

WELCOME TO THE NEW SESSION

## AUGUST 2002



Welcome back to the new session. I hope that everyone has had a most relaxing break despite the poor weather over the summer.

I was greatly impressed by the standard of dress and the way the pupils conducted themselves on the first day back. My thanks to the parents, in particular to our new S1 intake as ties and sweatshirts had to be purchased from the school office during the holidays, for their invaluable co-operation in these matters.

Early impressions of the results are that Standard Grades are slightly up, but there is a slight drop in the Highers. We are now in the process of re-negotiation with some seniors in terms of changing their options.

On the staffing front, **Miss Connor** has joined the Modern Languages Department, **Miss Happell** in History, **Ms Robertson** in Art, **Miss Donnelly** in Business Studies, **Mr McGinnis** and **Mr Hopkins** in Technical. We wish them all well and hope they will enjoy working with us here in Carrick.

We have now concluded the School and House Captain interviews and later in the newsletter you will find more details of the results. Congratulations to the pupils and I am sure they will find their responsibilities most rewarding over the coming session.

The S4 Work Experience programme gets underway on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and again we are indebted to the local businesses and parents for their assistance and support with this valuable experience for the youngsters. A full report will be featured in the next newsletter.

I will do my best to keep you informed of progress through the pages of the newsletter. If, however, you have any concerns or wish to enquire about anything please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Regards  
**R Stewart**  
Headteacher

## PUBLICITY TEAM 2002:



Miss Cree  
David Baillie  
Morven Gourlay  
Corene Knight  
Laura McGregor  
Fiona Hearton  
Debbie Campbell and others



This year the aim of the publicity team is to inform you of all the happenings in Carrick Academy through the newsletter. We will also be submitting a school report to the weekly newspapers. If you have something you would like to be included in the newsletter, could you contact one of the people listed above, or hand in a note to the office. We would greatly appreciate this.

### HOUSE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SESSION 2002-2003 AS FOLLOWS-

#### BLUE HOUSE

House Captains - Gordon Munro; Jemma Wells  
House Vice Captains;- Sarah McInnes; Jody McQuiston  
Senior House Rep (Events) - Fiona Hay

**Blue**

**Green**

#### GREEN HOUSE

House Captains - Craig MacMillan; Debbie Cuthill  
House Vice Captain - Gavin Kean; Lois Cowie  
Senior House Rep (Publicity) - Laura Brown

#### RED HOUSE

House Captains - Colin McRae; Jennifer Hutchison  
House Vice Captain - Robert Hutton; Charli-Anne Horton  
Senior House Rep (Events) - Rebecca Briggs  
Sports Co-ordinator- Craig Forson

**Red**

**Yellow**

#### YELLOW HOUSE

House Captains - Ian Stuart; Morven Gourlay  
House Vice Captains - Lyndsay McBride; Fiona Wilkinson  
Senior House Rep (Publicity) - Sarah Hamilton

Junior Club Co-ordinators - Sarah Jane Wood; Victoria Boughen

# S1 INTERVIEWS



## Stacey Healy - Green house

1. **How are you finding Carrick so far?**  
Okay.
2. **Do you like the teachers at Carrick?**  
Some of them.
3. **Have you made many friends at Carrick?**  
I have plenty of my own friends from Cairn anyway.
4. **How did you find going from the biggest at school back to the smallest?**  
It was weird going from the biggest to the smallest.
5. **What would you like to be when you leave school?**  
Not a teacher anyway; maybe a beautician.



It gets better - I think!

## Bradley Bate - Red house

1. **How are you finding Carrick so far?**  
Very good. I like it.
2. **Do you like the teachers at Carrick?**  
Yes everyone is willing to help if I'm lost.
3. **Have you made plenty of friends at Carrick?**  
Yes.
4. **How do you find the teachers at Carrick?**  
They are nicer - and strict
5. **Do you find the academy different from primary school?**  
No difference really.
6. **What would you like to be when you leave school?**  
Scientist.



Will he be so happy next month?



## YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDIN'!

Christmas (!). Yes, I know it's early, but if you would like a music group to participate in your Christmas festivities, please contact Miss Gourley with the details.

## GRADUATES- MORE SUCCESS TO THE SCHOOL

### ***Congratulations to:-***

Scott Torbett    B.Eng. Second Class Div. Two  
*University of Glasgow*  
Karen Butcher    Bachelor of Design, Honours 2  
*University of Dundee*



### **NEW S3 xl CLUB**



An outing was arranged for the new S3xl Club to attend a team-building day at Dolphin House on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. The group is made up of:

Campbell Conn  
Aaron McCulloch

Zoe Jess  
Kirsty McDowall

Alan McCoy  
Patrick Reilly

Siobhan Jess  
Lisa Roy

**A Careers Convention is being held at the Magnum, Irvine for S5 - S6 pupils on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. There will also be an evening session on the Wednesday starting at 6 pm for parents *and* pupils. This evening session will be interesting and informative and should prove to be an evening well spent!**



## **NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

Any S1 pupil wishing more information about the instrumental instruction programme should speak to Miss Gourley. Current vacancies include Woodwind, Bagpipe and Brass. There are no vacancies in Guitar, Drum Kit or Keyboard at the moment.