

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 2nd 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





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





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!

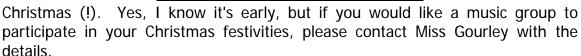
Bradley Bate - Red house

- 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'!





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 teambuilding day at Dolphin House on Wednesday 21st August. The group is made up of:

Campbell Conn Zoe Jess Alan McCoy Siobhan Jess Aaron McCulloch Kirsty McDowall Patrick Reilly Lisa Roy

A Careers Convention is being held at the Magnum, Irvine for S5 - S6 pupils on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th 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.