

# Biggar High School



## Awards Ceremony

19 June 2018



# Programme

*Platform Party Piped in by Heather Somerville*

*Introduction & Welcome*

*Mr Robert Stewart, Head Teacher*

*Presentation of S1 Academic Excellence & Endeavour Awards*

*Ms Lilian MacLean*

*Presentation of S2 Academic Excellence & Endeavour Awards*

*Mr Blair Young*

*Presentation of S3 Academic Excellence & Endeavour Awards*

*Mrs Anne Anderson*

*Musical item – Junior Samba Band*

*“Achievement of Every Kind”*

*Mrs Rose*

*Musical Item – Anna McDiarmid Vocal Solo*

*Presentation of S4/5/6 Subject Prizes – Mrs Rose*

*Presentation of Sports Prizes and Inter-house Trophies – Mr Bryan Cathcart*

*Reflections – Mr Bryan Cathcart*

*Musical Item – Brendan Norris Piano Solo*

*Presentation of Special Prizes – Mr Bryan Cathcart, Mr Brian Curle, Ms Lillian MacLean & Mr John Forrester*

*Final Presentations Mrs Anne Anderson & Mr Blair Young*

*Musical Item – Junior Choir*

*‘This is me’*

*Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks – Mr Robert Stewart Head Teacher*

***Presentation of S1 Academic Excellence & Endeavour Awards Announced by  
Ms Denise McFarlane – Presented by Ms Lillian MacLean***

***S1 Academic Awards***

Aime	Challioner
Tatiana	Duzy
Olivia	Godfrey
Lucy	Graham
Roan	Harding
Niamh	Hastie
Ellie	Ritchie

***S1 Endeavour Awards***

Lana	Bell
Abby	Colley
Eilidh	French
Florence	Simpson
Emma	Thomson
Fergus	Watson
Tabitha	Wearden

***Presentation of S2 Academic Excellence & Endeavour Awards Announced by  
Ms Denise McFarlane – Presented by Mr Blair Young***

***S2 Academic Awards***

Lily	Billcliff
Scott	Boyd
Niamh	Cairns
Jake	Finney
Emillie Jo	Galbraith
Iona	MacConnell
Benjamin	Mitchell
Harriet	Neville
Alexandra	Philipps
Louisa	Steel

***S2 Endeavour Awards***

Farah	Conn
Megan	Edwards
Jake	Finney
Viktoria	Lokos
Lucy	Ross

***Presentation of S3 Academic Excellence & Endeavour Awards Announced by  
Ms Elizabeth Clingan – Presented by Mrs Anne Anderson***

***S3 Academic Awards***

Evie	Glen
Molly	Green
Katie	Shannon
Abby	Sutherland

***S3 Endeavour Awards***

Cameron	Armstrong
Katie	Child
Darcy	Green
Esme	Holme
Catherine	Lyon
Skye	Marriner
Lauren	Murray
Elizabeth	Simpson
Craig	Stewart

***Musical item – Junior Samba Band***

***“Achievement of Every Kind”  
Mrs Rose***

***Musical Item – Anna McDiarmid Vocal Solo***

***Presentation of S4/5/6 Subject Prizes Announced by Mrs Rose – Presented by  
Mr Bryan Cathcart***

**S4 Subject Prizes**

**National 3**

National 3	Amber Hawkes
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**National 4**

National 4	Kieran Baxter
National 4	Sophie Ledger

**National 5**

National 5 Hospitality - Cake Craft	Kathryn Bell
National 5 Administration	Eilidh Flett
National 5 H&FT	Kayley Gray
National 5 PE	Will Kelly
National 5 Geography	Anna McDiarmid
National 5 Biology	Anna McDiarmid
National 5 Chemistry	Anna McDiarmid
National 5 French	Anna McDiarmid
National 5 Maths	Anna McDiarmid
National 5 History	Brendan Norris
National 5 Music	Brendan Norris
National 5 Physics	Brendan Norris
National 5 Computing	Emily Sculthorpe
National 5 Art&Design	Emily Sculthorpe
National 5 English	Grace Smillie
National 5 Graphics	Luc Smith
National 5 Business Management	Sadie Stewart
National 5 H&FT	Megan Storey
National 5 Hospitality	Megan Storey
National 5 Art&Design	Morven Tarbert
National 5 Practical Woodwork	Jamie Tucker

**S5/6 Subject Prizes**

Higher History	Katy Bisson
Higher French	Katy Bisson
Higher English	Katy Bisson
Higher Maths	Katy Bisson
Higher Geography	Kirsty Carruthers
Higher Modern Studies	Evie Cockburn
Higher History	Helen Futtty
Higher H&FT	Rebecca Glasgow
Higher Business Management	Rachel Hill
Advanced Higher Physics	Kaspar Laughtland
Advanced Higher Maths	Kaspar Laughtland

## **S5/6 Subject Prizes continued**

Higher Spanish	Lauren McCaffery
National 5 German	Lauren McCaffery
Advanced Higher French	Lauren McCaffery
Higher Art & Design	Finlay McGarry-Watson
Advanced Higher History	Clare McSkimming
Higher Music	Illani Murnin
Higher Administration	Anna Peat
Higher PE	Rachel Philipps
Advanced Higher Music	Liam Ross
Advanced Higher Biology	Eilidh Sandilands
Advanced Higher Chemistry	Eilidh Sandilands
Higher Graphics	Jamie Shannon
Higher Chemistry	Struan Stevenson
Higher Physics	Struan Stevenson
Higher Art & Design	Robyn Stewart
Advanced Higher History	Robyn Stewart
Higher Biology	Heather Waddell
Higher Modern Studies	Abigail Watson-Bowman

### ***Presentation of Sports Prizes and Inter-house Trophies – Presented by Mr Bryan Cathcart***

Alan Forrester Award for Junior Service to Sport	Euan McLeod
Val Watt Award for Sporting Endeavour	Luhann Kotze
Alex Gardiner Badminton Award	Alister Murrar
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Contribution to Dance within the School	Lauren McCaffery
Forrester Shield for Orienteering	Lewis McShane
S1 Boys Sports Champion	Paul Murphy
S1 Girls Sports Champion	Olivia Godfrey
S2 Boys Sports Champion	Ben MacBride
S2 Girls Sports Champion	Alexandra Philipps
S3 Boys Sports Champion	Mason Cullen
S3 Girls Sports Champion	Katie Foss
Senior Sports Champion	Kaylee Fraser
Service to Sport	Mason Cosh
Service to Sport	Anna McDiarmid

## **South Lanarkshire County Sports**

### **Senior**

Gold in Senior Girls Hurdles	Helen Futt
Silver in Senior Girls Hurdles and Silver in Senior High Jump	Rachel Philipps
Gold in Senior Boys Discus	Will Kelly
Gold in Senior Boys Hurdles	Hayden Raftery
Gold in Senior Boys High Jump and Bronze in Senior Hurdles	Cormac King
Gold in Senior Girls Javelin	Julia Bell
Bronze in Senior Boys Shot Putt	Harry Low
Bronze in Senior Girls 400m	Lucy Blackie
Bronze in Senior Girls Shot Putt	Kaylee Fraser
Bronze in Senior Girls Discus	Anna McDiarmid
Bronze in Senior Girls Discus	Jade Keisler

**S3**

Gold in S3 Girls 200m

Bronze in S3 Girls Shot Putt

Silver in S3 Boys 100m

Silver in S3 Boys 200m

Katie Foss  
 Mariana Finlayson  
 Robert Smith  
 Mason Cullen

**S2**

Bronze in S2 Girls High Jump

Bronze in S2 Girls Discus

Bronze in S2 Boys Hurdles

Dianne Black  
 Hollie Hodge  
 Zak McDonald

**S1**

Gold in S1 Boys Hurdles and Bronze in S1 Shot Putt

Bronze in S1 Boys Hurdles

Josh Davis-Edwards  
 Finlay Damer

**Relays**

S3 Girls 4x100m Relay Team Gold

Katie Foss  
 Rachel Byers  
 May Venerus  
 Hannah Montgomery

S3 Boys 4x100m Relay Team Gold

Mason Cullen  
 Andrew Williamson  
 Erlend Clay  
 Robert Smith

Senior Girls 4x100m Relay Team Silver

Rachel Philipps  
 Helen Fuddy  
 Stephanie Ogg  
 Feebi Robinson

Scottish Schools 300m Gold

Katie Foss

**House Trophies**

Junior Quiz

Wallace

Middle School Quiz

Wallace &amp; Burns

Senior Quiz

Anderson

Provost Marshall Salver for Cross Country

Anderson

Inter-house Games Shield

Anderson

Athletics Shield

Wallace

Incentive and Merit Scheme Shield

Burns

Overall House Trophy this year Goes to

TBC

***Reflection – Mr Bryan Cathcart******Musical Item – Brendan Norris Piano Solo***

## ***Presentation of Special Prizes***

***Presented by Mr Bryan Cathcart***

### **Tony Cousins S2 Music**

*(Presented to the most outstanding S2 music student)*

Hannah Archibald

### **Creative Writing Prize**

*(Awarded to pupils in S4/5/6 who have developed original, mature and entertaining writing)*

Nathan Price De Netto

### **John Anderson Memorial Prize for Music**

*(Presented to an S4/5/6 pupil who has made an outstanding contribution to the work of the music department in school and in the wider community)*

Seonaid Wilson

### **Probus Club Award for Endeavour**

*Awarded to a student who has made an outstanding effort to achieve their goals.*

Lauren McCaffery

### **The Francis Scorgie Memorial Prize**

*Awarded to a pupil who has made particularly good progress in S3.*

Cameron Armstrong

### **Alex Gardiner Award**

*(Sponsored by the Gardiner family, awarded to a junior pupil who has shown commitment to all aspects of school life. A promising young citizen)*

Emillie Jo Galbraith

### **Ryan Murphy Award**

*(Sponsored by Ryan's Aunt). Awarded to a pupil who has inspired others by their attitude and strength in dealing with challenging circumstances)*

Grace Smilie

### **Resilience Award**

*Awarded to a pupil who maintains a positive commitment to school life despite challenging personal or family circumstances.*

Rheannan Connolly & Ronan Connolly

### **Weston Prize for Engineering Excellence**

*(Awarded to the senior pupil who has shown the highest standard of work in Engineering Craft Skills)*

Joshua Janse Van Rensburg

Special Recognition in RMPS

Anna McDiarmid

Special Recognition in Public Speaking

Coll McCail

Outstanding Contribution to Debating

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Heather Waddell

Special Recognition in Public Speaking

Brendan Norris

German Consulate Prize for Excellence in Learning German

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Lauren McCaffery

### **Crest Bronze Award**

*(S2 took their Trout and Transition presentation to London to the Partnership Grants Conference along with 30 other Schools. Pupils were awarded the Bronze Crest Award for their efforts and contribution to the conference)*

Molly Green, Jessica Lauder, Nathan Liburd Tennant, Emma Orr, Lily Patterson & Calla Surtherland

### ***Presentation of Special Prizes continued***

#### **Solutions To The Planet**

*This year fifty S3 pupils were involved in a UK national Sustainability project in which they were required to design a solution for a global environmental issue of their choice. Our winning team 'Cap Beast' triumphed in the Scottish regional finals in May and will be the first Scottish team ever to take part in the UK finals at the Palace of Westminster in London. The team, including Gregor Forrest, Bryony Gallant, Euan Laing, Catherine Lyon and Andrew Wight, will fly down to London to present their proposals to MP's and Business Leaders in July competing against 11 other teams from around the UK.*

Catherine Lyon, Bryony Gallant, Andrew Wight, Gregor Forrest & Euan Laing

*Here to receive the award on behalf of the team is Catherine Lyon.*

### ***Presentation of Special Prizes***

### ***Presented by Mr Brian Curle***

#### **Rotary Senior Young Musicians**

*(Winner of Schools Young Musician Competition, which is part of Biggar Little Festival. Open to S4/5/6)*

Jack Archibald

#### **Rotary Junior Young Musician**

*(Winner of the Schools Young Musician Competition, which is part of Biggar Little Festival. Open to S1/2/3)*

Fin Laing

#### **Rotary Young Musician – Vocalist**

*(Open to all year groups)*

Anna McDiarmid

#### **Rotary Service to the School**

*(Awarded to a senior pupil who has made an outstanding contribution to the life of the school)*

Anna McDiarmid

#### **Rotary Endeavour Award**

*This award recognises a pupil who has made a special effort to improve themselves, either academically or in other ways, for example, in a hobby or sport.*

Luhann Kotze & Madison Watson

#### **Rotary Young Citizen of the Year**

*(In memory of Norman Ramage who contributed a huge amount to our local community as a member of our local Rotary Club)*

Mason Cosh

#### **Rotary Young Photographer of the Year**

Lana Bell & Heather Somerville

### ***Presentation of Special Prizes***

### ***Presented by Ms Lillian MacLean***

#### **S2 Food & Drink Challenge**

*(Awarded to S2 pupils who have developed a new food product using meat provided by 'Damn Delicious' business partners)*

Lucy Ross

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Erin Halfpenny

### ***Presented by Mr John Forrester***

Will Kelly

#### **John Gordon Technical Folio Prize**

*(Awarded to the S4 pupil who produces the best folio of work)*

***Final Presentations***

***Presented by Mrs Anne Anderson***

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Heather Waddell

***Presented by Mr Blair Young***

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Katy Bisson

***Musical Item – Junior Choir***

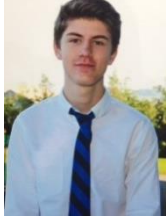
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***Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks by Mr Robert Stewart, Head Teacher***

### ***A Final Word From Our Student Leadership Team***

Unfortunately, the members of our senior school leadership team could not join us for our awards ceremony this evening. They have, however, left some final thoughts on their time at Biggar High School. We wish them all well for the future.

#### **Captain Liam Ross**



*I would love to thank all of the students and teachers for making my last year of high school easy and very memorable. Some unforgettable memories that have happened at Biggar high school include: Our whole cross country class walking and no one running, Mr Wilson's amazing church singing and a variety of funny incidents besides.*

*A piece of advice I'd give is to always take opportunities that come your way, because the worst that can happen is someone saying no, whereas if you don't take the chance you may always be looking back at the situation saying "what if." Thanks again for making my last year of high school fun and stress free!*

#### **Vice Captain Eilidh Sandilands**



*While unfortunately unable to attend the awards ceremony tonight, for my final duty as Vice Captain, I have been asked to make a few comments about my time at Biggar High School and in particular, my year as part of the Captaincy team.*

*From the constant chasing of people for yearbook money, mispronouncing names at the Christmas Concert and dressing up as Princess Fiona in support for Help for Heroes, despite the occasional loss of dignity, Vice captaincy has taught me dedication. Like most aspects of my life at school, captaincy was a matter of teamwork. Liam, Abigail and I spent numerous lunchtimes co-ordinating charity weeks; free periods were used to make video assemblies and weekends often required baking for the countless bake sales. While everyone had told me sixth year would be an easy year, that was far from the truth.*

*Nonetheless, thanks must go to all the teachers who helped us in our efforts: Mrs Rose and Mr Stewart, who supported all of our endeavours this year, and perhaps most importantly to all the teachers who took part in events during charity week. Over the years I have learnt that the staff at Biggar High School go above and beyond. From Mr Young and Mr Telfer giving up their summer holidays to allow a three week expedition to Vietnam, to Mrs Murray's refusal to give up on me despite my less-than-glowing prelim results in French listening, all have proven persistently supportive in their efforts to improve the lives of their pupils.*

*Now, as university awaits, I have walked out of the doors of Biggar High School for the last time. However, it isn't the building that I'll miss most. My years here have been defined by my peers and teachers, those who got me through the stress of exams and endured my reluctance to speak up in class. As I leave these past six years behind, heading to university where I will have to learn to do my own laundry and cook my own meals, I thank you all for your support, your inspiration and the endless opportunities.*

## **Vice Captain Abigail Watson-Bowman**



*It brings great sorrow that I am writing this statement for the awards ceremony while not having the pleasure to attend personally. Closing this year as a vice captain, and leaving school as a young adult, I have been asked to reflect on my time at Biggar High School and my role as a Vice Captain.*

*I have been honoured to have represented our school as its Vice Captain and the role has allowed me to develop in a number of ways. Quite frankly our six-year group has been one of the most disorganised imaginable and so as a member of the captaincy team, my responsibilities and duties were only expanded and stressed as I was challenged to the full with organising a whole year group along with Eilidh and our Captain Liam. From the regular occurrence of hounding people for their yearbook money or making sure people are involved in charity week, my role as vice-captain has never been dull or boring. It has been lived to the full and taught me what it really means to be committed to something. My role as vice has depended on teamwork and without my fellow VC Eilidh by my side, I probably would not have coped in making it to the end of the year.*

*I must take this opportunity to thank a few people who have been there to support me through this whole experience. Mr Morrison and Mr Doyle, first and foremost you have taught me the true value of support. As teachers you have went above and beyond to offer a hand to help me in any means possible throughout this year as a pupil and vice. When times have become stressful you have always put a smile on my face and when nobody else volunteered for the charity week events, you did, and I will always remain grateful and hold you both close to my heart. Finally, Mrs Rose, who has been a supportive influence throughout my time as Vice-Captain, offering guidance to further enhance my leadership skills.*

*As I say goodbye to Biggar High School and hello to university, I can safely say I have an insight to the kinds of stress I will encounter in the future. I say goodbye with a heart filled thank you to each and every one who helped me become the person I am today and to those who gave me this fantastic opportunity.*

***Thank you very much to the sponsors of our 2018 Awards Ceremony***

Calzeat & Co – S1-S4 certificates, S4 book prizes & Dux medal

Biggar Community Council – Proxime Accessit Medal, General Sponsorship

Biggar Probus Club – Awards for Endeavour

Biggar Rotary Club – Norman Ramage Young Citizen of the Year, Service to the School & Endeavour Award

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Mr Barry Turnbull – Award for Resilience

Mr & Mrs Minto – James Minto Memorial Prize – Higher Geography

Mr Ron Weston- Weston Prize for Engineering

Zest – National 5 Hospitality & Higher Health & Food Technology

Mr & Mrs J Henderson – National 5 Engineering Skills & National 5 Woodworking Skills

Mrs Janey Mauchline – National 5 English

Mrs Sharon Abernethy – Ryan Murphy Award

Mrs Fiona Thomson – Contribution to Dance

Mr Graeme Morrison – Debating Prizes

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