



DOVER
COLLEGE

A VIEW OF THE CLOSE

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FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

As we come to the end of the second week of term, I remain extremely proud of the way pupils have adhered to the new rules around hygiene and distancing we have in place. On Monday I will thank them, but at the same time will note that this is a marathon rather than a sprint! Over the coming weeks and months, as temperatures drop and more time is spent indoors, they must be more attentive to these rules than ever.

Yesterday the College celebrated the 100th anniversary of Leamington House. The Leamington boys joined Mr Hill in the Chapel for a socially distanced service to mark this wonderful milestone.

This week I addressed pupils in fourth, fifth and the sixth form on academic aspiration. I have urged them not to compare their effort to others – for better or worse – but to instead focus on their own personal best. I trailed five keys traits necessary for academic success, which tutors will pick up and expand on through focused activities over the coming weeks.

I was delighted to visit the Prep School again this morning, where I heard about the fantastic start the children have made to the new school year and met some prize winners.

Sir F. Taylor



LEAMINGTON HOUSE, DOVER COLLEGE



NEW TUCK SHOP

From today, our horse box café will be open to Sixth Form pupils at morning break (11.00-11.20). Over the coming weeks we will be looking for ways to expand the opening times and availability to other year groups.

Next Friday, 25th September, we will be holding a 'coffee morning' in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Refreshments will be on sale that day to all year groups and the takings will be donated to that very worthy cause.



THE RED BOOK ONLINE

Although somewhat light on events compared to a normal term, The Red Book is now available for you to access online. Visit our school website and click [News & Events](#) or click [here](#).



FROM THE PREP SCHOOL DEPUTY HEAD

As we settle into a new school year in the Prep School, we have again been reminded of how lucky we are to have such wonderful pupils and a warm community of parents and carers. Despite new challenges and changes in routine, the children have ensured that the return to school has been a time of excitement and laughter. Walking around the campus I have seen children enjoying outdoor guided reading sessions, playing sport and creating clay sculptures as part of their Forest School experience. All serve to extend their learning and life skills.

During our first (socially distanced) whole school Chapel in the playground, pupils were rewarded for their many achievements with the first certificates issued for quite some time. School council representatives have been elected and our Prep 6 Prefects are already working hard in their roles of responsibility. Our Heads of School, Allana and William, wore their red gowns with pride for the first time! It is clear to see that the spirit of determination remains strong within the Prep School from pupils and teachers alike!

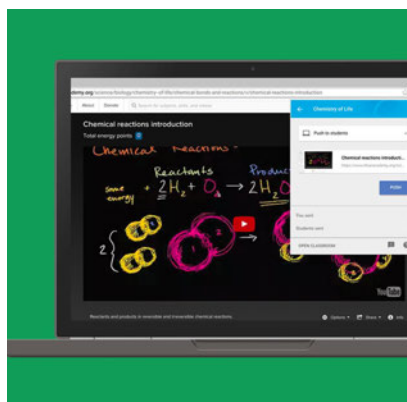
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FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL DEPUTY HEAD

This is only the end of the second week, but so much has been achieved. Shell pupils are now moving seamlessly around the site with confidence and purpose, approaching every lesson with their contagious enthusiasm. They are following the example of the Remove pupils, who are acting as distant, but nonetheless, exemplary role models.

From 3rd Form to Upper Sixth, pupils have impressed with their focus and appetite for learning in lessons. It is clear that pupils and teachers alike appreciate the return to face-to-face learning. We might be socially distancing but there is a regained sense of togetherness, physical interaction and engagement, which are all vital to the learning process. This of course does not negate the importance and relevance of technology, which not only supports learning but also allows our remote learners to join. Google Classroom is here to stay and blended learning is definitely the way forward, as we prepare pupils to be lifelong learners.

Mrs Taylor



FROM HISTORY A FATEFUL ROYAL VISIT

Following the civil war of 1139-1154, King Stephen travelled around England in a bid to reestablish royal authority and settle questions over the control of land by barons.

After a busy summer, he travelled to Dover to meet Thierry, Count of Flanders. Soon after arriving, King Stephen fell ill with a stomach disease and is thought to have died in the Dover Priory guesthouse (the building we now use as our chapel).

Although his body is buried at Faversham Abbey, his visit here is memorialised in the beautiful garden (King Stephen's Walled Garden) which can be found behind School House.

HELP US ALL TO KEEP SAFE

We ask for your support as we encourage social distancing, hand and respiratory hygiene and the use of face coverings.

As per Government guidance, the measures differ slightly between the Prep School and Senior School.

