

High School Happenings



Oban High School pupils debate climate change at this year's Scottish Labour Party Conference. i50obs1d

From the debating team to the choir, there was no shortage of Oban High School talent on display at the Scottish Labour Party Conference held in the Corran Halls in November. This month, sixth year pupil Emma Petrie gives a pupil's perspective on the event.

Nearly two weeks ago, the Corran Halls was turned completely red.

Not with blood of course (though some might wish so), in fact, it housed the Scottish Labour Party Conference.

Pupils of Oban High School had the fantastic opportunity to attend the conference and meet famous faces like Gordon Brown and Tony Blair.

Mr McMenemy's Advanced Higher Modern Studies students got a casual thumbs-up from the First Minister and also enjoyed a question and answer session with Lord Foulkes.

The OHS Choir impressed delegates during a tune-ful performance.

Debaters Kirsty Boyd, Hannah Matheson and Head Girl Ruth Cameron had an audience of politicians and media buffs in rapt. Their topical, poignant presentation pressing for action on climate change stressed that, 'the clock is ticking ladies and gentlemen.'

Emma Petrie, OHS pupil; Tom Sunderland, H20 worker; and local businessman Hugh MacLean were all interviewed by the BBC for their musings on the conference. They saw how a broadcast is put together then met Brian Taylor and David Porter; both BBC Political Commentators.

Lastly, who could fail to notice the 14-foot inflatable elephant outside?

The delegates, apparently. The anti-nuclear protest organised by Friends of the Earth Scotland was ignored by the majority of Labour Party speech-makers.

Following the conference, Oban High had bigger fish to fry. The Junior Jingles Christmas Dance was held on Monday, December 11 and the Senior Jingles on Wednesday, December 13.