

A VIEW OF THE CLOSE

FRIDAY 5TH MARCH 2021



POETRY WINNERS

We are extremely grateful to OD **Ysenda Maxtone Grahame** (Duckworth, 1975-78) for judging our lockdown poetry competition. Ysenda has written widely for many newspapers and magazines, as features writer, book reviewer and columnist. She is the author of *Terms & Conditions*; *The Church Hesitant: A Portrait of the Church of England*; *The Real Mrs Miniver* (shortlisted for the Whitbread Biography of the Year Award) and *Mr Tibbitts's Catholic School*.

PUPIL WINNER: Jack Manser (Shell)

'Visiting Nanny'

Bursting through the door,
A sense of excitement and pride,
Coats and shoes flung across the floor,
So much eagerness to get inside.

Taking a seat in the lounge,
You know it won't be long,
She'll be there in a heartbeat,
With a rhyme or a song.

As she makes her grand entrance,
Her cheery voice exclaims,
"Cup of tea anyone,
I've got a pot on the way?"

Biscuits and cake served alongside,
The warmth of her love fills the room,
We chat, we play, we read and laugh all day,
Home time always comes far too soon.

STAFF WINNER: Mrs Smart

'Hairecy'

Bursting through the door,
Chance to experiment but what will it be?
Time to look through the hair gallery,
Unkempt or untied, shaggy or shaved
Take on that image I've always craved.
Could be braided, faded, coiffed or slicked back
Pigtails or pony tails - I'll develop the knack.
Embrace the greys, ignore the roots
Stap on the colour and see what suits.
Surrounded by growth, tangles and tangles,
Mullets, manbuns, topknots are dangled
Undercuts and overgrowths are paraded about
I'm starting to panic, starting to doubt.
Offers of restyle are politely turned down
'Let's colour it, clip it, crimp your crown,
fancy bangs, punk, pixie or pleat?'
Not tempted I wait and vote with my feet.
Sophistication and chic are what I dream
Book an appointment, I've run out of steam
Open the salon,
can't wait any more -
Style me the bob that I had before!

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

On the eve of this term beginning, 60 days ago, the Prime Minister announced that schools must close. Since then the whole school community has pulled together, utilising technology, to ensure that continuity of education has been maintained for the children. I would like to say an enormous **thank you** to everyone - pupils, teachers, support staff and to you, the parents. This has been a challenging period for everyone, but we have supported each other.

Preparations for reopening have been well underway for some time, but have accelerated in recent weeks as specific guidance has been issued by the Department for Education. Could I encourage Senior School parents to look carefully at the letters which have been sent out this week regarding **face coverings** and **testing**. In particular it is important to note that day transport will not run on Monday morning, as there are staggered return times by year group (a normal school transport service will run in the afternoon though):

- **Shell** pupils should arrive between 8.30 and 9.00 AM and register on The Close
- **Remove** pupils should arrive between 8.30 and 9.00 AM and register at Menzies Hall (on nearby Saxon Street)
- **Third Form** pupils should arrive between 9.45 and 10.15 AM and register on The Close
- **Fourth Form** pupils should arrive between 9.45 and 10.15 AM and register at Menzies Hall
- **Fifth Form** pupils should arrive between 11.00 and 11.30 AM and register on The Close
- **Upper Sixth** pupils should arrive between 11.00 and 11.30 AM and register at Menzies Hall
- **Lower Sixth** pupils should arrive between 12.45 AM and 1.15 PM and register at Menzies Hall

We all very much look forward to welcoming the children back to the College on Monday. It will be lovely to see The Close alive again with activity, laughter and friendship!

Sigra Folar

NEW YOUTUBE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Many of us have been wishing for more (and better) parental controls on YouTube for years.

The main YouTube service is supposedly for users 13+ and YouTube Kids is for very young children. This leaves a pretty big age gap in the middle.

The following new features are now available:

- **Explore** - videos suitable for children 9+
- **Explore more** - suitable for children 13+
- **Most of YouTube** - almost everything on YouTube except videos marked as 18+ (this is the current Restricted Mode on YouTube).

You can read a little more about the supervised experience [here](#) and there's a good, in-depth guide for parents [here](#).



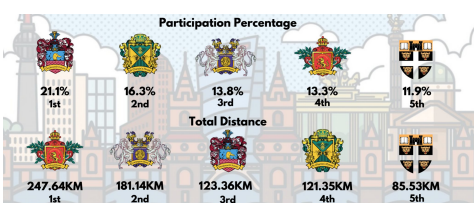
WIZARDING GOOD FOOD!

Prep 5 and 6 designed their own Harry Potter three course meal menus during their DT lessons, and were encouraged to try and make the dishes the following week.

On the left, 'Hagrid hot chocolate' and next to it 'Potter's pancake' by **William Ellis**.

Sofia Gebhardt prepared a full three course meal! The starter is smoked salmon and cream cheese on crispy cucumber rings. The main is fresh pasta with tomato and basil sauce with a piece of smoked cheese on top. To finish, she baked a two-tier chocolate cake topped with chocolate buttercream and blueberries.

THE RACE TO BERLIN



SPECIAL MENTION FOR EFFORT THIS WEEK

THEO WOOD

SIBYLLA SPANNAGEL

KIRSTEN BLACKBURN

SEB KLAPPA

CERTIFICATES

The following Prep School pupils were awarded certificates in [assembly](#) today:

Adriana Gleeson in Reception
Alex Gooch in Prep 1
Spencer Turner-Dauncey in Prep 2
Daisy Fisher in Prep 3
Bertie Wall in Prep 4
Josh Chappell in Prep 5
Beatrice Lockyer in Prep 6

Headmaster's Commendations have gone to:

Ben Hutton in Shell
Dhara Joshi in Shell
Leo Young in Remove
Charlotte Hodgkinson in Third Form
Edwin Zhou in Third Form
Kevin Wang in Third Form
Archie Seward in Fourth Form
Maisie Nudd in Fourth Form
Nathaniel Turner in Fourth Form
Seb Powell in Fourth Form x 2
Scarlett Rathmell in Fourth Form
Fabia Andes in Fifth Form
Max Taddei in Fifth Form
Jaiden Flisher in Lower Sixth

HELP US ALL TO KEEP SAFE

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND ARRANGE A TEST IF THEY EXHIBIT ANY OF THE THREE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS SPECIFIED BY THE NHS.

We ask for your support as we continue to encourage social distancing, hand and respiratory hygiene, as well as (for Senior School pupils) the use of face coverings and rapid testing.

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FROM THE BUSINESS & ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

ECONOMICS

Pupils studying Economics have been revisiting previous topics this week. They have been creating revision notes and posters on the basic economic problem.



THE 10X CHALLENGE

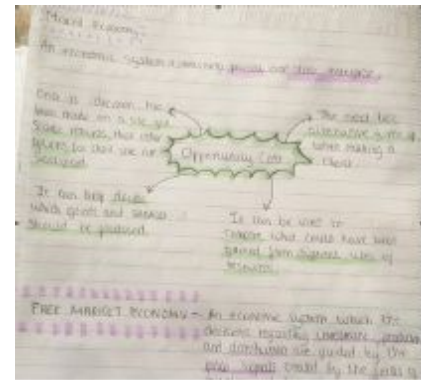
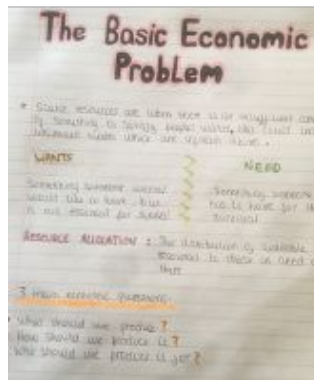
This week around 30 of our pupils have taken part in The 10X Challenge!

With just a £10 initial investment and 4 weeks, pupils have to create, market, organise and financially manage their own business with the intention of making a profit. Pupils can work in teams or individually. Their ideas and pitches will be judged in school and there will be prizes to be won. We are very excited to see their creative business ideas!

The National 10X Challenge has been pushed back to the Summer Term, which means pupils now have extra time to join, as well as start to come up with ideas and plan. The challenge will be live from 19th April 2021 to 14th May 2021, during which our pupils will be able to trade and hopefully make a profit!

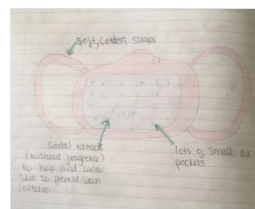
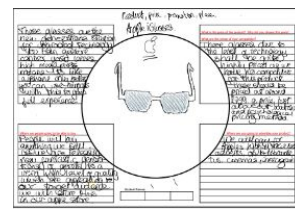
The top business ideas we see in school will be entered for the National Competition, as well as the top five logo submissions and top five pitches.

There is still time to sign up, so if you are interested, please email Mrs Lee (lees@dovercollege.org.uk).



BUSINESS

Pupils in Business Studies have been producing new design ideas for large corporations like Apple, Google and Next. Some pupils have incorporated aspects of Fairtrade into their product designs, to coincide with Fairtrade Fortnight.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT



During assembly on Monday, Mrs Taylor explained to pupils that we were in the middle of Fairtrade Fortnight (22nd February to 7th March 2021).

Pupils were challenged to pick an item from the grid below and to complete it during the course of the week.

Native wildlife

Elephant
The trunk of the elephant has 40,000 muscles and tendons. Their tusks are teeth.
They live in savannas and forests.

Cattle
We share around 80% of our DNA with gorillas. They have 16 different types of milk.

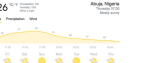
Monkeys
Different monkey species eat a variety of foods, such as fruit, insects, flowers, leaves and reptiles. Groups of monkeys are known as a 'tribe' or 'troop'. Monkeys show affection to one another by grooming, cuddling, holding hands and by sleeping.

Leopards
Leopards are what we call a nocturnal animal (active at night). Leopards are predominantly solitary animals that live alone on their territories.

Nigeria

Weather and temperature

Variable rainy and dry seasons, depending on location. It is hot and wet most of the year in the southeast but dry in the northwest and further inland. The wet season (summer) is normally from April to October while the dry season (winter) is from November to March.



Nigeria's dry season
The dry season is the time when it can get very hot in Nigeria during the dry season.

Nigeria's rainy season
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<p>Practice your writing skills with an essay challenge. Choose from the two topics below.</p> <p>Why Fairtrade is the right choice for people and planet OR Multinational companies: the cause or solution to the climate crisis?</p>	<p>What does the world you want to see look like?</p> <p>Create your vision for the world you want, for the planet and everything on it. Share your artwork, prose, poem or film by emailing schools@fairtrade.org.uk with your name and age.</p>	<p>Conduct a study on a cocoa-growing country of your choice.</p> <p>Research the climate, the weather and native wildlife. How will the climate crisis impact your country in the next 50 years? How will this affect the people who live there? Create a poster of your findings.</p>
<p>You are the Head Chef at the 'Choose the world you want' restaurant.</p> <p>Design a menu that makes a difference in the world.</p>	<p>Talk about it!</p> <p>Tell a family member or friend about the climate crisis and how it is impacting farmers in other parts of the world.</p>	
<p>Find out about a young person who has made a difference in the world.</p> <p>What change did they make? How did they do it? Write a short biography about that person.</p>	<p>Research how to achieve a Fairtrade School Award.</p> <p>What steps are required? What differences will it make for farmers and workers around the world? Create a plan and present it to your class. If your school already has an award, why not inform another school?</p>	<p>Using social media to raise awareness of an issue is called digital campaigning.</p> <p>Use social media to raise awareness of the difference that Fairtrade makes to people around the world and the planet that we live on. #ChooseTheWorldYouWant</p>

Why is Fairtrade the right choice for people and the planet?
Fairtrade enables consumers to demand a better deal for those that produce our food. Consumers can demand the highest standards from business and government, ensuring people and the planet are safe. Fairtrade literally means fair trade. It offers people with low income to get better income for the value of their products.

- Louis Olson-Welsh

Ghana: A Cocoa Growing Country

- Ghana is 2nd in the top 3 Cocoa producing countries in the world;
- The crop year begins in October;
- The 3 main varieties of cocoa are Criollo, Forastero, Trinitario;
- Ghana experiences a tropical climate. It's nearly always hot. The weather in Ghana this week was around 27°C to 31°C;
- The coldest month in Ghana is August;
- Climate change in Ghana affects their water resources, crop production, and energy supplies. In the next 50 years they might not have enough water and food to feed everyone;

- Alexandra Gunn

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HARRY POTTER WEEK

Over six weeks ago an innocent conversation over supper one night with Mrs Rolfe started an amazing ball rolling, which culminated in the banquet last Saturday. Mrs Rolfe mentioned that at her last school they had delivered a Harry Potter week, which included themed lessons and activities for the pupils to participate in. In my other role as Director of Co-Curricular, I was looking for activities to help focus the boarders during half term and this seemed the ideal opportunity! The Harry Potter Week was born. However, in true Dover College style, we wanted to go bigger!

We have a number of talented staff resident on site, so we utilised their talents. I devised a series of creative, scientific, physical and fun activities and events all based on the Harry Potter books and films.

Half Term saw the pupils designing, painting, constructing and assembling backdrops, Diagon Alley shop fronts, wands, snitches, cloaks, hats and other props. You name it and we built it! It kept the pupils busy for the week and the staff even busier!

The week itself saw Mrs Rolfe, Miss Hutson and me building Diagon Alley in the Cloisters and decorating the Refectory, including over fifty "floating" candles.

On the night, awards went to:

- **Clara and Sam** for their costumes
- **Theresa, Fanny, Paul and Pierre** for their set painting
- **Victor and Augustina** for their Quidditch skills
- **Adrian and Annabelle** for their 100% commitment to the cause.
- The winning house was **Hufflepuff** by 5 points.

A massive thank you to all involved. It was a great fortnight of creativity, fun and merriment which will be remembered by the boarders for a very long time. All of the costumes and scenery and props will be on display for the Prep and Senior School pupils and staff to see on their return.

We look forward to running the event again later in the year.

Mr Irwin



SAFER ESPORTS SPACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Esports (or electronic sports) is a term used to describe competitive video gaming. Although 'grown-ups' may view video gaming as a waste of leisure time, esports is a hugely popular recreational activity that now offers many job and career opportunities around the world. Last year, British Esports teamed up with education publisher Pearson to develop the world's first esports BTEC qualification. British Esports is a not-for-profit national body established in 2016 to promote esports in the UK, increase its level of awareness, improve standards and inspire future talent.

The Association is set to launch a new membership platform for 12 - 19, which aims to make competitive video gaming safer for children and young people. Users are verified at the point of entry and communication within the platform is reviewed to reduce toxicity and cyber threats.

Find out about a competitive school video gaming competition for students aged 12+ here: <https://britishesports.org/championships/>

A guide for parents to esports: <https://britishesports.b-cdn.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Esports-Parents-Guide-v3.pdf>

Esports Age Guide to video games (from age 3 - 18+): https://britishesports.b-cdn.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Pegi-infographic_revised_Aug-2019.pdf

Resources to support children on the return to school:

Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/school/>

NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/at-school/#/coronavirus>

HOUSE POINTS As at 5.3.21



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