

# Connor to star in Stonemouth

✘ Loretto School are very proud of Connor McKinley who is a budding young actor and who has landed a role in a top BBC drama set to air in spring 2015.

Connor McKinley, aged 14 from Edinburgh, stars alongside an impressive cast including Peter Mullan, Gary Lewis, Sharon Small, Christian Cooke and Charlotte Spencer in a new BBC drama, *Stonemouth*, a two-part dramatisation of acclaimed author, Iain Bank's novel made by BBC Scotland and Slate North.

The first TV adaptation of Banks' work since his death in 2013, *Stonemouth* is a rite-of-passage tale delving into love, loyalty and vengeance, focusing on the character of Stewart Gilmour played by Christian Cooke (*The Promise*, *Magic City*), who returns to the fictional village of 'Stonemouth' for his best friend's funeral.

Connor plays the young 'Ferg' in the TV drama which was filmed in Greenock during October. He is no stranger to acting, having secured starring roles in stage shows as diverse as 'Grease', *Rooster* in 'Annie' (both Loretto School) and *Mega Mix* (Edinburgh Playhouse) 'Singing in the rain' and *Matilda* (Stagecoach). However, this is Connor's television debut, courtesy of his agent, Alana Heron Agency.

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"Acting is what I would love to do. It was really exciting filming for *Stonemouth* and the experience has given me further confidence and I am looking forward to the future and, I hope, more starring roles." Says Connor.

Jonathan Hewat, Director of External Affairs at Loretto School, added: " We are all greatly looking forward to Connor's screen debut on the BBC this Spring. He was awarded a

Drama Scholarship at Loretto and it is obvious that acting is a route that Connor will follow – one to look out for in the future.”