

Malcolm MacKenzie Award winners 2016

Clydebank High School

Jack McKinlay

Jack had a late diagnosis of Asperger with heightened anxiety whilst he was sitting his prelims in S5. He had had excellent coping strategies that had masked his condition in lower school. However, with increased workload further up the school he had increasing difficulty coping. Working closely with Jack, the family and staff, decisions were taken to reduce the number of his Higher subjects from 6 at the start of S5 to 3 and he opted to dual present in those subjects also. He gained a B pass in Maths and comfortably passed his English and Computing at Higher. In S6, Jack volunteered to work with Young People in the support base and he thoroughly enjoyed it and built excellent relationships. In S6, he achieved 4 Higher passes with an A band pass in Modern studies. Careers worked closely with Jack and various options were looked at. Jack chose to go to college rather than direct to University as he feels this is a better fit with the anxiety levels he suffers and he plans long term to achieve his goal to go to University. He is currently at college studying Social Science and loving it. He comes into school every Monday to work voluntarily with young people and the Support for Learning team, having gained his PVG membership. Jack is a young man who has thrived and grown as an individual since his diagnosis.

Katie Young

Katie has always been an exceptionally focused and hard-working young lady with a very clear vision of her goals and aspirations. She always conducted herself in a mature and respectful manner and, as such, has always been well liked and respected by both staff and her peers. Katie has been involved in a lot, for instance in February she attended the Euroscola day at the European Parliament in Strasbourg representing Scotland. She's been a member of Girlguiding Scotland for over 10 years and has gained her Baden Powell Award and Young Leader's Qualification. In school she was a member of the debating team, a library assistant and an in-class support tutor for the Modern Languages department. She was (and could still be) a member of the West Dunbartonshire panel for CashBack for Communities, representing young people and helping to allocate Scottish Government funding to local youth groups. She also stood as a candidate in the West Dunbartonshire Scottish Youth Parliament elections.