



## FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Pupil leadership is an area of College life I wish to further develop over the coming months. Following my presentation of gowns, ties and pins in Chapel to our prefects, I have asked the Heads of School to work with their team to plan how they can have a positive impact on various areas of school life. With specific prefect responsibilities which include Academic, Safeguarding, Service, Sport, Round Square, Chapel and Marketing, as well as several others, there are exciting opportunities for our most senior pupils to serve and lead aspects of College life.

I very much look forward to the launch of **Dover College Online** in the coming weeks. The site will be a powerful tool for any pupils who are required to self-isolate, but every bit as valuable a resource for the rest of the community. The **#academicenrichment** pages in particular, which are geared at pupils throughout both the Prep and Senior School, provide exciting opportunities for pupils to further existing academic interests or to discover new ones.

Have a very good weekend, when it arrives!



## FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING LEAD

Growing up appears to be getting more difficult. Young people face an abundance of pressures that can be hard to understand, therefore mental health is something that we must all take very seriously.

At Dover College we recognise that promoting the wellbeing of our students can lead to improved achievement. Children's wellbeing is affected by a range of factors and includes their personal feelings as well as social, physical and psychological features of their lives. The wellbeing of young people contributes to their ability to take advantage of good quality teaching and to achieve their full academic potential. Our school approach is one that permeates all aspects of school life through:

- using the PSHE curriculum to develop knowledge and skills about wellbeing
- promoting the school's values and attitudes
- promotion of consistent support for wellbeing

Teachers have been well equipped to provide the right environment for learning and wellbeing. All teachers also have the basic knowledge and skills to be able to promote the wellbeing of students and to respond effectively to mental health concerns.

Our pastoral care includes:

- anti-bullying ambassadors
- weekly pupil welfare meetings
- a safeguarding prefect
- organisational features that promote positive relationships, encouraging a sense of belonging
- encouragement of participation in extra-curricular activities

Good mental health will help our young people develop resilience and grow into well-rounded, healthy adults. Therefore promoting mental wellbeing to young people is crucial in their impressionable school years.

At Dover College, we believe a good education should promote health and happiness, not just good grades.

Miss Green

## NEW INITIATIVES



### VIRTUAL PARENTS' EVENING

Next week we will be trialling a virtual Parents' Evening system called **School Cloud** with parents of pupils in Pre-Prep. Whilst teachers would of course prefer to meet with parents face to face to discuss progress, current restrictions make this impossible.

If the trial goes well, we will utilise this system for the other year groups in the Prep School before Half Term, and Fifth Form and Upper Sixth before Christmas.



### ONLINE HOMEWORK DIARY

From next week, Senior School pupils will have all of their homework set for them through a website called **Satchel One**.

This exciting development will free up lesson time (no copying down of homework), assist pupils with their organisational skills and provide parents with a better insight into the work their child is doing.

In the next few weeks parents will receive an invitation to download the (free) Satchel One app, which is available for Android or iOS devices.

Over the coming months we will be exploring how this tool might also be used in the Prep School.

## NEW MICROSITES

We are delighted to announce the launch of two new microsites, to complement our existing online presence.



[www.dovercollegeonline.co.uk](http://www.dovercollegeonline.co.uk)

Our response to the challenge of holding Open Days during this global pandemic has been to think differently! We are challenging the idea that the best way to showcase a school is through a polished and staged event. **Every day is an Open Day at Dover College!**



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Launching in the next few weeks, Dover College #Online, will be the hub for all distance learning at the College. Alongside access to online teaching, pupils will find a range of academic enrichment and co-curricular activities they can complete whilst self isolating or away from school. Our #StayConnected page will provide access to assemblies, chapels and other whole school events. Technical support will be available for pupils experiencing any difficulties.

## FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD – PREP SCHOOL

The Prep School nominated their School Council representatives this week and the chosen pupils from each class are very much looking forward to their first, virtual meeting. Those elected were awarded their badges during our weekly, outdoor chapel service and will serve the Prep School for the remainder of this academic year. Congratulations to **Lilly Petch** and **Bertie Fisher** (Pre-Prep), **Lillie Anslow**, **Izzy Broadley** (Prep 1), **Sofia Cullum** (Prep 2), **Beth Stevens** (Prep 3), **Amaya Sangulseppe** (Prep 4), **Edith Lane** (Prep 5) and **William Ellis** (Prep 6).

Mrs Mills

## 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](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-symptoms) SPECIFIED BY THE NHS



## WHY IS THE MUSIC SCHOOL CALLED TALLIS?



The famous English composer, Thomas Tallis, was appointed organ master of Dover Priory in 1532.

Tallis is thought to have moved to London before Henry VIII dissolved the Priory in 1535.



## DOVER COLLEGE CELEBRATES THE EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 2020

On Friday 25th September, like many schools in the UK and Europe, we celebrated the annual European Day of Languages a day early.

Introduced in 2001 by the Council of Europe, this excellent initiative reminds us of the importance of linguistic diversity and aims to encourage people to learn other languages and to get to know other cultures.

“He who knows no foreign languages knows nothing of his own”

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Although we could not bake and share cakes or sing songs in Assembly this year, a fun quiz was still organised for all tutor groups. This was very well received by our talented, enthusiastic and highly linguistically aware pupils.

All tutor groups submitted their scores. The MFL Department was delighted at how high these were, which made choosing a winner difficult! In the end, we decided to select a winner from each House. The winning pupils were awarded with certificates and some extra goodies.

- In Duckworth House the winner was **Ella Ray**
- In Leamington House the winner was **Finn Wood**
- In The School House the winner was **Xavier Foord**
- In St Martin's House the joint winners were **Imogen Langley, Tessa Mebus and Sybilla Spannagel**

Thank you very much to all the pupils and teachers who took part and helped mark this special day. It is great Dover College maintaining 'Eurovision'.

“Everyone smiles in the same language”

- George Carlin

Mrs Aylward

