

2024 - 2025



LENZIE ACADEMY

Annual Prize-Giving

Wednesday 28 May 2025

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PROGRAMME

<i>Music</i>	<i>‘Dat Dere’</i>	Jazz Band
Introduction and welcome	Brian Paterson	Head Teacher
Report	Brian Paterson	Head Teacher
Presentation of Awards	Brian Paterson	S4 – S6
<i>Music</i>	<i>‘Sensual’</i> by Astor Piazzolla	Matt Swanson, Acoustic Guitar
Presentation of Awards	Brian Paterson	Special Awards
Vote of Thanks	Hope McKay Cara Quince	School Captains
<i>Music</i>	<i>‘Road Song’</i>	Jazz Band

FOURTH YEAR AWARDS

The George McLean Young Prize for Administration & IT and the prize for Applications of Mathematics	Jessica	Cree
The Allison Prize for Art & Design (joint)	Hazel	Griffen
The Allison Prize for Art & Design (joint) Biology and Mathematics	Evana	Chou
Business Management	Ruariadh	Borthwick
The Kirkintilloch Miners' Welfare Prize for Chemistry	Ellis	Stewart
Computing Science	Heather	McArthur
Dance	Keira	Dean
Engineering Science	Molly	Rookes
English	Charley	McAllister
French and History	Zoe	Wilbraham
Geography and Health & Food Technology	Martha	Millen
Graphic Communication	Ya Ying	Zheng

FOURTH YEAR AWARDS

The McAllister Shield for Hospitality: Practical Cookery	Abbie	Gordon
Modern Studies	Aimear	Paul
The Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir Shield for Music	Fraser	Cay
National 5 Music Technology	Karl	Morrison
PE Studies (Joint)	Tyler Libby	Gardiner Kerr
The Kirkintilloch Miners' Welfare Prize for Physics	Angus	Fraser-Moodie
Practical Woodworking	Daniel	Deakin
Princes Trust xl Award	Skye	Shaw
Spanish	Fiona	Cresswell

FIFTH YEAR AWARDS

National 5 Administration & IT	Katie	Quah
Higher Administration & IT, National 5 Business Management and National 5 Practical Woodworking	Kathy	Shi
National 5 Art & Design	Minsin	Xie
Higher Art & Design and National 5 Spanish	Grace	Niel
Higher Business Management (joint)	Nicole Logan	McDougall Stein
National 5 Care	Grace	Morrison
National 5 Chemistry	Sara	McCormack
National 5 Computing Science	Molly	Millican
The Colin Brown Information Technology Trophy for Higher Computing Science	Aryan	Chaudhary
Higher Drama, National 5 Media Studies and National 5 Modern Studies	Mary	Tompkins
National 5 Dance	Lauren	Rae
National 5 English	Maia	McNeill
Higher ESOL	Qing Qing	Chen
Higher Fashion & Textile	Holly	Graham
Higher French	Eva	Rançon

FIFTH YEAR AWARDS

National 5 Geography	Brodie	Hillhouse
Higher Geography, The James Hamilton Memorial Cup for Higher Mathematics and the prize for The Ron McClure Memorial Cup for Higher Engineering Technological	Aidan	Ferris
National 5 Health & Food Technology	Lucy	Stevenson
Higher Health & Food Technology	Hayley	Amato
The Harry Asher Hayworth Memorial Prize for Higher History and the prize for National 5 Applications of Mathematics	Eilidh	McGuire
Higher Human Biology	Sophie	Caldwell
National 5 Mathematics	Esther	Campbell
Higher Applications of Mathematics	Eilidh	Leitch
The Baird Prize for Higher Modern Studies	Alexa	McIlhenny
The Macpherson Memorial Prize for Higher Music	Matt	Swanson
National 5 Music Technology	Eva	Freer
Higher PE Studies (joint)	Rose	McDermott
National 5 Practical Metalwork	Alexander	Mone
Higher Spanish	Alex	Guthrie

SIXTH YEAR AWARDS

The David Montgomery Award for Higher Accounting and the prize for National 5 Practical Cake Craft	Angel	Lin
Advanced Higher Business Management	Chloe	Chesney
Advanced Higher Chemistry	Nicola	Griffiths
Advanced Higher English	Matthew	Bridges
Advanced Higher Geography	Logan	O'Hare
Advanced Higher History and National 5 Retailing (joint)	Freyja	Spence
Advanced Higher Applied Mathematics – Mechanics and Advanced Higher Physics	William	Lin
Higher Photography	Freya	Smyth
National 5 Retailing (joint)	Grace	Clow
Higher Media Studies and Higher Politics	Elsa	Currie
National 5 Music	Olivia	Weatherston
The Alasdair Graham Award for Advanced Higher Music	Olivia	Spence
Higher Sociology	Jessica	Heathcote

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Jones Cup for All-Round Sporting Excellence

Douglas Knox

The McEwan Cup for Outstanding Sporting Achievement (Boys)

Harvey Preston

The Williamson Cup for Outstanding Sporting Achievement (Girls)

Keira Forrest

The Lynne McCosh award for Endeavour in Mathematics

Melissa McNaught

The Julian Roebuck Memorial Award (joint)

Kiera Kemp
Shona Laird

The Robert Muir Shield for Service to the School Community

Katherine Torbet

The Christine Slimming Award for Service to the Wider Community

Nadifo Osman Ali

The Morag Redpath Award

Sophie Burns

The Miller Reid Memorial Trophy for Personal Development / Achievement

Eve Buchanan

Advanced Higher Art & Design,
Advanced Higher Biology and
The Solsgirth Trophy for Contribution to the Arts.

Aditi Daniel

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Head Teacher's Certificate of Recognition of
the role of BGE Ambassador

Lucy Henderson
Jena Murray
Cayla Schofield
Emmanuella Shodunke
Iman Singh
Bethel Tesfay

The Head Teacher's Citizenship Award for
House-Captain

Elsie Orisawayi
Anna Price
Katherine Torbet

The Prize for Advanced Higher Mathematics,
The Ailsa McKay Award for Outstanding
Contribution to the House System and
The Head Teacher's Citizenship Award for
House-Captain

Calum MacLeod

The Head Teacher's Citizenship Award for
Vice-Captain

Archie Brown
Eilidh Pinkerton
Elizabeth Torbet
Sona Tomy

SPECIAL AWARDS

The School Representation Cup and
The Head Teacher's Award for School Captain

Hope McKay

The Local Area Sub-Committee Cup and
The Head Teacher's Award for School Captain

Cara Quince

The Prizes for
Higher Biology,
Higher Chemistry,
Higher Graphic Communication and
The Prize for **Runner-Up** to the **SENIOR DUX**
for Session 2024-2025

Matthew Giffen

The Prizes for;
The Johnston-Paul Prize for Higher English
Higher Physics
Higher PE Studies (joint)
and the Medal for
SENIOR DUX OF LENZIE ACADEMY
for Session 2024-2025

Angus Millar

Lenzie Academy PTA House Cup

The winner is ...

To be announced
at the BGE Prizegiving!



Many of our Trophies/Awards go back a number of years and the history of some of them is unknown. The following is a collective history that we have gathered from former staff and internet references we thought may be of interest.

Robert Muir Award – Donated by the family of a senior janitor of the school who retired in 1988 was always intended to be awarded to someone who went out of their way to help out around the school.

Miller-Reid Trophy – John Miller Reid an Aircraftman in the RAF killed by IRA bomb in 1988 at the RAF base on the Dutch/German border. Donated by his parents in his memory. His sister also attended Lenzie Academy

Solsgirth Trophy for the Arts – Donated in memory of Paula & Douglas Gray who founded and managed the Solsgirth Theatre and Arts Club which ran for many years in Solsgirth House in Kirkintilloch. When the club wound up there was a residue of monies in the club accounts and the committee decided that the most appropriate way of commemorating both Paula and Douglas and the club was to present a trophy to the three senior secondary schools in the area. The cup was to be presented annually to the student who had made a significant contribution to the arts.

The Williamson Cup for Outstanding Sporting Achievement – William (Billy) McInnes Williamson was born in Lenzie in 1922. He played for local junior clubs Kirkintilloch Rob Roy and Petershill before signing for Rangers in August 1941 and became a regular in the first team in the 1945/46 season, later he played for St Mirren and Stirling Albion. During the Second World War he served with the Royal Navy as a PE instructor. After retiring as a player he became a PE Teacher at Lenzie Academy becoming PT then Depute Head

Gareth McKeller Trophy for Sporting Achievement – Donated by the parents of Gareth, a former pupil who was keen in PE, tragically drowned in a quarry in Kilsyth. (*BGE Award*)

The Baird Prize for Higher Modern Studies –Each year the Baird family provide the Prize Winner with a personal card congratulating them on their achievement with a message that states:

“The Baird Prize in Modern Studies is awarded in recognition of the importance of Modern Studies in the school curriculum and its considerable relevance to the lives of young people.”

Matthew and Victoria both went on to study Law followed by postgraduate courses and both have successful careers. Matthew, as a Non Clinical Director, Neurosciences, in New York’s biggest hospital. He previously worked as a Private Secretary to several Health Ministers in Westminster. Victoria is a NGO in Sydney, monitoring and evaluating the impact of work done with disadvantaged client groups. She was previously a manager with Save the Children in a remote part of WA living and working in an Aboriginal community. Prior to moving to Australia she worked in South America.

Both Matthew and Victoria consider Modern Studies to have been the most relevant and valuable part of their education at Lenzie Academy. We are very grateful for the part it played in the fine people they have become! George Reid, the then Head of Department is to be commended for his dedication to the subject and his encouragement of students.

Colin Brown Trophy for Information Technology – Donated by Mr Brown former Head Teacher of Lenzie Academy 1978 – 1997.

Mr Brown had a long association with the school as he had started teaching at Lenzie in 1960 as a teacher of Chemistry, he moved to Wick High School in Caithness as Head of Science then Aberdeen Academy as Head of Chemistry then to Peterhead Academy as Depute Rector. Later moving to Merksworth High School in Paisley as Head Teacher and finally back to Lenzie as Rector.

Information Technology was fairly new at the time, being introduced in 1995, and was developing rapidly as a subject. As IT is now a major subject within Scottish education he would wish all those successfully studying the subject to use their knowledge to develop their own ideas and perhaps become one of Scotland’s entrepreneurs of the future. He donated the award when he retired.

The Alasdair Graham Trophy for Advanced Higher Music – donated by his niece Mrs Fiona Stevenson whose children attended Lenzie Academy the youngest attending from 2014.

Alasdair Graham former pupil of Lenzie Academy. Excelled in Music culminating in being chosen to represent Scotland at the 1951 Festival of Britain Piano Class. At the age of 16 he gained the L.R.A.M. Piano Performing Diploma then won an Edinburgh University Entrance Scholarship to study for the Bachelor of Music Degree. The Royal College of Music also awards a prize in his name.

The Macpherson Memorial Prize for Music – we believe was donated by Ian Macpherson in memory of his dad the Rev John Macpherson minister of St Andrew's UF Church in Kirkintilloch 1936 – 1953, he founded the famous Kirkintilloch Junior Choir in 1938. After Mr Macpherson's death, his wife Meta Macpherson became choir leader until the choir was disbanded in 1968. The church was situated across from Freeland Place where Farmfoods store now stands.

During its lifetime the choir was extremely successful, appearing regularly on the radio and at concerts across the country, as well as touring abroad, in Holland (1947), Denmark (1950) and Canada (1953). The choir recorded several LPs for Parlophone. Famous members included Moira Anderson OBE who was educated at Lenzie Academy, Patricia Purcell, Scottish mezzo-soprano with the Scottish Opera Company and Joan Summers also from Kirkintilloch, and a previous winner of STV's Stars in their Eyes.

The Christine Slimming Award for Service to the Community - This award commemorates Mrs Christine Slimming 17.06.1944 – 04.06.2007. It is sponsored by her husband Dr Tom Slimming MBE formerly, co-opted member of Lenzie Academy Parent Council and sometime chairman of Lenzie Academy Parents' Association and of Lenzie Academy School Board. Christine was a life-long daughter of the Church of Scotland, a loving wife, of almost 37 years, mother and grandmother and generous in the time and effort she gave to the life of the local community.

The Julian Roebuck Memorial Award - This award is in memory of a former pupil of Lenzie Academy who was killed in a road accident in 1990 aged just 25. Dr Julian Roebuck was a research scientist with BP. The award was set up by his father Professor Martyn Roebuck, with funds provided by BP Research. It aims to support students of Lenzie Academy who go on to Higher Education to study mathematics, physics and related subjects. It takes the form of a financial Bursary, for each year of study. Julian was joint Dux at Lenzie Academy. He went on to Leeds University where he achieved a First Class honours degree in Mathematics and in Physics. Julian then completed a PhD on the structure of polymer fibres and their elasticity. While at primary school Julian was the youngest student ever to enter the Royal Scottish Academy of Music where he played the French Horn to a high standard. He was a member of the Academy orchestra and subsequently the Leeds University orchestra. Julian was fluent in French.

The Local Area Sub-Committee Cup – (Captain) – This is the Kirkintilloch Area Education Sub-Committee Cup and marks the termination on 15 May 1975

The School Representation Cup – (Captain) – In 2012 this replaced the Fairservice Cup which was presented to Lenzie Academy 1958 by the then Lord Provost I Fairservice and was for school patriotism.

The George McLean Young Prize for Administration - The history of this prize as with many others is unfortunately lost and will need further research, however what we do know is that Mr George McLean Young was Head Teacher at Lenzie Academy for 15 years from 1950 – 1965 and was the sixth head teacher of the school. The prize was originally awarded for Administration as Information Technology didn't come into the school as a subject until around 1995.

The McAllister Shield for Hospitality – The McAllister family donated the prize for Hospitality. Mr Euan McAllister's youngest daughter had learning difficulties and moved her from her current primary school to Lenzie Moss after teachers said that she would always struggle in main stream school recommending that she should attend Merkland School. Mr McAllister was determined that his daughter would be able to cope in main stream school with support from staff and the difference when she moved to Lenzie was very noticeable. When his daughter moved up to Lenzie Academy she coped well in her subjects with support from the school and really enjoyed Hospitality as a subject so when she left school the family donated the shield to say thank you.

The Ron McClure Trophy for Technological Studies - We believe that the Rotary Club of Kirkintilloch donated The 'Ron McClure Trophy for Technological Studies,' in 1984 to Lenzie Academy in memory of Ron McClure who died suddenly in 1983.

Ron McClure was a local businessman in a light engineering company called Hot Scot Engineers, which was owned and ran by his father, he joined the business in 1943 and apart from being called up for the Navy, spent the rest of his working life there until he died.

The company was named after a washing machine, the Hot Scot, which was developed by Ron McClure's father and boasted a powered ringer and incorporated an electric water heater, something of an innovation in the 1930s before immersions and thermostats were readily available. This washing machine was advertised on buses - "It boils, it washes, it rings". When his father died in 1949, he was working on the development of an automatic washing machine.

Ron worked with many local businesses and was himself a bit of an inventor constantly innovating and developing engineering solutions. One of his daughter's memories was of him sitting with a notepad and pencil sketching and designing. He designed and developed equipment for abattoirs, a fishing gadget for tying blood knots and a grip for laying paving stones to name a few. The Rotary Club, therefore, felt it fitting that he be remembered through this particular trophy for technical studies at the school his four children had attended.

The Morag Redpath Trophy for Home Economics – In memory of a former PT of Home Economics who died of cancer in her 40s

The James Hamilton Memorial Cup for Mathematics – believed to have been donated by a former Head Teacher. Mr James Hamilton was the head teacher in Lenzie Academy for 12 years from 1965 – 1977.

The Ailsa McKay Award for Outstanding Contribution to the House System - This Award was new for session 2015-2016 and is in memory of Ailsa McKay, she was a Scottish economist, a leading feminist economist and Professor of Economics at Glasgow Caledonian University. Such was her expertise in the area of gender equality that she was chosen as a Scottish Government adviser on the economics of the Welfare State and levels of basic income.

Colleagues of Ailsa visited Lenzie Academy in 2016 after learning we had named one of our four House Groups, McKay House, in her honour. They gave a presentation about Ailsa's work and her background. At the end of their visit they announced that they would like to sponsor a prize at our annual prizegiving event and we felt it appropriate to award it to a person fully involved in the School's Inter-house system. Ailsa McKay died aged 50 on the morning of 5 March 2014, following a year-long battle with cancer.

The Johnston-Paul Prize for English – Born June 24, 1924 in Twechar, East Dunbartonshire, Bert Johnston was a traditional Scottish teacher who never lost his passion for education or his roots in the mining village. His father and grandfather were both miners but as far as the young Bert was concerned there had never been any doubt that he would be anything but a teacher, following in the steps of an uncle and aunt who were both teachers.

Bert was a former pupil of Lenzie Academy he went on to head up an English department and lecture trainee teachers in the subject at Jordanhill College of Education before joining the school inspectorate.

He went to Glasgow University in 1941 and was awarded an ordinary MA before being drafted into the Royal Artillery in 1943. He returned to Glasgow University in 1946 graduating later with a first in English language and literature. After training at Jordanhill he took a post teaching in Falkirk High School 1949-51 then moved to be head of English at Aberlour High School on Speyside. In 1953 he became Depute Head of English and drama at Hemsworth Grammar School in West Riding of Yorkshire where he met his future wife, Edna. Three years later he was head of English at Temple Moor Grammar School in Leeds and in 1959 he and Edna were married. They moved to Scotland the following year where Mr Johnston took up a post as lecturer in English at Jordanhill.

In 1963 he joined the schools inspectorate at a time of change in education and new initiatives such as the publication of the Primary Memorandum in 1965, the raising of the school leaving age and the introduction of guidance into Scottish secondary schools. Seconded to the Scottish Office in 1968 he served as a principal in the further education section. He was promoted in 1970 to district inspector for Glasgow city. In 1974 promoted to HM Chief Inspector of Schools for the northern division. During this time, he was also the main author of a series of national reports including Teaching and Learning at the Senior Stages of Scottish Secondary Education.

He also wrote on health education in Scottish schools and was an expert on the development of education in the rural and remote areas. Instead of retiring in 1983 he was invited to remain to review the operation of the research and intelligence unit of the then Scottish Office education department for two years but did continue to work as a consultant. In retirement, he was chair of the selection committee of the Miners' Welfare National Education Fund. He enjoyed gardening and golf but reading especially modern Scottish literature came above other leisure pursuits and was a regular visitor to Waterstone's Dundee. Mr Johnston died in October 2011 aged 87 in Broughty Ferry.

The Abigail S Hall Award for Endeavour (S1 – S3) - This Award is new for session 2018-2019 and is in memory of a former S3 pupil of Lenzie Academy who sadly passed away in October 2018 aged just 13.

Abigail Hall was born with only one working heart chamber, known as hypoplastic left heart syndrome. She made medical history at the age of three when she became the first child with her condition to be fitted with a mechanical heart and survive a heart transplant. However, due to the immunosuppressant drugs to support her transplant, in May 2016 she was diagnosed with Burkitt lymphoma, a fast growing cancer. Two years on Abigail was in remission and doing well, packing her life with fun and adventure.

Abigail was a fantastic young person who overcame many challenges with courage and a ready smile. Despite everything she endured, Abigail was a positive person who didn't allow her condition to hold her back. Inspirational, was a word that came up time and time again when Abigail's name was mentioned, she had a really positive outlook even supporting other young cancer survivors. To celebrate the life of Abigail S Hall this award was donated by her family. During her time at Lenzie Academy Abigail displayed real endeavour, she loved school and was an inspiration to all who knew her. (*BGE Award*)

The Harry Asher Hayworth prize for Higher History – This Higher History award was renamed in session 2016-2017 to mark 100 years since the death of Harry Asher Hayworth during the Battle of Arras a major British offensive during the First World War. From 9th April to 16th May 1917, troops from the four corners of the British Empire attacked trenches held by the army of Imperial Germany to the east of the French city of Arras.

Harry was born in Dunfermline on December 5th 1895, the fourth son of William Hayworth, a bank accountant, and Jane Hayworth (née Asher), who in 1908, moved to Lennoxton when his father was appointed Agent for the Royal Bank of Scotland in the Campsie area and so Harry attended Lenzie Academy achieving Junior Dux of the school in 1911 and then Senior Dux of Lenzie Academy in 1913.

In 1914, Harry was a student in Classics at the University of Glasgow, he took classes in Latin (Ordinary) and Greek (Ordinary). He was joined at the University by his elder brother, who enrolled in a class for Scots Law, during their studies he and his brother shared a flat at 99 Grant Street, near St. George's Cross.

Harry excelled in his study of Ancient Greek, winning The Jeffrey Gold Medal, awarded to the top student in Greek, and coming second in prizes for Greek prose and Greek translation. In January 1915, Harry's brother dropped out of University to enlist in the Glasgow Highlanders. Harry sat his final exams before enlisting in the Glasgow Highlanders in April 1915.

Harry applied for officer training and, along with his brother, was commissioned in the 7th Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in December 1915. Almost a year later, in October 1916, Harry was finally separated from his brother when the two were posted to different units on the Western Front.

For a period of six months between October 1916 and April 1917, Harry took command of a platoon of 'B' Company of the 10th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. His first experience of trench warfare was in the area of High Wood, near Bazentin-le-Grand on the Somme. In April 1917 he led his platoon into the Battle of Arras, participating in the Capture of Athies (April 9th) and the fighting around the Rouex Chemical Works (April 12th-15th). His eventual fate was recorded in 1931 by his commanding officer, Colonel H. G. Sotheby in the Battalion History:

"On the 15th [of April] the whole Division came out of line being relieved by the 51st. The relief was satisfactorily completed, until as one platoon of 'B' Company was entering Athies it came under heavy 5.9 shell-fire, when Lieut. H. Hayworth, a most gallant young officer, and 6 men were killed and 6 wounded."

Harry's name also appears on the war memorial in the foyer of Lenzie Academy and every year pupils participating on the school's Great War Battlefields excursion pay their respects to him when they visit his grave.

