

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.

**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.

**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.

**The Baird Prize for Modern Studies** – The award has been donated by the Baird family, whose children Matthew and Victoria are both former pupils, in appreciation of the place of Modern Studies in the overall education of their children within Lenzie Academy.

**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 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 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 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 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.

**Emily-Jane Gold Award for Positive Attitude** – This award is in memory of Former pupil of Lenzie Academy who died January 2008 aged just 16. Emily-Jane Gold was aged 14 and in 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Lenzie Academy when she was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in her knee joint. This meant that she was immediately admitted to Yorkhill children's hospital for treatment. The treatment was long and gruelling, involving chemotherapy and operations, including having a replacement knee fitted. The intensity of the treatment meant that she was almost a permanent resident in the hospital for a year. Throughout this, and in spite of the side effects, Emily-Jane remained positive. She continued to study for her Standard Grades with the education staff in Yorkhill and her attitude to her physiotherapy was commended by the surgeon. She amazed everyone with her outlook and ability to see beyond her treatment. She continued to have fun, arranging get-togethers and parties with her friends when she was able to get home.

Emily-Jane returned to school for a few weeks before the standard grade exams and ended up with credits in all those she sat. She continued to maintain a positive attitude and began to regain her former life, having fun and going on holidays. However 2 years from her diagnosis Emily-Jane sadly passed away.

This award was designed to reflect her personality and to recognise that many pupils face difficulties but can achieve or overcome if they maintain that positive attitude. There is a bench in the quadrangle and a cherry blossom tree at the front of the school in memory of Emily-Jane.

**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 Johnston-Paul Prize for English** – Former pupil of Lenzie Academy with a love for literature. He went to Glasgow University in 1941 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. Three years later he was head of English at Temple Moor Grammar School in Leeds where he married his wife Edna 1959, 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 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. 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. Mr Johnston died in October 2011.

**The Stewart Stevenson senior Award for Excellence in Mathematics** - This Award was first presented in session 2013-2014 in memory of Mr Stewart Stevenson Snr, father of Mr Stewart Stevenson who donated the trophy and whose children attended Lenzie Academy, the youngest attending from 2014. Stewart was a former pupil of Lenzie Academy and he was also the Scout Leader of the 12th Glasgow 1st Lenzie Scout Group.

**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 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.

**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 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 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 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. 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.

The history/connection to the school of the following Trophy/Awards is unknown to the Lenzie Academy, if you know of the history we would be grateful if you could forward details to the school.

**The MacLean Cup for Outstanding Sporting Achievement**

**The Jones Cup for All-Round Sporting Excellence**

**The Kirkintilloch Miners Welfare prize for Chemistry**

**The Kirkintilloch Miners Welfare prize for Physics**