

# FALKLAND HOUSE SCHOOL **fhs**

Falkland House School is a residential school for boys aged 10 to 18 who have Additional Support Needs and who find it difficult to cope with mainstream schooling.

## **FHS Pupil gains Fife College 'Student of the Year' award**



**Sir Tom Farmer presents Andrew with his award**

Andrew Delaney, who completed 6th Year at the school in July, has gained an NQ in Digital Media Computing at Adam Smith College in Kirkcaldy. He exceeded all expectations when he was also awarded the 'Student of the Year' accolade. His award was presented to him at the graduation ceremony by Sir Tom Farmer. The following was said of Andrew at his presentation: -

*"Andrew is an extremely worthy Student of the Year. He is described by his tutor as being extremely bright and capable, showing good leadership skills and a student who has come a long way in a short time. Andrew, a pupil at Falkland House School, is on the autistic spectrum with a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome, so has had to work harder than most to do well."*

Andrew now leaves the school to undertake a HN Games Design course at Stevenson College in Edinburgh.

## **HMIe/Care Commission Follow Through Report**

Following on from the very positive unannounced Care Commission report we mentioned in the last newsletter, HMIe & Care Commission have recently published the follow through report from their inspection in June 2009.

The report, which can be found on our website, was mentioned in both the Dundee Courier ('Glowing Report on Falkland House' - 21/08/2009) and the Fife Herald ('Falkland House School Praised by Inspectors' - 04/09/2009).

Staff and pupils are extremely proud of the continued progress we are making in improving and developing the school.

## **Health Promoting School Accreditation**

In June Falkland House School was awarded 'Health Promoting School' accreditation by Fife Council. Health promotion in schools encompasses a broad holistic approach encouraging and promoting the physical, social, mental and emotional wellbeing of all pupils and staff. Accreditation is granted for three years.

Falkland House School values a whole school approach to achieving the best possible health outcomes for all its pupils and staff. A health promoting group involving all pupils and staff is well established in school, working together to promote a wide range of health promoting school activities that raise awareness of the importance of all aspects of health and well being.



## Financial Education

### Workshop

The school attended a workshop organised by the Scottish Centre for Financial Education (Learning and Teaching Scotland in partnership with Clydesdale Bank plc). Developing pupils' financial capability will enhance life chances and choices. The workshop focused on financial education in the context of developing the four capacities of Curriculum for Excellence, particularly in becoming responsible citizens and effective contributors. The activities which were discussed help develop financial capability, where outcomes not only benefit others but also encourage a sense of responsibility to the community and to society.

## Choices for Life 2009



1st and 2nd year pupils attended the 2009 'Choices for Life' event in Edinburgh along with thousands of other pupils from around Scotland. The event is designed to prepare pupils for the choices and opportunities they may face in life. It provides information and guidance to help young people resist peer pressure and illustrates the benefits of choosing a healthy lifestyle that is free from harmful substances - including tobacco, alcohol and illegal drugs.

The day was a great success with everyone involved enjoying the event.

**If you would like to visit the school to find out more about the provision we provide, please do not hesitate to contact us.**

## 'Eco Schools Scotland'



*Fife's 'Waste Aware' presentation*

Falkland House School is fully committed to the improvement of the environment in Scotland and in turn the world. To this end we already have an action plan to qualify for the Eco Schools Scotland 'Green Flag Award'.

This involved an election to select an Environmental Committee from pupils and staff. It will be their responsibility to drive forward all aspects of reducing, reusing and recycling in the school, as well as encouraging staff and pupils to continue this ethos in their own homes and communities.

The latest project involved re-using old pool tables as herb planters to grow salad and herbs for the school kitchen. We are also members of the 'Generation Green' programme run by Scottish Gas. A recent visit from Fife region Waste Aware team helped further our knowledge of reducing, reusing and recycling.

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