

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.

Outreach

Environmental Beach Clean-Up

The school's 'Outreach Programme' involves members of the Care team working with individual or small groups of pupils during weekends and holidays.



The Marine Conservation Society, *Seafield Environmental Group*, organised a beach clean up at Kirkcaldy beach. Two members of staff and two pupils volunteered to help for the day and met with Sally Walsh, who had organised the event and Councillor Alice Soper (Central Fife Ward).



Care Commission Inspection

The report from the recent inspection by the Care Commission was published at the beginning of March.

The school received 3 'excellent' and 5 'very good' gradings in the 8 themes inspected.

The report can be viewed on our website (www.falklandhouseschool.org) or on the care commission's site.

This extremely positive report has led to the school featuring in both the Fife Free Press and Dundee Courier. These articles can be viewed on the 'news' section of the website.

Careers Partnership

FHS has a Partnership Agreement with Careers Scotland to provide individual and group guidance in support of the in-school Social & Vocational Skills course.



Careers staff provide group work 'Career Planning', 'Sources of Information' and 'Employability Skill' activities throughout years S2 to S4, with individual guidance interviews for all leavers in the S4—S6 years. Prior to leaving FHS, 'Transition Arrangements' are made, including information transfer and appointments at pupils' 'local' careers offices and, if appropriate, nomination of a Careers 'Key worker'.

FHS Gains

Healthyliving Award

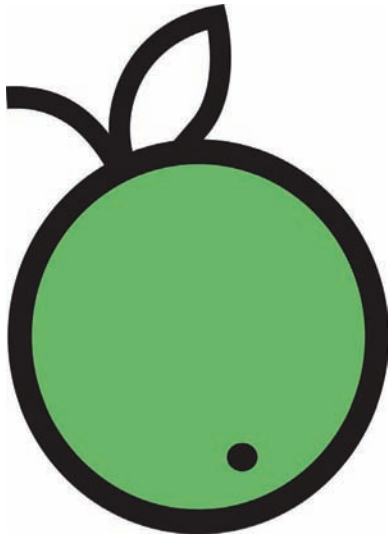
Falkland House School has been successful in gaining the Healthyliving award. Chef Adrian Stirling (who joined the school last summer) and his team have worked extremely hard to ensure the various regulations on nutritional requirements highlighted in

Hungry for Success and *Healthy Eating in Schools* are implemented. Adrian states — 'Healthy eating is definitely the way forward; hence Falkland House School's kitchen is continuing to adapt its menu and develop good choice strategies for pupils.

Care has been taken to offer a better balanced, nutritional diet with increased portions of fresh vegetables and fruit. Where possible we always try to purchase

local produce and free range poultry.

We continually strive to consider and develop healthy eating options which are *pupil friendly*. Our kitchen welcomes any feedback from pupils, staff and visitors and questionnaires are issued regularly, the responses to which, determine our menu and food choices'.



Outdoor Pursuits

Second Year pupils attended two sessions at Levenmouth Swimming Pool this term, practising survival skills in the water with their clothes on and wearing buoyancy aids. This is in preparation for their RYA Dinghy Sailing course which commences after Easter.

The course takes place at Lochore Meadows Country Park where they also study SQA Intermediate 1 'Sporting Activity—Sailing'.

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

Community Enterprise

A 3rd Year group have just completed their Social & Vocational Skills Enterprise Project. The class was contracted to refurbish a Notice Display Board for Falkland Community Council. This project also included aspects of Learning and Teaching Scotland's Financial Education Programme.

The project involved removing the existing board from outside Falkland Town Hall and providing a written estimate for repairs. Pupils had to source and cost materials, plan journeys, use banking facilities and travel to purchase materials.

Over the last few weeks they have carried out the work, developing skills in use of hand tools, preparing for and applying finishes, reassembling the unit and refitting to the Town Hall.

A completed log of work and an account sheet was kept by each pupil detailing their individual involvement and the costs of materials, bus fares, etc.



3rd Year pupils installing the refurbished notice board

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