

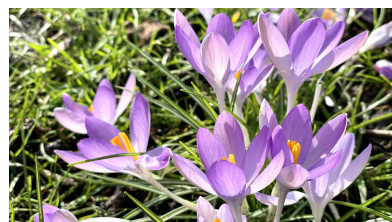
# A VIEW OF THE CLOSE

FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2021



## SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

It may still be February, but the early signs of Spring are very much in evidence around The Close. It seems apt that the season of new beginnings is arriving at the same time as we resume more normal school life at the College!



## FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

The Prime Minister's announcement on Monday, that schools will reopen on **Monday 8th March**, has clearly been the main headline for us all this week. We are delighted that we can welcome **all pupils** back in person to the College in ten days time. Please be reassured that in advance of then we will be reviewing and updating all of our protocols and procedures to ensure the safety of all in the community. Further details are available in the **School Reopening Plan** document, which was emailed to all parents earlier this week.

I will write to Senior School parents early next week to confirm the arrangements for the testing of pupils on the first day. Our priority is to get the children back into the school routine **safely** and **swiftly**. To that end, a staggered return by year group across the morning of Monday 8th will be required and school transport that morning will not be available. The Department for Education guidance makes it clear that pupils should not spend time in a context where they mix with others until testing has been completed. Unlike larger schools, who will likely have to stagger the return of pupils across the week, we are confident we can safely resume face-to-face teaching for Senior School pupils by that first afternoon.

For those of you with children in Fifth Form or Upper Sixth, announcements this week regarding how public examination grades will be awarded will have been significant. Mrs Taylor will write to the pupils and parents concerned as soon as we have worked through the practicalities of what has been announced.

The College campus has borne more than a passing resemblance to Hogwarts this week. Our boarders have greatly enjoyed taking part in the activities which have been put on for them. These have included being sorted into houses by the Sorting Hat, Potions classes, Quidditch and sweet making. The highlight of the week will be tomorrow tonight, when pupils (in costume) will visit shops on Diagon Alley (the Cloisters) and have a banquet in the Great Hall (the Refectory). I am enormously grateful to the resident staff, who have really gone the extra mile to make this a fantastic week for the boarders. **We will repeat the Harry Potter Week, for the whole school to participate in, later in the year.**

*Simon Foster*

Only one more week of distance learning to go! Have a very good weekend.

## TIKTOK FAMILY SAFETY TOOLKIT

The DQ Institute is an American-based charity, along with TikTok, have created a comprehensive Family Safety Toolkit which many parents will find really helpful. You can download the guide [here](https://www.dqinstitute.org/family-safety-toolkit).

## FACE COVERINGS



As detailed in the **School Reopening Plan**, the Government has recommended that Senior School age pupils wear face coverings in all indoor contexts (including lessons) where social distancing is not possible. **All Senior School pupils must be in possession of a face covering from Monday 8th March.**

## CERTIFICATES

The following Prep School pupils were awarded certificates in **assembly** this morning for their efforts this week:

Neave Birkett-Snoad in Reception  
Brodie Cole in Prep 1  
Sofia Cullum in Prep 2  
Summer Davis in Prep 3  
Amaya Sangiuseppe in Prep 4  
Huey Darton in Prep 5  
James Sutton in Prep 5  
Joe Fairclough in Prep 6  
Tristan Moore in Prep 6  
Felix Cavell in Prep 6

In the Senior School, a Headmaster's Commendation has been awarded to:

Tessa Mebus in Lower Sixth

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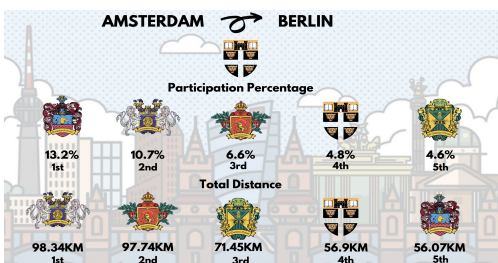
The College uniform and sports kit supplier, [SchoolBlazer](https://www.schoolblazer.co.uk), has notified us that they are holding a **Return to School Sale**. There is up to a third off selected uniform lines. The sale begins on **1st March** and ends on **15th March**. A Facebook group called [Dover College Pre Loved Uniform](https://www.facebook.com/DoverCollegePreLovedUniform) may also be of interest.

## RAPID TESTING OF SENIOR SCHOOL PUPILS



As detailed in the **School Reopening Plan**, the use of rapid (Lateral Flow Device) tests is one of the safety measures being used as pupils and staff return to school. Whilst the testing is voluntary, participation in the programme is strongly encouraged for the benefit of all. If you haven't already done so, please complete and return [this](https://www.dovercollege.org.uk/privacy) consent form to [privacy@dovercollege.org.uk](mailto:privacy@dovercollege.org.uk). Forms should be returned **by Wednesday 3rd March**.

## THE RACE TO BERLIN



### SPECIAL MENTION FOR EFFORT THIS WEEK

HECTOR HODKINSON

LIBBY TURBUTT

POPPY AND DAISY HARRIS

NATHANIEL TURNER

## 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.

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## HARRY POTTER WEEK

A selection of photographs from the Harry Potter week are below. It has been a vibrant and fun time our boarders, and we look forward to repeating it for Prep and Senior pupils later in the year.



## FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE

Below is a lovely piece of creative writing from **Julina Böer** (a Fifth Form international student, with us for one term). Julina drew inspiration from the image below and the Harry Potter Week:

He leaned against the dark green, musty entrance gate and looked into her eyes. A large iron gate that had already let many people through without letting them out again. The entrance gate of a cemetery. He looked across the cold cemetery, wisps of mist drifting around. The gravestones stood crooked and were grey and black, covered with thick moss. Heavy stones and each of them carried a story. The earth was brown and lumpy, pebbles lay on the ground. They crunched creaked underfoot.

Old trees reached spread out to the left and right. Crooked birches with gnarled branches and thick bark. Behind one of these trees she stood looking into his eyes. In a white torn old-fashioned dress. Bare feet on the cold ground and a candle in her left hand. She was the hope of all people. Warm-hearted and soulful, she let the visitors of the cemetery talk to their deceased loved ones and opened the gate to the dead every time. By contrast, he was the horror of everybody, cold-hearted and unfeeling. He came to the people to lure them into death and bring them to the grave. They both looked at each other. With fear in their eyes.



## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION RESULT

We are extremely grateful to Mr Gerald Kitiyakara (School House, 1962-1967), a Licentiate of the Royal Photography Society and President of Carshalton Camera Club, for agreeing to share his expertise and time to judge this competition. The winning images are below, but well done to all of the pupils and staff who entered.

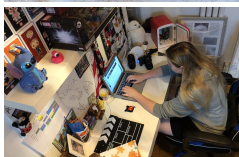
### PUPIL ENTRIES



**1st Place**  
Louise Wallace

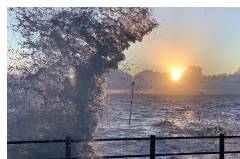


**2nd Place**  
Amaya Sangiuseppe



**3rd Place**  
Alicia Myers

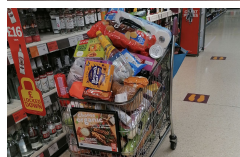
### STAFF ENTRIES



**1st Place**  
Mr Wilkinson



**2nd Place**  
Mr Fisher



**3rd Place**  
Mrs Smart

## HOUSE POINTS As at 26.2.21



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56



58



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## JUNIOR BAKE OFF

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## JUNIOR BAKE OFF

The production company involved in Junior Bake Off on Channel 4 have been in touch - they must have seen the wonderful cakes produced by Dover College pupils in The Great College Bake Off!

If interested, details of how to apply to go on the show are included on the poster above.



## JACK'S NHS FUNDRAISER

Well done to **Jack Ailwood** in Prep 2, who has been fundraising for NHS charities. Jack challenged himself to run 10 laps of his garden each day for three weeks. He has raised an impressive £600.