

John Nevans, Principal for Summer School



John began his piping adventure at the age of seven, and sixty-plus years on, the adventure continues. In the picture, John is performing in a performance of the theme tune from “Pirates of the Caribbean” with the pupils of Lathallan School, where John taught for eighteen years.

With piping and Pipe Bands at his heart, John has had roles across the grades and is an instructor and assessor with the Association and is a member of the Adjudication Panel. John’s links to the Summer School began in the 1990s, and he has been part of its growth and management for all of this time.

We asked John why he has continued in this role for so long. John told us

“I joined the Summer School as an instructor under the guidance of Pipe Major Jim Wark. Jim's philosophy for the event, which I deeply respect, revolves around the three "F's" ,

*Finding out
Friendship
And Fun.*

I have tried to make this the week's focus every year, creating a learning environment for every student while offering them a comfortable space to make new friends and develop their understanding and performance of their instrument. The Summer School always offers the opportunity to meet and hear the best performers of the day, allowing our students to aspire to the great potential they all hold.

As with every year at this time, I am beginning to get excited at the thought of welcoming some of our former students back to the school and looking forward to meeting new students taking part in our adventure.”

Cameron Lawson



Cameron, originally from Australia is currently a member of the Inveraray & District Pipe Band and a graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

He is a sought-after performer on both the Pipe Band Snare Drum and Bodhran and has performed at events such as Celtic Connections, Piping Live!, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and the Aspen Music Festival. He also frequently performs with his folk trio 'Beatha'.

Outside of performing, Cameron is a keen educator and is currently an instructor for schools in Renfrewshire, East Lothian and at Edinburgh Academy.