

# A VIEW OF THE CLOSE

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021



## THE GREAT COLLEGE BAKE OFF!

Pupils and staff have been invited to enter a lockdown baking competition!

**CHALLENGE:** Bake a cake to provide some cheer during this period of lockdown.

**HOW TO ENTER:** Entries will have to be judged based on photographs. E-mail two photographs (one of the whole cake and the other a close up of a slice of it) to:

[headmaster@dovercollege.org.uk](mailto:headmaster@dovercollege.org.uk)

You must include a piece of paper with your name and the date in each photograph. These will be anonymised before the photographs are seen by the judge.

**DEADLINE:** All entries must be emailed by midnight on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

On your marks, get set, bake!

## FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

@dovercollegehm



A View of The Close takes a slightly different format this week! I am delighted to report that thanks to the incredible generosity of **The Dover College Trust**, over the coming months the College will be embarking on an exciting new digital strategy to support learning. We are enormously grateful for the Trust's support for this vital initiative, which ensures this investment can proceed at this time and remain entirely separate from our day to day operating costs and therefore fee income. As you will be aware from the letter from the Chair of Governors, we are focusing our efforts on saving all possible costs in this period.

Over the next few weeks, on the back of the Trust's support, upgrades will be made to the College's IT infrastructure, including new Wi-Fi. More excitingly, next term all pupils from Prep 3 upwards will be issued with an iPad. This device will be fully provisioned with the apps necessary to support learning, both in lessons during the day and independently in boarding houses or at home. Reception to Prep 2 pupils will have access to an iPad whilst in school.

We all know what a transformational impact technology can have when used well. Through the provision of devices, which will be configured to only do what pupils need to support their learning, an enormously positive impact on learning and teaching will quickly be achieved. We are all very excited at the opportunity to build on the skills the children have developed during this period of distance learning, blending these with more the more traditional non-screen based learning and teaching activities of the physical classroom.

*Sina Fisher*

## #LOCKDOWN LIFE

If you haven't already, do visit the **Lockdown Life** page on [Dover College Online](https://www.dovercollege.org.uk). Although no substitute for us coming together in person, it does allow us share the skills, creativity and charitable work which have come out of this period. Please do continue to send through items to be included. Once all of this is over, this collection is something we can look back on with positivity and pride.



## POETRY COMPETITION

Pupils of all ages are encouraged to consider submitting an entry in the **Live Canon Children's Poetry Competition 2021**. The 100 best poems nationally will be published in their 2021 Anthology. **Don't delay – get writing and get your entries in!**

Entries can be emailed, along with [this](#) entry form, to:

[childrenscompetition@livecanon.co.uk](mailto:childrenscompetition@livecanon.co.uk)

Alternatively, entries can be sent to Mr Allen ([allen@dovercollege.org.uk](mailto:allen@dovercollege.org.uk)) and can be submitted on your behalf by the College.

## THIS WEEK'S CERTIFICATES

Prep School certificates were awarded in Assembly this morning to:  
**Bertie Fisher** in Reception  
**Brodie Cole** in Prep 1  
**Jack Ailwood** in Prep 2  
**Beth Stevens** in Prep 3  
**Perdita Wilkinson** in Prep 4  
**Huey Darton** in Prep 5  
**Sofia Gebhardt, Tristan Moore** and **Joe Fairclough** in Prep 6

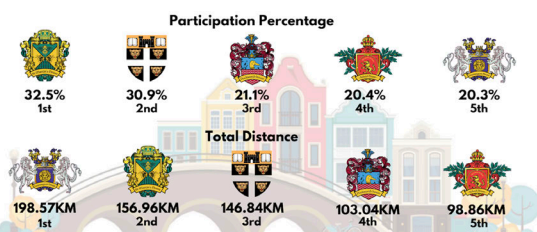
A Headmaster's Commendation was awarded this week to:  
**Cameron Matthews** in Third Form



The Prep School teachers think their pupils are **superheroes!** They have prepared a short video of thanks to the children, which can be viewed on our YouTube channel or by clicking [here](#).

Not to be outdone, the Senior School teachers have produced a **Star Wars** themed thank you video for pupils. It can be viewed on our YouTube channel or by clicking [here](#).

## THE RACE TO AMSTERDAM



It has been amazing to see the fantastic efforts by the pupils as they aim to stay active during lockdown and help their House reach our final destination, Amsterdam.

This challenge has been created to encourage all of the pupils to keep fit and healthy, whether it is through running or walking. It hopefully acts as extra motivation to get them out of the house and away from the computer screen! With this in mind, it has been agreed that the percentage of participation from each house will be calculated as well! It is now not only a race to Amsterdam but also a competition to see which House can have the highest percentage of pupils contributing. There will be additional house points on offer for this part of the challenge!

## HELP US ALL TO KEEP SAFE

At present only children of critical workers are attending school.

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

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## LOCKDOWN PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

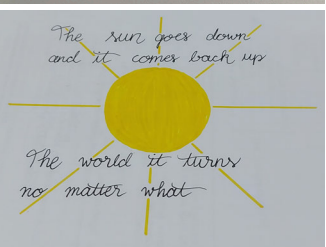
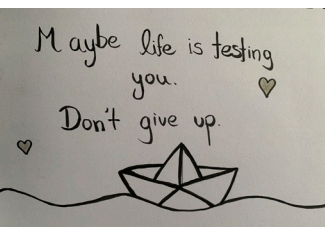
Pupils and staff have been invited to enter a lockdown photography competition!

**CHALLENGE:** Take a photograph which represents "lockdown".

**HOW TO ENTER:** Email your entry (one entry per person) to: [headmaster@dovercollege.org.uk](mailto:headmaster@dovercollege.org.uk)

**DEADLINE:** All entries must be emailed by midnight on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Happy snapping!



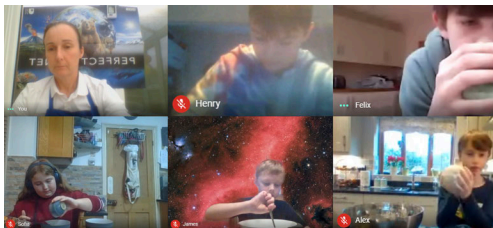
## INSPIRING QUOTES

Pupils in the International Study Centre have been talking about quotes which inspire them. They looked at some of Charles Mackesy's work from *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse*.

Mrs Hebblethwaite was particularly struck with the two pieces above, which have also been beautifully illustrated. **Julina** produced the top one and **Hannah** the bottom one.

## BAKING IN GEOGRAPHY

This week Prep 5 and 6 pupils had a practical lesson with Miss Armstrong during Geography. Parents had been warned in advance that they would be making and colouring dough. The pupils had great fun following the recipe on the BBC website and were able to successfully form a variety of shapes and creatures with their fresh dough. The class have been learning about sloths, which can be found in Central and South America. Next lesson they will be making sloths and discussing their features and where they live, before moving on to discuss the Great American Interchange and the role of tectonic plates in keeping species together or apart.



## OUR FIRST FEW WEEKS AT DOVER COLLEGE

Three girls joined St Martin's House at the start of this term! Whilst this isn't the type of term we or they expected, we are delighted they are having such a brilliant time:

"I have now been at Dover College for three weeks. And those three weeks have flown by! Even though school life is a little different, with no day pupils here and online lessons to attend, I am incredibly happy to be here. I made friends so quickly and finding a connection with the other pupils was no problem at all! The teachers are there to help us out at any time and the staff in the boarding house are always there for us as well. We play games together, do sport, spend time outside, watch films and do cooking. I worried online schooling might get boring and that I would sit in my room staring out the window not knowing what to do, but it's the contrary! My schedule is full and I am enjoying my time. A few days ago we tried to bake a little. Even though we didn't have all the ingredients, our Kouign-amann turned out well! The cake is so easy to make and everybody liked it. I am sure this won't be the last time we use the kitchen in the next few weeks!" - Fanny (Fourth Form)

"This is my third week at Dover College. Already I've had such wonderful experiences. I've made new friends and I've settled in well at school. Of course it is a difficult and different situation, but we are making the best of it! I'm slowly getting used to life here, the food, the daily routine and it's fun, I have to say. At the beginning it was difficult, of course, but now I'm very happy to be part of the community" - Julina (Fifth Form)

"I came to Dover College nearly three weeks ago, but it feels like one! At first it was difficult traveling alone to another country where I have to speak a different language, don't know any of the people and have to get used to a completely different school system - online! But after only a short time I've found new friends which has made it easier for me to settle in to the daily routine. Due to the pandemic I can't meet day pupils or weekly boarders, but hopefully I'll see them soon." - Hannah (Lower Sixth)

## SENIOR SCHOOL SCIENCE

In Remove (Year 8), pupils have been studying The Earth and rock cycles. They have produced some fantastic work - digitally, by hand and even some 3D models!

Year 10 have been studying Health and this week's focus has been on bacteria and viruses. Students did some excellent research on Covid-19, including its spread, the R value, potential treatments, and the link to vitamin D.

Year 12 Chemistry have been completing online titrations.

Year 12 Biology, determined not to be limited by having to work from home, completed a practical using a fresh beetroot and different temperatures of water to show the effect of temperature on the permeability of a membrane.



3D model (above) by **Katie-Jane** and diagram (right) by **Lola**

Beetroot experiment (below) by **Yzin**



## RECEPTION IN THE ANTARCTIC

Reception's Antarctic theme has been a hit with the children. They have all fallen in love with penguins and have been developing their research skills on this chilly topic! Reception worked hard planning, designing and making their own Antarctic displays using recycled items at home. Some examples are below:



Alfie



Neave



Bertie



Lillie



Ethan



Adriana