

Ex-pupil returns to his school as a PE teacher

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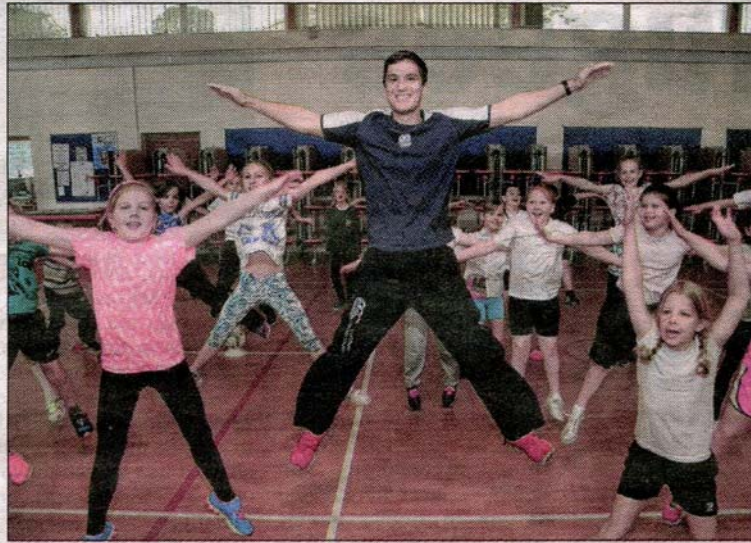
AMONG the new teachers at Gordon Primary School is a man who is a former pupil and was taught by some of the teachers who are now his colleagues.

Rory Allardice (24) has been appointed as a full-time PE teacher which means that pupils there are now able to have two hours each week of PE.

Previously, class teachers also took PE.

Mr Allardice is the third generation of his family to follow a career as a PE teacher and his father only retired from his post at The Gordon Schools at the end of the last session.

Mr Allardice, who left school in 2009, studied at Edinburgh University and has been teaching for three years. His first teaching post was at Newbattle High School and before coming to Gordon Primary, he taught at Kemnay and Kintore primary schools.



Star jumps from star new teacher Rory Allardice.

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Commenting on his return to the school he attended, Mr Allardice said: "It is a bit strange as I do recognise

some of the teachers and memories of my own time here as a pupil have been coming back. It is really good

though and it is fairly unique for a primary school to have a full time PE specialist."

Mr Allardice previously played rugby for Aberdeenshire and plans to introduce school football and rugby clubs after school.

Gordon Primary School has welcomed three probationer teachers onto the staff - Jodie Black from Fife, Ciara Edwards from Ireland and Laura Sinclair from Dumfries and Galloway.

In the nursery unit is a new nurse, Gilly Hearn and Fiona Young and Carol May have joined the additional support needs team.

At the start of the session, the roll had risen to 413 in 16 classes from P1-P7.

The nursery has a roll of just over 80 which will reach its capacity of 110 by Christmas.

While the secondment of headteacher Paul Scrimshaw continues, deputies Maureen Harvie and Jill Moir are sharing the acting headteacher role.