



AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL OLD DOVORIANS AND FORMER STAFF MEMBERS OF DOVER COLLEGE

Thursday 25th January 2024

Dear Old Dovorian/former staff member,

We write to introduce The Dover College Association, a new provision for Old Dovorians run from and by the College. Following a prolonged period of discussion with The Old Dovorian Club, the difficult decision has been taken for us to move forward separately.

What is The Dover College Association?

It is the name of the new alumni society for former pupils and former staff members of Dover College, run by the College. We are committed to helping our members maintain meaningful connections with each other and our school, and to support the College's aims and objectives as it prepares the next generation to become a force for good around the world.

How can I join The Dover College Association?

As an Old Dovorian or former staff member, you are automatically a member. We encourage you to register on our digital platform, [here](#). That way, we have your contact details and can keep you informed of events, opportunities to visit the College and other news. The platform allows you to control the data that is held on you, as well as the notifications you receive.

What can the Dover College Association do for me?

The Dover College Association will offer you new ways to reengage with your school and other Old Dovorians. These include:

- Professional and social networking through our powerful digital platform. As the membership grows, you will benefit from access to expertise and mentoring from professionals across a range of disciplines and professional backgrounds as well as the ability to offer your support to Old Dovorians.
- The ability to book a personal visit to the College, including lunch and a tour of facilities and the opportunity to visit the archive based in the gatehouse.

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- Receive our annual publication, *The Dovorian*, which will include a range of news stories relating to Old Dovorians, life at the College and the school's history.
- A range of events each year, held at the College or elsewhere, including ones targeted at particular years, houses, sports and other groups.
- Invitations to major College events, including Prize Day and the annual Carol Service.
- The opportunity for Old Dovorians to engage with current pupils, for example by offering lectures or career talks (virtually or in person).

How can I help the Dover College Association?

We are eager to engage as wide a range of Old Dovorians as possible, from recent leavers through to those who departed the College many decades ago. Please encourage any 'lost Old Dovorians' to make contact with us by registering on our digital platform.

We are currently looking to establish a steering committee, made up of Old Dovorians and College staff, to shape the future provision to meet the needs of the diverse membership. Please contact Alyce Bailey at baileya@dovercollege.org.uk if you would like to be involved.

What does this mean for my Old Dovorian Club membership?

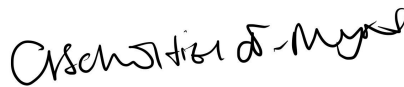
Nothing will change with regard to your Old Dovorian Club membership. The committee has indicated that they have the financial resources to continue their activities without the support of the College.

We very much hope that you will engage with The Dover College Association, and look forward to seeing you at future events at the College or elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,



Simon Fisher
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