

Dunottar News

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I thought that the second half of term would be busy and it was! Our Year 11s and Year 13s have now finished all of their Public Examinations and we wish them a well-deserved, relaxing break after months of studying

and preparation.

The Year 12s have enjoyed several days off curriculum to focus on preparing for their university applications next term. Activities included a talk from the University of Surrey about how to choose the right university course and a practical session on drafting and writing a personal statement. They went on a trip to Sussex University and were given the chance to practice their team building and leadership skills at Tulley's Farm, where they successfully broke out of two escape rooms!

Our Year 9s and 10s enjoyed a thoroughly successful Commerce, Culture and Community week (CCC). They were treated to a poetry workshop by Ash Dickinson, one of the outstanding performance poets of his generation, heard first-hand from a Holocaust survivor and worked hard putting the finishing touches to our outdoor classroom. As well as a trip to Greenwich, they also learned how to weave baskets outside in the sunshine on Dunottar's lawns.

Years 7 and 8 experienced an amazing STEM week. All the pupils worked towards the nationally recognised bronze CREST award for STEM which provides a real-life experience of being a scientist, designer or engineer. Pupils experienced the project process, improving their enquiry, problem-solving and communication skills through a range of activities in response to a fictional scenario in which the world was in chaos and many Surrey residents were affected by an unknown pathogen that turned them into zombies. The range of tasks included programming rescue robots, making natural medicines, building a solar powered pizza oven, designing their own escape rooms, making films and engineering aerodynamic high speed rail racers.

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Pupils survive Zombie Apocalypse

With the end of year exams out of the way, pupils in Year 7 and 8 enjoyed three days off curriculum to complete the British Science Association's bronze CREST Award, which provides STEM enrichment opportunities to inspire and engage 5 to 19 year-olds.

A fictional unknown pathogen was ravaging Surrey and turning the unlucky souls into bloodthirsty, ambling beasts. Surrey was under martial law and cut off from the rest of the UK. Dunottar pupils, some of the last uninfected citizens, were tasked with decisions to make about how to save Surrey—and perhaps the world. Their survival skills were put to the test when they had to heat food with solar energy, make dirty water drinkable, and design a warm, safe shelter. They designed and built working rescue robots. Using specialist digital green-screen technology, pupils created a

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Open Morning

Thursday 20th September

Wednesday 3rd October

(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

Thu 16 Aug	A Level Results
Thu 23 Aug	GCSE Results
Sat 1 Sep	Lacrosse pre-season Yr 7/8/9 girls 9am-1pm
Sat 1 Sep	Rugby pre-season Yr 7/8/9 boys 9am-1pm
Mon 3 Sep	Lacrosse pre-season Yr 10+ girls 4pm-6pm
Mon 3 Sep	Rugby pre-season Yr 10+ boys 4pm-6pm
Mon 3 Sep	INSET
Tue 4 Sep	INSET
Tue 4 Sep	Year 7 and Lower Sixth induction day
Wed 5 Sep	AUTUMN TERM BEGINS 8.30am
	OPRO mouthguard fittings
Thu 6-7 Sep	Year 9 team building trip—Blackland Farm
Thu 6-7 Sep	Year 7 team building trip—Bentley Copse
Thu 13 Sep	Careers Information Evening Yrs 9-13
Thu 27 Sep	Yr 8 trip to Hampton Court

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short film to document events in the apocalyptic world around them. Pupils also went on a research trip to Tulley's Farm and met owner Stuart Beare. After experiencing an escape room, Stuart explained the process of theming, designing, testing and constructing an escape room. Using their own creativity, logic and mathematical codes pupils then constructed two themed escape rooms. At the end of the week, attempted escapes were live-beamed into the school hall, and representatives from Tulley's Farm visited Dunottar to hear pupils' presentations.

Escape Room Manager Tim commented, "I was blown away by the thought they had gone through to produce them and to see how excited they were to show off their creations. They should all be extremely proud of what they managed to create, I know that myself, Sophie & the rest of the Escape rooms team would be interested in doing this again as it was so nice to see kids excited to learn about creativity and team work, problem solving while having creative freedom."



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Our musicians put on a scholars' concert, we had a summer showcase and the Dunottar Chamber Ensemble played a beautiful summer soiree. The House Cricket competition was a huge success and we enjoyed an athletic Sports Day at the K2 arena in Crawley. Boys and girls travelled to the New Forest for a fine end-of-season cricket tour and our pupils have also been out and about on various Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. The leavers' prize-giving celebrations took place at Dorking Halls in front of an audience of 700. Guest speaker and alumni, Gemma Morgan, delivered a powerful and thought-provoking speech, accompanied by bold and uplifting musical performances from the pupils. Our summer Open Morning in June was sold out. In July we welcomed all of next year's new joiners, from many schools in the surrounding area, to join us for an action-packed day, where they met their new tutor groups, took part in an orienteering competition and enjoyed a variety of lessons. With planning permission now granted for the new Sixth Form centre and Assembly Hall, it doesn't look as though things will be any less busy this summer, as we start building immediately!

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Mark Tottman, Headmaster



Head of History becomes Founding Fellow

We are delighted to announce that our Head of History, Mrs Julie Boden, has been awarded the status of Founding Fellow of the

Chartered College of Teaching. The Founding Fellowship (FCCT) is an accolade held by some of the most committed teachers and leaders who have shown a significant and sustained contribution to the teaching profession and their own professional development. Mrs Boden has achieved the highest and most prestigious category of membership at the Chartered College. It is a formal recognition and celebration of her ongoing contribution to the profession.



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Poetry, dance and much, much more in CCC week!

While Year 7 and 8 were busy with STEM week, our Year 9 and 10 pupils enjoyed an action-packed Commerce, Culture and Community week (CCC).

Pupils attended a morning of poetry workshops delivered by one of the UK's best spoken word performers. Described by his publisher as 'one of the outstanding poets of his generation', poet and performer Ash Dickinson is a multiple poetry slam champion, who has headlined many shows and festivals throughout the UK, including the Edinburgh Fringe.

A year 9 pupil commented: *"The whole workshop was very, very interesting! The short rhyming poems were intriguing, and it was also a lot of fun. Ash is obviously very experienced with all the poetry slams he's won, and he's very good at what he does."*

Other activities included modern dance lessons from award-winning professional dancers, BalletBoyz, a trip to Greenwich, willow weaving and hearing a testimony from Holocaust survivor Rudi Oppenheimer. Following his testimony, Rudi hosted a question and answer session to enable students to better understand the nature of the Holocaust and to explore its lessons in more depth. The visit was part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's extensive year-round Outreach Programme, which is available to schools across the UK.

Matthew Sandiford and Edward Pearce from BalletBoyz delivered two workshops to pupils, giving a small demonstration of their work, introducing pupils to some of their choreography and teaching them some dance moves. BalletBoyz is an all-male contemporary dance company, made up of dancers who tour nationally and across the globe.

Holly in Year 9 said: *"They taught us different styles instead of going straight into a dance. I really enjoyed it—it was fun!"*



UCAS activities — with a twist

With important internal exams out of the way our Lower Sixth pupils enjoyed three days off curriculum to focus on university applications.

The UCAS activities were the culmination of a term's work during the pupils' integrated studies lessons. In the lessons, they had researched courses, universities, gap years and apprenticeships. They had also taken the Centigrade Test, which helped them to determine the courses that would best suit them at university.

Pupils welcomed a representative from the University of Surrey, who talked to them about how to choose the right course and University. They were given valuable insights regarding writing a personal statement, along with helpful tips about how to impress universities. By the end of the week, each pupil had drafted their personal statement and received feedback.



The Sixth Form pupils also enjoyed trips to Sussex University, rounding off the week with an unexpected activity: they practiced their

team building, leadership and collaborative skills at Tulley's Farm, successfully breaking out of two escape rooms.

Sixth Form News

We are delighted to introduce our new Senior Prefect Team. The Head of School is Olivia, who delivered a confident speech at Prize Giving, and the Deputy Head of School is Sophie. The Head of Sport is Finn and the Senior Prefect is Sara.



We wish all our Upper Sixth pupils the best of luck with their exam results.



Religion brought to life

On Wednesday 20th June Year 7 visited the Wintershall Estate just outside Guildford to experience an open air production of the "Life of Christ".

The day-long production started with the Nativity where pupils watched as an angel brought the "good news" to Mary and the story began. The production and setting of the event in the beautiful grounds of the estate really brought the message to life. As Dhara remarked,

"It was an amazing experience, the play made the story come to life. You feel like you are a part of the act."

Pupils then watched attentively as Mary was led to Bethlehem on a donkey where the shepherds, complete with live sheep and sheep dog, visited the stable. As Jesus was presented at the temple, the cast released two white doves in to the air. At a later Q&A session it was explained to pupils that they were trained doves who returned to their home after each performance!

We then continued to follow Jesus around the grounds, witnessing the call of the Disciples, the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount and the various miracles Jesus was said to have performed. This included the feeding of the five thousand, which proved to be a highlight to some of the students. *"It was the best part as the disciples handed out bread to us!"* said Ben.

After lunch and a short Q&A with cast members the play climaxed with the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus. Pupils were invited by cast members to form part of the crowd as Jesus was mocked and jeered before finally being hung upon the cross to die. Then came the resurrection, which saw the actor playing Jesus walking through the audience and then the final ascension of Jesus brought the play to a close.

The pupils were fantastic throughout the day and listened carefully as all that they had studied during the year was played out in front of them.

"It was really interesting to see it in real life. As you are walking it feels like time is really passing in the play," commented Henry.



PTA news

Thanks to all those that attended the Summer Party on Saturday 30th June. It's a busy time of year - but we were delighted at the attendance, with over 130 people joining us. Of course, the glorious weather helped! The young band 'Trust Me Jack' were fantastic and we wish them well as they embark on their travels - we would certainly have them back again. Thanks must also go to Anna, Phil and the team for organising the event, laying on the buffet and I can vouch from my main position behind the bar, that the Pimms went down well!!!! We decided to hold a silent auction of affordable items and not only do I want to thank all those who donated towards the auction, Andy, Sarah and Ruth, the main organisers - but of course the bidders themselves. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and the good news is, that we raised over £2,000.

We were also delighted to be able to step in and support the inter-house cricket and our wonderful sports department. Thanks go to Jeni and all who helped on the BBQ and selling much-needed refreshments. The support from the parents was once again key and so thank you to all those who helped at short notice - it helped make an already fabulous morning even better. We also managed to raise £300 so this was even more pleasing.



Lastly, we have just made our final Lottery Draw for this school calendar year and the winners are as follows:

Lucie Griffin
Laura Taylor
Sharon Blackstone

And so, as we reach the end of another school year, may we take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped with our various PTA events throughout the year - we simply couldn't run them without you. Thanks to Andy Cotton and his amazing team who help us behind the scenes and Mary for often lending us her kitchen. We have had a very successful calendar of events with record numbers attending. We have already agreed our calendar of events for next year and will be ensuring tickets for all events can be bought online early. Please put the dates in your calendars now. We have managed to support a number of departments with requests for equipment and next year look forward to supporting a more substantial programme. Finally, good luck to all those pupils who are leaving the school this year - we look forward to seeing you back as alumni and guests in the future.

Julie, Carol and PTA

PTA Events Calendar 2018/19

Friday 28th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 5th October
Quiz Night

Friday 23rd November
Christmas Fair

Saturday 8th December
Caring at Christmas

Saturday 26th January
Comedy Night

Friday 1st February
Cake Competition & Sale

Saturday 29th June TBC
PTA Summer Event

All events are held at school

RAF Engineering Course is a flying success!

Kate, a year 10 pupil, recounts her experience of the 5-day RAF engineering course during the May half-term break. "I had an amazing time. We did a team bonding activity on the first day as no one knew anybody and we were in

rooms of eight which was really good as we got to know everyone. On the second day we learnt how to put a puma tyre together (for a helicopter) and we went in a helicopter simulator and also in the control tower for the different helicopter simulators. We also went in a car simulator. On the third day we went to the RAF museum in Hendon and made notes on different aircraft and how they developed overtime to work towards our project. On Thursday we

made three straw gliders in our groups and then we picked the best one and turned that into a glider made out of balsa sheets, and on the last day we made a presentation and got our certificates at an awards ceremony. Overall the experience was great and all of the RAF staff were lovely. Everyone there was really nice and made sure we all had an amazing time."



Work begins on state-of-the-art Sixth Form

When pupils from Dunottar School return from their summer holiday, they'll see a new sixth-form centre under construction.

We are delighted that planning permission has been granted for a sixth-form centre, an assembly hall and classrooms, an extension to the dining hall and a remodelled kitchen.

Building for the sixth-form centre has begun with a target completion date of Easter 2019, after which the remaining building work will begin. The whole project is expected to be finished by August 2020.



The sixth-form centre will provide dedicated working and relaxing space, replacing the old sixth-form common room, which will be refurbished to create a modern and engaging library space.

Year 12 and 13 students will enjoy the benefits of silent study areas, collaborative study areas and social spaces, such as a patio, a cafeteria and a 'rec room'.



Duke of Edinburgh Adventures

This summer, the weather has been incredibly generous to our three Silver and nine Bronze DofE teams! The Bronze teams' routes have taken them to Box Hill, Dunottar School and the qualifying expedition to the Ashdown Forest. For the latter, pupils battled through high temperatures and showed tenacity and courage as they developed their navigation and team skills.

Our three Silver DofE teams' practice expedition in April started off with a thunder storm above the campsite on Box Hill on the first night, but conditions steadily improved as they made their way to Abinger at the end of the three-day expedition. For the qualifying expedition in May, teams experienced the beautiful views of the South Downs. The weather was hot and pupils had to frequently replenish their water bottles during the three days. All teams passed their

expeditions with flying colours and we anticipate that many of the participants will progress on to Gold DofE in the future.



Since Easter, 20 pupils have completed their Bronze DofE Award and one pupil has completed their Silver award. The remaining participants continue to work on their awards and many will be presented with their certificates at the end of the Autumn term.

Congratulations to all those who received their awards:

Silver	Heidi D	
Bronze	Peter K	Joseph G
	Jazmine G	Amelie F
	Thomas R	Emily T
	Lauren G-D	Emily P
	Conor M	Jemima S
	Jemma F	Rachel G
	Alice W-E	India M
	Tallula M-T	James T
	Amie S	Sitara P
	Charlotte S	Joshua R



A Musical End of Year Finale!

Scholars' Masterclass

On 18th June, we were visited by Emma Tring, former Dunottar pupil, who is now a freelance singer, recording artist and member of the BBC Singers. Emma delivered a performance masterclass with our scholars, in which each pupil performed to one another. Emma led discussions on interpretation, posture and technique and feedback was tailored to each individual pupil. In the evening, pupils returned to school and gave a recital to an audience of families and staff. It was possible to see the impact of Emma's work in the pupils' evening performances and we are very pleased that our music scholars had the opportunity to come together for an afternoon and work with Emma.



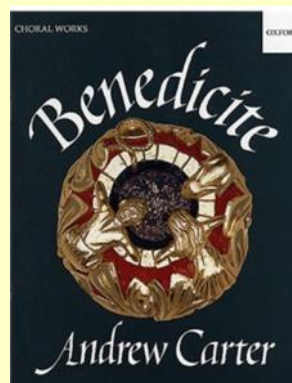
Summer Showcase

Our end-of-year concert on 21st June was a wonderful celebration of the hard work and musical commitment that pupils across the school have shown this year. The evening featured performances by the Chamber Choir singing a medley from 'Les Miserables', Jazz Band performing 'Puttin' on the Ritz' and Training Orchestra performing 'The Bare Necessities'. Highlights of the evening involved all of Year 7 performing on the violin with their forms, pieces which they had rehearsed in music lessons. Through this they developed a sense of ensemble and musicianship. Well done to all involved.



Dunottar Chamber Ensemble

Saturday 30th June marked the Dunottar Chamber Ensemble's annual Summer Soirée at Reigate Park Church. The ensemble comprises of Dunottar musicians and instrumentalists from nine other local primary and secondary schools. All those involved displayed superb musicianship and talent; solo and orchestral performances included Theme from 'Schindler's List', Telemann Viola Concerto, 1st Movement from Beethoven's 6th Symphony and Verdi's Overture to 'La Forza del Destino'.



Thank you to Mr Thompson for organising the Dunottar Choral Society and Chamber Choir concert at St Mark's Church in Reigate on 28th June. The programme featured Andrew Carter's 'Benedicite' and John Rutter's 'Te Deum', in addition to beautiful vocal solos by Natasha J and Alice W-E.



Term Dates 2018/2019

Autumn Term 2018

- *INSET - Mon 3rd Sep (no school for pupils)*
- *INSET and Induction Day for Year 7 and Year 12 pupils - Tue 4th Sep*
- Term Begins - Wed 5th Sep
- Half Term - W/c 22nd and 29th Oct
- **Term Ends - Fri 14th Dec 12.00 noon**

Spring Term 2019

- *INSET - Fri 4th Jan (no school for pupils)*
- *Entrance Exam - Mon 7th Jan (no school for current pupils except Sixth Form)*
- Term Begins - Tue 8th Jan
- Half Term - W/c 18th Feb
- **Term Ends - Wed 3rd Apr 4.00pm**

Summer Term 2019

- *INSET - Tue 23rd Apr (no school for pupils)*
- Term Begins - Wed 24th Apr
- Half Term - W/c 27th May
- **Term Ends - Fri 5th Jul 12.00 noon**

Term Dates 2019/2020

Autumn Term 2019

- *INSET - Mon 2nd Sep (no school for pupils)*
- *INSET and Induction Day for Year 7 and Year 12 pupils - Tue 3rd Sep*
- Term Begins - Wed 4th Sep
- Half Term - W/c 21st and 28th Oct
- **Term Ends - Fri 13th Dec 4.00pm**

Spring Term 2020

- *INSET - Fri 3rd Jan (no school for pupils)*
- *Entrance Exam - Mon 6th Jan (no school for current pupils except Sixth Form)*
- Term Begins - Tue 7th Jan
- Half Term - W/c 17th Feb
- **Term Ends - Wed 1st Apr 4.00pm**

Summer Term 2020

- *INSET - Mon 20th Apr (no school for pupils)*
- Term Begins - Tue 21st Apr
- Half Term - w/c 25th May
- **Term Ends - Fri 3rd Jul 12.00 noon**

Poetry Live Competition

On Tuesday 19th June, three Year 8 students Freddie, Lauren and Amy took part in the final of the Poetry Live Competition. They spent weeks rehearsing to be able to recite their chosen poems in French and Spanish from memory in front of an audience of about 100 people. There were 66 students who took part from 25 different schools. The standard of the language spoken and the performances were outstanding. In the second part of the competition, the students had five minutes to look at an unseen poem and then had to perform this in front of the judges. It was after both parts of the competition that 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes were presented for each language – French, Spanish and German. Although we did not win, I am extremely proud of Freddie, Lauren and Amy; the way in which they have prepared, and how they performed and conducted themselves on the night. I hope that this will be the beginning of a new Dunottar tradition! *Mrs C Pennells*



The pen is mightier than the sword

Dunottar's Model United Nations group keeps growing

This year our Model United Nations group has grown so much that it has developed into two distinctive entities: Juniors and Seniors, both providing lively weekly debates (Thursday lunchtime for the Juniors in year 7; Fridays for the Seniors, years 8-13).

As well as having fun representing different countries and their peculiarities among ourselves every week, our pupils have had the opportunity to represent Dunottar at conferences



involving around 20 other schools. We spoke on behalf of Peru at ReiMUN back in September and were able to put forward two delegations for CroyMUN in November, with one of our youngest

members there (Billy) getting a special mention in General Assembly. A group of our Juniors were able to learn the ropes attending their first Junior Conference in May. They came back so enthused they started asking Ms Needler when we can host our own here, at Dunottar... so watch this space.



Be Outstanding...

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

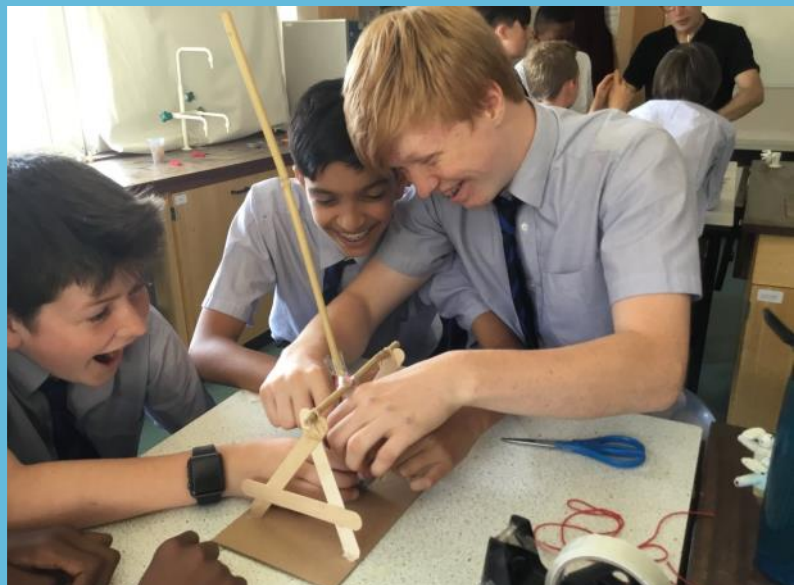
Pupil	Yr	Award	Subject
Jamie, B	7	Academic Distinction	Maths
Freddie, K-G	8	Academic Distinction	MFL
Katie, B	9	Academic Distinction	Maths
Romilly, D	10	Academic Distinction	MFL



Year 9 have been making some delicious-looking sausage rolls and Mr Manning has been testing them!



Year 8 have been using soldering electronics, sewing conductive thread, using CAD/CAM - lots of fine motor skills involved with this e-textiles project.



Designing, constructing and testing trebuchets during our Year 9 taster day.



Year 7 have been working hard preparing for a balloon debate.



Year 7 proudly showing off their CAD/CAM door signs designed on CorelDRAW and cut out on the laser cutter.



Geography Fieldwork

The Geography Department have been busy in the warmer weather studying the world outside Dunottar.

Year 7 spent a beautiful sunny day at the River Tillingbourne where they measured the velocity, width and depth of the river at two different sites.

Year 8 visited Box Hill to investigate the impact tourism had on the environment. They measured species coverage, height and diversity along a transect using quadrats and conducted a facilities and landscape survey along with an annotated field sketch from the observation point.

Year 10 conducted their fieldwork in the Reigate area by investigating whether there were inequalities in housing within the town. They produced Environmental Quality Surveys and measured the width, type and age of the housing. This will be examined in their GCSE Paper 3 in summer 2019.



Finally, year 12 spent the afternoon in Dorking collecting data for the NEA (coursework component) on clone towns. Initial data analysis suggests that Dorking is not quite a clone town yet, but is a border town rather than a home town (a town dominated by independent shops).



The Geography Department would like to remind our pupils, wherever they go through the summer, to observe and question what they are seeing and enjoy trying to understand the world around them.

Happy geographical holidays!

Aiming for the Stars

Dunottar's Scholar Development Programme 2017-18

This year has seen the launch of an ambitious and comprehensive development programme for all of our scholars.

What makes a Dunottar Scholar?

An individual who displays the following qualities in their area of excellence:

- Aspiration: a maturing impetus to set goals and to realise full potential, to do one's best and to achieve excellence
- Tenacity: an exceptional desire to embrace extra opportunities to broaden horizons, an outstanding willingness to persevere with difficult concepts and tasks
- Courage and Creativity: an impressive ability to think 'outside the box', to be prepared to step out of one's comfort zone
- Curiosity: a real thirst to discover
- Independence: a true passion for learning that is self-motivated

These are some of the highlights from this year:

- Art Scholars have started preparation work on their forthcoming concrete sculpture park project and the Upper School scholars got themselves fully involved in a print workshop delivered by a visiting artist.

- Some of Dunottar's Sports Scholars put their leadership skills to the test with local KS1 and KS2 students, as the school played host to two multi-skills festivals. Our scholars developed their communication, teamwork and confidence amongst other characteristics across these two sessions.

The Academic Scholars have enjoyed animated lunchtime sessions discussing far-ranging topics such as polymaths and the importance of women in science or the need and moral validity of animal testing. They have also started recording their learning journey via an e-diary and OneNote and have considered what academic disciplines they would like to deepen their understanding of in the coming months.

Drama and Music Scholars have continued developing through a myriad of productions, concerts and outside opportunities. Both Mrs Jago and Ms Pettet have big plans for the next academic year, including Scholars Masterclasses and the introduction of the prestigious Arts Award for Music Scholars.



Sports Day

Thursday 5th July saw our annual Sports Day at K2 Stadium in Crawley. The sun was shining brightly and house spirits were high, with some great house-themed outfits donned.

This year there were a few changes to our Sports Day event with a live leaderboard used for the first time, allowing staff, students and parents to keep up-to-date with the scores. We also changed the way that house points were scored, with not only points on offer for the overall winning house, but also points for the winning house in each year group. This led to great excitement and competition, and it was brilliant to see everyone supporting each other and cheering on their houses.

Following our most successful athletics season ever, it was highly likely that a lot of school records would be broken, 25 in fact! We would like to congratulate the following students who set new school records in their respective events; Year 7 - Georgia, Max, Leo and Rowie. Year 8 - Tom (x2), James, Sean, Max and the Andrew's 4x100m relay team. Year 9 - Lily C-J (x2), Josh V (x2), Cameron, Joe, Sophie and Kieron. Year 10 - Lucas P (x2), Cole (x2), Harvey, Lucy and Joe.

With the house trophy on the line, the points for each event were crucial to the overall standings. Andrew's were the team to beat going into the day as they led the house points competition. They managed to win both the Year 7 and 8 competitions, as well as finishing 2nd in both the Year 9 and 10 competitions. This meant they were crowned as the winners of sports day and the house

competition, winning the house competition by an impressive 100 points.

The Sports Day overall results were:

1st place Andrew's (357)
2nd place Patrick's (326)
3rd place George's (297)
4th place David's (281).

There was even time for a staff and students combined 4x100m relay race at the end of day, with George's taking the gold.

Well done to everyone involved who made this day so enjoyable and such a great success.



House Cricket

On Saturday 30th June we held our annual House Cricket event. It was a fantastic day which saw a phenomenal 120 girls and boys from Dunottar School representing their respected houses at the picturesque Merstham CC. We are very grateful to the PTA who put on a fantastic variety of food and drink, as well as organising an ice cream van to come along, on what was a scorcher of a day.

All matches throughout the morning were played in a competitive, yet friendly spirit. In the Lower School competition there was some fantastic ball striking from every team with several 4's and 6's hit, with Andrew's coming out on top after a high scoring final match with Patrick's. They also scored a very impressive 110 runs in their 8 over win against David's, with Tom, Olly D and Dan all retiring on 20+ runs.

In the Upper School competition a wonderful display of bowling and fielding led to David's coming out on top, winning all three of their matches comfortably, whilst making sure they used all 14 of their squad members.

The day was a great success and we are looking forward to it next year already.



Underwater Fundraising

During the half term break, Joe (Year 8) participated in an Underwater swim fundraiser organised by his Underwater Hockey Club, in aid of Motor Neurone Disease.

As a team, West Wickham Underwater Hockey Club collectively swam (under water) the equivalent of the English Channel and back over one hour and raised an astonishing £20,300.

Joe managed an incredible 58 widths of the pool at Crystal Palace Sports Centre.





A sizzling summer of sport!

Cricket—boys

The U12 boys cricket team have had a very successful season seeing huge progress made by all, with the team finishing the year with a 66% win rate. The boys convincingly beat Box Hill and Claremont Fan Court, whilst also winning a more closely contested game against Royal Russell. The most exciting game of the season was the narrow loss to Ewell Castle which went down to the last ball of the game. Batsman of the season for the U12 boys was Tom who hit a total of 228 runs, at an average of 228 runs, the highest of anyone in the school. We wish Tom the best of luck with his Surrey County Cricket trial. Bowler of the season was Charlie H who took 8 wickets, as well as 3 run outs. Most improved player was Max who proved a vital member of the team as the season went on, scoring runs with the bat, bowling consistently well and wicket keeping.

June saw a comprehensive win for our U13 boys team over Ewell Castle, bowling the opposition out for 28 and knocking it off in the sixth over. The Lower School UK Cricket Tour saw one victory over Alton U12 and a tied game against their U13 side. Bowler of the season has gone to Toby for 14 wickets across the summer season. Batsman of the season has gone to Jasper for 130 runs at an average of 23.5. The boys have made steady progress this year winning five out of eight competitive fixtures, a great achievement. Batting will be the main focus for improvement next year.

The U14s have enjoyed a successful second half term within the cricket season. On Saturday 9th June the boys travelled to Ewell Castle, where a useful batting contribution from Codey saw us post just over 100, which always looked tough to defend. A very strong batsman for Ewell orchestrated an excellent innings which saw the home side comfortably home. The U14s then welcomed Claremont Fan Court to Salfords CC on Saturday 16th June. Dunottar batted first with Kieron (50) and Josh R (28), posting 90 for the first wicket, before

Josh was bowled out. Kieron was retired after scoring his second half century of the season. Useful contributions from Jason and Josh V saw Dunottar finish on 151 for 3, from our 20 overs. Claremont were never really in the game, with the bowling shared around 8 bowlers, they finished 47 runs short on 102 for 7. Notable bowlers were Oli (3 for 8) and Cam (2 for 12). The final competitive U14 fixtures of the season saw us travel to Caterham during a Monday games afternoon. The U14As comprehensively beat Caterham's U14Bs, with Kieron once again being asked to retire not out. A much tighter game took place between Dunottar's U14Bs and Caterham's U14Cs, which saw a number of the U14 girls take a place in the team following impressive developments during their season. House cricket was an excellent event to finish the season with and the Upper School students really embodied the house spirit that morning, involving everyone fairly and tactically.

This season the U15 cricket side didn't quite reach their full potential, having made a promising start to training and fixtures, and with a good win over Caterham U15Bs. A lack of regular attendance at after school practice and full commitment to the Saturday fixture list meant the side was often facing an uphill battle. The team possess a strong bowling unit, which threatens regularly. Everyone in the team has the capability to bowl with consistency and the teams fielding has improved dramatically since last season. A simple stat to support this is that 15 catches were taken in matches this year, compared to 6 last year. Joe and Toby V often got the side off to a strong start with the bat, supported well by Jamie and Peter, but the side were often 20/30 runs short of a competitive total. Joining with the above two years, we look forward to some of the players progressing through to make what will be the first ever '1st XI' that Dunottar will produce in the sport of cricket next summer.





Cricket—girls

The U12 girls have improved immensely in their first season of cricket, with the whole year playing in at least one competitive fixture. Unfortunately, they lost against strong teams from St John's, St George's and Croydon High earlier in the season. However, after lots of fielding practice and their development in shot selection when batting, the girls took convincing wins against Woldingham, Radnor House, Ewell Castle and RAAS. It will be an exciting season next year as they progress to regularly playing hard ball cricket. Special mentions go to Issy G for best batter, Romilly for best bowler and Georgia R for most improved.

The U13 girls have had great commitment to training this season with many playing up a year group and representing the school on the first ever UK Cricket Tour. The girls' improvement in consistent and accurate fielding led to them taking wins against St Johns, Epsom College and Ewell Castle. Looking ahead to next season, the girls should look to develop their fielding strategies and tactics and technical batting. Special mentions go to Ellie T for best batter, Rebecca C for best bowler and Aimee P for most improved.

The U14/15 team have grown in confidence, especially in hard ball games, thanks to some solid practice of both their bowling and batting in the new nets. The team have taken two convincing wins against Woldingham with incredibly consistent bowling. They also demonstrated their good knowledge of the game in the Smash-It competitions where they played a variety of schools such as Croydon High, RAAS, Woldingham and Hinchley Wood. Best batter of the term goes to Emily, best bowler to Jazmine and most improved to Maya M.

Lower School UK Cricket Tour

On Friday 22nd June girls and boys set off for the New Forest. The buses were loud and buzzing with excitement as everyone was very eager to play our first match of the cricket tour. The girls were thrilled that they won by a wide margin, which was due to their fantastic teamwork and communication in the field, and everyone's superb bowling. Meanwhile, the boys were over at Alton Cricket Club playing their first match and we also got a win from them. These results set high hopes for the rest of the cricket tour.

After the games we made our journey to Fairthorne Manor, settling into our lovely rooms and getting some well deserved rest. On Saturday we had an early start to the day, with some banging tunes on, whilst the teachers ran up and down the corridors to wake us up. After breakfast we had a lovely couple of hours to enjoy the sun and fresh air. We were extremely lucky to be able to use the nice playground and tennis court which was at the accommodation. After a fun game of football and frisbee, we headed off to Hampshire's Ageas Bowl. We were blessed with the opportunity to use their indoor training nets. After a productive training session, we had the privilege to watch an exciting match in the stadium and the atmosphere was sensational.



The highlight of the trip would have to be when we went to the New Forest Aqua Park—everyone had a fantastic time. No one can forget Max attempting a backflip off the highest jump! It did not go well to say the least. Also, not to mention when the teachers catapulted Freddie on the large inflatable cushion and he went flying! On the final day boys and girls had their last cricket match against Alton Cricket Club. The girls had a very tight match but lost by very few runs, whilst the boys game ended as a draw. Overall the trip was a fantastic, fun experience with so many memories made which won't be forgotten!

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