



Dunottar News

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As usual, the run up to Christmas has been very busy and there is a fantastic festive atmosphere around the school. Our calendar of Christmas activities started with the PTA Christmas Fair and continued with a wonderful mix of carols, concerts, our Caring at Christmas event and the Reigate Santa Run. It culminated in two services of Nine Lessons and Carols at St John's Church and a Christmas Assembly in school. Thank you to all those pupils, parents and staff who took part and who helped out with all of these activities.

In other news this half term, our pupils put on a superb, collaborative and punchy performance of *Othello* at Leatherhead Theatre as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. Pupils have been working hard in their academic studies and our Careers programme has been in full flow with 165 pupils from Years 9 to 13 participating in the Morrisby profiling. We also welcomed Dunottar Alumna, Chloe Cuff, to school to deliver a Careers Networking Lunch on 'Recruitment and Routes into Medicine', which was very well received. A special mention is due to our Under 12 boys footballers for their excellent progress in the National Cup competition.

As you enter the school site, you will see the construction of the Sixth Form Centre has taken a very exciting turn with the building's steel frame and the roof structure being put in place. Interior design ideas are currently being discussed with staff and pupils.

Some in the Dunottar community have sadly lost close family members and friends this term and we will be thinking of them this Christmas. I hope you are all able to enjoy precious quality time with your family over the festive period. I wish you a restful Christmas break and a very Happy New Year.

Mark Tottman
Headmaster



Outstanding 'Othello' Performance

On 28th November, drama pupils performed an abridged version of 'Othello' at an exhilarating evening of Shakespeare productions at the Leatherhead Theatre.

The performance was one of many across the UK, in which nearly 30,000 young people from primary, secondary and special schools united to stage autumn productions in professional theatres.

The event was part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival, organised by the Shakespeare Schools Foundation (SSF), a cultural education charity that aims to give young people across the UK the confidence to succeed in life.

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Open Mornings

Wednesday 27th February

(10.15 for 10.30 start)

Our Open Mornings are designed to give you a real insight into a typical school day. You will hear from Mark Tottman, Headmaster, tour the school to see lessons taking place and chat with staff and pupils.

To book call us on 01737 761 945.
We look forward to seeing you at Dunottar!

Diary Reminders

Fri 14 Dec	School breaks up for Christmas 12 noon
Fri 4 Jan	INSET day (no pupils in school)
Sat 5 Jan	Pre-season training: netball U13, U14 & U15
	Pre-season training: football
Sun 6 Jan	Pre-season training: netball U12
Mon 7 Jan	11+ Assessment Day (Year 12 only in school)
Tue 8 Jan	Term begins for all pupils
	Mock exams Year 11 and 13
	GCSE English Trip to see "Macbeth"
Thu 10 Jan	Year 9 Parents' evening
Tue 15 Jan	11+ Scholarship Assessment
	DofE Award Information evening
Wed 16 Jan	Year 7 Parents' evening
	PTA meeting
Tue 22 Jan	Year 9 immunisations
Thu 24 Jan	Year 9 GCSE Options evening
Sat 26 Jan	PTA Comedy Night
Tue 29 Jan	Year 7 Young Voices concert
Wed 30 Jan	Year 11 Parents' evening
	Year 13 Parents' evening
Fri 1 Feb	Deadline for submitting GCSE options
Sun 3 Feb	Gold DofE training day
Tue 5 Feb	Sixth Form trip to Maths fest
Wed 6 Feb	Informal concert
Thu 7 Feb	Intermediate Maths Challenge
Fri 8 Feb	PTA Cake Competition and Sale
	Mufti day
Sun 10 Feb	Silver DofE training day
Thu 14 Feb	GCSE Music performance recitals
Fri 15—Mon 18 Feb	Music Tour to Ghent, Belgium
Fri 15 Feb	School breaks up for Half term

See full calendar at www.dunottarschool.com



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Year 12 Drama student Sharika gives her account of the performance.

Leading up to the final performance my nerves and excitement were undeniably high - this was my first stage show after nearly two years. I was grateful to be able to get back into the process of immersing myself into a character, especially one as complex and tragic as Othello, and then to be able to showcase the cast's work on a larger platform. The entire rehearsal process was immensely engaging and provided invaluable learning experiences for everyone in the cast, from the synchronisation and discipline needed to work in an ensemble, to the confidence to express individual abilities and talents. However, I would say that what surpassed everything else about the rehearsal process was the willingness from all those in the cast to constantly give it their all.

Whether it was a still image or a dance sequence, the concentration and dedication from those in the ensemble was admirable. It was certainly refreshing to be able to come out of such an emotional character and be met with a cast of encouraging people who were all eager to create a show to be proud of. This all led up to the evening performance on 28th November; the anticipation was high but the encouragement and support that everyone offered allowed us all to perform to our best. The audience's reactions were especially rewarding and a lot of us would agree that the show could not have gone better- something very rarely said in theatre.

A huge thank you to Mrs Jago for directing the show and making this experience so memorable.



Morrisby Profiling

This half term has been exciting for the Dunottar Careers Department. We have had 165 pupils from years 9 to 13 participate in the Morrisby Profiling. Profiling is how Morrisby uncovers how pupils think and what they enjoy. It involves completing questionnaires and assessments. For younger pupils (less than 15 years old) the aspirations tests usually take about 10 minutes. Pupils who are 15 years and older, complete a more comprehensive profiling session that takes about 100 minutes to finish and includes assessments for verbal, numerical, abstract, spatial and mechanical aptitudes.

After completing their profiling, pupils viewed their unique careers profile. This helps them to understand the sorts of careers and study choices that Morrisby will suggest. Next, pupils were able to view their career and

study suggestions. Pupils investigated details about particular career and subject options. As they picked possible options, they were able to build up a career plan for their future.



In addition to Mrs Hanlon, our school careers adviser (available to book appointments with on Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes from 13:00), pupils also have access to Morrisby's career advisers via email. If you have purchased a Morrisby Pass, you will be able to book your included 30 minute Skype careers consultation. Please have a look at the Morrisby Profiling web page for more information:

<https://www.morrisby.com/students>

Networking Lunch with Chloe Cuff

We were also delighted to invite Dunottar Alumna, Chloe Cuff to lead a Careers Networking Lunch on "Recruitment and Routes Into Medicine".

Chloe is a specialist Recruitment Consultant, focusing on all Early Phases of Development from early Discovery through to Clinical Development, as well as the Biotech Industry in Europe and USA.

Chloe's role is twofold: firstly, she works to align herself with her clients' needs and ambitions, in order to understand what a perfect candidate looks like to them. She also finds, selects and helps to secure the right people to help companies move forward, understanding

that personality is often a major factor, especially for smaller companies. Secondly, Chloe advises companies on topics such as: strategic growth, how to attract and retain talent in their space, and salary bands.

By drawing on her experience, Chloe advised our pupils on interview techniques and considering what traits employers look for in candidates. She also answered specific medicine-related questions.

We are always looking to expand our careers provision. If you would like to give a talk to our pupils, or get involved in other ways, please do get in touch!



Sixth Form Pupils Prepare Meals for Easter Project

On Saturday 10th November, Sixth Form pupils who are taking the Jamie Oliver cooking course, took part in the Easter Project at St Mary's church, Reigate. The Easter Project provides home cooked meals to the homeless, as well as providing a welcoming community where they can come to socialise. Tilly-Mae, Luda, Liv and Laura prepared two lasagnes and two apple crumbles for the event the week before, and dedicated their lunch breaks to teaching Year 7 pupils how to cook components of the lasagne. The preparation work took place during a school Open Morning, so when people were walking round the school they were met with Liv crying in the corner due to cutting lots of onions, Tilly vigorously stirring the white sauce and Laura and Luda peeling and chopping a mountain of apples. However, visitors will have seen that we were really enjoying making this especially because it was for a great cause.



do it again in the future and are looking forward to working on future cooking projects.

When Saturday came we were all excited to get to work: Tilly was in the kitchen helping to prepare the food and carving the meat, while Liv, Luda and Laura were out serving food and drinks to the homeless, as well as having a lovely time socialising with them. We had an absolutely brilliant time and the two hours flew by. All of us want to

A big thank you to Mrs MacIntyre for teaching us all these amazing cooking skills so we could help out with the Easter Project.

Tilly-Mae, Year 12.

Sixth Form Initiative Raises Over £500

Pupils enjoyed a lunchtime of splatting their teachers in the face with shaving foam or cream to raise money for charity. A total of £517.54 was raised for BBC Children in Need, a charity that plans and funds initiatives to help disadvantaged children and young people in the UK.



The event, an initiative of some members of our Sixth Form, involved pupils donating their money towards splatting a specific teacher. A random number generator was then used to decide who was splatting whom.

Maths teacher and Head of charity fundraising LucyAnne Chessell said: "It's fantastic that the Sixth formers are now organising charity events. A lot of enthusiasm has been shown for this event!"

Senior Maths Challenges

On 6th November, our A level Mathematicians took part in the national individual Senior Maths Challenge. Certificates are awarded to the top 60% of participants in the challenge. We were delighted to hear recently that Bronze certificates had been awarded to Olivia B, Lily, Harry and Tom, with Silver certificates to Olivia C and Jess.

On the 27th November Olivia B, Olivia C, Louisa and Jess headed to Epsom College to compete in the Senior Maths Team Challenge. Mrs Chessell observed an abundance of energy, a fabulous afternoon of collaboration and an impressive score by the team on the cross number round.



Photography: Images of the Week

Each week, Mr Huxley chooses a selection of images that his photography pupils have created, to be his "images of the week". Here are a selection from November.



Jason, Year 10
Movement



Tabby, Year 11
Photojournalism

Brighton Artist Hosts Print Making Workshops

During November, our GCSE and A level art pupils had the opportunity to work with the print maker, Helen Brown. They produced a series of dry point etchings or intaglio prints to support the development of their ideas in their respective projects. For most pupils this was a new print method, nevertheless the resulting outcomes were of the highest quality.

Helen Brown is a well known Brighton-based artist who recently appeared on 'Countryfile'. She also runs the 'bip Art' workshops from her studio alongside other artists and can offer traditional and non traditional processes. We were lucky to be able to work with such an inspirational person.



Saville's Exhibits Dunottar Artwork

As part of the Reigate Christmas Fayre, Dunottar pupils from years 7 -10 had their art work on display in a 'pop-up' exhibition at Saville's Estate Agents. The works in the exhibition are 'abstract still life', portraits 'after Derain and Matisse', dry point etchings of fruits and vegetables and natural forms.

Concerts and Carols Galore!

Our musicians have had an incredibly busy term with numerous concerts taking place, both in school and out in the local community. We would like to express our thanks to all involved for their ongoing dedication; their commitment is hugely appreciated and without them, we wouldn't be able to put on such exciting events.

Lunchtime Concert at St Matthew's Church, Redhill

On 8th November, we were delighted to take part in this locally well-known concert series and put on a concert to showcase the talent of our musicians at Dunottar. It was an excellent opportunity for the Chamber Choir to give their debut performance this year, and for soloists to perform pieces that they have been working on.

Informal Concert

On 15th November we held our biggest Informal Concert to date. With pupils taking part from across the year groups, the audience was treated to performances ranging from Beethoven to Paul McCartney. The Lower School Singers also sang 'A Million Dreams' from 'The Greatest Showman' and 'Can't Help Falling in Love' by Elvis. We are already looking forward to our next concert on Wednesday 6th February.



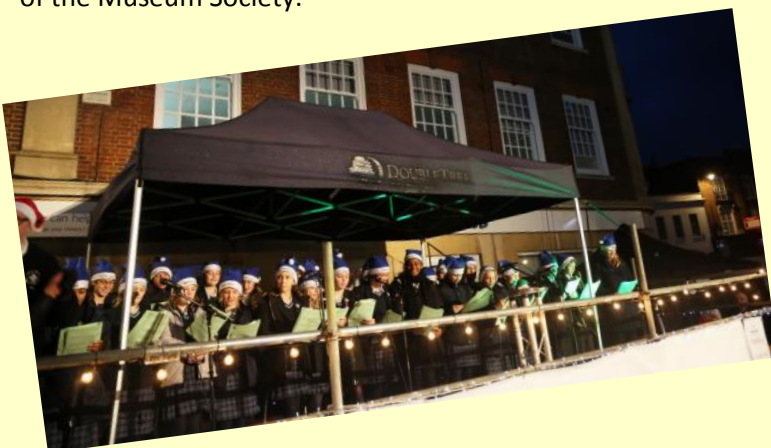
Countdown to Christmas Concert for the Reigate Museum Society

On 27th November, we took the Chamber Choir and solo musicians to perform a variety of classical, pop and Christmas genres. The concert took place in the beautiful main hall at Reigate Priory School and provided the perfect setting for an early Christmas concert. The event was very well attended by a friendly audience of parents, friends, and members of the Museum Society.



Turning on the lights at Reigate Christmas Fair

Saturday 1st December not only marked the start of Advent but also the day that Reigate saw its brand new Christmas lights turned on for the first time. 30 of our singers at Dunottar, ranging between Years 7-12, sang confidently and with flair, in front of an audience of several hundred people. After singing several Christmas songs, the pupils were joined on stage by the Mayoress of Reigate and Ann Widdecombe, who started the countdown to the lights being turned on.



Scratch Youth Messiah at the Royal Albert Hall

A group of our pupils have been working hard this term to learn selected chorus numbers from Handel's well-known work 'Messiah'. On Sunday 2nd December we travelled to the Royal Albert Hall to join with a large number of other schools and a professional orchestra, to rehearse and perform the whole work in a concert at the end. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience of singing in such an iconic venue and will hopefully remember this event for a long time to come.



Carol Singing at Wray Common Nursing Home

This year, we were invited to return once again to Wray Common to sing carols to the elderly residents on Monday 3rd December. Our Year 7 pupils sang very well and it was rewarding for them to provide entertainment to a very appreciative audience. Well done to all involved.

Micklefield Choir Sings at Dunottar

Dunottar was delighted to welcome 23 pupils from the Micklefield Choir to the Christmas Fair. In the afternoon they had great fun rehearsing together with our pupils in a joint singing and movement workshop run by Ms Pettet and Mrs Jago. Gathering round the Christmas tree in the Mansion House, the Micklefield and Dunottar choir joined together to sing a lively rendition of "Jingle Bell Rock" complete with dancing and actions. Looking very festive in their Christmas hats, the Micklefield choir then performed a lovely repertoire of carols, singing with great enthusiasm to a very appreciative audience.

Thank you to Micklefield and everyone involved for making this a real highlight of the Fair.





Sixth Form Centre Takes Shape

Following extensive ground preparation and utilities installation, the steel frame which forms the outer structure of the Sixth Form Centre is now in position. Work will now begin on setting the roof timbers in place.

In other developments, new windows are being fitted in the old Pelican building before, including a large window over the stairwell. Extensive internal refurbishment works have been ongoing over the last few weeks and contractors have now completed the first fix electrical work, installed drainage for the toilets and put in new heating pipes.

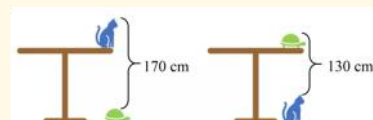
Maths Week

The Year 12 Mathematicians led the Monday morning assembly where they encouraged everyone to 'Think Logically and think strategically'. Alphi in year 7 solved the cat, table, tortoise problem and Luda in Year 12 was the last person standing in the whole school game of 'heads or tails'.

In preparation for the inaugural House "Rock, Paper, Scissors" tournament on Wednesday, we were inspired by Mathematician Hannah Fry's video introduction to game theory... 'how to be successful at rock, paper scissors'; on the day, the winning house was... Andrews!

The week concluded with a lower school assembly on Maths and music, an upper school assembly on famous Mathematicians and a Sixth Form assembly featuring a highly competitive game of 'are you smarter than a teacher?'

How tall is the table?



Dunottar Remembers

This year it was exactly 100 years since the end of World War One, and the school marked Remembrance week with a variety of activities.

In form time, all pupils created a poppy, which they had to dedicate to a fallen soldier in the East Surrey regiment. The poppies have now been used to create a very striking visual display in the school. The History department, with the help of some Sixth Formers, also gave a very powerful assembly, focusing on the lasting impact and legacies of World War One.

Additionally, Mrs Exley, with the help of both staff and pupils, created a beautiful poppy arch, made from recycled aluminium cans. This was displayed at Reigate Town Hall for Remembrance weekend, and greatly impressed the Mayoress and members of the council. Overall, it was a very thought provoking week which no doubt the pupils learnt a huge amount from.



Training in Exams Best Practice

Dunottar Exams Officer, Lisa Longstaff, was invited to present at an Exams Training Event focusing on Exams Best Practice. Invigilators and exams officers from the London area attended the event which took place at Charlton Athletic Football Club.

Lisa delivered several sessions including 'invigilating access arrangements', 'during the exam' and 'ending the exam'. The training follows JCQ guidelines

and was designed to improve invigilation within the exam room, which in turn reduces the likelihood of candidate malpractice, and improves the conditions under which all candidates undertake their examinations.



Chess Club

It has been wonderful to see such great attendance at Chess Club with new members joining as the news spreads of the challenge and fun had by all. Mr Cooper has been a great asset to Chess Club and the pupils are loving the challenge of trying to put his king in checkmate! Very exciting times are ahead as we are entering the Delancey UK Schools' Chess Challenge come January. We welcome any new members that would like to be a part of this competition.



SCUBA Places Available

There are places available for the PADI Open Water SCUBA course starting in January 2019 on Wednesday afternoons in the swimming pool from 4-6pm.

Please contact Ms Pettet for more details at e.pettet@dunottarschool.com.



Russian Club

Russian Club was launched in September. We started the year with a cultural quiz to see what everyone already knew about Russia. Since then we have undertaken a range of exciting activities including learning the Russian alphabet and how to write our names. We can greet people in several different ways and can understand different signs that you may find in a Russian city. Being able to read words and short sentences in Russian; we are slowly becoming experts on Duolingo.

Some of the highlights this term include tasting the wonderful Russian delicacy, caviar. We are also very lucky to have had many an enthusiastic and well-taught session on Russian history by our lovely Year 12

pupils, Izzie and Rosie. Thanks to Mrs O'Regan for making us Borsch too. We are going to finish the term with a Russian themed secret Santa. We are looking forward to going to a Russian restaurant in the New Year.



Write a Letter – Save a Life

Our Amnesty group have been very busy this term. Throughout the whole of November and December, we have been taking part in the 'Write for Rights' campaign, writing messages of support to people around the world who have suffered injustice to show them that they are not alone. Using online resources we have been learning about individual cases and then writing and posting our letters.

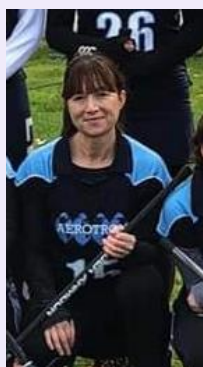


Be Outstanding...

Well done to all our pupils who have shown curiosity, creativity and commitment across the curriculum this term. We are delighted to be able to recognise some of the most inspiring examples here.

Mrs Bambridge Voted Most Valuable Player

Congratulations to Mrs Bambridge for being voted Most Valuable Player by the team in the recent Reigate Dragonflies' seniors' tournament, the Jan Kiddle Cup. Mrs Bambridge only started playing lacrosse in August and is really enjoying the game, she scored 2 goals at the tournament and helped the team secure second place.



Santa Run

On Sunday 9th December, a team of 62 Dunottar runners took part in the YMCA Santa Run, in Reigate. Sporting their blue Dunottar Santa hats, staff and pupils took up the challenge with enthusiasm and lots of ho-ho-hoing despite the rainy start to the day. Congratulations to Mr Manning who defended his title for the third year running, Ms Grant who came second in the women's race and also Rebecca in Year 9 who was the first girl home in the 1 mile youth race. Well done to all those who took part and thank you to those who came out to support us.



Pupil	Yr	Award	Subject
Rowie B	8	Academic Distinction	MFL
Lewis B	8	Academic Distinction	Maths
Adam P	8	Academic Distinction	Maths
Lilly W	10	Academic Distinction	Art
Jazmine G	10	Academic Distinction	Art
Olivia H	11	Academic Distinction	Art
Sharika P	12	Academic Distinction	English

New Head of St David's House

We are delighted to announce that Ms Grant will be taking over from Mrs Hurriaga as Head of St David's House in January. We are sure she will be a very worthy successor!



Competition

You're young, you're funny, you're clever. You have words pouring out of you. Why not put that creativity to good use and enter Reigate & Banstead Writes?



Reigate and Banstead Writes is launching, following a wildly successful inaugural year in 2017, which attracted more than 400 entries.

From January 2019, Borough's young writers should get writing. Stories must be set in the local area and be no longer than 1,000 words. Winning stories last time including a mystery on Mercers Lake and an adventure through the mean streets of Reigate.

Prizes include a tablet, love to shop Voucher and cash prizes.

Entry forms are available from schools, local libraries, Waterstones or online at:

<http://www.warwick.surrey.sch.uk/extra-curricular/rb-writes/>

So what are you waiting for? Get writing! Your town needs you!

Closing Date 28th February.



Christmas Fair Raises £3,000

You did it! The most gigantic thank you to parents, families, friends, pupils, staff, residents, Micklefield Choir and our brilliant stallholders ... for helping our Christmas Fair be the success it was. The PTA cannot run such a big event without the support of an array of different people. Thank you to all our stallholders for bringing their goodies, staff, PTA members and parents working behind the scenes in the run up to the event and on the evening, pupils helping with set up and students with their amazing Enterprise stalls, the children from Micklefield School singing their hearts out and all our visitors ... **THANK YOU, THANK YOU.** You will be pleased to know that we raised close to £3,000!

We also hope our lucky hamper winners have enjoyed their goodies!

My final thank you must go to the two people who have worked on this fair for the past year, Jenni Cole and Justine Morris! Thank you very, very much.

Wishing you all a very, very Happy Christmas and a happy, healthy 2019.

We look forward to seeing you all in January at our always popular Comedy & Curry Night.

Carol and PTA

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Comedy at Dunottar

Dunottar School, High Trees Rd, Reigate RH2 7EL

7.00pm for food until 7.45pm
Comedy - 8.00pm start - ends at 11.00pm

Tickets £25 includes Curry
www.tickettailor.com/events/dunottarschoolpta

Headline Act

Sean Collins' unique style of observational storytelling has been honed for over 20 years. In 2000, Sean was nominated for two prestigious Canadian Comedy Awards - 'Best Male Stand Up' & 'Comic's Comedy Special'. Since leaving Canada for the UK and calling Gosport home, Sean Collins is now a headline favourite firmly established on the UK comedy club and corporate circuit. His numerous television appearances include: **The World Stands Up Special on Comedy Central, The Comedy Store Television Show and Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow on BBC1.**
"A pleasure to indulge" - **The Scotsman**

Comperce

Brian Damage & Krysstal
Brian won the JONGLEURS New Act Competition in April '98 and has never looked back - that is until he met Krysstal, now he is looking constantly over his shoulder, wondering what on earth she is up to. As a musician Brian has always been a comedian, but in 1996 he decided to take comedy as a serious option!
"as daft and charming as they are funny..." - **The Stage**
"Always enjoyable... incredibly funny... His 'Buddy Holly plays Oasis' is a gem" - **Chortle**

Javier Jarquin is a regular at the biggest clubs in the UK - delighting audiences with well crafted jokes and a very likeable stage persona. He is also a well known act in his native New Zealand and headlines gigs across Europe.
"Jarquin is a fine observational comedian" **Three Weeks**
"Fresh, funny and unique" **The Press (NZ)**

Nick Elleray is a laconic Australian who hates the term 'deadpan' because it trivialises his condition of being terminally unexpressive, he speaks about being a middle-aged sad-sack, still stuck in shared accommodation at 48, his co-writers are misery, anguish and grief. **Winner Old Comedian of the Year 2017.**
"An engaging stand-up with an inventive mind" - **The List**
"An under-appreciated purveyor of quality downbeat comedy, Nick Elleray is a class act" - **Chortle**

A night of stand-up comedy organised by Dunottar School PTA

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U12 Football



Cross Country Team



Lacrosse

U12s

The Team started with an amazing win over Benenden after a 3-weekend break! The girls applied team strategies and tactics both in defence and attack, whilst maintaining energy by transitioning the ball down the pitch. Unfortunately, this match was followed by losses against St George's School, U13 Dunottar and Caterham. However, the team certainly didn't make it easy for the opposition. It has been amazing to watch the girls improve in their first term of Lacrosse and every pupil in the year has had the opportunity to represent the school in a competitive match. Special mention to Jemima W-W, Keira P and Aoife M for getting the most nominations for Player of the Match.

U13s

The U13s continue to impress this month with very comfortable back to back wins, which only goes to show the amount of effort and determination the girls put into their matches. They have worked hard in training sessions on developing defense around the fan and transitioning in midfield. A special thank you to Romilly for captaining the team so brilliantly, and to the pupils in Year 7 and Year 9 who stepped in to help the team when needed.

U14s

The team, captained by Rebecca, had a fantastic start to the season with a very intense match against the U15A Dunottar team. The team had some fantastic matches and throughout the season have shown huge improvement in their stick skills as well as their attacking and defensive positioning around the fan. I have no doubt that they will continue to grow stronger next season.

U15s

The U15 team started this half of term with a triangular against St George's Ascot and Sherborne. They made a good start against St George's and were leading at half time only to suffer a strong come back in the second half to leave us with a narrow loss. The Sherborne side were well oiled and thwarted many of our early attempts on goal. We reluctantly took a loss. The squad have shown commitment to practices and a real desire to win. The score sheet at the end of the season boasts an impressive 5 wins and 2 losses which is testament to the progress this team have made this season.

Seniors

The senior squad have continued to show progress and development this season which culminated in the first Dunottar Senior versus Old Girls match. The first half proved to be a very close battle with only one goal splitting the two sides. The Dunottar Old Girls dug deep in the second half but slid in to second place after a flurry of Dunottar Senior players found the back of the net. The game finished with the Dunottar Seniors victorious. £120 was raised which will be added to our current fundraising for Heal Kids and Care for the Family. It was lovely to see so many old faces back on the Dunottar pitch and a great new tradition emerge.

Rugby

U12s

The second half of the rugby season has seen a real improvement in terms of results and team play for the U12 boys rugby teams. This has included impressive wins for the A team against Riddlesdown Collegiate and Ashford School, whilst the B team drew with Caterham School. Mr Everett has been particularly impressed with the resilience shown by all the boys, who have always fought until the very end of every match, showing real desire and togetherness. The C team played their first game together, with some real standout individual performances.

U13s

The last half of the term has been one of mixed fortunes. We came a little bit unstuck playing against Claremont early in October when we should have done a little better collectively. We played well against St Johns and bounced back superbly against Riddlesdown to come away with a good victory. We have been especially pleased with the way that they have all displayed commitment to the sport. Special thanks must go to Leo who has come on leaps and bounds not just as a player but also as a captain.

U14s

The U14s played three games this half term, winning two. The team has worked exceptionally hard throughout the rugby term and should be proud of the way in which they have played. The team this year was captained by four people on a rotation policy and all four boys showed maturity and leadership when in charge of the side. The U14s will continue to have rugby after Christmas



House Lacrosse

as they begin training for the 7s season. Attendance at training is essential for selection for the 7's side in the second term.

U15s

The under 15s have continued to grow as a team in the second half of term. They have developed into a dynamic unit and in our final game of the season outflanked a larger, less mobile pack, whilst executing strategies in rucks to win go-forward ball. Our backs have been a threat all season and have produced some champagne moments with their pace and intelligent running lines. It has been a pleasure to coach this squad and we look forward to seeing them develop over the next three years. Special thanks to Kieron, our 15 a side Captain, for his hard work.

1st XV

The team have continued their upward progress this month. The boys traveled to Cedars School at the end of October and looked strong as they ran out 46-25 winners. After half term, the team took on St. Bedes 1st XV at Old Reigatians, in an epic encounter under floodlights, eventually losing 27-34. More recently the 1st XV took on a Caterham XV finishing with a loss and a score line that didn't reflect the contest of the match. Special mention for this month, goes to Ned and Pete, in Year 11, who have shown great work rate and tenacity, and been largely ever present in all fixtures this year.

House Rugby & Lacrosse

Saturday 8th December was a very busy morning down at Old Reigatians, with Years 7-10 House Rugby & Year 7/8 House Lacrosse contributing to the occasion. It was wonderful to see so many students and parents in attendance to celebrate the end of season, in a community-feel House event. The results were:

Rugby:

U12 - Davids
U13 - Patricks
U14 - Patricks
U15 - Patricks

Lacrosse:

1st - Davids
2nd - Andrews
Joint 3rd - Patricks & Georges

Girls' Team of the Month

Year 9 and 10/11 Cross Country Teams

On Tuesday 6th November, the Dunottar Girls travelled to Royal Alexandra & Albert for the annual district cross country championships. There were some notable individual performances, with several girls in contention to be selected for the South Surrey district team at the Surrey Schools' Championships in January. A few days passed, and over email, victory was confirmed, with Dunottar's Y9/10/11 teams winning the team titles. A truly amazing performance given the relative size of each cohort against some of the much larger schools within the district.

Boys' Team of the Month

U12 Football Team

The U12 boys football team have made a superb start to football at Dunottar, which is very impressive considering we are yet to enter the football season. Each year we enter teams from Year 7 to Year 10 into the ESFA Small Schools' National Cup, with the first round of games taking place in September. The standard of football in this competition is very high and our U12 and U15 teams made school history by progressing into the second round. The U12s then won their next two games and are now in the draw for the 4th round of the competition, the last 16.

Sportswoman of the Month

Caysie W

Caysie joined Dunottar in September and considering this was the first time she had picked up a lacrosse stick, we have watched her grow in confidence with this sport over the last few months. Caysie then went on to come first in the girls' Year 8 cross country event last month and was selected for the U13 indoor cricket tournament a few weeks ago. She is always engaged and enthusiastic in games lessons and training sessions and is definitely one to watch in the future. Well done Caysie!

Sportsman of the Month

Joe G

This half term, Joe has once again proved to be a useful member in the U15 rugby team, his running and tackling remains strong, and his catching under the high ball has developed too.

However, Joe's biggest achievement this half term actually occurred in a sports complex in Solihull, where he reclaimed his UK Kick Boxing title, showing tenacity and courage to overcome the same opponent who had dethroned Joe a few months back. Well done Joe!

