

During a visit to Huntly in 1991, Gordon Schools Rector John Swan led Prime Minister John Major, his wife Norma and Scottish Secretary Ian Lang down the Avenue.

Major day for Huntly - The full glare of the political spotlight fell briefly on Huntly as Prime Minister John Major became the first British premier to visit the town for 80 years. The 65 minute visit was a tremendous coup for The Gordon Schools. The visit was part of a quick-fire two-day programme in the north east and despite being announced at short notice, staff and youngsters helped ensure that all went smoothly. Rector, Mr John Swan said the PM's appearance, made amid tight security, had lifted morale after the hall blaze. Mr Swan praised staff for pulling out all the stops to make the visit a success. All the pupils were brought out into the avenue to see Mr Major arrive. Youngsters Andrew Bremner, Jennifer Johnstone and prefect Claire

Goodlad made presentations to Mr Major and his wife, Norma.