

CLASSMATES and rivals throughout their secondary school years, Simon Norris, left, and Findlay Munro were close contenders for the Dux award at The Gordon Schools.

Rector Phil Gaiter, seen here presenting the Dux award to Simon, said that the points total achieved by both boys was extremely high and the gap between them very narrow.

He added "It is a fantastic achievement and a clear sign that our high fliers at The Gordon Schools are up there with the best of them."

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Dux rivals battle it out for top prize

FRIENDLY rivalry between The Gordon Schools' two top achievers resulted in one of the closest contests for the dux award.

The top academic accolade went to Simon Norris (18), from Aberchirder, who heads to Oxford after summer to study chemistry.

A very close runner-up was Findlay Munro (17) who lives in Huntly but has been accepted to study biochemistry at Dundee University.

School captain Simon said that he would miss the special atmosphere of The Gordon Schools.

Findlay, who hopes his degree will take him into research with a drugs company, said that his love of science and career choice had been inspired by science teachers at The Gordon Schools.

Prize recipients last Wednesday evening included:

S3: Kane Dunbar English; Amilia Lothe history; Duncan McKen chemistry.

S4: Stephanie Acutt English; Georgina Andrew modern languages (German); Charlie Calam mathematics and woodworking; Aidan Coutts lifeskills mathematics; Kara Duthie history; Kai Ewers chemistry, music, biology; Kira Gordon French, administration and religious, moral and philosophical studies; Rebecca Ingram National hospitality; Erin Jay English, Effort in modern languages (S4-6); Kristina Krizinauskaitė Hospitality; Jenny Martin music; Cameron May Geography; Magnus McIntosh physics and engineering science; Hayley Milne drama; Owen Ross computing; Kerry Skinner hospitality; Clyde Williamson drama and Art; Hannah Wylie business management

and modern studies.

S5: Alexandra Brookes drama; Jessica Charlesworth graphic communication and photography; Rhiannon Chisholm Spanish; Grant Christie geography; Sara Douglas computing; Hazel Gardner German, English, art and design; Michelle Gordon art; Alexander Harrison design and manufacture; Roddy Howe modern studies; William King economics; Lucy McCall-Smith business management and administration; Josephine McLeod history and excellence in German; Angus Montgomery geography; Emily Proctor graphic communication; Felix Roberts mathematics, chemistry, engineering science, modern languages and physics; Flossie Roberts biology; Harry Roberts media studies; Laura Taylor German effort.

S6: Cameron Charles metalworking; Lisa Duffus English; Laura Fathers art portfolio; Jordan Gillespie geography; Maximo Jimenez biology; Tyler Littlejohn biology; Finn Mackrory-Bowden creativity and presence in performance; Findlay Munro mathematics, biology, chemistry; Simon Norris physics; Andrew Raeburn modern studies, accounting, politics; Logan Rorie music; Mark Sell creativity; Joseph Walker history.

Sports:

Jack Craib National 5 physical education; Stephanie Norris higher physical education; Archie Wilson sport; Laura Grant sportsmanship and scholarship S1-S4 and excellence in hockey; Isla Jack and Owen Davies volleyball; Sophie Orr and Ewan Crowden rugby; Liam Jack football; Oliver Newman outstanding achievement in athletics.

Special prizes: Stuart Beattie, Millie Catto, Lisa Duffus, Jordan Gillespie,

Connor Midwood, Lauren Weir, Hannah Whyte The Open University in Scotland's YASS scheme modules.

Kira Gordon and Magnus McIntosh debating and public speaking; Charlotte Comber inspiring purpose programme; Jessica Charlesworth, Lauren Hamilton, Lizzie Montgomery, Stephanie Norris, Emily Proctor bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award; Eilidh Henderson and Mhairi Griffin music competition; Flossie Robert musical excellence; Andrew Raeburn and Fraser Raeburn talents prize; Laura Taylor enterprise in maths' Alexander Bestwick, Emma Barclay, Felix Roberts UK mathematical challenge; Megan Humphries and Hayley Milne citizenship; Lauren Weir achievement and public service; Lauren Hamilton and Sophie Laing service to TGS; William King endeavour; Jake Wilson, Matilda Haley, Magnus McIntosh outstanding effort; Emma Duncan and Jordan Monkhouse personal achievement; Jordan Thomson tremendous personal achievement; Duncan McKen and Yasmine Gattouchi personal achievement; Beth Dunsire The Don Smith Award;

Simon Norris, Jordan Gillespie, Findlay Munro, Kyle Scott most committed.

Jordan Gillespie, Jack Nicholls, Simon Norris, Jodie Sutton leadership; Lucy Turner merit student of the year.

■ Sincere apologies are extended to Hannah Wylie and her family by depute rector Mary Anderson who read the names of successful pupils but made an error when announcing Hannah's success as class prize winner in National 5 business management and modern studies.