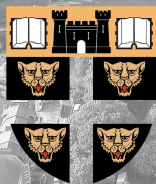


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Regular Rapid Testing

As you will be aware from the Prime Minister's update to the nation earlier this month, the regular use of rapid home test kits will remain part of our everyday lives for the time being.

As a school, we will continue to issue home test kits to all staff and Senior School pupils. However, anyone aged over 18 wishing to, is able to obtain home test kits by ordering them online or collecting them from a testing site. More details can be accessed [here](#).

Dover College pupils are asked to test themselves every **THURSDAY** and **SUNDAY** evening.

Their result (positive, negative or void) must be reported in two places by 9AM the next day:

1. To the College, by completing the form which can be accessed [here](#).
2. To the NHS, by completing the form which can be accessed [here](#). They will, if they have not already done so, need to set up an account on the NHS site. The link above will walk them through the steps necessary to complete this.

From the Headmaster's Desk

The term has started smoothly and there have even been moments when the sun has been out and the temperature has felt almost close to being summer like! It has been lovely to see sport and other activities return to The Close, both during organised Games and PE sessions and at break and lunch.

Over the last week or so we have benefited from some excellent publicity, including features in **Kent Life**, **Inside Kent** and **Independent School Management Plus**. It is great that word of what is happening at the College is reaching a wider audience, and I am extremely grateful to all those of you who have shared our posts on social media so that they are seen by more people. Please keep an eye out for **A+ Education**, the bi-annual educational supplement in Kent Life, which will go out with the May edition of that magazine. Dover College was chosen to appear on the front cover!

As, somewhat incredibly, the end of the school year comes into sight our thoughts are turning to how the final week of term will work. Whilst it feels a little too early for us to make any firm decisions about how major events will run - we await updates on the Government's roadmap for reopening society - please be reassured that we are currently working up plans. We will write to you with further details just as soon as these are finalised.

Given the restrictions on off-site activities throughout much of the year, we are tentatively planning a week of Round Square related activity during the first week of July to help to address this. This is likely to incorporate familiar events, such as the sponsored walk along The White Cliffs, as well as some new ones. The Round Square values of Adventure, Democracy, Environmentalism, Internationalism, Leadership and Service will be the inspiration. We plan to involve pupils across the Prep and Senior age range.

Have a very good weekend.

Simon Fisher

Up, Up and Away..

Prep 5 and 6 pupils took to the skies with their learning in Design and Technology this week. After being taught about aerodynamics and aero-engineering in the classroom, they went on to build their own balsa wood planes. The Close provided the perfect setting for test flights! The first attempts at flying their planes saw varying levels of success. Whilst one managed an incredible flight of 10 metres from the point of launch, another somehow flew backwards to record a distance of minus 2 metres!

Next week the pupils will be researching boomerangs, a weapon used by some Aboriginal Australians for hunting, and will start crafting their own. We don't think the local kangaroo community will have anything to worry about!



Help Us All To Keep Safe



You must not come to the College if you are exhibiting any of the symptoms of COVID-19 or have had contact with someone who is or has recently tested positive.



Adults, including visitors, and Senior School pupils must wear a face covering in all indoor contexts where maintaining social distancing of 2 metres may not be possible.



Distancing of at least 2 metres must be observed at all times. Wherever possible, distancing should also be maintained within year group and house bubbles.



You must regularly sanitise your hands, including as you enter and leave buildings and after handling any shared equipment. You should avoid touching your face.



Catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue and dispose of it in a bin. You should practice the principle of: **CATCH IT! BIN IT! KILL IT!**



Please help us to maintain strong ventilation within all indoor contexts. Where possible keep windows and doors open to maintain a good flow of air through indoor spaces.

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 30th April	Prep 5 Assembly
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday (school closed for day pupils)
Thursday 6th May	Fourth Form Parents' Evening
Friday 7th May	Prep 1 and 2 Assembly
Saturday 8th May	Bronze DoFE Qualifying Expedition (2 days)
Thursday 13th May	Shell Virtual Parents' Evening
Friday 14th May	Prep 4 Assembly
Thursday 20th May	Third Form Virtual Parents' Evening
Friday 21st May	Prep 3 Assembly
Saturday 22nd May	Silver DoFE Practice Expedition (2 days)
Friday 28th May	Prep 6 Assembly Half Term Begins
Saturday 29th May	Gold DoFE Practice Expedition (3 days)
Friday 11th June	End of assessment period for Fifth Form and Upper Sixth Silver DoFE Qualifying Expedition (3 days)
Monday 14th June	Sixth Form Taster Week
Friday 18th June	Non-uniform Day
Friday 25th June	Prep School Sports Day
Saturday 26th June	Senior School Sports Day
Friday 2nd July	Gold DoFE Qualifying Expedition (4 days)
Tuesday 6th July	Prep School Summer Concert
Thursday 8th July	Prize Day, Leavers' Service and End of Term

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iPad Rollout to Pupils

Over the Easter break we were delighted to take delivery of the iPads which will be issued to pupils in Prep 3 and above this term. Reception, Prep 1 and Prep 2 will now have exclusive use of the existing Prep School iPad fleet.

The Staff INSET day, last Friday, included sessions on digital learning with a focus on how new technologies can be integrated in the physical classroom.

On Monday morning, **Prep 5 and 6** will have a session in the Eccleshall Lecture Theatre during which they will be issued with their iPad. Mr Flower, Assistant Head (Digital Learning), will speak to the pupils about their new devices and the IT Team will be on hand to assist in setting them up. A similar session will run for **Fourth Form** during Period 4 that day. These year groups will trial the iPads, so that any necessary tweaks or changes to the configuration can be made before devices are rolled out to other year groups.

Please look out for an email from Mr Flower, which will include details of our expectations around how pupils will use and care for the devices in their charge.

Safeguarding

New Dedicated NSPCC Helpline 0800 136 663

The new helpline will provide children who are potential victims of sexual abuse in schools with the appropriate support and advice. This includes how to contact the police and report crimes if they wish. The helpline will provide support to parents too.

For Parents and Carers: Sexual Abuse Learning Programme (Parents Protect)

Parents Protect (a project of the Lucy Faithfull Foundation) has developed an online child sexual abuse and exploitation awareness learning programme for parents and carers to help:

- Understand potential risks
- Recognise the signs of possible abuse in children
- Be aware of inappropriate behaviour in adults
- Know where to go for help if you have concerns and would like to talk about them

You can find the programme here: <https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/sexual-abuse-learning-programme.htm>

Fast-thinking teen on TikTok saved a boy's life (from BBC News)

We're always warning of the danger of social media, so it was refreshing to read of 13-year old Casden Cotnoir of Virginia, USA. Trent Jarrett, 12, was streaming his quad bike ride on TikTok when he crashed. Hearing Trent screaming out his grandparents' phone number after the screen had gone blank, Caden called them up, and Trent was rescued with only minor cuts and bruises.

"All of a sudden his phone goes kind of blank, you can see a little bit of light and you can just hear him yelling for help," Caden told WMUR-TV.

Read the full story here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-56660702>

PREVENT

Staff took part in Prevent training during the INSET day last Friday. The Parent Toolkit has links and resources that can help parents or other adults manage conversations with children and young people about online harms, as well as signpost ideas and strategies to build digital resilience and highlight some of the risks linked to extremist content online. It can be accessed [here](https://www.prevent.gov.uk/).

10x Challenge

The Young Enterprise 10x Business Challenge is now underway!

Pupils taking part have been given their £10 investment to get their business up and running. We look forward to seeing how they grow their enterprise over the next four weeks.

Certificates

The following Prep School pupils were awarded certificates today:

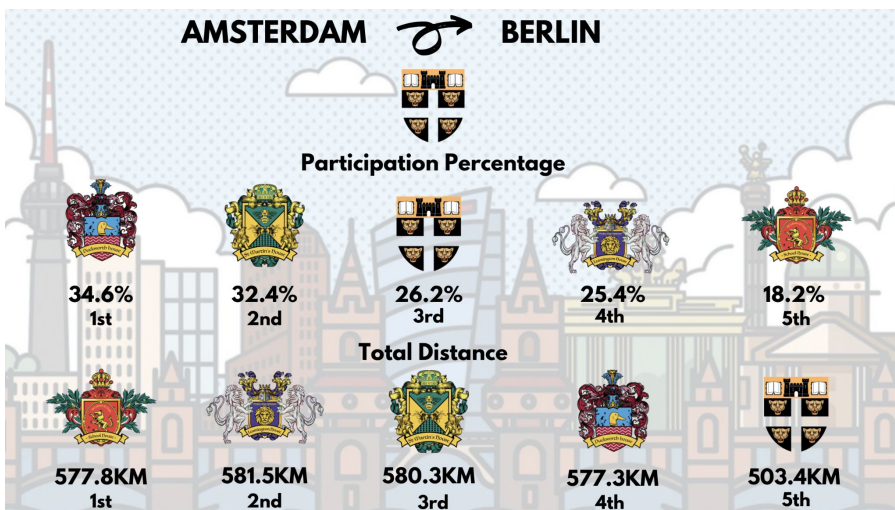
Summer West in Muddy Knees
Adrian Pajak in Pre-Reception
Lillie Petch in Reception
Alex Gooch in Prep 1
Ollie Irwin in Prep 2
Beth Stevens in Prep 3
Dylan Barr in Prep 4
James Sutton in Prep 5
William Ellis in Prep 6

In the Senior School, a Headmaster's Commendation has been awarded to:

Daisy Harris in Remove

The Race to Berlin

All house have reached Berlin, but it was **School House** who got there first! The race continues on to Prague.



House Points

as at 23.4.21



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