

# A VIEW OF THE CLOSE

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020



## FRESH AND LOCAL

We are pleased to now be working with **Foodari**, a Kent based supplier of fresh produce. Integrity, service and sustainability are at the heart of their approach.

Although they can't claim to be fully organic, they work with a number of farmers who are LEAF-assured and who work to high environmental standards. Their core sourcing ethos is 'Kent First'.

Our broccoli is coming from Manston, tomatoes from Ash, cauliflower from Wingham and potatoes from Ashford and Deal.

The delicious fruit they are now supplying us has already begun to elicit positive comments from pupils and staff.

Foodari supply individuals as well as companies. A number of our staff will be ordering from their [Christmas selection!](#)

## FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

@dovercollegehm



A sense of Christmas has certainly been felt in the air at the College this week! Whilst in normal times it would be somewhat premature to be so festive, these are not normal times. The lights of Christmas remind many of us of Jesus, the light of God, coming into the world. The joy and hope associated with that is much needed by every one of us at the end of this difficult year.

I do hope you will be able to join me on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December for the drive-in, sing-along 'Carols around The Close' event. This will be the first opportunity for us to come together as a school community. Although we will all be in vehicles, we will still be united in purpose and voice! Tickets (only one per vehicle required) can be booked at [www.dovercollege.org.uk/carols](http://www.dovercollege.org.uk/carols). The £6 ticket price includes non-alcoholic mulled wine and mince pies safely delivered to your vehicle.

It is wonderful to see how well supported the various initiatives to provide food for local homeless people have been. **Thank you to all who have contributed, or will do in the coming weeks, to these very worthy causes.**

*Sina Fera*



## HOUSE SPORT

The Priory football and hockey fixtures were played with lots of energy and determination. Good passing and movement were on display from both houses in all of the matches. However, two wins for School House (football) and two wins for St Martin's (hockey) ensured they won the house points on offer.

Both School House and Leamington fiercely contested the Intermediate football fixture. After a cagey start School House found their stride and some intricate passing play resulted in goals from **Nicholas** and **Sam** (3) to put them 4-0 at half time. Leamington fought back in the second half but were unfortunately unable to get on the scoresheet, resulting in a 4-0 win for School House.

The Intermediate fixtures between Duckworth and St Martin's came to a conclusion on Tuesday with some fast-paced hockey on display. After the two opening matches finished in a 6-6 draw and a 6-5 Duckworth victory, it really was all to play for. Despite a hat trick for **Tilly** (St Martin's), the player of the match was **Avy** (Duckworth), whose skill and pace set up goals for **Isla**, **Jamie** and **Poppy**, before **Maisie** wrapped up the game with two further goals to complete her own hat trick in a victory for the Duckies.



## THE PREP SCHOOL DAILY MILE

ASHTON		475 laps (95 miles)
CHRISTIAN		465 laps (93 miles)
NEVILL		478 laps (95 miles)



## THE SENIOR SCHOOL RACE TO PARIS



## YOUTUBE ADVICE

Common Sense Media have put together a handy little guide that is useful for parents called **Parents' Decision Guide to YouTube for Young Kids**. It can be downloaded [here](#).

## THE COLLEGE ELF

On Monday the College elf left 'elf' isolation in Priory Lodge and has been out and about causing mischief.

From visiting the Computing Suite to learn ASCII art to sampling treats from the Horsebox Café, mischief has been felt wherever he has been.

You can follow his exploits up to Christmas Eve on the Dover College social media feeds on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



## 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.



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## DOVER COLLEGE PREP SCHOOL'S GOT TALENT

A superb array of talent was on show on Monday as pupils took to the stage as part of our Prep School Talent Show. With a variety of skills on show – from dancing to comedy to poetry to singing – choosing a winner will prove to be difficult! Events like these really serve to foster and celebrate the confidence and self-esteem of our pupils and it was delightful to watch them supporting one another and showcasing their abilities.

The Early Years pupils have been busy practising their assembly to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. You can watch their performance [here](#). We have also been busy practising for the upcoming virtual Prep School Carol Service. Christmas music has filled the corridors as the pupils each rehearse their chosen carol – it's looking to be a wonderful service!

## GOOD LUCK ISC STUDENTS!

Some of our Lower Sixth German students have bravely taken up the challenge of sitting high level, external English exams next weekend. The exams are set by Cambridge Assessment and will test their proficiency in all four skills; reading, writing, listening and speaking. **Margo, Tim, Benny, Annabelle and Sibylla** are sitting the B2 exam, formerly known as Cambridge English: First for Schools, while **Tessa** is going for the C1 advanced. Both these qualifications are challenging, in-depth and will test their language skills to the max.

We are so proud of them digging deep at this late stage of the term and wish them lots of luck after all their hard work.



## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

A massive thank you to all of you who have participated in the reverse advent calendar. Your generous donations have overflowed the massive boxes I brought in and will make a huge difference to people in need this Christmas! It's not too late to help if you want to but have forgotten to bring donations in so far, or if you have extra items to donate. I will leave the boxes in Chapel for another week so please feel free to add to them. Everything will be gratefully received by the food bank. Thank you all so very very much. You are amazing and I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas!

- Alicia Myers



## HEADMASTER'S COMMENDATIONS

Commendations are awarded for excellence in effort or attainment. Both Prep and Senior School teachers can put pupils forward for one. In the last fortnight the recipients have been:

**Spencer Turner-Dauncey** (Prep 2) – over 6,500 correct answers on Times Tables Rockstars

**Korede Kuteyi** (Remove) – an outstanding poem, written in Shakespearean sonnet form

**Halle-Blu Price** (Remove) – an outstanding poem, written in Shakespearean sonnet form

**Daisy Harris** (Remove) – an outstanding poem, written in Shakespearean sonnet

**Luise Knigge** (Third Form) – impressive effort in developing her programming skills

**Finlay Clark** (Third Form) – a real improvement in the quality of English work

**Sebastian Powell** (Fourth Form) – showing strong leadership in organising a House Music ensemble

**Lucas Wood** (Upper Sixth) – demonstrating significantly greater effort in Spanish

## THE POETRY OF CONFLICT

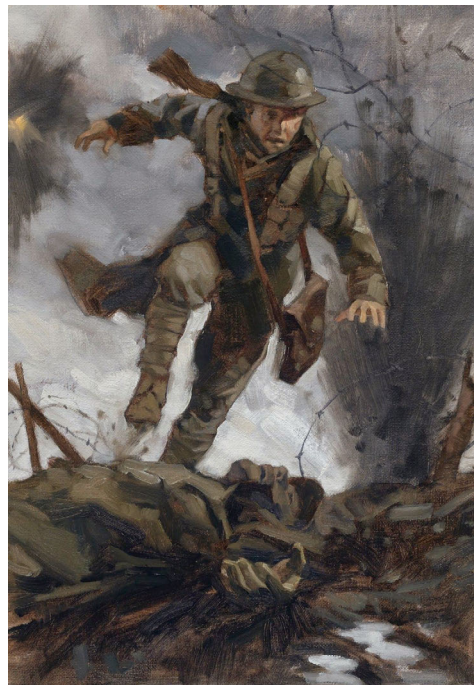
Pupils in Remove have spent the second half of the Michaelmas term studying the poetry of conflict.

Having reviewed a number of examples, they were asked to write their own poem as if they were a soldier embroiled in conflict.

Honourable mentions go to **Halle-Blu Price** and **Daisy Harris**, but the top award goes to **Korede Kuteyi** who produced this fantastic sonnet:

My love for my country burns like fire  
I am not a coward but I am brave  
To make my land proud is my desire  
Held a rifle for the place I will save  
In the front line waiting for the command  
I sit down and have a nice cigarette  
Being sent out to death is my command  
Thinking about all this pain and regret

Will I go back and see my family?  
Wait, stop that, concentrate on my mission  
Thinking about my friends fills me with glee  
Saving my country is my ambition  
AGH, guess I won't survive to see the day  
I see the light, so I go that way.



## HOUSE POINT STANDINGS as at 4.12.20



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