



MELVILLE COLLEGE TRUST

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Newsletter.



Introduction and Welcome

Welcome to our latest Newsletter. Some of you will be receiving our Newsletter for the 1st time, so we do hope you enjoy the various updates and our look back into the Melville College archives. If you missed any of the earlier editions they are on our website – there is a

link to these at the end of the Newsletter.

This edition is being issued in both email and printed format for the first time as we have been able to expand our distribution to cover both formats. If you are a recipient by post and would like to switch to email, then

drop us a note (contact details below). We still have a bit of work to complete the updated distribution lists so rather than delay the issue of the Newsletter, a few of you will be receiving the Newsletter via the post this time rather than by email previously. One for us to tidy up! >>

>> Thanks to everyone who got in touch following our last issue. Another good response of archive material has come forward and as a result we are going far back this time. As always do keep sending us anything you have. Please do get in touch with us.

We have a lot of information and features to share with you, including:

- **Plans for a Melville FP Reunion**
- **How to Donate and Gift Aid**
- **Melville Trust Update**
- **Photos & Videos from the Melville College archives**
- **Inverleith Disabled Lift Update**

The Melville College Trust is an **Independent Trust** set up in its current format in 1976 and registered as a Charity under OSCR (The Scottish Charity Regulator). Its origins lie in a number of related schemes which were set up after the two World Wars to establish and maintain a war memorial, provide bursary support for families of those FPs of the Edinburgh Institution and Melville College killed or badly injured in the wars and to provide funds to purchase land for playing fields and a house for school boarders. Over the years, additional generous funding has come from legacies left by Former Pupils.

The main purpose of the Melville College Trust is to promote the advancement of education through the provision of school bursaries and grants to perpetuate the memory of those Former Pupils who lost their lives during the two World Wars.

Alan Veitch,

Chair Melville College Trust

Melville FP Reunion 2021

We have mentioned in previous Newsletters that the Trust had been hoping to organise an informal reunion for all Melville FPs during the Summer of 2021. For obvious reasons we are unable to proceed this summer with any definite plans. Hopefully, the months ahead will give us a clear path to stage the event next year instead.

Melville Trust Update

We held our Annual General Meeting last November, this time via Zoom, given the Covid restrictions. Although missing the opportunity to meet in everyone in person - the elected Governors, Honorary Members and School Principal all managed to interact very well on our screens.

The key points from the Meeting were:

- During the School Year (2019/2020), the Trust provided £230,000 in bursaries to the Erskine Stewart's Melville Schools, which has enabled 26 pupils to enjoy the excellent facilities and education available. The bursary provision covered 14 pupils at Stewart's Melville, 11 at Mary Erskine and 1 at ESMS Junior School.
- In addition to the bursaries, the Trust has donated £10,000 to a diverse number of School projects. In the Erskine Stewart's Melville Junior School a camera for Junior School trips, play materials for primary 4 and 5 were purchased with support also going to the primary 7 Netball Club. Mary Erskine School clubs received funding for basketball, rowing and film-making. In Stewart's Melville College the Astronomy Club received support and across the Erskine Stewart's Melville Senior School there were the purchases of a canoe trailer and Challenge scoreboards.
- During the year the investment policy had changed from one reliant on income to one where cashflows were funded from a combination of income and capital (total return). It was fortunate that the timing of the change in the investment policy had preceded the pandemic, as income generated by the portfolio had fallen but in the short term this had been compensated by better capital performance.
- Another change made during the year had been to equalise the funds held across the two investment managers. This should also have a beneficial effect on overall performance.
- 3 new Governors were elected - Tommy Bryson, Victor Coltherd and Steven Newlands.
- Julian Scott who had recently stepped after 25 years as the Trust's Clerk and Treasurer and Grant Macrae, who retired at the meeting after serving many years as a Governor including Chairman for 3 years, were both elected Honorary Members.

Trust Operation Update

Following the Annual General Meeting and the start of a new Trust year, the day to day management of the Trust is split into 2 main committees.

Chairman's Committee

Alan Veitch (Chair), Stephen Paterson (Vice-Chair), Malcolm MacColl, Victor Coltherd, Ken Richardson, Andy Scott, Steven Newlands, Christine Collingwood and Tommy Bryson

Investment Committee

Tommy Bryson (Chair), Malcolm MacColl, Alan Veitch, Steven Newlands, Jill Johnson and Nick Kordowski

Trust Clerk and Treasurer - David Dunsire

How to Donate and Gift Aid

The Melville College Trust has now formally registered to use the Government Gift Aid Scheme. As a Charity all donations we receive can now be enhanced by a further 25%.

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The defibrillator and the digitising of the 'red book' are both good examples of how donations to the Trust can be made in support of specific projects or pieces of work. Of course we are also delighted to receive non-specific or general donations to support the work of the Trust. We are all volunteers and we keep any costs to a minimum, so that all donations and legacies go directly towards the work that the Trust carries out.

Donors just need to complete the appropriate Gift Aid form when making a contribution. Do get in touch with us for further assistance.

You can make a one-off donation, a regular monthly or annual donation (via Standing Order) and can opt to choose to support defined or capital projects, bursaries, clubs and societies or simply let the Trust allocate as required.

Full details are available on our website:

<https://melvillecollegetrust.uk/>

including Gift Aid forms for single or multiple donations.

From the Melville

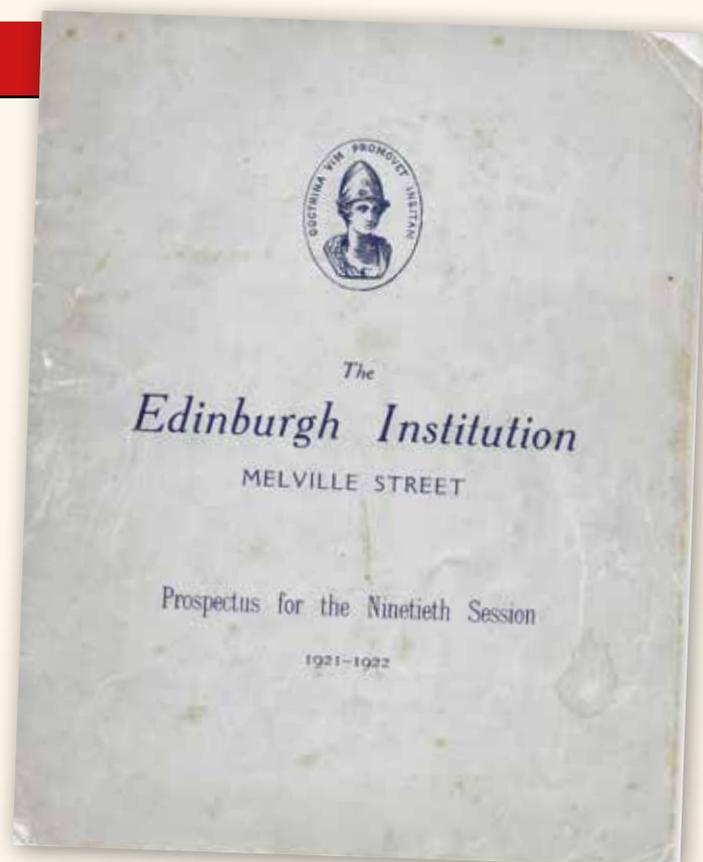
Archives

Once again thanks for the various archive material received since our last Newsletter - do keep sending us the archives.

School Prospectus 1921-22

(Thanks to Mike Wheeler)

We are back to the very early days of Melville Street and the School Prospectus for 1921-1922. School year starting on Monday 3rd October! Some interesting choices of subjects being taught and perhaps a hint that Physical Training might just be a little strenuous. Also, some very clear School Rules to obey!



SCHOOL STAFF.

Head Master—
WALTER HARDIE, M.A. (Hons. in Philosophy and Literature).

UPPER SCHOOL.

English—THE HEAD MASTER.
Miss M. P. GREIG.

History and Geography—J. R. S. YOUNG, M.A. (Hons. in History).

Latin and Greek—ROBERT ROSE, M.A. (Hons. in Classics).

French and German—Miss M. H. SMITH, M.A. (Hons. in Modern Languages).

Science and Mathematics—
HENRY WALKER, M.A., D.Sc. (Hons. in Mathematics, Natural Philosophy,
and Chemistry).

Arithmetic and Commercial Subjects—
W. R. HAPPEZ, University of Edinburgh.

Singing—Miss GREIG.

Elocution—GRAEME GORING.

Phonography—D. LYON ROBERTSON, F.S.P.A., F.C.T.S.

Dancing—Mrs. BYERS.

Fencing—

M. LÉON CROISIER, Croix de Guerre, Maître de l'Académie d'Armes, Paris.

Physical Training—JOHN HENDERSON, M.M., Army and Carnegie
Schools of Physical Culture; Col.-Sergt. J. H. PRATT.

Games—J. R. S. YOUNG, M.A.; J. HENDERSON.

LOWER SCHOOL.

Miss TOCHER—Fourth Class.
Miss STORRIE, M.A.—Third Class.
Miss M'GLASHAN—Second Class.
Miss BROWN—First Class.
Miss HARDIE—Primary Class.

The Headmaster receives Boarders at his residence,
26 ROYAL TERRACE.

Sanitary—Col.-Sergt. J. H. PRATT.

RULES.

Attendance and Absence. 1. No boy may be absent from any class without having *previously* obtained the Head Master's leave, except on the ground of illness or for some other unavoidable or sufficient reason. This Rule applies to Practices held on the Sports Field on school days as well as to classes held in the School.

Note.—The Directors request parents and guardians not to ask for leave of absence for a boy unless for very adequate reasons.

2. When a boy has been unavoidably absent without permission, he may not re-enter any class until he has presented to the Head Master a satisfactory explanation of such absence, signed by a parent or guardian.

3. If such absence is prolonged beyond one day, a written explanation thereof should at once be sent to the Head Master.

4. No boy may come to School from any house in which there is a case of infectious disease, or after he has himself suffered from such a disease, without presenting to the Head Master a doctor's certificate to the effect that he is free from infection.

5. Exemption from the Classes for Physical Training, from the Field Practices on school days, or from Cadet Drills, is allowed only on presentation of a doctor's certificate stating that attendance at these Classes, Practices, or Drills would be injurious.

Home Lessons. 6. Parents and guardians must hold themselves responsible for the adequate preparation of home lessons. No excuse for non-preparation may be accepted by the Head Master except illness or other unavoidable and sufficient cause. In every case of non-preparation, boys must make good the work that has not been done.

Note.—The Directors earnestly hope that parents and guardians will attend strictly to this rule, and realise the necessity for the mastery of each day's work if steady progress is to be made.

Fees. 7. Notice of withdrawal of a boy must be given at least fourteen days before the end of any term, otherwise the fee for the ensuing term will be charged.

8. No part of a fee shall be refunded for absence during part of a term; but in the case of absence due to illness or other unavoidable circumstance, and extending over more than half of a term, a *pro rata* abatement of the fee for a subsequent term may be made, at the discretion of the Directors, for the time during which the absence has lasted beyond the half term.

Edinburgh Institution 1st XV Season 1925-26



(Thanks to Stuart Wilkinson)

The Rugby XV includes Stuart's father and there are other surnames that will resonate with many of us - Walls, Russell, Curr, Wright, Grieve, Young etc.

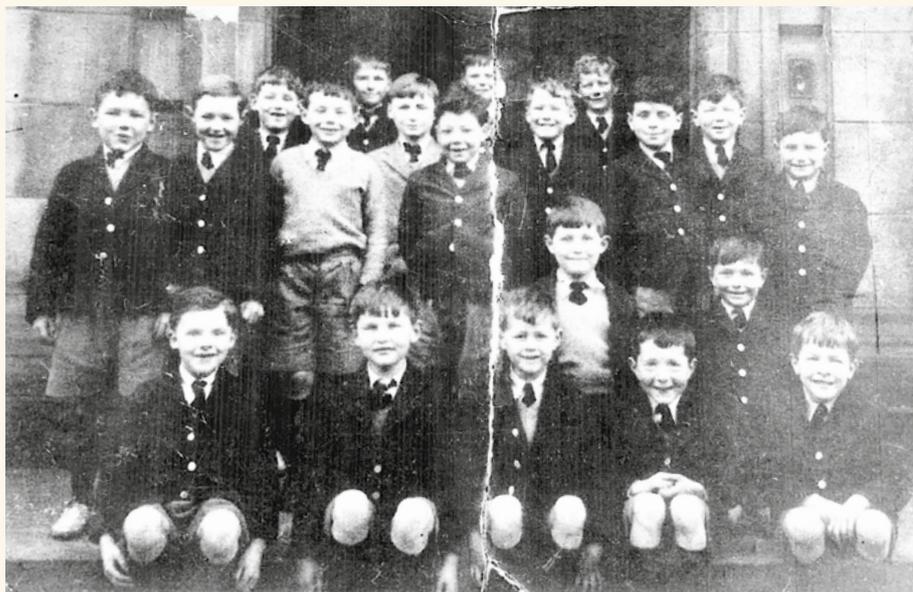
The season's results are handwritten on the back, played 15; won 7; lost 7; drawn 1.

Back row: AT Thyne, CG Robertson, J Stevenson, HJ Walls, JCL Wark, J Gray, G MacNaughton, J Wilkinson

Front row: LV Roberts, J Young, AL Russell, J Henderson Esq, RWVS Wright (Captain), MF Grieve, JF Curr, CK Hamilton, H Somerville

Miss Stewart's Class of Primary B 1938

(Thanks to Jimmy Moncrieff)



Back row: Peter Sorley, Hamish Sturrock, Trevor Stobbs, Cedric Barbour, Alan Westwood, Will Wightman, Hamish Kohler, Kenneth Tyson, Douglas Lochhead, Gordon Ellis, Derek Smibert, Archie Young, Ian Cathie

Front row: Robert Napier, Kenneth Gumley, Peter Orrin, Douglas Cochrane, Mack Jamieson, Jimmy Moncrieff, Keith Frost

Melville College 1st XV 1957-58

(Thanks to Mike Watkinson)



School Sports

Following the publication our School Sports videos in the last newsletter, Gordon Covey has supplied a couple of photos taken on Sports day at Ferryfield, featuring his brother Vic and thinks the one on the right has Gordon Reid alongside - can anyone confirm?



Thanks to Bob Young, who has now confirmed the Senior School Sports video in our November newsletter was 1962 and goes onto to say the 1963 Sports both Senior & Junior were held on pitch 5 or new pitch as it was sometimes known.

If you missed the Videos or want to watch them again, they are now on our website.

Primary School Sports 1959 -
<http://melvillecollegetrust.uk/JuniorSports1959.mp4>

Primary School Sports 1961 -
<http://melvillecollegetrust.uk/JuniorSports1961.mp4>

Primary School Sports 1963 -
<http://melvillecollegetrust.uk/JuniorSports1963.mp4>

Primary School Sports 1970 -
<http://melvillecollegetrust.uk/JuniorSports1970.mp4>

Senior School Sports 1962 -
<http://melvillecollegetrust.uk/SeniorSports1962.mp4>

Melville College Crest

Many of you will remember this crest could be spotted in many clubhouses around the country. It was a common thing to do for clubs to present their club crest to their regular sporting opponents.

Speirs Bar at Goldenacre even had one, but Speirs Bar is no more, last seen trading as The Inverleith.



Net Practice at Ferryfield - 1964



(in front) RHE Chisholm, ER Thompson, S Dunlop, EK Collins

Cricket Action From Ferryfield

(Thanks to Lindsay Weir)

Archive video footage with Lindsay Weir and Lawrance Reilly getting ready to open the batting for Melville College in 1973 -

<https://melvillecollegetrust.uk/Cricket1973.mp4>

Inverleith Disabled Lift

Disappointingly, but given current climate, there is no major capital spend on new projects within the School estate for the time being, this planned project is now on hold.



Alan Veitch,
Chair Melville College Trust

Keep up to Date

Website: Our website has lots of information about the Trust <https://melvillecollegetrust.uk/>

Newsletters: Missed any of our previous issues, then go to our website and catch up <https://melvillecollegetrust.uk/newsletters/>

Twitter: Follow us on Twitter (get the news as it happens) - we follow all the various FP Clubs and School Twitter accounts, so plenty news of the ESMS family just a few clicks away - https://twitter.com/melville_trust

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