

A VIEW OF THE CLOSE

Friday 29th January 2021



NEW DOVER COLLEGE WEBSITE

We are delighted to announce the launch of our **new website**, which can be accessed [here](http://www.dovercollege.org.uk).

Unlike many schools, who spend tens of thousands of pounds on their online presence, our site has been developed at no cost by our in-house Marketing Coordinator, **Louis Turner**. I am sure you will agree that he has done an outstanding job.

Social distancing and year group bubbles last term meant that our volunteer photographer, **Abi Fisher**, has not been able to capture as many new images as we had hoped. Whilst there are plenty of her fantastic photographs on the new site, over the coming months, as normality returns, the older images on there will steadily be replaced.

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

@dovercollegehm



Creativity is in the air at the College this week. There is plenty of evidence of it, from both pupils and staff, in this edition of A View of The Close.

I am sure you will agree that the artwork produced at home by our pupils, both Prep and Senior School, is fantastic. It is great that pupils are experimenting with different mediums, even whilst at home, and are producing such wonderful pieces.

It has been lovely to see a steady stream of entries for our two lockdown competitions. A reminder that the deadline for **The Great College Bake Off** is Monday 1st February, and Friday 5th February for **The Lockdown Photography Competition**. Entries for both, from pupils or staff, should be emailed directly to headmaster@dovercollege.org.uk

Please do take a look at the **new website for the College**, which has been a work in progress in-house over the last few months. Our aim was to produce a site with a much greater visual impact, as well as better showcase the wonderful opportunities, facilities and learning experiences our pupils have access to. I am extremely grateful to all those who have been involved in this. The site is a responsive one, so works on both mobile and desktop devices. If you get a chance to view it on a computer, laptop or tablet please do, as the quality of imagery is even more evident on these devices.

Have a very good weekend, when it arrives.

Simon Fisher

WOULD YOU STAY IN MY BUG HOTEL?

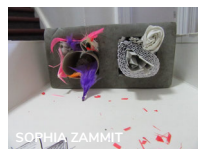
As part of their DT unit on the design process, Year 5 and 6 have planned and constructed their own bug hotel. We think their efforts are great!



HENRY GROVER



JAMES SUTTON



SOPHIA ZAMMIT



SOFIA GEBHARDT



FELIX CAVELL



JOSH CHAPPELL

INSPIRED BY... DAN HILLIER

It has been a week of creativity for Prep 5 and Prep 6. They have produced artwork inspired by Dan Hillier, an artist who makes collages which combine ink drawings, imagery he has found and his own incredible imagination.



JOE FAIRCLOUGH



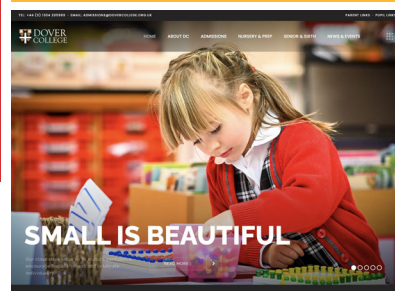
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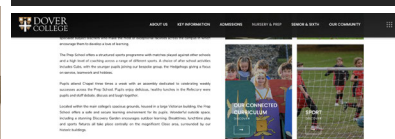
TRISTAN MOORE



SOFIA GEBHARDT



SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL



CERTIFICATES

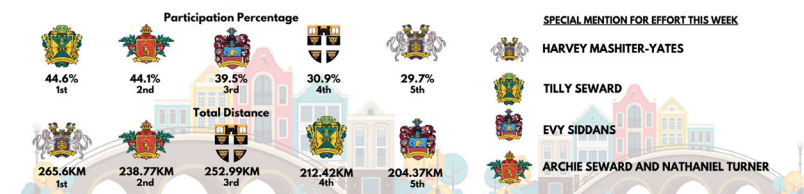
Prep School pupils have had a brilliant week, and this was reflected in the bumper number of certificates awarded in Assembly this morning! These went to:

Elsie Flaunty in Reception
Alex Gooch in Prep 1
Beatrice Dorban-Hall in Prep 2
Ollie Irwin in Prep 2
Hannah Ray in Prep 2
Danielle Elegbede in Prep 3
Daisy Fisher in Prep 3
Eva Gambrell in Prep 3
Mia Golding in Prep 3
Brodie Williamson in Prep 3
Dylan Barr in Prep 4
Huey Darton in Prep 5
Edith Lane in Prep 5
Sophia Zammit in Prep 5
William Ellis in Prep 6
Allana Gambrell in Prep 6
Sofia Gebhardt in Prep 6

Headmaster's Commendations have gone to:

Ben Sellier in Shell
Poppy Harris in Third Form
Archie Grove in Fourth Form
Sam Wichall in Fifth Form
Nathan Young in Lower Sixth

THE RACE TO AMSTERDAM



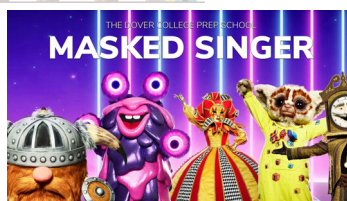
The **Special Mention** list allows us to recognise those who have made a particular contribution to their House effort each week.

The Prep School staff have taken part in their own version of **The Masked Singer**. You can see their performances [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) and can vote for your favourite [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...). Can Senior School teachers be persuaded to join in?

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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E-SAFETY ADVICE FOR PARENTS

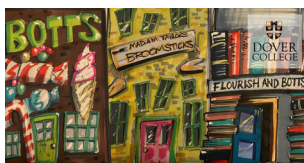
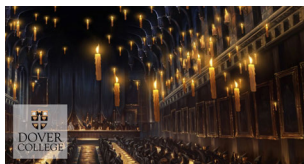
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Boarders on site, alongside resident staff, are busy preparing for a Harry Potter themed week straight after half term.

Mr Irwin has been putting his amazing practical and creative skills to good effect, creating props which will help the College to feel more like Hogwarts! The image to the right shows his concept artwork for Diagon Alley – or what we know as The Cloisters. Thrones have been created for The Refectory (AKA the Hogwarts Great Hall), and Mr Irwin is now racking his brains as to how to suspend candles in mid-air!

The week will include potions demonstrations from Madame Rolfe and Madame Plant, film screenings and a game of Quidditch if the boarders can learn to fly broomsticks in time! It will culminate in a grand banquet, with everyone in fancy dress.

WE WILL REPEAT THIS HARRY POTTER WEEK LATER IN THE YEAR – TO INCLUDE PREP AND SENIOR SCHOOL PUPILS – ONCE RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED AND WE ARE ALL BACK TOGETHER AT THE COLLEGE.



IN-GAME CHAT

CEOP have a video that you may find useful. It is less than 4 minutes in length and explains what in-game chat is, which can be useful for opening up conversations with children and young people. The link to the video, which is hosted on YouTube, is [here](#).

DAILY ADVICE

With the majority of children and young people at home it's important that we keep the online safety conversation going. To help parents, everyday while schools are closed LGFL are continuing to publish questions, tips or challenges for primary pupils to help you stay safe at home and on your devices. You can find all the worksheets [here](#).



Theo (Remove)



Barnaby (Remove)



Demira (Third Form)



Louis (Third Form)



Luke (Third Form)



Thai (Third Form)



Agustina (Third Form)



Cameron (Remove)

SENIOR SCHOOL ART

In Art, pupils have continued to explore an exciting range of themes during their online lessons. They have used different media, continued to practice their drawing skills and have looked the work of further artists. Some examples from our pupils in Shell, Remove and the Third form can be seen here.

DISTANCE LEARNING – A REFLECTION

During this lockdown, my experience with online learning has had its ups and downs. I have found it quite the adjustment, as I've come to learn that voice memos are no replacement for the microphones in Tallis, that mugs aren't the same as test tubes and that kitchen tables are no substitute for classrooms! Furthermore, one of the things that I love about the College the most is the sense of community, which is not the same through a screen. That said, I have continued to receive just as much support and feel that everyone has gone above and beyond to make this as easy as possible, whilst ensuring the most can be taken from online learning. I am incredibly grateful for this. As I have been adapting to this new lifestyle, an open mind has been crucial. It has been my goal to utilise this time at home to accomplish the tasks that day-to-day life doesn't leave room for. For me, this has included continuing to teach myself to play the piano and undertaking a six-week exercise programme. I have been enjoying this extra time at home with my parents and dogs and have been continuing to stay in touch with loved ones. Despite these positives, I am hopeful that we will be back at school soon. - Imogen (Lower Sixth)

HOUSE POINT STANDINGS

as at 29.1.21



50.5



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43.5



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