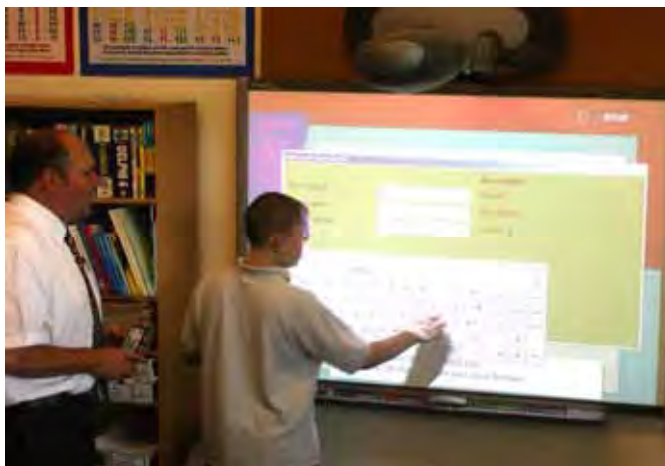


# FALKLAND HOUSE SCHOOL **fhs**

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.

## Promoting Internet Safety



The Internet Safety course is being run with all classes at Falkland House School. The course is designed to make the Internet user aware of potential threats while working online and the precautions that can be taken to minimise these.

The course explains malicious programmes such as viruses, trojans, worms, etc. It also looks at threats to user safety including grooming, inappropriate behaviour and cyber bullying.

It describes anti-virus and e-mail filtering software, firewalls and Internet security suites, plus precautions for maintaining user safety including proxy servers, content labelling and filtering.

Finally it looks at the legal aspects of using the Internet, including copyright, data protection, digital rights management and software licensing schemes.

## National Art Competition

FHS recently received a certificate for entries in the 'National Galleries of Scotland' schools art competition sponsored by Scottish Widows plc.

## New Skills for Work Courses



The Technical department has recently piloted two 'Skills for Work' courses to complement the range of choice given to our Fourth and Fifth year pupils. In the initial stages two courses in the Construction Crafts section are offered, Plumbing and Practical Copper Pipe Work, both at Intermediate 1 Level.

'Skills for Work' courses differ from other vocational provision because they focus on the generic employability skills needed for success in the workplace. The courses offer opportunities for pupils to acquire critical employability skills. The courses are intended to provide progression pathways to further education, training and employment. Future development includes the introduction of 'Construction Crafts: Employability Skills'

## Care Commission

The Management team at FHS is delighted that the dedication of the staff has again been recognised by the Care Commission.

Notably, this is the third consecutive, positive, report stating there are no requirements or recommendations for improvement.

## Work in the Community



Under the direction of the Fife Countryside Ranger Service pupils have been working on several projects in the Community. Recent activities include, planting trees for 'Red Squirrel' conservation in Falkland Estate and brush clearing in the wild meadow at Bamblae, to encourage water voles. In June classes 1,2 & 3 were involved in the construction of a 'Nature Garden' at the Falkland Primary school.

Along with the ranger we are presently seeking a grant from the John Muir Foundation to renovate an old mill pond. It is hoped to create a pond ecosystem for future study by local and visiting groups.

## Examination Success

4th and 5th year pupils who sat examinations in May have now received their results for Standard Grade and SQA Intermediate 1 and 2 courses.

FHS offers over 150 modules and courses across the curriculum, giving the opportunity for all pupils to gain appropriate awards.

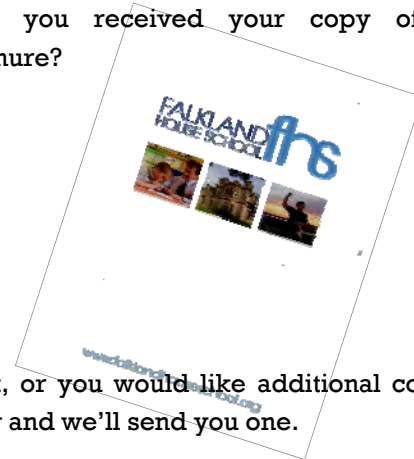
Pupils who are leaving us this year have completed Work Experience placements with various employers including a major retail store, motor vehicle repairer, specialist model shop and an organic farm.

A number of these pupils, as part of their 5th year program have also attended vocational courses at Elmwood College, Cupar and the Adam Smith Colleges in Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy. These courses help prepare pupils for the move to college or employment in their home area.

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

## New School Brochure

Have you received your copy of our new brochure?



If not, or you would like additional copies, let us know and we'll send you one.

## Visitors to School

### Children's Panel Members

On the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2008, staff at the school were very pleased to welcome three visiting Children's Panel members from Edinburgh. They spent the morning viewing the facilities in school and talking with pupils and staff. Verbal feedback and written comments from the Panel members included ***"We were very impressed with the facilities. It was obvious to us from the staff and pupils that we met that the individual needs of the boys are so well supported at Falkland House School."***

### S.C.I.S. Visit

Two members of staff from the *Scottish Council for Independent Schools* visited the school to find out about the service we provide for young people. They sent an e-mail thanking us for the visit and commented ***'We were both left buzzing with enthusiasm about the school and the quality of the experience that your young people enjoy there.'***

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