

A VIEW OF THE CLOSE

Friday 15th January 2021



LOCKDOWN LIFE

This week we have added a new page to our [Dover College Online](#) microsite.

#LockdownLife is an area of the site where we will showcase some of the positive things that our community – staff and pupils – have been doing during this new period of national restrictions.

From volunteering to raising money for charity, learning a new skill or indulging an existing one, we hope that it will be uplifting and inspiring for the whole community to see the ways that we are looking after ourselves and supporting others. We have already had some lovely submissions including artwork, poetry and photography!

Please send through photos, videos or text to headmaster@dovercollege.org.uk to have them included on the page.

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

@dovercollegehm



It seems incredible that another school week has now passed by. Pupils across the College continue to engage wholeheartedly with distance learning, and it has been lovely to hear and see examples of how technology is allowing so many aspects of normal classroom practice and engagement to happen virtually.

I was delighted to present certificates to Prep School pupils in their online assembly this morning and to write to the two Senior School pupils put forward for Headmaster's Commendations this week. I look forward to recognising further examples of outstanding effort and achievement over the coming weeks.

I am firmly of the belief that we must look for the positives in every situation that life throws at us. At the moment we have all gained **time**, from ceasing certain tasks, chores or activities which we are not allowed to do at the moment. The key for us all is to use that time productively, to support others or to develop new or existing skills. Our new **#LockdownLife** page on Dover College Online (details in the panel to the right) is a great way for us to share and inspire the rest of the community with what we are up to.

Whilst life on The Close can be far from normal during this period, our boarding community has continued to operate under COVID-secure guidelines. It is heartening to see pupils around the site, and I very much look forward to the time when our Houses can again be home to day and boarding pupils!

Have a very good weekend.

Simon Fisher



THANK YOU!

Senior School teaching staff were touched – and in some cases moved to tears – by the touching messages of thanks shared by pupils in a special video message today!

Pupils from Shell through to Upper Sixth recorded and sent in short clips, which have been stitched together to form one consolidated message of thanks.

The video can be viewed here:

<https://youtu.be/a6-sa6inLw>

HOUSE POINT STANDINGS

as at 15.1.21

House Point totals take into account the [House Music Competition](#) results.



43.5

33.5



33

54

THE RACE TO AMSTERDAM



The next leg of the race is well underway, and Leamington House have already pulled ahead. But there is still a long way to go...

All pupils can contribute to this competition, by uploading evidence of distances covered walking or running to the House Google Classrooms Mr Payne has shared codes for.

On 3rd January, **Lucas Wood** (Upper Sixth) played in his first professional ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) tournament.

Lucas was the youngest player there. Although he lost against the ATP ranked player, it was an amazing experience and he now can't wait for the next one! We are extremely proud of your incredible achievement, Lucas!

TIKTOK FAMILY SAFETY MODE

Early in February 2020 TikTok introduced a new feature, Family Safety Mode, which it refers to as a 'digital wellbeing' feature. Family Safety Mode allows a parent to link their TikTok account to their child's account.

How to enable Family Safety Mode

1. To enable Family Safety Mode as a parent, you first of all need to have the TikTok app on your device and be logged in to your account.
2. In the top right you will see 3 dots. Tap on these to take you into the Privacy and Settings menu.
3. Scroll down to Digital Wellbeing and tap. You will be presented with three options.
4. Firstly, tap on Family Safety Mode in order to activate the feature. Tap on parent and your child will then need to scan the QR code in order to link your two accounts.
5. You can now activate the screen time management feature, where you can manage the amount of screen time you allow (40, 60, 90 and 120 minutes). You will then set a password which prevents your child going over their allocated time.
6. Once this is done you can activate Restricted Mode which is a feature to help prevent your child seeing inappropriate content.
7. You can limit who can send messages to the connected account or turn off Direct Messaging completely and also ensure your child's account is set to Private.

CERTIFICATES

Prep School certificates were awarded in Assembly this morning to:

Adriana Gleeson in Reception
Lilly Anslow in Prep 1
Hannah Ray in Prep 2
Bea Dorban-Hall in Prep 2
Daniella Elegbede in Prep 3
Isaac Sellier in Prep 4
James Sutton in Prep 5
William Ellis in Prep 6

Headmaster's Commendations have been awarded to:

Katie-Jane Wallace in Remove
Tessa Mebus in Lower Sixth

HELP US ALL TO KEEP SAFE

CHILDREN OF CRITICAL WORKERS ATTENDING SCHOOL:

We ask for your support as we continue to encourage social distancing, hand and respiratory hygiene and the use of face coverings (Senior School pupils only).

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND ARRANGE A TEST IF THEY EXHIBIT ANY OF THE THREE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS SPECIFIED BY THE NHS.