



Dunottar News

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There has been a wonderfully festive atmosphere in school in the busy run up to Christmas. The PTA kicked off the festive activities with a fantastic Christmas Fair, which was followed by our

Caring at Christmas event and the Reigate Santa Run. The last week of term saw some excellent House rugby and lacrosse matches, two services of Nine Lessons and Carols at St John's Church, an informal Sixth Form nativity play, a celebratory Christmas Assembly and a somewhat unseasonal mock General Election in school! Thank you to all those pupils, parents and staff who took part and who helped out with all of these activities.

In November, pupils returned to Leatherhead Theatre for the Shakespeare Schools Festival, where they put on a remarkable and original production of "The Taming of the Shrew".

Our Careers department have launched several new programmes this term including the Dunottar MBA, attended by over 60 pupils and very well received by pupils and parents, and our Future Skills Day, equipping pupils with practical life skills. We welcomed Professor Trevor Jones CBE to school to deliver a lecture on "From Plants to Pills" as part of our Scholars' Programme, along with Dominic Longman who gave an interesting talk on crypto currency, blockchains and Artificial Intelligence.

The construction of the new Assembly Hall is progressing well with the foundations now completed and the steel frame being set in position.

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

"If I be waspish, best beware my sting" – William Shakespeare, The Taming of the Shrew



Pupils Deliver an Original and Witty Production

There was a buzz and excitement at this year's Shakespeare Schools Festival auditions as we were performing the romantic comedy, The Taming of the Shrew. Everyone took part with enthusiasm and gusto, eager to put their own twist on the characters and excitedly anticipating the fun to follow.

We were lucky enough to travel to Manchester to see the Royal Shakespeare version of the play. Their interpretation was extremely clever and fast paced. Traditional roles were reversed; a mother endeavoured to marry off her two sons; suitors jostled for attention; disguises concealed true identities; the comical slapstick moments generated much laughter; and Petruchia tried to 'tame' the notoriously difficult 'Kate'. The whole cast was inspired, and rehearsals began in earnest....

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Open Mornings

Tuesday 25th February

Wednesday 29th April

(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 13 Dec	School breaks up 4pm
Fri 3 Jan	INSET day (no school for pupils)
Mon 6 Jan	11+ Entrance assessments
Tue 7 Jan	Term begins
	Yr 11 & 13 Mock exams begin
Thu 9 Jan	Yr 9 parents' evening
Mon 13 Jan	PTA Meeting
Thu 16 Jan	11+ Scholarship assessments
	Yr 7 parents' evening
Wed 22 Jan	Yr 7 Young Voices event
Thu 23 Jan	Yr 9 GCSE Options evening
Fri 24 Jan	Poetry Live event for Yr 11
Tue 28 Jan	Performing arts careers workshop
Wed 29 Jan	Yr 11 & 13 post-mocks parents' evening
Thu 30 Jan	Yr 11 & 12 Art / Textiles / Photography trip
	Trip to Angers: Information evening for parents and pupils
Fri 31 Jan	Deadline for submitting GCSE options
	Upper School play performance
Sat 1 Feb	PTA Comedy Night
Sun 2 Feb	Gold DofE training day
Wed 5 Feb	Onatti Theatre: Les Garçons Yr 9 & 10
Thu 6 Feb	Deadline for submitting A Level options
	DofE parents' evening
Fri 7 Feb	Mufti Day
Sun 9 Feb	Silver DofE training day
Sun 16-22 Feb	Ski trip
Mon 17 Feb	Half term week
Mon 24 Feb	Pupils return to school

See full calendar at www.dunottarschool.com

It was wonderful that so many of us were able to bring our own ideas to the rehearsals and we all worked hard as a group to create a true 'ensemble'-led performance. The dance routines were brilliantly created by our very talented Rosie (year 13) and Tash provided beautiful piano and vocal accompaniment.

The highlight for me was being able to perform once again at The Leatherhead Theatre and sharing the stage with two other schools, Clifton Hill and Manor House. Clifton Hill is a school for young people with severe and profound learning difficulties, and we were all inspired by their performance of The Merchant of Venice and the dedication of their teachers.



Mrs Jago gave us all a very motivating pep talk before we went on stage, and asked us to think about trying to improve by ten percent which is something I think every single cast member did! It was our very best performance and I felt so proud.



I have learnt so much from this experience: The joy of being part of an ensemble, how much I love the exhilarating feeling of being on stage, and to get stuck into a role no matter how comic or crazy the character and not worry that I might make a fool of myself!

With special thanks to the amazing Year 13s: Rosie W, Rosie E, Sharika and Josh - we will all miss your wonderful talent and dedication. And of course to Mrs Jago for her incredible hard work and all-round super starriness!

Rosie K



Pupils Report on Their Trip to Berlin

Our trip to Berlin started early but gave us plenty of time to visit the Topography of Terror, which gave an insight into the perpetrators of the Holocaust and then the Checkpoint Charlie Museum. On the second day, we visited the Olympic Stadium built by the Nazis for the 1936 Olympics and currently home to the Hertha Berlin football team who were training nearby!

The visit to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp was harrowing but we learnt so much about the experiences of the people persecuted there. In the evening, we visited the Reichstag Dome and saw the city of Berlin lit up at night. On day three, shopping in the



Mall of Berlin was followed by a visit to the interactive DDR Museum which provided us with a greater understanding of life behind the Iron Curtain in East Berlin. We also took a lift up to the top of the 368 metre TV Tower which allowed us to see all the landmarks across Berlin.



On Thursday, we visited the Holocaust Memorial. This was a very moving experience, seeing all the blocks commemorating the persecuted Jews. It was strange to experience such a vast monument in the middle of a busy city. In the museum we were able to learn more about some of the Jewish families affected by the Holocaust. The afternoon visit to the Anne Frank Zentrum, enabled us to learn more about the story of Anne Frank.

On the final day of our trip we visited a part of Berlin where some of the remaining parts of the Berlin Wall are to be found alongside the foundations of buildings which had been removed to make way for the Wall and the area referred to as 'no mans land'. We were able to get a real feel for the divisions created by the Wall and it was strange to think that only 30 years ago people were being killed for trying to cross it. After a really memorable and thought provoking trip, we headed back to the airport for a rocky plane ride home.



We would like to thank all the teachers who accompanied the trip and allowed us to explore, experience and learn about a city with so much history and culture.



Emily T, Emily F, Lauren and Louisa, Year 13



Year 11 Sample Sixth Form Life

On Tuesday 26th November, our Year 11 pupils partook in their A Level Taster Day to explore future option choices. Pupils took lessons in four subjects to give them an idea of the content and the style of lessons in post-16 education. The day finished with a Business Enterprise afternoon. Pupils had to plan and cost a business idea, then pitch their ideas to the Headmaster. The winning team devised a medical implant that contains all your medical history.



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	Year	Award	Subject
Holly J	7	Academic Distinction	MFL
Christiana W	7	Academic Distinction	MFL
Charlie C	8	Academic Distinction	MFL
Mark T	8	Academic Distinction	MFL
Dhara M	9	Academic Distinction	MFL x 2
Dhara M	9	Academic Distinction	History
Livi V	9	Academic Distinction	MFL
Sebastian W	9	Academic Distinction	History
Olivia C	10	Academic Distinction	MFL
Holly C	10	Academic Distinction	English
Isabelle J	10	Academic Distinction	English
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Monica K	10	Academic Distinction	English
Rosie K	10	Academic Distinction	English x2

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Holly P	10	Academic Distinction	MFL
Estelle R	10	Academic Distinction	English
Joshua R	10	Academic Distinction	Photography
Katie B	11	Academic Distinction	Art
Lily CJ	11	Academic Distinction	MFL
Rebecca D	11	Academic Distinction	MFL
Jemma F	11	Academic Distinction	English
Charlotte G	11	Academic Distinction	MFL
Summer G	11	Academic Distinction	MFL
Maximilian H	11	Academic Distinction	MFL
Freya L	11	Academic Distinction	Art
Leia P	11	Academic Distinction	MFL
Dylan T	11	Academic Distinction	Photography
Tiler TO	11	Academic Distinction	MFL
Olivia U	11	Academic Distinction	Art
Scarlett WW	11	Academic Distinction	MFL
Josh L	13	Academic Distinction	English x 2
Sharika P	13	Academic Distinction	English

Caring at Christmas

On Saturday 7th December, we welcomed 112 elderly guests for our annual Caring at Christmas event. The sense of joy and fellowship in the room was palpable from start to finish. Despite the loneliness many of our guests face every day the atmosphere was one of making the most of the day and I think we all came away from it with a bounce in our step. It was lovely to see families joining staff on the day, being together is what it is all about. The carols, the conversations, the performances, the bingo! All brilliant!!

Mrs Wintle



Dunottar MBA Launched

During the October half term, the Careers department launched the Dunottar MBA, a unique business programme for students hosted by award-winning ideas company, *7billionideas*.

The two-day workshops (tailored to suit specific year groups) provided pupils with hands-on experience of the realities of entrepreneurship, including creative idea building, strategic thinking, initiative taking, crowd-funding and problem solving in a real-life business environment.

Over 60 pupils took part in these workshops which proved a huge hit with both parents and pupils.

"My son thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and



deemed it well worth forfeiting two days out of his half term break to take part. Interesting and inspirational are just two of many comments this afternoon.

What a fantastic opportunity for our Dunottar pupils! Please pass on my thanks to 7billionideas".

Future Skills Day

The Careers department were delighted to host our first Future Skills Day on Saturday 9th November. The day was made up of a carousel of practical workshops, run by industry experts, for pupils in years 10 and above, designed to provide hands-on guidance for those bamboozled by the idea of creating their first C.V., wondering about alternatives to university or dazed by how to manage their digital footprint. These sessions were followed by Ruth McIntyre of Ruth's Little Kitchen running a practical cookery lesson, providing pupils with some great tips for independent, healthy eating. Students made delicious stir fried food, and then ate their culinary delights together to finish.



Humanities Careers Evening

As part of our series of subject careers evenings this year, pupils attended a Humanities Careers Evening on 7th November.

The event was hosted by **Clare Davis, Head of Publishing at Yale University Press**, **Mr Bruff, the YouTube phenomenon**, whose GCSE revision guides average 30,000 views a day, **Social worker, David Morley**, who leads an NHS mental health team and **Andy Porteous, Chief Strategy Officer at Mavens of London**, a leading digital consulting company.

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Online Only

Ends 12th January



Academic Scholars Lectures and Activities

The Academic Scholars have continued to meet every Wednesday lunchtime this half term and enjoyed some very interesting talks from members of staff. Included amongst these was an insight into the work of Amnesty International given by Mrs O'Dwyer which prompted some very vibrant debate about human rights. Mr Taylor's session covering Emotional Intelligence helped us all to learn more about ourselves and to think about how our innate responses can drive behaviours.

We met with the winners of the AI competition we ran for local Year 5 pupils over the Summer. It was



very interesting to see the entries and we had a great time when the entrants were invited to join us at the school for the afternoon. As one of our Scholars said, 'I really enjoyed working with the younger pupils and

looking at the different perspectives regarding how people think technology can affect the future of our society.'

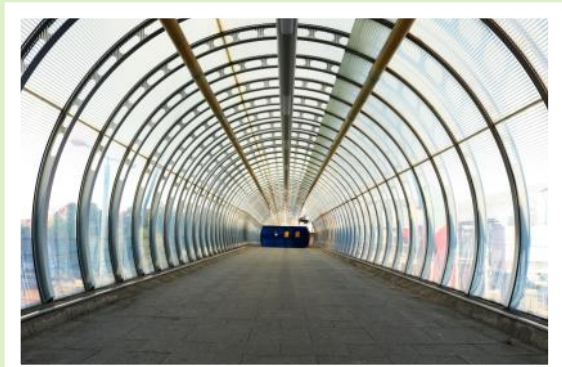
Our final Scholars' Evening Lecture on 5th December, was given by Mr Dominic Longman on cybercurrency and blockchain. We had a really informative lecture earlier in the half term when Professor Trevor Jones CBE came to talk on 'From Plants to Pills'. We were joined by other interested members of the school community to hear about the ways in which nature has led to cures and treatments for illnesses and disease. Being able to meet such an enthusiastic and knowledgeable scholar and scientist who was passionate about the discoveries still being made was a privilege and we all came away inspired and in awe of the work being done.

Please do look out for the Scholars' Lectures which are included in the Dunottar Download. We always have some tickets available for the wider school community should other pupils be interested in attending and would encourage you to come along and join us.

Photography

Image of the Week

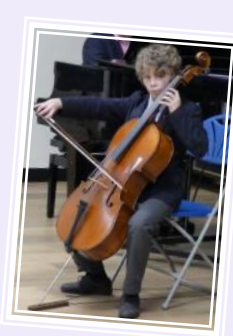
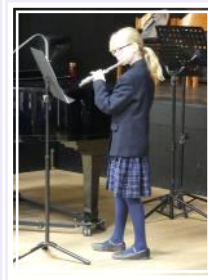
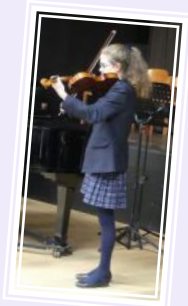
Each week, Mr Huxley chooses a selection of images that his photography pupils have created to be his "images of the week". This week sees some beautiful images on the theme of "Habitats" by Dylan (Year 11) and "Structure/ Architecture" by Josh (Year 11).



Music and Performing Arts

Informal Concert

On 13th November we were treated to an evening of musical performances from pupils across the school. It was lovely to see a large number of younger pupils taking part and showing tenacity in their first performances at Dunottar.



St Matthew's Concert

On Thursday 7th November, Dunottar Chamber Choir and soloists put on a lunchtime concert at St Matthew's Church in Redhill as part of their weekly concert series. In addition to some lovely choral pieces, there were stunning performances from soloists in Years 7-13. Well done to all involved!

Scholars' Trip

On 5th November, Dunottar musicians took part in a scholars' trip to the Cadogan Hall in London to watch the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra perform large works by Mozart and Beethoven. The performances were preceded by a talk on Beethoven's life by John Suchet, which was a useful opportunity for the pupils to understand the context before listening to the concert.



Join the Dunottar Choral Society

The Dunottar Choral Society is a long-standing and friendly choir comprised of Dunottar parents, past parents and friends. We meet every Thursday evening at 7.30pm-9.30pm in the Ballroom at Dunottar to sing a wide range of musical styles. We would love to welcome new members in January 2020! Please enquire through Miss Pettet (e.pettet@dunottarschool.com).

School Musical Casting

Congratulations to all those pupils who have been cast in our up and coming musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying". There were some excellent auditions from across the school and it was incredibly hard to choose.



The musical will be performed at Dorking Halls on **Thursday 26th March 2020**—save the date in your diaries!!



Facilities

Newly Refurbished Food Tech Room

We're delighted to officially unveil our newly refurbished Food Tech room. Funded through kind donations from the PTA, the Alumni, Dunottar School and a grant from The Savoy Trust (an organisation dedicated to promoting the hospitality industry) this new facility provides up to 16 pupils with a stunning space in which to study both their practical and theory lessons.



"Designed in keeping with the heritage of the mansion block, with hand-painted Victorian-style tiles, copper lighting and solid stone worktops, we hope pupils feel inspired in this new environment" - Andy Cotton, Estates Manager.

The room will also be used for outreach work with pupils from local community schools and community groups from local charities.

Building Update

Building work for the new £4.5 million Assembly Hall has made significant progress this half term. The foundations for both the ground floor (where the drama studio and music practice rooms will be located) and the first floor (hosting additional

classrooms) are now complete and the building's steel frame is rapidly taking shape. Supports are also being installed which will form the basis of the tiered seating area at the back of the hall.





The PTA would like to thank you for your support this term with

events - Quiz Night, Christmas Fair, Macmillan Cake Sale and also for supporting Caring at Christmas on Saturday 7th December. It is certainly always a busy term!

February sees the return of our ever popular comedy night so please buy your tickets and bring friends along. Tickets are on sale now (see poster for details).

In the meantime, we wish you and your families a fantastic Christmas. We hope that this term has been a happy term for your child/children at school and that they are as excited as we are about Christmas.

We will see you in 2020!

Carol and Jenni
Dunottar School PTA

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Saturday 1 FEBRUARY 2020
Comedy at Dunottar
Dunottar School, High Trees Rd, Reigate RH2 7EL
Doors 7.00pm
Comedy - 7.30pm start - ends at 10.30pm

Headline Act

Alistair Barrie is one of the top headliners on the international comedy circuit. He has performed in over 40 countries. He is a regular at London's world-famous Comedy Store and a core member of their weekly topical 'Cutting Edge' team. Alistair is a frequent panelist on BBC Scotland's award-winning 'Breaking the News' and has appeared on radio and television all over the world, from 'Good Morning South Africa' to 'The Blame Game' in Northern Ireland. He has also written for the BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and a number of other comedians, as well as keeping a regular blog, 'Food Ponce,' about restaurants he visits on his travels.
"Properly smart comedy for grown-ups. By a properly smart comic"
The Scotsman

Comper
Danny Ward has been delighting audiences both at home and abroad for over a decade. He is a winner of The Amused Moose People's Award at the Edinburgh Festival, has performed in over 18 countries and is the co-director and star of YouTube sensation Wheelbarrow Town.
"Slick, quick and packed with funny material"
ThreeWeeks
"Delightfully clever punchlines....it's clever stuff"
Chortle.com

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

Paddy Lennox first burst on to stage as a Stand-Up in 2001 only to be interrupted with a couple of comedies at the Shakespeare Globe Theatre and filming in far off lands, before returning to his new found passion. An engaging and instantly likeable comic, Paddy combines topical material with observational routines.
He's also an excellent voice-over artist and has voiced and appeared in numerous commercials.
"...simply a scream." **The Telegraph**

Dinesh Nathan has been making waves on the South East Comedy scene, winning South Coast Comedian Of The Year in 2019. A very likeable and promising act. He has also been a semi finalist in SYTYF 2017 and won the night at both Comedy Virgins and The Black Out at Up the Creek comedy.
"His confident, straight-faced delivery and outstanding material left (us) wanting more. He is one to watch"
Fringe Review

Caution: this performance will contain some adult humour as well as occasional bad language. ADULTS ONLY!!
Management Disclaimer: Please note - that while we make every effort, shows can change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances and commitments of artists



All new parents are asked to please sign up to Classlist

www.schoolclasslist.com for all

communications from the PTA.

To register visit the website, search for 'Dunottar School' and complete the registration form.

Please remember to download the Classlist app on your phone.



Save The Date

**Dunottar School PTA
Summer Family Party**

**Sunday 21st June
2020 (afternoon)**

**Details to follow in the
New Year**



Dunottar School



Rugby

U12s: The second half of the rugby term has been one of mixed success for the U12A and B rugby teams. We came up against well organised teams from Epsom College and Royal Alexandra and Albert School and put in a good performance to beat Ashford School. Despite some losses in these games, the boys' attitude, commitment and resilience could not be questioned. The competition for places in both the A and B teams has been extremely high this year and that is a credit to the boys' commitment to training and attitude in these training sessions. This year we have also rotated captaincy every game and it has been great to see different people leading the side each game and doing a great job in this capacity. It has also been pleasing to see this group of boys develop into a team and play expansive and inventive rugby.

U13s: At the time of writing this report, the U13 boys have played 9 matches, winning 4, losing 4 and drawing 1. In many respects this is the ideal season from a development perspective, as learning is often at its greatest in response to defeats. Every one of our opponents this season has possessed players that tower above us in stature, however, our pack has remained firm, and largely immovable at scrums.

We've spent a great deal of time inside the opponent's 22, without taking away a try to show for our territorial strength. The boys could profit from scanning the situation in front of them, identifying gaps in defence, mis-matches in personnel and communicating to outwit the opposition. The boys' work rate is tireless, and has been faultless throughout the season, to take their game to the next level, the ability to apply game management, take control and work smarter within matches will unquestionably see an improvement in performance. Stand out fixture for me as coach, has to have been Epsom College's 20-20 draw. Trailing 5-15 at half time, the team stepped up massively to score two tries in the final 5 minutes to seal an impressive draw against one of the country's finest rugby schools.

U14s: The U14 Rugby team have finished the season strongly with excellent performances vs Ashford School and Tonbridge School. Leo SC finished as the top try scorer for the year, with Reuben T finishing as the highest conversion scorer at this age group. The year group have shown a very mature approach to their rugby this term, which has seen them win 5 out of 8 competitive fixtures, scoring 173 points and conceding 141 throughout the year.

U15s: The Under 15s have developed well this term led by Tom W and James W as Co-Captains. The team have developed their game awareness and togetherness. They have never given up even when illness or unavoidable absence have meant boys playing out of position. Indeed during their win against Ashford we had three different players slotting in at fly half, a testament to how well the squad have worked.

As a group they finished the season with a well fought house competition and I look forward to seeing many of this side turning out for the first team next year.

U16s: The U16s faced a number of challenges this season. With a small pool of players, we struggled with availability and injuries. These challenges brought the group closer together which produced some spirited and entertaining rugby. Ewell Castle came up against a complete team performance and were beaten 35-10. Isleworth and Syon were a big physical team and outlasted us, pulling away in the final quarter to win 45-24. Riddlesdown got us on a bad day, and deservedly ran out victors. A game I believe the boys would like to play again, the only highlight being the brave effort of the U15 boys who stepped in. Our final game of the season saw us beat Ashford 12-10.

I would like to thank everyone involved in making this an enjoyable season from all the boys who stuck it out and represented their school with pride, to fellow staff and parents whose support was greatly appreciated.





Lacrosse

Lacrosse has gained huge momentum this season throughout the school. In games sessions, the enjoyment of the sport across all girls in all age groups has been great to witness. It has been great to see competition for selection of the Saturday match teams and we are now in a position to be able to run two teams per year group for next season.

Year 7: It is hard to appreciate just how far the year 7s have progressed, bearing in mind that most of them picked up a lacrosse stick for the first time in September. To put this in context, the first time they played Godstowe Prep they lost 13-0 and two months later when they played them again they won 9-7. Miss Grant boasts that they always turn up with loads of energy, enthusiasm and have an exceptional commitment to training. We are all looking forward to next season and seeing what they can achieve with another year of experience under their belts.

Year 8: The Year 8 girls have had a fantastic term of lacrosse and have been incredible fun. We've had 26 out of 29 girls represent the school at Lacrosse - 90%. I hope that increases next year amongst the same group. Mr Ogilvie has had an absolute ball with this special group of girls and thanks them for their efforts. We hope that they keep enjoying themselves and that will keep them playing. Keep playing and they'll keep improving.

Year 9: Mrs Bambridge's Year 9 team had a fantastic start to the season with a very intense match against St George's, resulting in a 7-6 win for the girls. They have shown huge improvement in their stick skills as well as their attacking and defensive positioning around the fan which was evident in the matches. The overall results were 3 wins, 2 losses and a draw which the girls should be very proud of. With the addition of three new players joining the team in September, I have no doubt the team will continue to grow stronger for next season.

Year 10: Year 10 have had a difficult season as they come up against teams stacked with girls playing lacrosse year round and also involved with county and national pathways. What has been most impressive is the fight that the girls have shown, never giving up in any of their matches. Against the trend in other schools, this year the squad has grown and is on the cusp of being big enough for two teams. They have been keen for extra practice, staying after school on Fridays when available, to work on their solid defence and much improved attack. We are really excited to see them playing next season as an addition to the senior.

Seniors: The senior team have played some great team lacrosse, narrowly losing to The Royal School and Claremont Fan Court School, finishing 7th out of 12 schools at Abbot's Hill tournament, and the highlight was remaining unbeaten in all five games at the fast paced 8-a-side small schools tournament hosted by the Royal School. Seeing the team integrate and get used to playing with each other shows that when these young ladies link up and find their flow they really can play some delightful lacrosse.

Dunottar will also be hosting the Year 9 Surrey Tournament on Wednesday 5th February at Old Reigatians and we hope anybody that is available will be able to come and support. Although the focus sport switches to netball after Christmas, there will still be weekly lunch clubs and a few extra sessions in the lead up to the remaining County Tournaments and National Schools Championships that take place from 29th February to 3rd March. There will also be the Alumni "Dunottar Old Girls v Girls of Dunottar" to be played later in the year and Dunottar will also host a tournament for local primary schools.

With so many great moments so far and no doubt more to come, Dunottar Lacrosse is full of promise for the future!



Swimming

The Lower Junior and Junior swim teams have enjoyed a successful term. There is a wonderful buzz at swim squad training on Monday afternoons and Wednesday & Friday before school. The hard technical work, and numerous lengths in training helped lead the Lower Junior (Year 7) boys and girls team to 1st and 2nd place, respectively, at a recent district gala. Both teams had a few unforeseen absences on the day of the gala, so these finishing positions are testament to the depth in each squad. Lydia has been a stalwart for the Junior girls team, swimming extremely well at galas and spearheading the team. This term within timetabled swim lessons, we have seen seconds flying off students' personal bests, with some students taking up to 15 seconds off of their 25m swim times. All students are welcome to attend Swim Squad training.

Cross Country

This term we have seen some great success in cross country. At the annual district events, the Year 10 Girls' team achieved an excellent second place as a team, with all team members finishing in the top 25. Despite falling over along the course, Pollyanne achieved a bronze medal in her first event for Dunottar, and looks a bright prospect for the future. In the boys event, the Year 7 team showed the packing qualities of the Year 10 girls, all finishing in the top 30, and deservedly were the second placed team. A number of Dunottar students will now be selected for South Surrey District at the annual



Surrey Schools' Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs in January. Elsewhere across the mud, there was a good showing of Dunottar boys and girls at the Reigate Parkrun over two weekends this term. It was so pleasing to see students challenging themselves, working

collaboratively, and displaying camaraderie in front of the local community. It was only noticed in the results afterwards that the girls had the pleasure of chasing Jake Wightman (an elite GB 1500m athlete), who ran the Parkrun in a blistering 16.31.

Netball



The U13 and U15 All Star netball teams both progressed to the second round of the National Plate Competition this season with some outstanding performances on the court. At the lower end of the school, we are excited to see such enthusiasm in year 7 and some great partnerships already forming. The U.15 squad have also really impressed us with their professional approach and determination in some really tough matches.

In November we welcomed Emily Gulvin from Surrey Storm and Dannii Tittmus from London Pulse who both worked with our netballers on various aspects of their game. It was a huge success and the girls are looking forward to putting all their hard work into action next term.

We're looking forward to pre-season training and the exciting netball season ahead!

GOLF

We would like to know if there are any students at the school, who regularly play golf, and would be confident to potentially represent the school. Please email s.manning@dunottarschool.com, if you think your child might be suitable.



Dunottar Recognised as One of Top 100 Cricket Schools

We are delighted to announce that Dunottar has been selected as one of the UK's top 100 senior cricket schools, recognised for its outstanding facilities, coaching and programme of fixtures.

Cricketer magazine produced a 124-page guide to UK schools following an exhaustive process that saw a record number of schools submit entries. All entries were judged against an extensive set of criteria. Dunottar sits in the guide alongside some of the UK's leading schools including Charterhouse, Epsom College and Clifton College.

The Cricketer magazine editor Simon Hughes said: "The Schools Guide is, as ever, a fantastic publication that celebrates schools cricket and gives deserved praise to all those teachers and coaches who put in the hard work to develop our future club, county and international cricketers.

Having watched many schools matches this summer I am pleased to report that the standard of cricket programmes and the level of passion for the game is as high as ever. Schools cricket has certainly benefitted from this incredible year for the sport. Congratulations to all of the schools included."



Copies of the guide can be viewed in Reception.



Water Polo

Look out for the new Water Polo club starting in the New Year. All ages, abilities and gender welcome!






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