Strathaven Academy

THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS









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Welcome to "Strathaven Academy – The First Hundred Years". This book is a wonderful souvenir of this very special centenary year and serves to remind us of what makes our school unique. Since the Academy opened for its first pupils on 31 December, 1904, to the present day, the school has enjoyed a proud history. In the pages that follow, we are reminded of the people, the buildings and the events of the last 100 years.

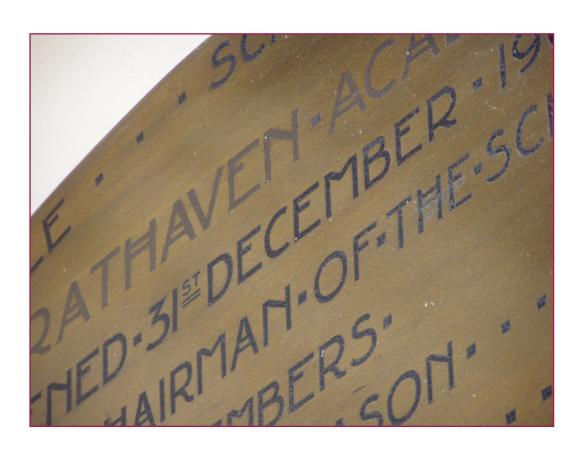
This publication would not have been possible without the assistance of the many former pupils, families and friends of the Academy who have contributed stories, photographs, trophies, books and other memorabilia. I would also like to acknowledge the excellent work of several of my colleagues in compiling our book.

While we continue to enjoy this year of special Centenary events, we hope that this souvenir will become a treasured document for all associated with our school community.

Here's to the next 100 years.

Best wishes

Elspeth Banks Head Teacher







Strathaven Academy has a proud history. It was born from a recognition in the late 1890s by the members of the parish of Avondale that the only way to progress in matters educational was the building of a new central school. After much debate it was eventually decided that Crosshill School and Ballgreen School should be brought together into one single school.

Plans were prepared by the gifted architect Alexander Cullen, a man who was described at the opening ceremony as "not only an architect, but an artist, a poet and a philosopher".



Crosshill School on Colinhill Road, which later became Crosshill Annexe. (closed in 1997)

A field know as Strang's Park between Lethame Road and Bowling Green

Road was acquired for the building of the new school, and the contract was given to John Aiton, a local builder.

When it was finished the building received much acclaim. It was said by experts to be "the most magnificent structure in the County of Lanark". James Bryson, a local historian also described it in glowing terms:

"The Academy is build of red sandstone and is the most striking building in the town, standing as it does on a commanding site on rising ground. It is commodious and splendidly staffed and equipped".

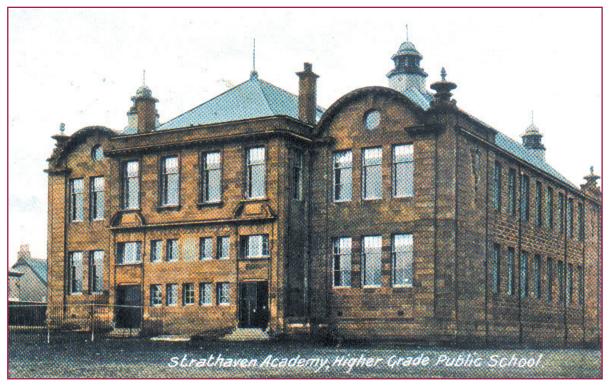
The official opening of the school took place on 31 December 1904 in the Central Hall which is now the library. At that ceremony the contractors presented a gold key to the Avondale School Board. It was received by Mr Thomas McKay on behalf of the Board.

The School Board clearly saw the need to give their young people an education appropriate to the demands of society and clearly felt that Strathaven Academy was the place to provide it.

On the 5 January 1905 Strathaven Academy Higher Grade Public School opened for business. James Millar, Headmaster at Crosshill School took up his post as Headmaster of the Academy and Archibald Fleming, Headmaster at Ballgreen School took up his post as Assistant Headmaster. The records show that their salaries were equal in amount.

"The Academy" as it came to be known provided facilities for teaching from primary to 3rd year Higher Grade. Crosshill School was retained for the teaching of Science and Evening Class subjects. At a later date it became a primary school for the Academy. The next headmaster, was Mr Millar who worked until his retirement in 1920, succeeded by Mr Stewart.

SECTION ONE - 1904 - 1929



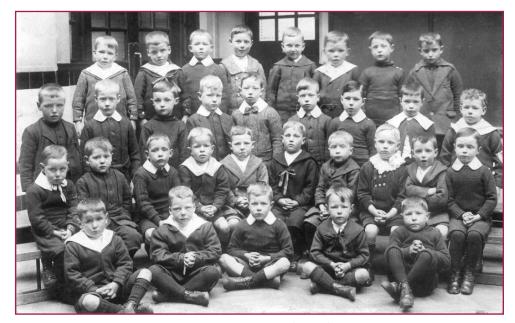
Academy featured on town postcard

"May no pupil of this school ever be ashamed to own that in Strathaven Academy Higher Grade Public School they received their early learning and teaching."

"When our children's children look at this great building they may say what meaneth these stones" and they may be reminded that they stand as a memorial to the memory of those who by their unselfish motives and their noble deeds, (sought) to make the world better than they found it. I have now to declare the school.....open!"

Thomas McKay esq., Chairman of Avondale School Board





Primary Boys (1905)

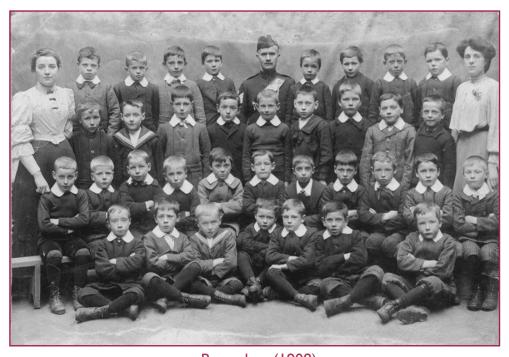
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- SEMPLE, W. LINDSAY, D. HAMILTON, A. GRANT, A. HUDSON, ullet , - ROY, J. MILLAR, H. COLINHILL. SECOND FRONT ROW

R. SOMMERVILLE, $\, \, \bullet \, , \, \, \bullet \, , \, \, \bullet \, , \, \,$, J. PATERSON, $\, \, \bullet \, , \, \, \bullet \, , \, \,$ T. DRYSDALE, R.ANDERSON, W.WATSON. FRONT ROW

J. SCOTT, W. LEGGATE, •, W.WILSON, T. RUSSEL.

BACK ROW



Boys class (1908)

MISS ELIZ. STRACHAN, JAMES FLEMING, ADAM PINKERTON, ALLAN BROOM, ROBERT WILSON, SEGEANT KENNEDY, - MOFFAT, TOM DYKES, ALLAN FINDLAY, - CUNNINGHAM, MISS PROCTOR. SECOND BACK ROW

- MOFFAT, GEORGE MILLAR, JOHN PARK, - ALSTON, JOHNSTONE SEMPLE, JAMES YOUNG, JOHN WILSON, ALEX TAYLOR, •.

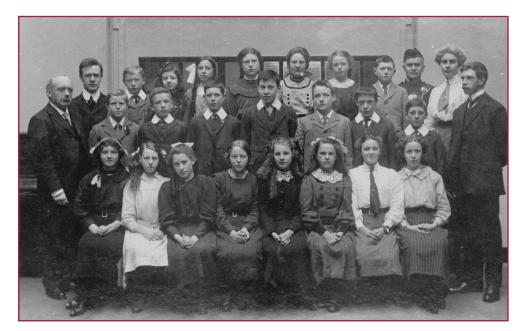
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- •, •, ROBERT BAXTER, DANIEL YOUNG, ANDREW BROWN, ROBERT MACKENZIE, •.



Group of young teachers (1914)
From left to right – Miss Davies, Miss Shearer, Miss Tweedie, Miss Martin and Barbara Hamilton.

Day School Cer	tificate (Lowe	er).		
The Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in Scotland have been pleased, in terms of the Day School Code, Article 18 (i) (b), to sanction the award of this Certificate by the Education Authority of the County of Lanark. to Elyabeth B. Sumpleton a pupil in School who has successfully completed an approved course of instruction, extending over two years in an Advanced Division, and in respect of studies, character and conduct has been awarded the general marks: (a) Studies (b) Character and Conduct Lcc. RET Mai Executive Officer and Director of Education, Date, 11 & January 1928	Subjects of Study. ENGLISH. HISTORY. GBOGRAPHY. MATHEMATICS. ARITHMETIC. Jones Druny Gage Starth.	Degree of Proficiency. VS G+ G+ VS VS VS VS VS VS VS G. Head Teacher.	all Supple:	B.—Subjects of Head B., Schedule V., of the Code. Caus of Health & Constitutions of Government &
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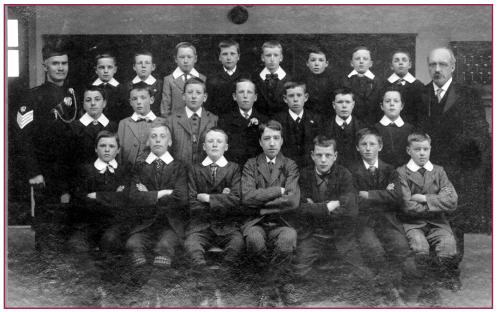


Upper school girls and boys (1912)

JAMES MILLAR, DONALD MUNRO, ROBERT BAXTER, MARY KYLE, KATIE HAMILTON, ANNIE CAMERON, MARY HARVEY, PEGGIE WATT, DONAL CAMERON, SERGEANT KENNEDY, MISS MARY WATSON, JOHN BROWN. MIDDLE ROW

JACK COATS, WILLIAM HAMILTON, JOHN PARK, JAMES YOUNG, GEORGE MILLAR, ALTSON KYLE, JAMES KIRKLAND. FRONT ROW

HELEN MACKIE, LILLY BRYSON, JOHANNA YOUNG, ISOBEL BAXTER, ISOBEL MEIKLE, MARY TAIT, AGNES VALLANCE, - SHEARER.



Upper school boys (1912)

BACK ROW

SERGEANT KENNEDY, ANDREW MEIKLE, •,- MASON, JAMES LAWSON, BERTIETHOMSON, •, WILSON THOMSON, TOM PATERSON, JAMES MILLAR.

MIDDLE ROW

- MCKINNON, GUY HYSLOP, ARCHIE FLEMING, DUNCAN LEGGATE, •, - CUNNINGHAME, •. FRONT ROW

JOHN BROWNLEE, •, -WILSON, •, ALEX COOPER, JOHN WARNOCK, SYDNEY GIBB.

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Lower III-(Geog.)

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1919

ENGLISH

LOWER GRADE (THIRD PAPER - GEOGRAPHY)

Wednesday, 2nd April—1 P.M. to 2.30 P.M.

Answer the whole of Sections A and B, and THREE questions from Sections C and D.

[The value attached to each question is shown in brackets after the question.]

N.B.—Write legibly and neatly. Marks will be deducted for bad writing.

SECTION A.

[Answer the whole of this Section.]

- 1. On the accompanying map of the world-
 - (a) Print in their proper places the following names:—Florida, Australian Alps, Sandwich Islands, Pamirs, Formosa, River Irawady, Uganda, River Orinoco, Korea, Yucatan.
 - (b) Mark the position of the following towns with a dot, and print the name of each town close to the dot:—Port Said, Adelaide, Valparaiso, Mombasa, Naples, Damascus, Archangel, Aden, Bombay, Durban,
 - (c) Draw a short line to show the position of the following, and mark each line with the initial letter of the appropriate proper name:—Kiel Canal, Dardanelles, Strait of Belle Isle, Panama Canal, Strait of Magellan, Suez Canal. (13)

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TURN OVER

Excerpts from Leavers Certificate Exam Papers (1919)

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Lower II—(Hist.)

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1919

ENGLISH

LOWER GRADE (SECOND PAPER-HISTORY)

Tuesday, 1st April—2 P.M. to 3.30 P.M.

All Candidates should answer five questions, viz., the two in Section A, one question from Section B, one question from Section C, and a fifth question which may be taken either from Section B or from Section C.

[The value attached to each question is shown in brackets after the question.]

N.B.—Write legibly and neatly. Marks will be deducted for bad writing.

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SECTION C.

10. Give some account of any two of the following:

Moses, Lycurgus, Alexander the Great, Coriolanus, Pompey the Great, Charlemagne, St. Augustine, Henry V. of England, Cardinal Wolsey, Louis XIV. of France, Lord Clive, Dr. Johnson. (12)

11. Tell how any three of the following kings of England came to die a violent death:—

William II., Richard I., Edward II., Edward V., Richard III. (12)

12. What events in the history of England are connected with any three of the following places:—

Jaffa, Sluys, Poitiers, Cadiz, Zutphen? (12)



Class of 1926

PETER HAMILTON, JIM WATT, JIM STRUTHERS, WILLIAM DRUMMOND, FRANK GATES, ANDREW DYKES, DONAL MCKAY, ROBERT FAIRBAIRN, GAVIN PARK, RONALD MCLARDY.

SECOND BACK ROW

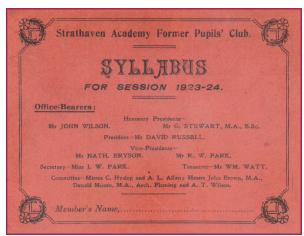
JANET HAMILTON, JANIE MCFARLANE, JEAN MCKENZIE, JESSIE GREEN, AMIEE HAMILTON, JESSIE WILSON, EDITH EWEN, MARGARET MCGOWAN, JESSIE MCKAY, MARGARET DAVIDSON, JESSIE STRACHAN. MIDDLE ROW

MARION MOFFAT, BETTY AIRD, JESSIE QUINN, BUNTY COUPERWAITH, LISBETH WHYTE, MARGARET NEILSON, MARION NEILSON, GRACE STEELE, ELLA BROWNLEE, - DAVIDSON, JEMIMA BARCLAY. SECOND FRONT ROW

WILLIAM MUNRO, JOHN HAMILTON, WILLIAM KIRKLAND, GAVIN HAMILTON, JAMES HAMILTON, WILLIAM HAMILTON. FRONT ROW

ARCHIE LEIPER, DOUGLAS MACMILLAN, BOBBY KYLE, DAVID MCKAY, NEIL STEVENSON, JOHN LINDSAY.

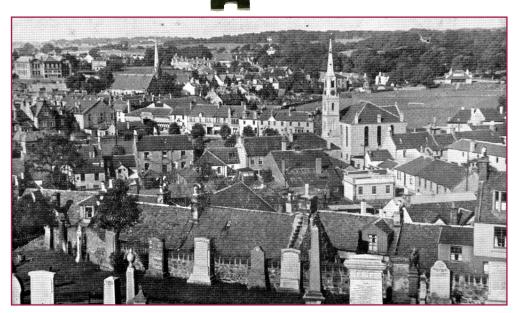




Strathaven Academy Former Pupils' Club-'Syllabus for session 1923-24'

Strathaven Academy Former Pupils' Club – programme for play held in public hall – (1924)

SECTION TWO - 1930 - 1949



View of Strathaven from Kirkhill with Academy building visible at the top left.

Photo from souvenir programme marking the Coronation of

King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (1937)

After Mr Millar retired from his post in 1920 he was replaced by Mr Stewart who remained in post until 1939. During this time the school saw the first of its extensions when in 1930 an annexe was built between the original building and Bowling Green Road. This annexe housed a gymnasium and all the facilities for the teaching of technical and art subjects with a fully equipped machine shop for metal work.

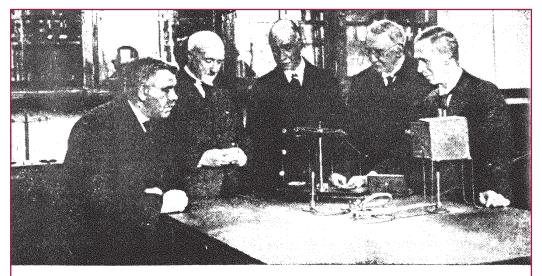
Mr Stewart was succeeded by the Academy's third and shortest serving Head Teacher, Mr Sinclair who led the school during the years 1939 – 1943. These years however were not without incident and the school log of the time records the Evacuation being ordered on 31 August 1939 and the news that the Evacuees were due to arrive in Strathaven on 1 September (the first day of the evacuation). The log for 1 September reads as follows:

"Approximately 600 evacuees arrived in two trains about mid-day. They were distributed over various halls (West Church, Parish Church, Town) and the school. After the children had been medically examined and rations had been issued, the evacuees were billeted in the town and the surrounding county".

And again on the 4 September 1939:

"The pupils assembled this morning at 9.00am and were informed that the school would be closed for one week. The military authorities took over the annexe today, i.e. the Domestic Science suite, one laboratory, the wood-work room, the art room and the medical inspection suite...... The staff were employed all day on evacuation work".

Mr Sinclair was succeeded by Mr Douglas in 1943 and during his period of office the 1946 Education (Scotland) Act was introduced. This saw the introduction of Junior and Senior secondary schools which confirmed the Butler Act of 1944. Pupils would now sit the 11+ exam, or the "Qualy" as it was known. Room 13 of B Block, which is now a science room, was the qualy class. In 1947 the school leaving age was raised to 15 years old, and the number of pupils on the roll of the Academy was 739.



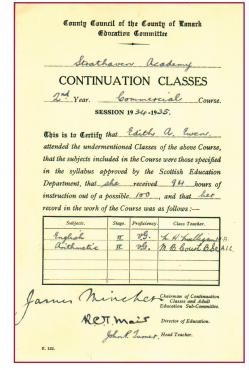
NEW ANNEXE TO STRATHAVEN ACADEMY.—Mr Gavin Struthers, Dr William Mason, Mr John Wilson, Sir Henry Keith, and Mr George Stewart, head master, in the laboratory of the new annexe to Strathaven Academy, which was opened yesterday.

"Bulletin" Photograph.

Newspaper cutting from the 'opening of the new annexe' which opened in 1930.

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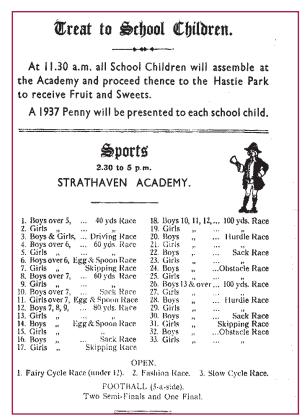
Day School Certificate for Edith Ewen (Higher) – (1933)



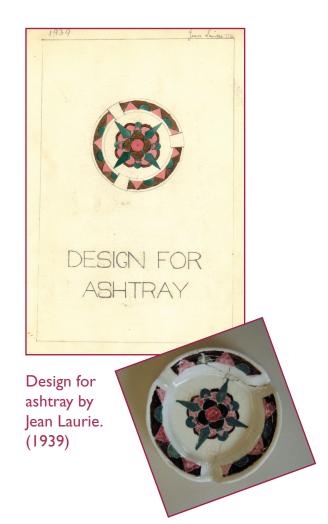
Report Card for Edith Ewen (1934-35)



This watch was presented to Janie Macfarlane for seven years perfect attendance on June 1932.



Notice to Strathaven Academy pupils on celebrations marking the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (1937)



Excerpt from 'Singing Through School' by Iain J. Morrison

'In 1933, my mother handed me over to Miss McClymont in Room 5. Miss McClymont was a gentle, white-haired lady who seemed, to my youthful eyes, to be very old. For her, music and religious instruction went hand in hand and I was soon learning to sing John Milton's hymn, 'Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord...' and 'I'm not ashamed to own my Lord...' from Scottish Paraphrases. The latter, especially, will stay with me to the end.

"...it was next to Miss MacColl's class...one afternoon we came into class to find a great big word written on the blackboard – "meander". Shortly afterwards we were learning "Ash Grove"... Miss McColl and other like-minded teachers were aiming to store our memory banks with good things for our later years and I for one am grateful.

Another year on and it was to Room 8 where Elizabeth Strachan conducted...a brisk regime. Endowed with a sturdy frame and a loud Voice, Miss Strachan would have made a first class N.C.O...at the beginning of the 1939-45 war, had she been a bit younger.

Next step was to the upper floor and to the class of Miss Margaret Tweedie whose through-the-wall neighbour was Miss Minnie Galloway. It may have been that Miss Tweedie couldn't sing and Miss Galloway couldn't sew but anyway these ladies had an arrangement that Miss T. took Miss G's girls for sewing while Miss G. took all the boys for singing; a daunting prospect perhaps, but Miss Galloway was not the type to be daunted.

Music in school at that time was singing, no more and no less. The humble recorder has still to utter its first toot in class let alone having flutes, trombones and things with strings around. Centenary celebrations can be guaranteed to unlock a flood of memories, especially from former pupils of the 'third age'. (I remember)... this part of my education at Strathaven Academy which I enjoyed at the time and, 70 years after, look back with much gratitude.'



Academy staff – Probably for the retirement of Mr Stewart. (1939)

WM.WARDROP, HUTCHIESON, BICKERTON, WM. BROWNLEE, JANET HOGG, WLTR, CHALMERS, MICHAEL COUNT, EDITH WILSON, WM. LIDDELL, MARY RIDDELL.

MIDDLE ROW

GRIZELDA REID, JEAN SHEARER, JOHN TURNER, ELLEN DAVIS, WM. FRAME, MARGT.TWEEDIE, GEORGE CARDOW, SARAH MEIKLE, MARIE DUNN, GRACE ROBERTSON.

FRONT ROW

MARION GALLOWAY, WM. MCKENDRICK, SUSAN MCCOLL, DONALD MUNRO, GEORGE STEWART, CATHERINE MARSHALL, JOHN BROWN, ELIZABETH STRACHAN.



Early 1940s

BACK ROW

ANDREW MOFFAT, •, •, •, •, IAN PRENTICE, •, BOBBY BELL.

SECOND BACK ROW

CRAWFORD JACK, BARTUE BLOK, \bullet , \bullet , BILL BEVERIDGE, ALEX STITT, DOUGLAS BRYDEN, DAVID MILLAR, JOHN HARKNESS, CHARLIE LAWRIE.

SECOND FRONT ROW

CHARLIE KINNAIRD, ANNE LAMBIE, ELIZ.YOUNG, ALISON COURT, RAY COLLISON, •, •, VOILET BUNCH, ANNE TODD, MIMA PATERSON, MALCOLM FRAME.

FRONT ROW

ANNE PYPER, CHRISTINE RITCHIE, MAUREEN HUTCHISON, ISOBEL KIRKWOOD, MAY WHITEFORD, ANNE GIBSON, ALICE MCMORLAND, UNA KEDAR, CHRISTINE RUSSELL, LOUISE DICHSON, MARGT. MCKINLAY.



Older pupils photographed next to annexe – 1944. (now the technical block and 'old' gym)

S. M. CARDOW, WILLIE MILLAR, DUNCAN GRAHAM, BILL BRYCE, CAMPBELL WHITELAW, JOHN WATSON, JOHN PATERSON, DUNCAN MUNRO.

MIDDLE ROW

WILLIE FLEMING, PEGGY GILLILAND, CHRISTINA GRAHAM, BILLY HAMILTON. FRONT ROW

LILIAS SWEENEY, MARY WATT, MARGARET WILLIS, ELIZ. FINKER, MARGT. DUNN, MYRA CRAIG, DOROTHY SHAW, MARY PETRIE.



'Qualifying class(es)' - 1944

BACK ROW

STEWART FORREST, ROBERT PATERSON, GODFREY HOLMES, TOM SEMPLE, HUGH RITCHIE, THOMSON DALY, JACK MASON, ROBERT CURR, JAMES MCNICOL.

SECOND BACK ROW

LENNOX HAMILTON, GEORGE WHITE, JAMES MEIKLE, STEWART BRYCE, DAVID COLLINS, LEONARD PROW.

SECOND FRONT ROW

ELSIE MCDONALD, STELLA FREW, - DAVIS, •, MAY GRANT, •, RUTH SHANKS, MURIEL CRAIG, JEAN RING, ANN STRACHAN.

FRONT ROW

MARY FALLOW, RINA DAVIDSON, -THOMSON, FLORA ARMOUR, NAN MCLEAN, NORA ROBERTS, JEAN MUSGRAVE, - BROWN, MAY COOPER.

TWO PUPILS AT FRONT

MARY MCDONALD, BETTY MCNAUGHT.



Class 2A - (1947)

WALTER POTTS, MARGARET WISEMAN, MARSHALL LEIPER, JEAN BRYDEN, DAVID COLLINS. MIDDLE ROW

JEANETTE COCKBURN, GEORGE MOFFAT, HELEN NEILSON, KELSO RUSSELL, SHEENA WATSON. FRONT ROW

GEORGE WHITE, JEANETTE MCLELLAND, MORRISON BAXTER, MARY AITON, MARGARET BARRIE, HAMISH STEWART, MIRIAM PRENTICE, LEONARD PROW.



Class 3A (1948)

BACK ROW KELSO RUSSELL, GEORGE MOFFAT. MIDDLE ROW

HAMISH STEWART, DUNCAN GILLESPIE, MARSHALL LEIPER, ROBERT PATERSON, GEORGE WHITE.

FRONT ROW

SHEENA WATSON, MARY AITON, MARGARET WISEMAN, JEAN BRYDEN, HELEN NEILSON, JEANETTE COCKBURN.

Athletics medal presented to William Frame at the School Area Sports on winning the 200 yards sprint, under 14s representing Strathaven Academy. (1949)

SECTION THREE - 1950 - 1969



Aerial view of Strathaven with Academy (1951)

Mr Douglas remained as Head Teacher until his retrial in 1958 when he was succeeded by Mr Walker who held the position for ten years.

During this time a further addition to the Academy was undertaken when in 1962 a large extension was built between the Academy block and Crawford Street. The new extension contained the Assembly Hall, canteen and kitchen, primary classrooms and the administrative offices. By this time the Academy had also acquired a large playing field on the north side of the school. This year also saw the introduction of 'O' Grade examinations.

In 1964 Comprehensive Education was introduced although it took up until the early 1970s for the system to be implemented in Scotland.

In 1968, Mr Shepherd took over as Head Teacher of Strathaven Academy.



Strathaven Academy Country Dance Team (1951)

GRETA FRAME, MARGARET LAMBIE, MARY NEILSON, MAISIE FLEMING, HELEN BLACK, JENNY BROWN, JENNY CRAIG, RAY GILLESPIE.

MIDDLE ROW

MARGARET HAMILTON, MARION HAMILTON, MARGERY GIBSON, IRENE MCCLELLAND, EVELYN FLOOD, LOUISE MACSKIMMING.

FRONT ROW

MARY JAMIESON, ANNE FALLOW, JOAN MONTGOMERY, GRACE FINDLAY.



Strathaven Academy Football Team (1952)

BACK ROW

GEORGE LEGGATE, MR TOM FORSYTH, SANDY CHERRY, ANDREW STEWART, BILL COCHRANE, GAVIN LINDSAY, HEADMASTER MR WM. DOUGLAS, ANDREW AITKEN.

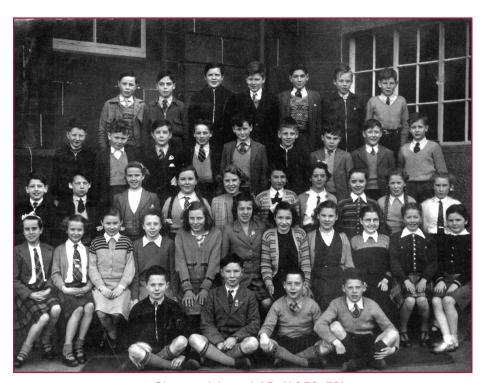
JAMES WARDROP, JOE MCEWAN, GEORGE CAMPBELL, DAVID LAW, GEORGE BALLANTYNE.



School Play (1952)

(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT)

MARIE BAXTER, ANDREW MOFFAT, WM NAPIER, ELIZABETH YOUNG, ROBERT BAXTER, DOUGLAS BRYDEN, ANNE GIBSON, WM. BEVERIDGE, IAIN PRENTICE, CHRISTINE RUSSELL, JOHN WILLIAMSON.



Classes IA and IB (1952-53)

BACK ROW

HAMISH LEGGATE, JOHN HARKNESS, \bullet , \bullet , BILL BEVERIDGE, BARTIE BLOK, STEWART ANDERSON. SECOND BACK ROW

-COCHRANE, MATTHEW STRUTHERS, IAN PRENTICE, - POLLOCK, DOUGIE BRYDEN, BOBBY BELL, CRAWFORD JACK, ANDREW MOFFAT, WILLIAM NAPIER.

MIDDLE ROW ROBERT BAXTER, •, UNA KEDAR, ELIZ.YOUNG, MARGT. FLEMING, FLORA SWEENEY, MARGT. BAXTER, MARION BAXTER, MARION DALGLIESH, SANDRA DUNN, HELEN - .

SECOND FRONT ROW
MARGT. MCKINLAY, ANNE GIBSON, HELEN COCKBURN, LYDIA REID, JEAN MCPHERSON, MARJORIE
MILLAR, CATHIE MEIKLE, MAUREEN MILLAR, MARGT. FORTUNE, MAY WHITEFORD, CHRISTINE RUSSELL
FRONT ROW

JOHN MCLARTY, CRAIG DOWNIE, BILL BARCLAY, - ANDERSON.



Academy Staff (late 1950s)

JOHN HUTCHISON, CHRISTINE MCKENDRICK, \bullet , \bullet , JEAN PARK, WILLIE NAPIER. SECOND BACK ROW

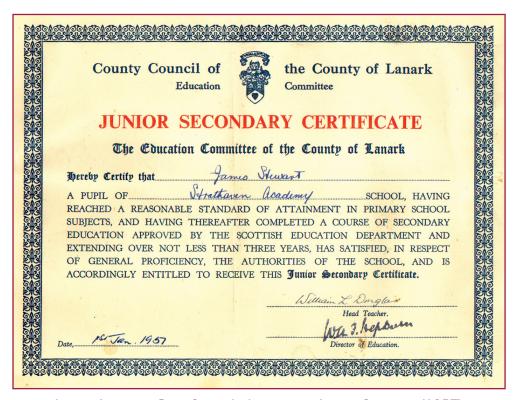
•, MARY EASTAP, MESSIE ALLINGHAM, •, MAISIE PETTIGREW, MRS MAXWELL, •, MRS THOMSON, ISOBEL LAMONT.

SECOND FRONT ROW

MISS FISHER, RAY BROWNLEE, MOIRA LAW, ELIZ GILCHRIST, PEARL FRAME, MARION MILNE, MARJORIE MCRAE, JEAN SIMMONS.

FRONT ROW

STEWART FRAME, JOHN HAMILTON, MURIEL MIDDLETON, MIKE COURT, WM WALKER, BETTE LONGMUIR, JIMMY RUSSELL, KEN YOUNG, WALTER CHALMERS.



Junior Leavers Certificate belonging to James Stewart (1957)



Class IB (1963-64)

- DAVID HENDRY, ALISTAIR MENZIES, ALISTAIR WILLS, TOM QUEEN, HUGH BROWN, GEORGE DAWSON, GORDON REID, ALISTAIR MORRISON. SECOND BACK ROW
- •, JANE MULDOON, CATHERINE HAMILTON, MARGARET GRAHAM, JANETTE MACKIE, ELIZABETH STEWART, IRENE KINNIBURGH, ANNE TEMPLETON, MARGARET BROWN, SANDRA ROLLO, JANE MCPHERSON. SECOND FRONT ROW FERGUS RUSSELL, JEANNIE LEIPER, JESSIE LINDSAY, JAN HOWATSON, CHRISTINE FALLOW, TRICIA LUDLOW, MARGARET SOMMERVILLE, MARY CURRIE, MARIE STEWART, ANNE GALLACHER, BOBBY LAWRIE. FRONT ROW
- •, JOHN GORMLEY, ALAN HANLAN, KENNETH DUNN, BERT THOMSON, DAVID EVANS, JIMMY TIMMONS, •.

BACK ROW
JOHN STELLE, FERGUS
CUTHBERTSON, TOM RAMPLING,
WILLIAM MALONE, JIM KERR.
MIDDLE ROW
BILLY BAIRD, ANNETTE WOOD,
SANDRA HAMILTON, MARION
MCLEAN, ROBERT PATERSON, (REG
TEACHER, MR CHALMERS.)
FRONT ROW
EUPHEMIA MCGEECHAN, MARGARET
CAMPBELL, KAY PARK, JACQUELINE
GRAHAM, MARY BROWNLIE.



1st Year, (1966-67)



Kype on the leader board at school sports – (1967)



Dinner Ladies (1966-67)

CHARLOT MURRAY, MARGARET FORTUNE, MARGARET FRAME, MINNIE LANG, ANNIE KENT, FANNY DIXON.

FRONT ROW

CRISSIE MONKS, NAN STEWART, BUNTY LAWRIE, (BOSS) MISS WILSON, MARGARET STANYER, MARY HIGGINS.



Lollipop Men (1966-67)

(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT)
JOE LAMB, TOBY STANYER, •, HUGH MCDONALD.



Primary 5 class (1966-67)

BOBBY MCEWAN, ALAN GOODWILLY, IAN COCHRANE, PETER SIMPSON, EDDIE MALONE, ROBIN MACFARLANE, STEVEN SANDILANDS, •, •, ROBERT SUMMERS, ANDREW POPE. SECOND BACK ROW

MARK SCOTT, ARCHIE JOHNSON, SUSAN BURGESS, JANETTE QUINN, DIANA HICKMAN, SANDRA DAILY, SUSAN ROBERTS, MORAG LAWS, COCHRANE DURVICH, KEVEIN SMITH.
SECOND FRONT ROW

- •, LAURA KERNAGHAN, MARY LEIPER, JAYNE MESSUR, SUSAN HURST, ANNE PATTERSON, LINDS BROWN, NAN FORREST, JOYCE GRAHAM, MARY WHITELAW, CAROL -, AILEEN GRAHAM. FRONT ROW
- •, •, JAMES-, DAVID MCNIVEN, KENNY ROBERTSON, BILLY CAMPBELL, DAVID SMITH, •.



Strathaven Academy,
Strathayen
Strathayen
Strathayen
Sth September, 1966;

A typical day on board ship; including Saturdays and Sundays,
will be 7.00 a.m. Reveille - Wash, Tidy Beds, etc.

7:30 - 8.30 Breakfast
8.50 Prayers
9:10 - 10:00 Classroom (We have a classroom of our own)
10.5 - 10.50 Lecture Hall for talk and film on Country
or Town to be visited
11:15 - 12:00 Deck Games or Reading Room
12:00 - 2:05 Lunch
12:00 - 2:05 Classroom
2:50 - 3:35 Reading Room or Deck Games
8:00 - 4.45 Lecture Hall or Classroom
5:00 p.m. Voluntary Classes - Art, Singing, Wavigation,
etc.
6:00 p.m. Supper
10:00 p.m. Lights out.
As you will see the children will be busy ALL day and
should sleep well:
As you will see the children will be busy ALL day and
should sleep well:
As walker and my son Neil, are travelling as private cabin
passengers and while Mrs. Walker wishes to have a complete rest,
Neil is willing to help Miss Simméns and myself with the children
and more especially with the boys.

Academy letter to parents with details of the trip – (1966)



Pupils enjoy trip to Ayr – (1969)



Strathaven Academy winners of the National Savings Schools Poster
Competition (1967-68)
Class 3C – Ist prize Winnifred Rough (2nd from left)



Staff photo (late 60s)

MRS HUNTER, MRS NEIL, MRS MCINTYRE, MISS LAW, MRS KELLOCK.

SECOND BACK ROW

MR WALKER, MRS MCGHIE, MRS MAXWELL, •, MRS FRAME, MRS WINNING, MR HUTCHISON.

SECOND FRONT ROW

MRS PETTIGREW, MRS STEELE, MRS MCLEOD, MRS FRASER, MR CHALMERS, MR WALKER, MR NAPIER, MRS MOORE, MISS HUTCHISON.

FRONT ROW

MR HAMILTON, MISS SIMMONS, MR RUSSELL, MISS STRACHAN, MR COURT, MISS HENRY, MR YOUNG, MISS LONGMUIR, MRS SOMMERVILLE, MR MCINTYRE.

SECTION FOUR - 1970 - 1989



Aerial view of school grounds with 1980s extension (1995)

In the early 1970s the Academy was upgraded from a 3rdYear to a 4thYear Higher Grade School. With the further raising of the school leaving age and incomers to the district there was an increase in the numbers of pupils. The accommodation proved to be inadequate to cope with the numbers and temporary classrooms were provided in the Academy playground.

After Mr Brown's appointment to the post of Head Teacher in 1976 further temporary accommodation was provided on the school's playing field. These classrooms provided teaching facilities for Home Economics, Business Studies, History, English and Art. In 1978 the number of pupils on the roll of the Academy was 822. In 1978 Strathaven Academy was upgraded to a Secondary School only and the primary classes there and at Crosshill School were transferred to Kirklandpark Primary School. Mr Brown continued in his post as the Academy saw its latest extension opened in 1983. This building which came to be known as D Block housed English, Art and Design, Home Economics and Physical Education as well as offices for Guidance Staff and the Careers Library. Crosshill was used as an annexe housing Science, English and Drama. Mr Brown retired in 1986.



Class 3A (1970)

DAVID THOMSON, BRIAN DAVIDSON, JOHN WILSON, GORDON GRAHAM, JIM GILLILAND, HUGH BLACKWOOD, NEIL MCLARE, GUYTHOMSON, TOMARLOTT.

MIDDLE ROW

ARCHIE KIRKLAND, JOHN DAVIDSON, MORAG MCLEAN, HELEN YUILL, AILEEN MCMANN, MARGARET BROWNLIE, IRENE FRENCH, LIZ FLEMING, JOHN CLARK. FRONT ROW_

ELLEN CALLAN, SUSAN HOPGOOD, MOIRA FINDLAY, AILEEN MCNICOLL, JOYCE STANCLIFFE, MARY FLEMING, CHRISTINE SHARPE, JEAN MUNRO, DIAMID LYLE.



Jim Gilliland, Liz Fleming (Morley) and Joyce Stancliffe (Gillespie), from class of 1970 work within the school today (above, pictured, summer 2005).



Primary and secondary teachers (1975)

MRS MUIR, MRS MOORE, MRS FRASER, MRS MCINTYRE, MRS JOHNSTON, MRS HUGHES, MR GILLILAND, MR JAMIESON, MR GOODWILLIE, MRS RAE, MRS COOK, MRS BRACKENRIDGE, MRS GILLESPIE, MRS MCEWAN.
SECOND BACK ROW

MR YOUNG, MR JACKSON, MR BELL, MRS BROWN, MRS TURNER, MRS FENTON, MRS ARGO, MRS GRAHAM, MRS HUNTER, MRS FALLOW, MRS KELLOCK, MRS CORMIE, MISS GELLATLY, MRS MELDRUM, MR GEMMELL, MR BLAIR.

MISS MCDONALD, MRS BARRIE, MRS CLOWNAN, MRS BLACK, MR MCLAREN, MR PATERSON, MR WHITEHILL, MR INGRAM, MR FERGUSON, MRS BEVERIDGE, MR TAYLOR, MR MCINTYRE, MRS COCHRANE, MRS IZATT. FRONT ROW

MR STEEN, MR STEWART, MISS FORREST, MISS GRAY, MISS FLEMING, MR HAMILTON, MR BROWN, MR HILL, MR GRANT, MRS HUNTER, MRS MCRAE, MISS CAMPBELL, MRS WEIR.



Academy Staff (1979)

BACK ROW

JEAN BRACKENRIDGE, EILEEN HAINEY, MURIAL MCEWAN, MAY FALLOW.

SECOND BACK ROW

ROBBIE COOK, MARION DAVIDSON, KEN SOUDEN, MOIRA BROWN, STEVE COY, MARGARET DOUGLAS, JIM GILLILAND.

SECOND FRONT ROW

SANDRA GELLATLY, HELEN FENTON, MARGARET DIXON, BARBARA JOHNSON, IAN WHITELAW, DAVID MCLAREN, MARIE GILLILAND, ISABELLE BEVERAGE, ROS BLAKE, JOAN TURNER, BARBARA BROWN. FRONT ROW

DOUGLAS YOUNG, JEAN CAMPBELL, MARJORY MCRAE, NORA GRAY, BOB HILL, BOB MURDOCH, SANDY GRANT, MARJORY RODGER, BETTY WEIR, JEAN MACINTYRE, JOHN FERGUSON.



School Trip to Millport (1971)



Christmas dance (1971)







DUX GIRL—LESLEY SMITH



JAMES KERR DUX BOYS



ROBERT JACKSON

When I grow up I want to be a film-star. I would sing, dance, play films and go out with people.
I want to be a film-star because I have always wanted to be on television like Doris Day, Elvis Presley, Cliff Richard, Dana and lots of others.
I always sing in the toilet and in my bed too and always get a row from my mum for it.
My name will be isobela Monto. I will go to Paris, London, Italy, America.

There was a young lady from Stra'ven, Whose hair was as black as a raven, Her permanent wave, Simply wouldn't behave, So she thought she'd better be shavin'.

In the House Championship points were awarded for the quiz held in December as well as for the sports. Kype won this year again. The table reads.

Kype 260 points

Dungavel 213 "

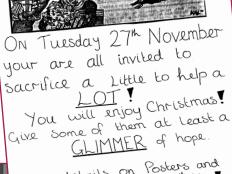
Lethame 202 ...

Loudon 175

Strathaven Academy School Magazine (1970)



Non-uniform day in aid of fete funds (1980)





'Thanks for the Olives' play in the Assembly Hall (1982)



Class 2N (1983-84)

MR SOUDEN, NEIL MACDONALD, ANDREW KENNEDY, DAVID RUSSELL, HUGH LENNOX, DAVID GILMOUR, PETER HUDSON, GEORGE BOWIE.

MIDDLE ROW

RICHARD HADDOW, WENDY LAMBERT, ELEANOR CORMIE, ANNE BRYCE, DEBORAH CURRIE, NICOLA BELL, ALEX RIDDLE.

FRONT ROW

VIKKI GREGG, GILLIAN LARE, AMANDA REDPATH, •, TANIA PHAYRE, LINDA DOUGLAS, MARIAN •, LUCY GRATHWAITE, SIAN MATHER.



Class 3Y (1983-84)

BACK ROW

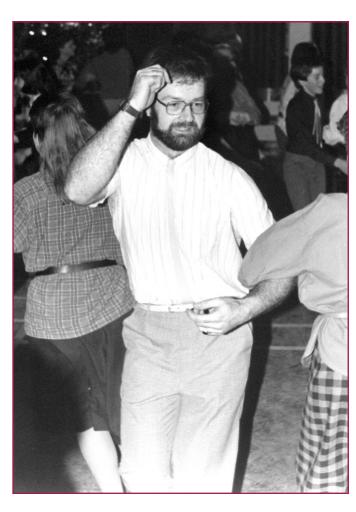
MR RANKIN, DANIEL SNEDDON, ALASTAIR BROWN, JOHN WARNOCK, COLIN BLACKWOOD, IAN SCOTT, JAMES STEWART.

MIDDLE ROW

CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN, ALASTAIR MILNE, STUART BEGG, HELEN HAMILTON, PAULINE KIRKWOOD, DAWN WARNOCK, DAVID SMITH, CRAIG LAW, MICHAEL LEE.

FRONT ROW

JOHN LEIPER, •, MARION DOCHERTY, •, MARY SMITH, WENDY GIBSON, MARIE RUTHERFORD, CLAIRE WOODS, HUGH CORRIGAN.



School Dance, December 1985 Mr Gilliland 'jiving to the beat'

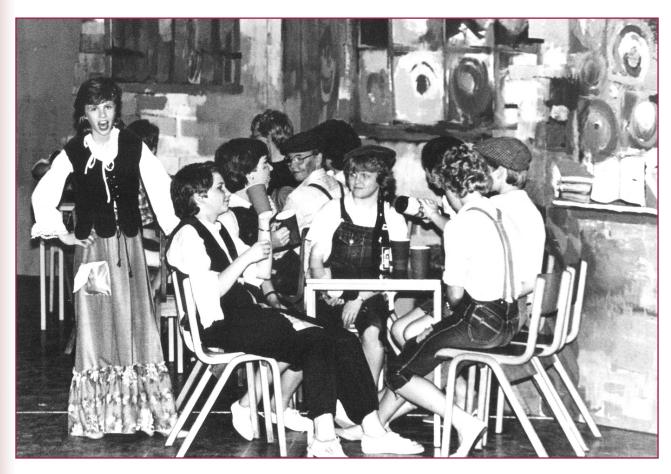
Excerpt form 'Wots On' (School Magazine)

"On arrival the music was booming out and Mr Gilliland was jiving to the beat.

The atmosphere was high, and I'm sure everyone will agree the disco had been a success. Mr Grant was found to be bopping in a corner enjoying the music while chatting to many. From first to fifth year everyone was mixing and I'm sure I can't wait until the next one!"

Mrs Brown and Graeme Elder hit the dance floor. (1985)





The school production of 'Oliver'- (1983) Clare Woods, Jennifer Bruce and Cathryn Law appear on-stage



'Clowning around' at the school's Halloween Disco (1984) Among the guisers are Caron Wilson and Fiona Young.



Things get heated at the Interhouse Quiz

"Excerpt from 'Wots On' Magazine: At the first year Inter-house Quiz, Loudon finished the outright winners, in the first round the teams' nerves were evident but they soon settled into the routine. One team member said she was, 'nervous and excited but, it was a good feeling when we knew we'd won.'

All the teams received tremendous support from the crowd. The points awarded were: Loudon 7, Lethame 5, Dungavel 3 and Kype I"



Staff Photo (1988)

BACK

DON MACINTYRE, JIM GILLILAND, GORDON FERRIE, JOHN CROMBIE, RONNIE BOYD, BRUCE RANKIN, IAN WHITEHILL, SANDY STEEL.

SECOND BACK

MIKE GANNON, BRENDA PERRY, MARTHA KINNAIRD, ROBBIE COOK, MARION DAVIDSON, MOIRA BROWN, PAMELA STEWART, ISABELLE BEVERIDGE, LIZ JOHNSTONE, SUSAN SAMSON. MIDDLE ROW

JIM MORGAN, RODDY ROSS, DEREK HOTCHKISS, DUNCAN MCKAY, SANDRA RANKIN, AGNES JOHNSTON, LESLEY MCCARTNEY, ALAN SCOTT, JOE PAL, ALISTAIR WILSON, DAVE FREELAND. SECOND FRONT

MURIEL MCEWAN, GENEVIEVE BRADY, ROSIE MULHOLLAND, MARYKE ROBINSON, LYNDA BAXTER, MAY FALLOW, ROS BLAKE, MARJORY LEONARD, LIZ MCARTHUR. FRONT

JOHN FERGUSON, GORDON BLACKWOOD, HUGH MILLAR, MARJORY RODGER, SANDY GRANT, GUS FERGUSON, CAMERON DICK, BOB HILL, JEAN MACINTYRE, EDDIE SMITH, NORAH GRAY, JACK REID, SANDRA GELLATLY.

SECTION FIVE- 1990-2005



After Mr Brown retired in 1986, Mr Dick was appointed as the new Head Teacher. Mr Dick's fourteen years as Head Teacher of Strathaven Academy saw what was perhaps the greatest number and rate of change. This period of the 90s saw changes in admission policies, staffing complements, curriculum flexibility, 5-14, Higher Still, placing requests, etc, etc. As well as all this, in 1997, Crosshill annexe was finally closed and its classes were housed in hutted accommodation on the main campus. 1997 also saw the first ever early retirement packages on such a grand-scale and a record number of teaching staff took advantage of South Lanarkshire Council's offer. Two years later in 1999 Mr Dick himself retired and was replaced by the Academy's current, and notably first female, Head Teacher: Mrs Banks.

Mrs Banks was charged with the responsibility of leading the school through the millennium and into the 21st Century where she is currently dealing with the myriad of issues which face schools in these times of continual improvement agendas.







Schools Out!
Pupils from the mid-nineties enjoy a well-earned break.



Staff photo (1991)

BACK ROW

ELAINE MUTTER, LESLEY MCCARTNEY, ROSIE MULHOLLAND, AGNES JOHNSTON, HELEN MURDOCH, JIM MORGAN, RODDY ROSS, JOHN DURKIN, MARJORY LEONARD, ISABELLE ANDREWS, MURIEL MCEWAN, GENEVIEVE BRADY, LIZ MCARTHUR, LESLEY MITCHELL.

SECOND BACK ROW

LYNDA BAXTER, CHRISTINE EAGLESON, LORNA BOYD, BOB HERD, HAMISH GLEN, JOHN SEILS, JOHN CROMBIE, STEPHEN TAYLOR, BRUCE RANKIN, DON MACINTYRE, DAVE FREELAND, ALASDAIR WILSON, DEREK HOTCHKISS, DOUGLAS YOUNG, KAY MILWAIN.

SECOND FRONT ROW

ROS BLAKE, MARTHA KINNAIRD, LIZ JOHNSTONE, ROBBIE COOK, MOIRA STODDART, ALAN SCOTT, IAN WHITEHILL, MOIRA BROWN, MURRAY CARR, MIKE GANNON, HUGH MILLAR, MARION DAVIDSON, JENNIFER SHEARER, JUDY CAIRNS, JEAN MCFARLANE. FRONT ROW

SANDRA GELLATLY, SANDY STEEL, JIM GILLILAND, JEAN MACINTYRE, MARJORY RODGER, BOB HILL, GUS FERGUSON, CAMERON DICK, JOHN FERGUSON, SANDY GRANT, PAMELA STEWART, NORAH GRAY, RONNIE BOYD, GORDON BLACKWOOD, AILEEN JONES.

Excerpt from school magazine 'A.P.B. Schools Out' – Summer 1990

'Strathaven Academy – As I See It... (By Mr Hill)

"...On being told to "report to Strathaven Academy" in March, I immediately thought of Strathaven Toffee, Strathaven Castle... somewhere in the hills south of Hamilton, where it is always cold."

'Within minutes of arriving, I'd had a tour of the school, courtesy of Mr Grant, and was "signed up" to referee at the games night that evening...'

I would like to thank the students and pupils. You have been a pleasure to teach (most of the time) and I can honestly say I am enjoying my teaching more than at any other time. I don't know what the future holds for me but I hope Strathaven will a part of it, for a while at least!'





Rehearsals for the Christmas Concert with Mr Blackwood (1994)





The Christmas Concert



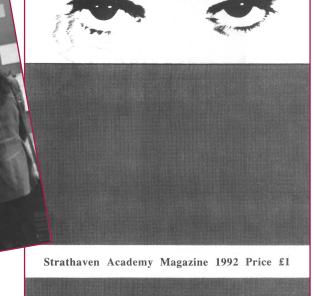


(Above and Left)
The School Dance





Norman MacCaig Visit



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NORMAN MacCAIG

SCOTLAND'S GREATEST LIVING POET VISITS STRATHAVEN

On Thursday 26 March. Norman MacCaig. Scotland's greatest living poet visited Strathaven Academy to read and discuss some of his work to an audience of S5 students. Norman MacCaig's poetry is studied as part of the Revised Higher English.

After being introduced by Mr Hotchkies. MacCaig gave us a brief account of his life. His father was born and brought up on an island in the West of Scotland and his mother was born and brought up in Edinburgh and Mac Caig has spent his whole life there.

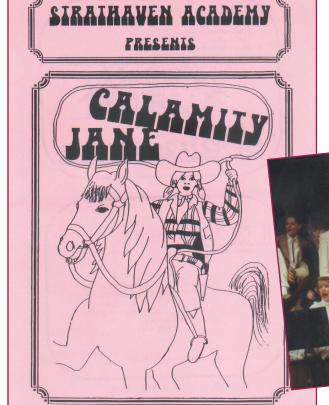




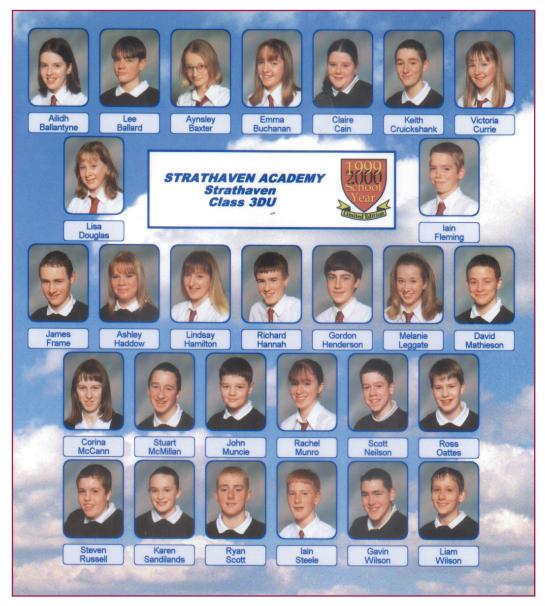


(Above and Right)
Hard at work: pupils in class during the mid-nineties.





(Above and Left)
School Show, "Calamity Jane"



Class 3DU 1999-2000

The Millennium ST Camp - "The Night-Line"

"We were led to a grassy path between two dorms and were given a helmet and a pair of goggles that we couldn't see out of. After a few try-outs, off we went. The group leader guided us round with a rope, then took us through puddles and tunnels, made us go over and under objects and we ended up looking like we had spent a week, lying on our fronts in a muddy puddle! Thankfully this activity only lasted about an hour."

(Viki McNaught, then SI)





Staff Photograph (2001 - 2002)



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CALUM FOSTER, ANTHONY CONWAY, RICHARD KENNEDY, KENNETH CAMPBELL.
SECOND BACK MARTIN WHITECROSS, ALASTAIR FORREST, WILLIAM KERR, NIKOLAS FORBES, KIRSTEN MCMILLAN, ROSS CANAVAN.
SECOND FRONT BLAIR PATON, GRAEME TODD, ROSS WHITEFORD, MARTIN MUNRO, FRASER CURRIE, BILLY SANDILANDS, ANDREW STEWART, MARTIN HENDRY.
FRONT CLAIRE HARRISON, SARAH CROWN,

BACK ROW

CLAIRE HARRISON, SARAH CROWN, JULIE MATHIESON, SEONAID BALLANTYNE, MELISSA WILLIAMSON, SUSAN BARCLAY, KIRSTIE BAXTER, KIMBERLEY ALLAN, STACY WILLIAMS.

BACK ROW
ADAM MCNEE, ALEX MURRAY, ALAN
LOUDON, CRAIG STEPHEN, GAVIN
DUNBAR.
MIDDLE ROW
NICOLE DAVIDSON, SCOTT RITCHIE,
AMY KIRKWOOD, ANDREW
HAMILTON, RYAN QUINN, ALAN
DONALDSON, ASHLEY FALLOW.
FRONT

SARAH YOUNG, NAFEESA ALI, SOPHIE AYTON, ANNA GINESTRI, KIRSTY JOHNSON, JENNIFER GILLESPIE, TAYLOR MCINNES.



ILE 2004-5



4DLO 2004-5

The present S4 will be the last year group to complete their six years in the present Academy building.

BACK ROW ROSS GRAHAM, JAMES COE, MARTIN MITCHELL, STEPHEN HOGG, GAVIN DONALD, FIONA MELDRUM, ASHLEY MCCALLUM.

MIDDLE ROW

ALASTAIR LEITCH, ALAN FRAME, DEREK LAW, STUART MAITLAND, JOHN DEMPSEY, JAMIE MILLAR, HELEN EVANS, LOUISE MACKENZIE.

FRONT ROW

KATIE BROWN, KATIE DUFFUS, KERRY-ANNE SINCLAIR, DANIELLE ROBERTS, RUTH DUFF, HEATHER MARSHALL, FAYE FRAME, KARA BROWNLIE, JENNIFER LUNDIE.



(Left)
As we enter a new stage of the school's history, the original building is at the end of its life





Original features of the old academy building still preserved













(Above and Left) The Academy 2005.

















Staff and pupils (summer 2005)









Staff and pupils (summer 2005)

























A selection of events from the centenary year celebrations











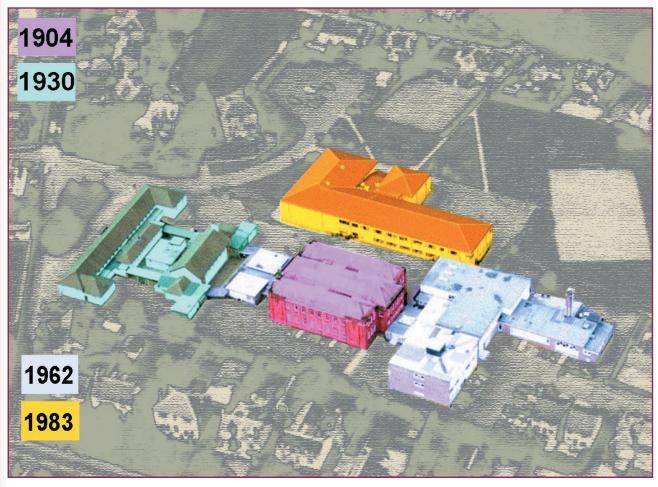






Centenary Exhibition in Assembly Hall (June 2005)

APPENDIX 1 — CHRONOLOGY OF BUILDINGS



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