–83 d.2013) ‘arrived in V Greek as lugubrious and ... unruly adolescents’ Michael, however, treated them as adults and ‘his Greek classes offered the sanctuary we inwardly craved. We could genuinely be ourselves.’ In a valedictory essay in The Chronicle, John Harrison wrote of him that his writing would always include ‘appropriate spicing with classical allusions, which were greek to many and Greek to the ‘passionate few’ for whom they were intended.’

John wrote that ‘his career personified much that makes schoolmastering more than just a job.’ Michael immersed himself in the life of the school. He was also a musician, one of Brian Head’s ‘schoolmaster musicians’ and played the viola in school productions and concerts. He was a sportsman, running rugby and cricket practices and an army officer in the CCF, in which rôle he developed some-

thing of a fearsome persona when it came to the length of cadets’ hair, as told in ‘Harry’s Tale’ by Douglas Shaw (EA 1954–66), published in The Academical (issue 14).

He retired early in 1985 ‘for personal rea-

sons.’ In later years, the tinnitus from which he suffered became all but intolerable. He would attend Academical reunions but found that chatting in the mêlée of the Hall was painful. Instead, he would patiently sit in the Portico and there speak with former pupils on their way in and out. This also suited his characteristic modesty and there was always a cohort of former classicists around him.

He was married to Maimie for 57 years and they had four children: Hugh, Alison, Clare and Daniel. It is typical of his and Maimie’s perspective on life that, despite the provision made for children of staff, none of them were educated at the Academy.

Sheriff Muir (A.M.G.) Russell (EA 1932–38) on Christmas Day 2017 in Aultbea. Muir was born on 28th October 1925, the son of Lord Russell, a Senator of the College of Justice. He entered the first year of the Prep in 1932 and left from the Lower IVths in December 1938 to complete his education in Wellington School. His progression to higher education was interrupted by the War as he joined the Scots Guards serving in France in the British Liberation Army and then in the British Army of the Rhine. In 1947, he resumed his education at Brasenose College, Oxford, graduating BA in jurisprudence in 1949 before heading to Edinburgh to complete his LLB in 1951. In the same year, he was admitted a member of the Faculty of Advocates. In 1954, he married Margaret Millar and their two sons, Douglas and Graham were both at the Edinburgh Academy (EA 1963–76 and 1967–71-74–80 respectively). One of the cases in which he was involved while a Junior was the ‘Harris Tweed Case’, in which he spent much of 1963 and 1964 in court helping to establish the definition of cloth that was to be sold as Harris Tweed. In 1965, he was appointed as a QC and in 1971 became the Sheriff of Grampian, Highland and Islands in Aberdeen. To honour his services to the public, he was awarded the CBE in 1989. He retired in 1991 to Aultbea, near Gairloch, continuing to play golf on the nine-hole course there well into his eighties. He was also an accomplished pianist.

Sir Ninian (N.M.) Stephen (EA 1933–36) on 29th October 2017 in Melbourne, Australia. Ninian was born on 15th June 1923 in Oxfordshire. His mother was a paid companion for Ninia Myline, a wealthy Australian heiress. They moved to Edinburgh in 1929 and he joined the Academy from George Watsons School. In January 1933, leaving from the Ilirs for St Paul’s School in London in December 1936. In 1940, following the outbreak of the War,
Nina, Ninian and his mother moved to Australia where Ninian completed his first year at the University of Melbourne, studying law. With the entry of Japan into the War, Ninian enlisted in the Australian Army, serving in Western Australia and then New Guinea. He was commissioned as a lieutenant in 1945 and continued to serve in New Guinea, in New Britain and in Borneo. After having been discharged in 1946, he returned to university and later graduated LLB. He joined the Victoria Bar in 1951 and in 1966 was appointed Queen’s Counsel. He was appointed to Victoria’s Supreme Court in 1970 and the High Court of Australia in 1972, the year he was given his KBE. He was made a Privy Counsellor in 1979 and a Knight of Australia in 1982, the year that he was appointed Governor General of Australia. He remained in that post through two different administrations, standing down in February 1989. In 1992, he worked on the Peace Process in Northern Ireland and in 1993, was appointed to the war crimes tribunal in the Hague, examining cases from Bosnia, Cambodia and Rwanda. He was made a Knight of the Garter in 1994. Well known for having no interest in sport, which is all the more unusual in a country like Australia, he was appointed to the Ethics Committee of the International Olympic Commission in 2000. He was 94 when he died and was accorded a State Funeral that took place in Melbourne on 8th November 2017. 

Derek (D.M.) Tough (EA 1933–38) on 13th October 2017 in Edinburgh. Derek was born on 5th June 1927, the son of Frederick Tough, a medical practitioner in Morningside, Edinburgh. He came to the Academy in the first year of the Prep on October 1933 and left from the Prep Vths in 1938. From here, he attended Croftinloan Preparatory School in Pitlochry and then moved to Canada. He returned to Scotland in 1944 and completed his schooling at Kirkcudbright Academy. He served in the RAF as a photographer from 1946 to 1948 and, awarded a Senior Scholarship in Agriculture, then took a degree in agriculture at the University of Edinburgh, graduating BSc in 1951. He later joined the Lands Staff of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland. His elder brother, Ian, was also at the Academy (EA 1931–37), emigrated to Canada in 1969 and died in October 1999.

Graham (G.A.G.) Anderson (EA 1937–46) on 13th March 2018 in Edinburgh. While at the Academy. Graham was an athlete, a member of the tennis VI and 1st XV and became a sergeant in the Junior Training Corps. After National Service in the Gunners, he went up to Oxford in 1948 and graduated with an MA in 1991. He qualified as a CA in 1955 and worked for Price Waterhouse in Vancouver for three years before moving to the International Finance Corporation in Washington DC. Returning to Edinburgh in 1962, he continued to work as a CA before becoming Managing Director of Thomson McIntosh in 1973. In 1987, he moved to the Netherlands to become the Director of International Publishers BV. He retired to Edinburgh with his wife, Jo, in 2007 and continued to play squash until in his eighties. He was also a keen skier and hill walker. 

George (G.L.H.) Barlee (EA 1939–44) on 10th February 2018 in Edinburgh. George came to the Academy from Hymers College, Hull, during the war years and so joined the school at Hartree House in Biggar. He became a corporal in the Junior Training Corps but chose to serve in the Royal Navy in the closing years of the war and during national service. He was sponsored at Leathersellers Technical College, London, by J. Hewit & Sons, tanners and leatherworkers in Edinburgh. He joined the company in 1950 and eventually became Managing Director, a post now held by his son, Roger (EA 1967–80). In 1961, he married Mary McLean of Haddington and in addition to Roger, their daughter, Rosemary, also attended the Academy (EA 1980–81). In retirement, they lived in West Linton, where Mary died in 2013.

David (W.D.D.) Darling (EA 1945–51) in February 2018 in Chichester. David was born in 1933, the son of an Edinburgh hotelier. He and his younger brother James arrived at the Academy in January 1945, David joining the Geits and James the Prep Vths. David played for the 2nd XV for two years and both brothers left from the Vths in 1951. On leaving school, he started out on a career in accountancy. In 1958, he married Dorothy Strachan and they had three children, Chris, Andy and Jackie. Following redundancy in 1978, David became a countryside ranger for Lothian Region and was treasurer of the Scottish Countryside Rangers Association. He and Dorothy were keen sailors and prominent members of the Royal Forth Yacht Club, of which David was Commodore from 1999 to 2001. They retired to Keltneyburn, near Aberfeldy, where Dorothy died in February 2016. David’s nephew, Nicholas Hunter, was also at the Academy (EA 1962–73).
Iain (I.M.) Dobbie (EA 1945–58) on 1st June 2018 in Edinburgh. Iain was born on 7th March 1940, the second son of Andrew and Dora Dobbie. Dora’s brothers, James and John Manuel had been at the Academy (EA 1916–21 and 1925–34 respectively) and Iain’s brother, Denys (A.D.M. EA 1942–50), was three years above him when he joined the first year of the Prep in 1945. He played in the Hockey First XI and was a sergeant in the CCF and a Junior Ephor. He left school in the Vths for the Edinburgh and East of Scotland College of Agriculture, from where he graduated with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1962. After spending some time in Australia and New Zealand, he became and Assistant Farm Manager at Bush and later Farms Manager at MacRobert Farms in Aberdeenshire. In July 1971, he married Shona Masterton and in the mid-1970s, they moved to Gloucestershire where he became a management consultant in agriculture and in 1980 to Hampshire to return to farm and estate management. In 1985, he returned to education and graduated with a master’s degree in Business Management from Heriot Watt University in 1987, then moving to the Isle of Bute, where he was managing director of Rothesay Seafoods. In retirement, he moved back to Edinburgh. Throughout his life, Iain kept in regular touch with the Academy and attended several reunions.

David (J.D.L.) Fairbairn (EA 1944–54) on 13th July 2018. David was born two days before Christmas in 1935. He followed a previous generation of Fairbairns to the school: his father, James (EA 1912–24) and his uncles, David (EA 1912–25) and Leslie (EA 1914–27). In 1988, his great great grandfather, James Fairbairn Snr, had been a founding member of the Balerno Burns Club. While at school, David was a keen sportsman and won colours for the First XV, the First Cricket XI and the Athlet- ics Team. He won several prizes including the Balfour-Kinnear Cup in 1953 and 1954 and the Bradbury Shield in 1954. On leaving school, he was apprenticed to Graham Smart & Annan CA and qualified CA in 1961. He then joined the family printing firm of James Turner & Co, of which he became Sole Partner in the 1970s. In June 1964, he married Alison Roddick of Dumfriesshire and they went on to have two children, Catriona and Graham (EA 1973–86). The firm of James Turner & Co changed its name to David Fairbairn Ltd in 1981 and he became its Managing Director. He was also a Director of its holding company, Pillans & Wilson. On retirement he moved to Gullane, a Director of its holding company, Pillans & Wilson. On retirement he moved to Gullane, where he lived until his death earlier this year.

Peter (P.J.) Heavens (EA 1946–53) on 10th January 2018, aged 81. Peter was a proud Accie, having joined the Academy in 1946 in the Prep Vths as a boarder in Mackenzie House. He also had spells in Dundas House and Scott House, leaving the school from the Vths in 1953. While at school, he was in the Signals Section of the CCF and was awarded the Ozanne Cup. After National Service with the RAF in 1958–59, Peter travelled the world (Africa, Asia and the Middle East), working for Barclay’s Bank Overseas until his retirement. He was seconded to Barclay’s Bank of Nigeria as Branch Manager in 1967. By 1977, he was in Cairo and it seemed that wherever he went, he bumped into other Accies and would faithfully inform the Academy Club of their whereabouts. In 1982, he moved to Riyadh, where he continued to be the Accie rep for the Middle East. In 1984, he was appointed Assistant General Manager of Barclay’s Bank in Hong Kong. He stayed three years, writing to the Club that he regretted having met only one Accie there, Ronnie McAulay (R.J. EA 1949–53). His final stint was back to Nigeria, where he worked with the Union Bank of Nige- ria in Lagos for two years until his retirement. He returned to the UK in 1989, living first in Charnmouth, Dorset and latterly Hythe in Kent. In Peter’s memory, the family have asked all that knew him to please consider donations to the Alzheimer’s Society. (Image 1) based on letter from Catherine Pickas (daughter)

Richard (R.J.A.) Henderson (EA 1939–47) on 10th July 2018 in Edinburgh. Richard was born on 9th December 1929 and came to the Acad- emy, joining the Prep Vths in 1939. He was a member of the Shooting VII and represented the school in the Cadet Pairs at Bisley in 1947, the year he left the Academy. He also won the Mill English Prize. From school, he took a civil engineering apprenticeship before going to Edinburgh University, where he graduated with a BSc in Civil Engineering in 1953. This was followed by National Service in the Royal Engineers from 1954–56, after which he joined ICI Ltd., spending six years there, during which time he became a chartered engi- neer. After a further six years of experience with industrial, consulting and contracting firms, he joined Blyth & Blyth, Consulting and Structural Engineers in Edinburgh. The notice in the Scotsman reads that he died aged 88 ‘after a long illness’.

Prof Norman (N.L.) Lawrie (EA 1945–50) on 12th February 2018 in Edinburgh. Norman was born on 19th August 1931, the son of James Lawrie, a schoolmaster in Peebles, and Caroline, née Elder, whose brother and nephew had both been at the Academy (J.S. EA 1908–10 & J.A.E. EA 1943–52). Norman shone at school, winning both music and mathematics prizes. He was an accomplished pianist and played with the school orchestra and in Musical Society concerts. He finished his career here as Dux for 1950. He won a Major Scholarship to Gorville and Caius Col- lege, Cambridge and graduated MA in 1953 and with a Diploma in Maths and Statistics in 1954. He worked for a while with IBM and Bruce Peebles in Edinburgh before securing a post as a lecturer in the Department of Operational Research at Strathclyde Univer- sity. He moved to the Department of Manage- ment Sciences as a senior lecturer and later became head of the department. He had a personal professorship and continued at the department on a part-time basis in semi-re- tirement. He and his wife retired to her home town of Haddington, where Caroline died in December 2011. He is survived by his three children, Madeleine, Catriona and Kenneth and four grandchildren. (Image 2)


Ronald (Ronnie) Mackay (EA 1924–35), a Second World War pilot and ‘One of the few’ in the Battle of Britain, passed away on 4 August 2018 aged 101. Ronnie was born in Edinburgh on 26 June 1917, the son of William Mackay, a
Ronnie married, in 1942, Yvonne Hills, an actress from Elstree, Hertfordshire, whom he had met during his recuperation in London. They divorced in 1953, and Ronnie married Anne Wards Allan in 1958. He married his third wife Jessie Wightman, née Paxton in 1986. The couple lived at Fettes Rise, close to Ronnie's childhood home at Inverleith Terrace. He is survived by Jessie, his son, Reay (EA 1949–53), his daughter Karyn, and stepchildren Isobel and William. (Image 3) (with extracts from The Scotsman Newspaper, 16 August 2018)

Andrew McMillan (EA 1960–70) Honorary Archivist

Michael (M.J.M.) Macphail (EA 1962–70) on 20th April 2018, very suddenly on the Isle of Man. Michael was born on 1st September 1952, the son of John A.R. “Trash” Macphail (EA 1934–41). His grandfather was William M. Crabbie (EA 1900–11). Brought up in Perth, where he attended Craighlaw School, his parents moved to Edinburgh in April 1962, when he joined the Academy in the Prep IVths. He left the school in 1970. Later, summarising his own career for us in 1989, Michael described himself as “sometime builder, full time owner of shop/café, full time opposer of unreasoned authority wherever found”. The shop/café that he owned was the Dowally Craft Centre and Café on the A9 south of Pitlochry. The ‘sometime builder’ references the fact that he built the said café and craft shop himself, though it is acknowledged with some specialist help from electricians and plumbers. The ‘opposer of unreasoned authority’ was played out, amongst other things, by his opposition to mining development west of Pitlochry, running a campaign that saw the project in this tourist area of Scotland eventually dropped.

Duncan (D.A.) McDougall (EA 1945–46, 48–50) on 27th June 2018 in Patthhead. Duncan was born on 4th July 1937, the son of Lt. Col. Douglas McDougall MC of the Royal Scots, who was stationed in Edinburgh at the end of the war, when Duncan first came to the school. He was in the Prep IVths for a year before leaving for two years but returning for two years in 1948. In 1950, he went to Lancing College before heading to Royal Naval College, Dartmouth for three years. He served in the Navy for a further two years as a sub-lieutenant before leaving to work in the textile industry and then train as an estate agent.
Lesley Greig, whom he married in 1955, was the son of Academical David W.L.M. Greig (EA 1910–14) and his younger brother, David C. Greig, was also at the school (EA 1936–39). Ian and Lesley’s two sons, Malcolm and Colin, were also at the Academy (EA 1963–73 and EA 1963–71 respectively). (Image 1)

Robert (R.H.) Morris (EA 1959–68) on 14th June 2018 in Wiltshire. Robert was born on 13th August 1953, the son of John L. Morris (EA 1928–38); Robert’s uncle, Stanley S. Morris was also at the school (EA 1944–48). He joined the Academy in the first year of the Prep and in his time here showed interest in pottery, chess, art and model making. He left from the Illrs in 1968. He was trained as a gardener by the National Trust for Scotland at its School of Gardening at Threave, near Castle Douglas. He worked at West Midlands Safari Park in its early years and was appointed gardener at Conholt Park, Wiltshire, in 1988. One of his achievements there was to help design and plant a laurel maze in the shape of a foot. This can be seen well on Google Earth and is used as a landmark by pilots on military exercises for an MSc course at the London Graduate School of Business Studies, completing the degree in 1973. While in London, in 1972, he married Ann Peet and they went on to have four children: Stuart, Caroline, Alistair and Sarah. He had a passion for the business world and after being made redundant from the position of managing director of Spode China, famously bought another pottery firm, Berkshire China, for £1. After five years, the company had grown from having four workers and a turnover of £160,000 to one with seventy workers and a turnover of two million pounds. In 1992, he was diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease and eased himself out of the business world, setting himself the challenge of working with budding entrepreneurs through the Young Enterprise charity and the Staffordshire Business Initiative Project. Alistair went on from the VIIths for Aberdeen University, where he graduated LLB in 1985. With regret, the Academical Club lost track of him and his brother after they left the school.

Hugh Padley (EA 1955–64) on 26th January 2018 in Stoke-on-Trent. Hugh was born on 2nd May 1946. He came to the Academy in the Prep IVths, boarding at Mackenzie House. He remained a boarder throughout his time at the school ending up as Head of Scott House. He was in the school chess team and the golf team as well as playing in the Second XV and the Cricket First XI; he won the Cricket Bowling Trophy in 1964. He went up to Trinity College, Cambridge and graduated BA in Mechanical Engineering in 1968. After three years working in Dorset, he signed up for an MSC course at the London Graduate School of Business Studies, completing the degree in 1973. While in London, in 1972, he married Ann Peet and they went on to have four children: Stuart, Caroline, Alistair and Sarah. He had a passion for the business world and after being made redundant from the position of managing director of Spode China, famously bought another pottery firm, Berkshire China, for £1. After five years, the company had grown from having four workers and a turnover of £160,000 to one with seventy workers and a turnover of two million pounds. In 1992, he was diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease and eased himself out of the business world, setting himself the challenge of working with budding entrepreneurs through the Young Enterprise charity and the Staffordshire Business Initiative Project. He left from the Illrs in 1968. He was trained as a gardener by the National Trust for Scotland at its School of Gardening at Threave, near Castle Douglas. He worked at West Midlands Safari Park in its early years and was appointed gardener at Conholt Park, Wiltshire, in 1988. One of his achievements there was to help design and plant a laurel maze in the shape of a foot. This can be seen well on Google Earth and is used as a landmark by pilots on military exercises

David (D.C.) Nicholson (EA 1976–81) suddenly on 24th April 2018. David was born on 29th August 1964, the son of Hazel and the late Sheriff Principal Gordon Nicholson, CBE. Though his father had been at George Watson’s College, David and his younger brother, Robin (EA 1976–83) were both sent to the Academy to finish their education. David was a lance corporal in the CCF and completed his Silver Duke of Edinburgh’s Award. He left from the VIIths for Aberdeen University, where he graduated LLB in 1985. With regret, the Academical Club lost track of him and his brother after they left the school.

Michael (M.S.) Rohan (EA 1956–69) on 12th August 2018 in Edinburgh. Michael was born on 21st January 1951, the son of Philippe Rohan, a dental surgeon of French descent, who lived in Edinburgh. He joined the school in Denham Green in 1956 and left in December 1969 with an Open Exhibition to read English at St Edmund Hall, Oxford. While at school, he had been a member of the Arts and Debating Societies and won the Douglas English Prize for the year 1969–70. In 1974, Michael graduated with an MA in jurisprudence, a qualification that in no way betrayed his future career. While at Oxford, he had joined the Science Fiction Group and it was as an author, under the name of Michael Scott Rohan, that he first made his name, publishing science fiction and fantasy novels. He published several books jointly with Alan Scott, when he had met at Oxford and his first book, Run to the Stars, was published in 1982. Between then and 2001, he published over a dozen other novels and works of non-fiction. Being fluent in French and German, he also wrote German versions of several of his novels. His other claim to fame was as a music writer and reviewer, notably in the BBC Music Magazine, whose obituary of him is acknowledged here as a source. He was an authority on Wagner, no doubt warming to the fantastical nature of many of his operas. He also wrote on Berlioz, Dvořák, Mozart, Sibelius and Verdi as well as ‘a number of impeccably researched and colourfully written articles about early 20th-century English composers’ (BBC Music Magazine). After being diagnosed with a terminal illness at the start of the millennium, he stopped writing novels but he continued with the surrounding area but had to resign due to ill health in 2015. In 2007, he had led the opposition to Donald Trump’s bid to build a golfing resort in the northeast of
Scotland. The successful campaign whose aim, amongst other things, was to protect the fragile dune environment, was famously overturned by Alex Salmond when he was First Minister.

Ian (I.G.O.) Sneddon (EA staff 1974–91) on 10th June 2018 in Edinburgh. Ian arrived at the Academy Prep (as it was then known) in August 1974 and was given a brief to teach science in a former kitchen, where it had been started only a short time before. By the time he retired in 1991 that dark, dank kitchen had become a great hive of very exciting and purposeful scientific activity for eight to ten year old boys. One Academical particularly remembers learning about aerodynamics and Bernoulli’s principle of flight by creating flying models, parachutes and balloons and flying them outside. He also remembers learning about concepts of buoyancy using simple tanks of water. These ‘experiments’ were ingenious, because Ian himself made them all up with any such material as he could lay his hands on. He would spend many hours after school getting joiners and others to cut out slabs of wood etc. to the shape and length he required. He then would spend an even longer time alone in his ‘lab’ building up his material into something that could be handled safely by his young pupils. On one or two occasions, Ian admitted to me, he would steal quietly out into the night and, under the cover of darkness, help himself to some things he found in rubbish dumps!

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Robert (R.F.) Waterston (EA 1930–42) on 28th July 2018 in Grantown on Spey. Robert was born into the family that owned George Waterston & Sons on 29th April 1924, the third of four Academical brothers. Moreover, he was a member of an extended family of Academicals, including numerous Water- stons and several Sandemans. He joined the Academy in April 1930 in Prep I (overflow) just after his eldest brother, George (EA 1918–29) had left the school. His brother Malcolm (EA 1925–37) was by this time in the Upper School and he was to be in the Upper School too by the time that his younger brother, Alexander (EA 1937–49) was admitted. He was a keen sportsman, captain of the squash team, captain of the 2nd XV in 1941–42 and playing in the 1st XV at times between 1940 and 1942, in which year he was the captain. After leaving school, he served in the RAF Volunteer Reserve as a navigator. After the war, he graduated from the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College in Edinburgh and became MRCVS in 1950. From there, he headed to general practice in Fife. He was an active hillwalker and is one of the small band of EA Munroists. Writing to us in 2010, Robert was able to boast the title of Munroist Longus, having taken the longest time to complete the Round. He climbed his first Munro, Carn Liath (Beinn a’ Ghlo) in 1935, aged eleven, and his final, Mullach nan Dheiragain, in 2004 at the age of eighty. In 1951, he mar -

Prof Donald (D.M.) Weir (EA 1935–46) on 11th November 2017 in Edinburgh. Donald was born on 16th September 1928, the eldest of three boys to go to the Academy. He joined the Academy in 1935 in the first year of the Prep and while in the IVths, won the Prize for Piping in the Reserve Band in 1943. After leaving the school, he did his National Service as a corporal in the RAMC, after which he went to Edinburgh University, graduating MBChB in 1955. From 1957 to 1961, he was a research fellow at the MRC Rheumatism Research Unit, after which he lectured in immunology at the Bacteriological Department of Edinburgh Uni -

Jock (J.Q.) Younie (EA 1968–80) on 18th April 2018 in Edinburgh. Jock was an Edinburgh lad, born and bred. He was the middle of three children and was educated at the Academy, attending there from the age of five. After leaving school, Jock spent some time travelling around America and Canada with another
Accie whilst deciding what path to follow next. He opted to study Statistics & Economics at Aberdeen University, and then completed further education at Stirling University, where he attained his Certificate of Accountancy.

After university Jock started his career in accountancy at Deloitte’s. He completed his training there as an accountant, but decided that he wanted to be an in-house accountant so that he could become part of a business and contribute to it from the inside. He left Deloitte’s in 1994 to become the financial controller at Ballantyne Cashmere in Innerleithen. He remained in the worlds of accountancy and textiles for many years. Latterly he made a switch to the renewable energy and engineering sectors by taking on the financials for Pelarims Wave Power in Leith. Jock was interested not only in the number-crunching but also in learning about the raw material, the manufacturing process and the final product, whether it was cashmere, weaving or surface tidal power.

In 2001 Jock married Fiona in Kirkcudbright and a year after that their daughter, Molly, was born. Jock’s passions in life were golf and horse racing. He was a member of the Bruntsfield Links Golfing Society, the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, the Pirates Golfing Society and the Edinburgh Academical Golf Club. He was a successful amateur golfer and, amongst other things, represented the Accies in competitions. He followed the horses and attended race meetings. He loved the sport of it as well as being able to bring his accounting skills to bear on analysing the form and assessing the odds. He was so successful with the horses during this illness that, only three weeks before his death, one on-line bookmaker refused to take any more bets from him and closed his account for fear that he was going to hit the Mother Lode.

Jock maintained his links to Academy through playing Accies golf and squash, and he followed Accies cricket and rugby with interest. His greatest pleasure was being a husband and father. He is survived by Fiona and Molly.

Sheriff A.G.W. Carmichael (EA 1968–80)Griselda Fyfe (Hon. Academical 2010–18) on 15th October 2018 very suddenly at home in Edinburgh. Griselda was born in March 1936, the youngest of three children. Like her elder sister, Muriel, she attended St George’s, while their brother, Douglas, went to the Edinburgh Academy (1935–43). After leaving school, she trained in domestic science and pursued a successful career in catering, eventually becoming Head of Catering at the Edinburgh College of Art. It seemed to many later on that her true vocation was in archival research for in her retirement, she became an outstanding local historian and genealogist. She had a legendary memory and an encyclopaedic knowledge of Edinburgh and Edinburgh society. She was a member of the St George’s Old Girls Association and there made a unique contribution, tracing the lives of countless Old Girls and their families.

Her brother, Douglas, played a huge part in the production of the Academy List 1824–1995, tracking down so many of ‘missing’ Academicals, all before the dawning of the Internet age. After he died in 1999, Griselda began to send announcements from the newspapers to the Academical Club Office. We were not the only benefactors: she sent similar clippings to George Watsons and, of course, St George’s, and she continued to do this until the month she died. She provided enormous help to Eileen Mackintosh in her book, From Gallipoli with Love, recounting letters sent by her father Charles Mackintosh (EA 1901–07) from the Mediterranean in 1915. This was to be a forerunner to the research that she did for Pro Patria Mori, the stories of the 303 Academicals who died in the Great War. She was unrelenting in her efforts to track down information on those Academicals whose names had not found their way to the bronze plaques on the Academy War Memorial. Those names were added just before Armistice Day this year and how proud she was that they were to be commemorated at last. How sad it was that she died only weeks before the rededication.

Through all this, she was essentially a private person, very modest and unassuming about her many gifts and talents. She shunned the limelight, as during the book launch for Pro Patria Mori, which she attended but at which she did not speak; but those who sought her out in the audience would have caught a glimpse of the immense honour she felt in having played a part in the publication, and also the huge compassion that she had for her ‘lost boys’. She was impatient to get to work on a book to commemorate those lost in the Second World War and has given us a running start by finding no less than three Academicals who died in the conflict but whose names are not on the memorial. Those who write that book will sorely miss her dedication.

Although she was acknowledged each year in The Academical, most Club members would be unaware of the substantial contributions she made, but in recognition for the work that she had done for us, the Edinburgh Academical Club elected her as an Honorary Life Member in 2010. She wore the pendant that she received with immense pride.

Alan Fyfe (EA 1957–69) — largely based on private correspondence from Eileen Mackintosh.
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‘Put your phone down and see the bigger picture’

‘Choose a career field that excites you, not one that will earn you a lot of money’

‘It is just as important to be interested as interesting. Ask open questions and listen to what people say. You’ll be amazed what people tell you if you ask’

‘Communicate, collaborate and challenge. Enter into conversation and you’ll be amazed at the results’

‘Travel — it opens your mind to a whole different world of people, culture and experiences’

‘Develop an early habit of reading about self-development, biographies of important historical figures, opportunities in the current global economy and other useful non-fiction. Reading is maybe the only common habit that the world’s top performers across all industries share’

‘Don’t just learn a language, learn to speak it too — no matter what you want to do next’

‘Always work on building your network as you never know at what stage of life and how often it is useful’

‘Never turn your back on anyone and strive to help others any way you can. Selfless commitment will help you achieve much’

‘Never give up: perseverance, a willingness to work hard, and a positive mind set are key to a happy and fulfilling life’

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