



# DOVER COLLEGE

## A VIEW OF THE CLOSE

11th September 2020



### FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

After so many weeks of planning, it was wonderful to welcome the boys and girls back to the College on Wednesday. They have quickly adapted to what the media keep calling our "new normal", and school life in the fullest sense has resumed. The view of The Close from my desk is now one of life, energy and happy young people.

Our new facility, the Leo Wright Building extension, came fully online this week. Home to two computing suites and our Individual Needs department, it is a fantastically spacious and modern facility. We look forward to the official opening in the spring.

I feel immensely privileged to have taken stewardship of this fantastic school. An organisation's best asset is the people within it. Here that is a community of pupils, staff, parents, governors, alumni and other friends. Although the current pandemic severely restricts our ability to gather socially, I do very much look forward to getting to know you all over the coming months.

*Simon Fisor*



### FROM THE HEAD GIRL

During the short period of time we have been back at school, all pupils have been welcomed with open arms and have been made to feel at home. From breakfast, until prep time, we continue to push ourselves to be the best we can be, in every aspect of our school life.

The newly introduced 'Bubble Bases', one for each year group, provide a safe area for pupils to relax during breaks and lunch times, offering a more relaxed environment than a classroom.

Olivia

### FROM THE HEAD BOY

It has been a long-awaited return to the College, and it has been refreshing to see The Close full of life once again.

The first week has been both interesting and exciting, full of new challenges for everyone to face. We have all stayed in our year group bubbles, further developing friendships whilst also carrying on working hard in lessons (socially distanced of course!). This strong start will give everyone excellent foundations for the academic year.

We are all looking forward to the weeks and months ahead, continuing to strive for excellence in everything we do, which is the Dover College way.

Harvey



**HELP US ALL TO KEEP SAFE**

We ask for your support as we 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.



Admiral Sir Peter White GBE

### FROM THE PREP SCHOOL HEAD GIRL AND HEAD BOY

We are sure that, like us, many of you were feeling a little nervous during the days and weeks before coming back to school. Luckily, at Dover College, our teachers have helped us to shake off those worries and we have quickly settled back into life at the Prep School.

As Head Girl and Head Boy this year, we want to make sure that everyone feels welcome and happy, and that they do everything they can to keep themselves and other safe. We know that all of the new pupils who have joined the Prep School this week will soon feel at home here and will rapidly make lots of new friends.

Allana and William



### INSPIRATIONAL OLD DOVORIANS

Admiral Sir Peter White GBE, was one of only two naval Paymasters to reach the rank of full admiral and the first to become a member of the Board of Admiralty.

Sir Peter was at Dover College from 1932-36, before joining the Royal Navy in 1937.

During the Second World War he saw action off Norway and played a role in the Dunkirk Evacuation.