

# A VIEW OF THE CLOSE

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020



GB TALENT

## FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

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The week began with a thought provoking assembly on memories, given by Miss Armstrong. As well as pointing out the incredible capacity of the human brain (estimated to be the equivalent of 2500 TB), she reflected on how memories are triggered in us all. Musical memories, in particular, are preserved much longer because they trigger emotions and the memory of past emotions.

Music has been very much on our mind at the College this week. Prep and Senior School pupils have been busy rehearsing for the end of term Virtual Carol Concert. Preparations for House Music are also well underway. Despite the announcement yesterday that Kent will enter Tier 3 next month, drive-in events are still permitted. Our Drive-In Christmas Carol Sing-Along on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December (details below) will therefore still be able to go ahead. I very much hope you are able to attend.

A competitive spirit has been in the air this week. From House Sport (hockey and football) and The Race to Paris, to House Music rehearsals and a "cook-off" in Leamington House, it has been lovely to see pupils working together in various contexts to be the best they can be both individually and as a team.

This has been a particularly busy week for our Fifth Form and Upper Sixth, who have been sitting mock examinations. These are an important diagnostic tool – for teachers and pupils – and the feedback received from them will provide valuable focus next term in what will be their final full term of teaching.

*Sina Folar*

## DRIVE-IN CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 4.45 PM



Sadly we are not able to come together in the College Chapel for a Carol Service this year.

Instead, we have arranged a **drive-in** Christmas Carol sing-along event! Cars will park up around The Close and will tune in to a designated FM frequency, on which instrumental versions of favourite carols will be broadcast. Within household bubbles in cars, families can safely sing. With windows wound down, we will all hear the combined effect!

Due to the limit on the number of cars we can park around The Close, this will be a ticketed event. One ticket per car is needed, at a price of £6. This will include a cup of hot non-alcoholic mulled wine and a mince pie for each passenger, which will be delivered to your vehicle by a marshal in a COVID-secure way.

We very much hope you can support this event – the first we have been able to hold at the College for families this term!

Tickets can be booked here:  
[www.dovercollege.org.uk/carols](http://www.dovercollege.org.uk/carols)



## THE RACE TO PARIS



## 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 THREE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS SPECIFIED BY THE NHS.



**Emily Calder** (Lower Sixth) has trained in Mixed Martial Arts since she was 3 years old.

Emily has competed in hand drills, patterns and sparring at local, national and international level. In doing so, she has brought home many medals, as she has progressed from being a White Belt to a Third Degree Black Belt.

Over the last two years she has broadened her experience through World Taekwondo Federation style and International Taekwondo Federation, both very different styles with independent rules. She has also commenced kickboxing, which has complemented her sparring skills.

A year ago Emily represented England at the World Championships in Sardinia. She achieved Gold in the final against Russia.

In March Emily competed in some smaller competitions, again bringing home gold medals. Sadly COVID-19 has largely removed the opportunity to compete, but Emily has continued to train hard at least four evenings each week. Training has been over Zoom, or in an open field whilst gyms have been closed.

Emily's ITF Instructor put her forward to the GB Talent team in August, which involved submitting videos of her competing and training. She received feedback recently, and has been invited to compete in a Test Match against other fighters (Sparring and Fitness, WTF skillset) at the arena in Manchester in January 2021 with the GB TKD Talent Squad.

After the Test Match Emily will know if she has been selected for the GB squad, which feeds into the Olympic Team. This would entail training in Manchester twice a month.

Emily is now on a very stringent training plan, with 5am morning runs prior to school and strength and conditioning training alongside skill training in the evening and at weekends.

To reach this stage really is an incredible achievement. Everyone at Dover College is very proud of you, Emily.

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## THE DISCOVERY GARDEN

The temperature may have dropped, but our young explorers have not been deterred! From making bird feeders and mud pies to digging for worms and toasting marshmallows, great fun is being had by all!

## THE DAILY MILE

Prep School pupils have embraced our new wellbeing and fitness initiative, The Daily Mile. Children have jogged or walked around The Close each day to achieve a mile of exercise, and they have done so with such enthusiasm. We are excited to see how far we can travel collectively by Christmas!



## PREP 3 AND 4 CHAPEL

Prep 3 and 4's much anticipated [chapel service](#) was unveiled today, and it was packed full of facts, humour and some spectacular death scenes! The pupils had such fun creating this performance and have immersed themselves in their learning topic once again, thinking differently and showing tremendous character and originality. Well done to all involved. A special mention must go to Mrs Miller and Mr Annakie for once again for making pupil learning so creative and fun!

## FROM THE DT WORKSHOP

Mr Irwin reports that pupils have been busy in the workshop this term.

Third Form pupils finished their first mini practical project this week. Due to Covid, we have been limited to what the pupils can create, but despite restrictions, the boys and girls created some brilliant results. From Harry Potter to James Bond, the pupils used film inspiration for their designs. The project focuses their measuring and cutting skills as we strive for accuracy and uniformity. Using a range of soft and hard woods and only hand tools, the pupils worked individually on their robots and took great care with the overall finish. Particular favourites were The Joker and Bender from Futurama.

Fourth Form pupils have been using a range of card, boards and paper to create freestanding clocks based on the Pop Art design movement. The pupils used hand tools and the laser cutter, for increased accuracy, to create the fully working prototype clocks. The project is a great way for them to practice key skills before their final coursework project in the summer. I was particularly impressed by the work of Katie, Lily, Nicholas, Alfie, Jennifer, Angelina and Theresa. As they move on to the next project, the clocks will go up on display.

Well done to all of the pupils for their hard work.



## A WHOLE SCHOOL HOUSE COMPETITION

As one school, we have been thinking about how Prep School House points can contribute to the House Competition. Mrs Mills and Mr Breeze have been working on a plan this week! From today, the Prep School House Points will be factored in to House totals as follows:

- **A Bronze Star** (100 Prep School House Points) contributes 2 points, split between the two senior houses of the student's gender
- **A Silver Star** (250 Prep School House Points) contributes 6 points, split between the two senior houses of the student's gender
- **A Gold Star** (400 Prep School House Points) contributes 10 points, split between the two senior houses of the student's gender

## HOUSE POINT STANDINGS as at 27.11.20



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