

# Carrick Academy

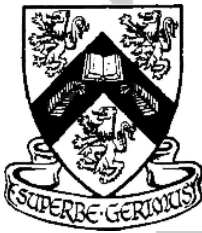


## Press Pack's last News

This is the last News delivery from this year's Press Pack Team. With everyone finishing up for exams the team would like to thank the teachers for providing them with information to keep the rest of the school up to date.

We are sure next year's group will carry on the role just as good and we wish them luck.

## Captains Interview



### What has been your highlight of the year and why has it been the best part?

**Elizabeth** – The best part was Children In Need week. Also the Common Room at lunch-times.

I think Prom will be one of the best bits of the year when it comes.

**David** – The highlight of the year was getting The Common Room, organising Prom and holding other events E.g. Children In Need.

### What have you had to do?

**Elizabeth** – Organise meetings, plan Prom, meet people and show them round the school, go to pupil forums, speaking at assemblies, organise agenda's and go to parent association meetings.

**David** – Organise prom, Children In Need and go to LOTS of meetings. I was also involved in the Young Roots Project.

### Any Bad Parts?

**Elizabeth** – The amount of time it takes to organise events.

**David** – Making speeches at assemblies and meetings.

### What would you change?

**Elizabeth** – I would try and not have as much to do.

**David** – better organisation by the school for main events. Give the captains more to do.

**What is your most memorable moment?**

**Elizabeth** – Ozzy Rules Game, being gunged for Children In Need, Sport Relief run also days in The Common Room.

**David** – The Common Room antics and Prom when it comes around.

**Vice- Captains Interview**

**What has been your highlight of the year and why has it been the best part?**

**Leigh** – So many things! I just can't choose.

**Jonathan** – Probably my head getting shaved for Children In Need!

**What have you had to do?**

**Leigh** – I had the responsibility of organising the band for the Prom and other events such as the Sponsored Run and the Dodge Ball competition for sports relief.

**Jonathan** – Helped organise Prom money also arranged a yearbook to be produced for our sixth years.

**Any Bad Parts?**

**Leigh** – No, everything as been great and I have enjoyed every part of it.

**Jonathan** – We Got moved Common Rooms, the one we got given is a bit small for us all.

**What would you change?**

**Leigh** – No don't think so!

**Jonathan** – Probably The Common Room, the last one was bigger for us!

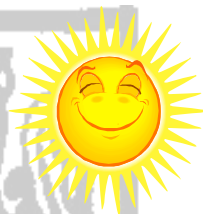
**What is your most memorable moment?**

**Leigh** – Raising money for Sports relief and Children In Need.

**Jonathan** – My head Shave I done for Children In Need!

### **May Day Holiday**

The school will be closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May for the May Day Holiday. All pupils should return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.



### **End of Term Football Report**

After taking time to reflect on what has been an extremely successful year for our football teams, we shall welcome the post season rest and plan for the future.

#### **Under 13**

In their first season this team have done better than all of our expectations. They reached two semi finals losing out to Cumnock in one and awaiting the arrival of Kyle Academy in the other, with the prospect of an Ayrshire Cup final in the coming weeks.



#### **Under 14**

The boys would be first to admit that this has not been the most successful season at this level, but shall build on it for next. They lost out narrowly to Largs in the Scottish cup and failed at the first hurdle in the Ayrshire Cup. Never mind boy's better luck next year!!

#### **Under 15**

Currently the S3's are sitting top of the league, awaiting the outcome of Belmont's last game to see where they finish. The season has been pretty much of a mixed bag for this team, we started with an excellent draw against a very strong Belmont side and if we maintained our consistency of play and personnel.

#### **Under 16**

By far and away the most impressive season yet for this group of boys. Winners of the Ayrshire cup thanks to a dramatic late goal by Jo Cree. The boys made history by winning the cup at this level for the first time. Add to that a very positive run all the way to the quarter finals of the Scottish Cup.

### **Under 18**

We had a small squad all season and ultimately this cost us in crucial games. We lost out to Auchinleck in the semi final of the league cup. We lost out to St Matthews in the semi final of the Ayrshire Cup and Holycross knocked us out in the last 16 of the Scottish Cup. Never mind, we wish all of the boys who are leaving us from this team all the best in the future and hope that they stay in touch!

### **Rugby End of Term Report**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XV**

#### **Tour**

Carrick Academy 1st XV travelled down to Wales at the beginning of the month. They played two games that were both closely contested. The first game was against a much older and bigger Pontycymmer side. It really was a battle of their strength against Carrick's organisation. The final score was 12 - 10 to the Welsh boys. The hospitality afterwards was excellent and the boys made friends with the Welsh boys so much so that they all turned up at our hotel the next day to come and support us for our second tour game against Maesteg. This again turned out to be a closely fought encounter; Carrick led 20-7 at half time but for some reason switched off in the second and ended up losing 20-26.

The tour was a massive success and the boys all had a great time. The Millennium stadium tour was a tour highlight. Plans have been put in place for the 1st XV to visit our newly found friends next season (5th April to the 10th April 2009) with Maesteg visiting us at some point next season.

As for next season, 5 of the squad will leave the school and replacements must be found however with players like Michael Kirk and Sam Currie coming through from the under 15 Mr Brown will be looking forward to having another interesting and rewarding season. Mr Dunsmuir has agreed to take next years backs and with the schedule and fixtures that the boys have been handed for next season then hopefully the standard of play will continue to improve at this age group at Carrick Academy.

## **Playing Record**

**Played: 24 Won: 15 Lost: 8 Drawn: 1**



### **Under 15**

The under 15 side had a mixed season. They started the season very well with fine victories against Girvan and Ayr. The side then lost to Belmont who later went on to win the Ayrshire Cup and Marr. However a sign of their true ability was shown when they defeated Wellington away by 15-12 and then by defeating Belmont at home by 36-10. This meant that the team won the South Ayrshire league and would go forward to the Quarter Final of the Ayrshire Cup. Unfortunately they lost to Auchinleck in a closely fought match by 22-18. It has to be said that the boys also played against some quality opposition in the shape of Morrison's and Queen Victoria School, Dunblane and gave both schools very competitive games. There were many fine performances from many players this season Blair Jardine, Stephen Paton and Roddy Paterson are all outstanding prospects and with the like of Cameron Landsborough making such a positive impact on the team we can look forward to a bright future.

The boys and School were very lucky with the coaches they have had this season with Mr McComiskey being as committed as always right up to the end of his teaching career and then Stephen Raby who worked hard with the boys after Christmas.

As for next season the Under 15 should be even better and hopefully this side will have realistic chance of reaching the Ayrshire Cup later stages and emulate what their 1<sup>st</sup> XV big brothers did this year.

## **Playing Record**

**Played: 16 Won: 8 Lost: 8**

### **Under 14**

The Under 14 side had a great season with the highlight of their season being winning the Ayrshire Schools 7s in March. They defeated Wellington, Doon, Belmont and Marr A on route to winning the Brian Gilbert Cup.



At 15 a side the boys played 12 games and only lost three of these, one to Girvan in a mixed S1/S2 game and they only suffered defeat twice as a S2 side against Marr A and Linlithgow. Notable victories against Aberdeen Grammar School and Arran demonstrated that this side is one for the future. It would be wrong not to mention to fine performances against Marr A and Wellington when Carrick came back in both games to force a draw.

Four boys have also earned Ayrshire trails recently Blair Jardine, Jonathon Webster, John Dewar and Jamie Campbell and we will keep you updated on their progress. Many thanks must go to our youth coaches Robert Sykes, Michael Paton, Greg Montgomery and Ross Knight for working so hard with this side throughout the season. The Youth coaching programme has been a massive success and without their help the school could not run so many teams.

**Played: 12 Won: 7 Lost: 3 Drawn: 2**

### **Under 13**

The Under 13 side had a difficult season as they played against some very good sides that had greater strength and experience than our boys. However, the enthusiasm and commitment that the boys have shown in every game and at training has been excellent. The boys played twice against Marr and gave good account of themselves in both. Against Dumfries they lost a try in the final play to lose a game that they had controlled throughout. The boys kept trying and gained reward for their efforts throughout the season by defeating Stewarton and Doon Academies near the end of the season.

The school would like to thank Robert Kennedy and David McGee of Carrick Rugby Club for coaching the boys throughout the season and look forward to their continued for next season. A big thank you also goes to Craig Davidson for coaching the S1 team throughout the season. Thanks guys!!!

**Played: 10 Won: 2 Lost; 8**

### **Other News**



The school rugby has also had a busy season in other ways. We took two buses to Murrayfield in February and March for the Scotland matches against England and France. Both trips were enjoyable for all involved. Next Season we are planning on attending the Scotland matches against New Zealand, South Africa, Wales and Ireland.

The school just received the news this week that we are in the top 1% of schools in Scotland in terms of our playing numbers and organisation. Part of the reason for this success is due to the hardwork of our senior boys. The boys have coached the junior sides and help organise whole school rugby events. We are planning on this continuing next season. In another major development Colin Sturgeon our 1<sup>st</sup> XV captain delivered training sessions in Cairn primary school which was another major success. To build on the pupil's rugby experience a group of Cairn primary pupils attended both Scotland games with the school and we hope to roll out this programme to other primary schools in the area next season.

We also hope to have an SVQ rugby student who will be devoted to the school for 7 hours a week next season. Discussions are at an advanced stage and I hope to make a further announcement on this in June/August.

Season 2007-08 has been the most successful in the schools rugby history. 42% of boys in the school have put on the Carrick jersey this season and have played with pride, identity and great skill. To them I thank you all for your efforts. I would also like to thank all the parents and teachers and Senior Management of Carrick without your help and support none of this would be possible. The sight of over 350 Carrick Supporters at Millbrae really hit home to me how much the rugby is now part of the Carrick Academy experience and one of which we should all be rightly proud of.

#### S6 Interviews



This is the last couple of weeks for the 6<sup>th</sup> year at Carrick and we have taken some time out speak to them and find out there highlights and what they thought of Carrick.

What was the most memorable part of the year?

"The common room was definitely one of the best parts of the year"

"I loved playing the Aussie rules game with the girls V boy's, it was great fun especially with Mr Brown and Mr McComiskey being very fair referees"

"Children in Need was one of the great memories I'll take from Carrick, Jonathan's head shave was the highlight of the day!"

"The love actually film afternoon when we ordered up Chinese and had a great afternoon"

"Ainslie's Hawaiian party was one of the highlights"

"Playing rounder's the common room was brilliant, even though the janitor's were not to happy with us"

What has been the best bit of your time at Carrick?

"I always loved the start of the school holidays"

"6<sup>th</sup> year has been the best bit of all my years at Carrick, and we have had so many laughs over my time at Carrick"

"Passing my exams has been the most enjoyable part of Carrick but it has been a lot of hard work"

"Christmas dances and especially the Hollywood disco were the best parts"

What will you miss about Carrick?

"There are definitely some teachers that I will miss; Carrick would not have been the same without them"

"I'm going to miss the school dinners, they were great and now I'm going to have to cook for myself!"

"I'll miss seeing everyone each day and all the friends I've made even though I know we'll keep in touch"



"I'll miss so many things about Carrick but I'm definitely not going to miss all the homework!"

We wish the S6 good luck in what ever they decide to go on to do and were sure they will never forget their time at Carrick.

### **S6 School Leavers**

Front Row: Kirsty McCrorie  
Alison Hutchison  
Leigh Jardine ( School Vice Captain)  
David Wyllie (School Captain)  
Elizabeth McJannet (School Captain)  
Jonathan Innes (School Vice Captain)  
Chelsea Henderson  
Alison Shearlaw

Second Row: Gayle Barr  
Claire McNeillie  
Jade McCathie  
Hannah McCubbin  
George Blythe  
Rebecca Duffin  
Ross McDowell  
Lauren Roulstone  
Connor Moore

Third Row: Stephanie Cochrane  
Ainslie McCulloch  
Craig McKay  
Liam Scott  
Fraser Thompson  
Caitlin Greig  
Nicola Andrew  
Emma Houston

Back Row: Gemma Scobie



*Farewell*

Eilidh Gerrish  
Colin Sturgeon  
Grant Kidd  
Will Barker  
Jennifer Andrew  
Kirsty Walker  
Chris McLiester

