



DOVER
COLLEGE

A VIEW OF THE CLOSE

25th September 2020



FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

This week we have seen the seasons change before our eyes. The beautiful sunshine we enjoyed on Monday and Tuesday feels long gone. With leaves turning brown and falling, my view of The Close is definitely now an autumnal one. The move from outdoors to indoors poses an additional challenge in schools this year. We continue to emphasise to pupils the importance of the safety measures in place around hand and respiratory hygiene and social distancing. I remain pleased with the way pupils have adopted these new practices.

Please look out for a letter from Therese Taylor in the next fortnight, which will outline the strategies she has been working on to shift up a gear the academic ambition of our pupils. These initiatives will provide you as parents a clearer sense of progress and challenge, the support measures in place to maximise effort and greater visibility of homework being set.

Sian Fingar

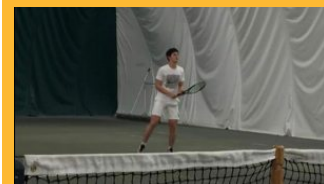
INTERNATIONAL TENNIS SUCCESS

Leamington's Lucas Wood (U6) took part in the International Tennis Federation's (ITF) Junior World Tour tournament in Liepaja, Latvia over the Summer, where he lost in the 2nd round to Lithuania's Dominykas Stonkus. Whilst the results may not have gone his way, Lucas was happy to have experienced international competition for the first time. "It was exciting to get out to Latvia and compete at that level", said Lucas.

Lucas trains for 12-15 hours a week at Canterbury's Polo Farm club alongside studying for A Levels in Spanish and Business Studies, as well as Level 2 BTEC in Sport. He is also currently in the process of applying for tennis scholarships to top American Universities where he hopes his sporting development and academic success can continue.

He will next be in action in October when he travels to Jelgava in Latvia. Thanks to his performances in Liepaja, Lucas has been awarded a wildcard entry to the main draw and is hopeful of greater success.

We wish Lucas the very best of luck with his upcoming tournament.



FROM OUR DISCOVERY GARDEN

The beautiful weather over the last two weeks has allowed Prep School pupils to enjoy their forest school activities in the sun.

They have used clay to make 'forest animals', and wood to make frames and fairy or wizard wands. Lots of 'daisy dips and mud pies' have also been created!

The arrival of Autumn this week prompted discussion about the seasons, as we have noticed leaves turning brown and conkers falling to the ground.

Mrs Caskie



FROM THE ROUND SQUARE COORDINATOR



The start of the new Covid-affected term has caused much disruption across the College but, as ever, with disruption also comes opportunity. With pupils now spending more time with their form tutors, we have taken this chance to launch a new Round Square Scheme of Work, allowing collaborative project work to take place within the year group bubbles.

Based on the Round Square Ideals of Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership & Service, students will carry out small group-based projects each Half Term, with each year group focussing on a different Ideal.

This Half Term students in the Lower are focussing on Democracy and are planning to carry out a mock US election before at the start of October, whilst the 4th Form are designing a holiday-of-a-lifetime which leaves a minimal carbon footprint in their Adventure-themed projects.

It is our hope that, Covid-permitting, we will have more Round Square activities and trips up-and-running for the Summer term, with students that are demonstrating the Ideals successfully given the opportunity to take part in international project work in the future.

Mr Breeze



St Martin's and Duckworth girls enjoyed homemade pizza this week, during their first House Social organised in year group bubbles.



FROM HISTORY THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY

The Bayeux Tapestry is an embroidered cloth nearly 70 metres long and 50 cm tall. It depicts the events leading up to the Norman Conquest of England, culminating in the Battle of Hastings, from the point of view of the conquering Normans. Dated to the 11th century, it is now thought to have been made in England.

The Bayeux Tapestry is supposed to have hung in our Refectory! The measurements are correct. There were strong links with the Bishop of Bayeux who owned land in Dover after the Norman Conquest and rebuilt the Saxon church of St Martin.

Our Refectory remains the only Norman Refectory in Britain still used for its original purpose.

HELP US ALL TO KEEP SAFE

We ask for your support as we continue to 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.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND ARRANGE A TEST IF THEY EXHIBIT ANY OF THE Symptoms SPECIFIED BY THE NHS

