



Queen Victoria
School



Dear Alex

I am writing to thank the Highland Society of London for their continued support and the cheque for £100.00 which was presented at prize giving on the 30th June 2017.

Kirsten Hughes received the Highland Dancing award this year due to her outstanding commitment to the dancing team and department since joining Queen Victoria School 7 years ago. Kirsten was already a successful competitive dancer on her arrival, however, it was during her time here that she progressed through the sections and went on to take medal line-up places at Premier level.

Along with her competitive achievements, Kirsten was a pro-active dance team member. Since her second year at Queen Victoria school she has been attending evening classes twice weekly, focusing on choreography dances and preparing for any external events. She has represented the school dance team at numerous events such as The Edinburgh Tattoo, The CCF Beating Retreat at Holyrood Palace and Stirling Armed Forces Day, to name but a few.

In her final two years of school she volunteered her time twice weekly, to help assist my junior classes. Kirsten was a fantastic leader in the junior classes and she took on a teaching role as and when required, often spending one-to-one time with pupils that required extra support. Kirsten has hopes to one day become a Highland Dancing teacher and have a dance school of her own and, with the knowledge and skills gained throughout her time with us, I have no doubt that she will go on to succeed this.

Many thanks again.

Kind regards, Margaret.

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Queen Victoria School in Dunblane is fully-funded for tuition and boarding by the Ministry of Defence to provide stability and continuity of education, within the Scottish system, for the children of UK Armed Forces personnel. Service personnel who are Scottish, or who have served in Scotland, or who have been part of a Scottish regiment are given priority. Fully boarding, co-educational and tri-service (for Army, Navy and RAF children), the School takes around 270 pupils from the ages of 10/11 up to 18.

As well as high academic standards, the School develops in its pupils a range of skills, attributes and values which help them to find their way in life, both during their School years and beyond. Distinctively Scottish, both in its intake (mainly the children of personnel who are Scottish, have served in Scotland or are part of a Scottish regiment) and in its curriculum (the Scottish exam system, and compulsory piping, drumming and Highland dancing for its youngest intake years), Queen Victoria School occupies a beautiful campus in Perthshire.

Built through subscriptions from serving personnel and other interested parties, Queen Victoria School was created in memory of those who had died in the South African wars of the late 19th Century. It was opened on September 28th 1908 by King Edward VII; at this time he also laid the foundation stone for the School Chapel. The Chapel was completed in 1910 and is Scotland's memorial to Queen Victoria.