

## A New Boy's Perspective

When I first entered Patchell's I straight away realised that this was going to be completely different to my Prep school. I was introduced to Mr Thomas and Fergus Davidson and that is when I really started to feel more at home and less nervous.

As I started to know my year more I really felt more at home. My prefect helped us to get to know the rules of the house and college which gave us a clue of what we could do and what we couldn't do, which was very helpful in first our week at Glenalmond. I think that Patchell's is a great house run by a great family. Now after being here for a while, I really do feel like part of the community.

Hamish Cameron - 3<sup>rd</sup> Form



## Patchellians Play at Lords

On the afternoon of Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September the pipe band drove down to London to play at Lords cricket ground at one of the one day internationals between England and Australia. There were three Patchell's representatives among the band- Hamish Prestige (4<sup>th</sup> form), Fergus Davidson (U6<sup>th</sup> form, Pipe Major) and myself. We arrived in the late evening and stayed at a hotel near the ground. On Saturday morning, with the weather perfect, we drove to Lords and watched a morning of cricket as we were due to play at the lunch break. When the time came for us to play in front of the packed crowd we lined up underneath the media centre ready to march on. The gates opened and we marched on and round the boundary anti-clockwise, stopping at each stand to play a set of tunes to the crowd. We also stopped in front of the pavilion and played Highland Cathedral. As the players started to come back onto the pitch we finished off back at the nursery end of the pitch and marched back under the media centre and off. The whole thing was over very quickly and very exhausting. However this was all worth it as it was an amazing experience and one that I will never forget.

Finlay MacLeod - 5<sup>th</sup> form

## Sports Corner



### We dominated the House Rugby

The senior boys of Patchell's have recently celebrated victory in the 2009 senior house rugby competition. Without losing a game the boys in black and gold stormed to victory despite the captain of rugby, Jock Brooke, and the firsts scrum half, Murdo Nicoll, being badly injured in the first couple of games. The remaining first player, Fergus Davidson who is also head of house, managed to hold an inexperienced team together and with some, inspirational, team talks and lead the team to victory against the odds. The scores were as follows: 14-12 Goodacres

- 14-7 Mathesons
- 7-5 Rieds
- 14-5 Skrines

Ollie Fergusson - L6<sup>th</sup> Form



## Breaking News - Academic Success

Following the recent form orders, Dr King produced the latest Inter House effort league table. Not just happy with being the top boys house in the first form order, we set our target on breaking in to the top three. Success!

Home	1.74
Lothian	1.83
Patchell's	1.89
Cairnies	1.90
Skrine's	1.93
Goodacre's	1.95
Reid's	2.06
Matheson's	2.18

## Junior Debating at it's best

The winning team from last year are back and on good form. The junior team comprises of myself (Marcus Buist) as second speaker, and Simon Boendermaker as first speaker. So far this term we have had debates with Skrine's and Goodacre's. Both were highly enjoyable and ended in victory for the Patchell's team.

In our first debate against Skrine's we opposed the reduction of the voting age to 16. We opposed this on the grounds that there would be a low turnout, that 16 year olds did not have the experience or interest of older voters, that they would be vulnerable to the ideas of extremist groups and that they were not true citizens yet, as they did not pay income tax or own property.

In the semi-finals we debated the cost of alcohol. We opposed a rise in prices because it was another example of the 'Nanny State', it would lead to smuggling and organised crime, it would force alcoholics on lower incomes to sacrifice food and shelter to pay for their drink, it would damage local industry, would see a rise in unemployment and that binge drinking is a social problem that can only be solved by the individual being responsible for their own actions.

The junior team looks forward to the finale against Home house, where we shall discuss the 2012 Olympics. Our experiences and the advice we have received shall hopefully allow us to take back the trophy for the second consecutive year.

Finally on behalf of the team I would like to thank the house for all its support it really does make a huge difference and it is this spirit which best demonstrates what Patchell's is all about.

Marcus Buist - 4th Form



## Came so close with our house instrumental

Patchell's house has a long legacy of skilled musical talent, our reputation wasn't let down in the least by Ross Leaver who sings in the choir, plays the piano and the oboe to a high level. The competition was tough this year but Ross chose a song that brought out the talent – Starlight by Muse. We had Lewis Holliday on the guitar, Ross Davies on the drum kit, Angus Rankin on the bass and Ross Leaver on the Piano. Ross was incredibly dedicated to getting the best out of us and I think he achieved this from the response of the crowd on the night.

Angus Rankin - L6th Form

## Music Corner

### Our Singing Talent Shone Through With Second Place

House singing has always been an enjoyable competition in Patchell's. We entered with a very unlikely song of "Yeah" by Usher and despite the limited time available, we managed to come in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. We had Fergus Davidson and myself singing the main part with Lewis Holliday, David Gaffney, Henry Ambler, Ross Davies, James Bradley, Angus Rankin and Simon Carmichael making up the backing sounds. All in all the competition was a great success on many different levels. Being the only house to have everyone on stage spoke volumes about our spirit.

Tom Bentley – L6<sup>th</sup> Form



