



I just wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to all of your staff for working so hard to keep the children engaged and motivated. We have been enormously impressed with how you as a school have handled this very difficult situation. Really, you couldn't be doing a better job. My sons have been enthusiastic all day today, on their first day back "at school".

PARENT, YR 9 & 10

# Dunottar News

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Congratulations to the pupils for all their hard work in lessons this week. We had 100% attendance in almost all lessons this week which is a credit to our pupils. I have been pleased to

receive very positive feedback from parents about how well pupils are engaging with the remote learning programme and how actively they have got down to the various tasks and challenges after their Easter break.

I am also pleased with the quality and variety of our co-curricular programme. I enjoyed my 'virtual drop-ins' to several clubs this week. These included Amnesty International Club, where pupils were discussing the delivery of supplies such as toothpaste to a detention centre; Missing Maps Club where, on behalf of Médecins Sans Frontières, pupils are helping to map parts of the world that are currently unmapped; and Comedy Club where it was a delight to hear so much laughter at a range of good to average one-liners! The Dunottar Daily Challenges continue to engage us too.

Thank you to all the teachers for giving us such a flying start to term.

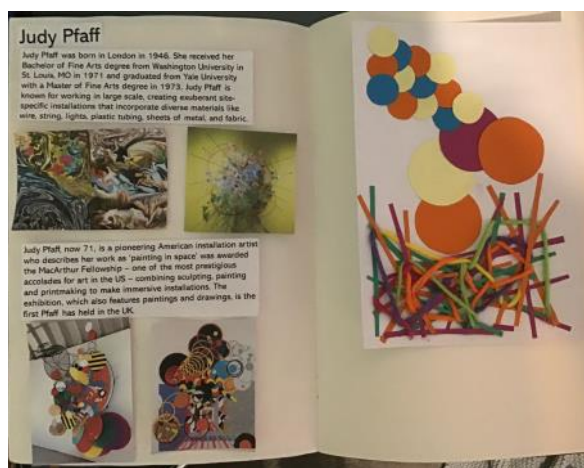
Enjoy the weekend and stay safe.

**Mark Tottman**  
Headmaster

## Pupils Embrace Virtual Learning

This week saw pupils and teachers engaging in our second week of remote learning, with full school timetables, assemblies and all – important form time. We are so proud of how the pupils have adapted to this new way of learning, and with our dedicated staff continuing to provide close support, this term looks set to be a very productive one.

We will continue to share examples of some of the fantastic work that has been going on at home on our social media channels, and have included a selection here.



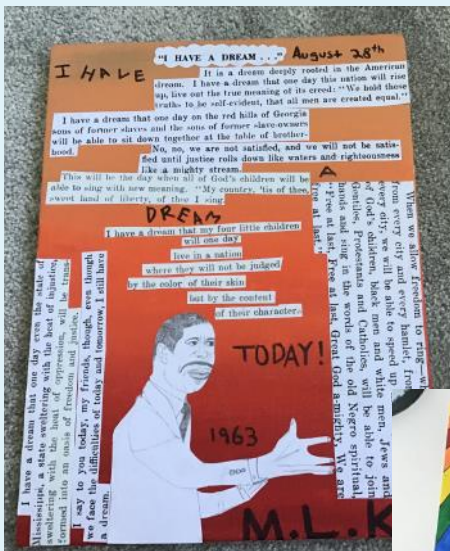
*Year 8  
Abstract Art*



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## Spirited Art by Year 8



**Au café** 🇫🇷  
Year 7 have been learning about foods and drinks that they can order in a café. They have been creating their own dialogues and recording themselves. Family members have been participating in their dialogue or pupils have been adding a bit of drama by changing their voices for the different people. It has been lovely to hear the students practising their French even if we cannot see them.

**MRS PENNELS**

### The starting procedure for the 100m run

To start the 100m: Your back leg, which starts off extended, will take the first quick step and come forward. Your front leg will then quickly move forward and propel you forward. Your hips will extend and catapult you upward and ahead.



### 100M

**The race starts...**  
The race officially starts with the firing of the starters gun

**The commands are...**  
The starting commands are "On your marks", "Set"

### The sprint start



### The five key technique tips from Usain Bolt

1. His hands go from his hips to his lips

Every 100-meter sprinter must begin the race with his feet in the starting blocks. The official race starter will call the sprinters to their blocks and on command the runners will adopt a set position. The set position requires the runners to have both feet in the blocks and adopt a position with the body weight on their hands. On the starter's gun all runners begin the race.

The width of a lane is specified by the IAAF rules or the governing body of a 100-meter sprint event. Any 100-meter sprinter who leaves her lane or obstructs the path of another sprinter will be automatically disqualified from the race. Stepping on the white lines is ruled as having left your lane during the race.

### Sprinters warm up:



High knee walks



Bottom kicks



High knee skips



Long jumps

### 100M



Leg kicks

## Sprint start



When you are about to finish the race, dip (bend your chest), so that you can reach the end more quickly



## Fantastic Artwork from Years 7, 8 & 9



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I just wanted to let you know that my son has been enjoying his maths lessons so much that he has even been sharing his work with his siblings! They are all very impressed with the SURDs learning.

**MRS TARRANT**



**Dunottar School**

# Competitions

## Schools History Competition



Schools  
History Project

**Calling all historians!** If you would like to develop your research skills and practise your extending writing skills, the Schools History Project Essay Competition is now open for entries. Pupils are invited to submit their answers to the question:

***"If 1066 is said to be the most important date in English history, what is the equivalent in another country?"***

Further details can be found here: <http://www.schoolshistoryproject.co.uk/schools-history-project-essay-competition-in-association-with-professor-peter-frankopan-and-no-more-marking/>

If pupils would like to enter, they should speak to their History teacher.

## Name the Dunottar Badgers

We now have a Dunottar Badger Cam! Approximately 12 badgers have made Dunottar's grounds their home. We would like to name two of our badgers and will be following them on our badger cam.

Email your suggestions to [k.tomlinson@dunottarschool.com](mailto:k.tomlinson@dunottarschool.com)



## Great Dunottar Bake Off

Mrs French's next challenge is "Leftovers" - make any dish of your choice which you think makes good use of leftovers and store cupboard ingredients. This doesn't need to be a baked dish.



Entry photos should be emailed to [a.french@dunottarschool.com](mailto:a.french@dunottarschool.com) by 3rd May.

## Headmaster's Quiz

We hope you enjoyed the first in our series of Headmaster's Quizzes on social media. The answers can be found below:



1. Main gates
2. Zip wire
3. In the bee hive area
4. Flooring in the Mansion House corridor
5. Doors to Dining Hall
6. Statue on the Mansion House balustrade
7. Fireplace in Reception
8. Outdoor chessboard
9. Steps outside Sixth Form Centre
10. Entrance to Mansion House
11. Staircase in Mansion House
12. Front lawn outside Sixth Form Centre

How many did you get?

Look out for next week's challenge on  
**@DunottarHead**





## Virtual Co-Curricular Timetable Launched

While our pupils at Dunottar continue with their education from home, it is very important to us that we provide a range of co-curricular clubs for pupils to engage in alongside their academic studies. To that end, we have been working to create a co-curricular programme which will enable pupils to collaborate outside of lessons, be creative, stay active and remain cerebrally challenged during this period.

The full co-curricular timetable can be viewed [here](#). Pupils should email the teacher who is running the club if they would like to join.

Here is just a taster of some of the clubs that were running this week.

### Pelican eMagazine

Our warrior learner journalists have begun writing content for the next edition of our student eMagazine! Here's a sneak peek at some of the fantastic work in progress.



This term, we're aiming to have more editions than usual.

If you're interested in designing a front cover, submitting some photos or work that you're proud of, or writing an article, please send it to [Pelican@dunottarschool.com](mailto:Pelican@dunottarschool.com). Alternatively, email us to register an interest in joining the club, which is on Fridays, 1.10-1.50pm.

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I just wanted to say thank you for doing such a great job of putting together the co-curricular schedule. The teachers are all doing a great job - thank you very much. Having the support of school like this makes such a huge difference and we are very lucky.

MRS DAVIS



### FIFA Season Kicks Off



Dunottar staff and pupils kicked off the first game of the season in our new FIFA Club this week. Can anyone top Mr Myers' goal of the day? The club is live streamed on @DunottarSport every Wednesday.

### Embroidery & Cross-Stitch Club

If pupils would like to learn how to embroider then they can join Mrs Buchanan's remote sewing club this term.

Anyone is welcome to take part and no prior experience is needed. There will be various sewing options available from beginners to a more experienced level. Have a look at the embroidery that Mrs Buchanan completed during the Easter break - the full kit is available to buy online and she is happy to guide you through the process each week.



## Fundraising for Local Hospital & Ambulance Station

Well, this week has been the strangest start back to school hasn't it? No school uniform to iron, no sports kit to find, no school shoes to polish, no school bus to run for. I asked my son if, at registration, his teacher had asked if they had all had a good Easter break and what they had each done or where they had been! He looked at me blankly!

### Sunday Family Funday – New Date

The PTA have been working (a little) behind the scenes on a few things. Firstly, we have decided to postpone our Sunday Funday which was scheduled in June. We hope (fingers and toes crossed) to be able to hold the event in September - watch this space!

### PTA COVID-19 Fundraising for East Surrey Hospital (ESH) & Redhill Ambulance Station



We have been busy raising funds for ESH & Redhill Ambulance staff over the past week. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THE DONATIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED ALREADY. Thanks to Jenni Cole (who spearheaded this and who has been in close contact with ESH/Ambulance) we have a pretty long list of items that staff are in desperate need of. Donations received so far will be going to items such as Manuka Honey, to use topically to help prevent scarring from the PPE face masks; soft drinks to refresh dehydrated staff and sleeping aids such as lavender sprays for sleep deprived, and I imagine pretty traumatised staff. We hope to deliver these items, as well as tea/coffee/soft drinks in the next few days and will continue to support as we receive your donations. We will keep you posted via Facebook, Classlist and Twitter.

If you haven't yet donated and are in a position to give any amount, please do so. Please make your payment online to our Dunottar PTA account:

Lloyds Bank  
Sort code 30-94-38  
Account Number : 01626669

The PTA will use ALL the monetary donations for ESH. Donations can be made at any time as we will trickle supplies through to them when funds allow. We will keep you posted on how we get on.

### PTA New Faces Needed

We URGENTLY need new active PTA members. The end of this term will see a number of key and long-standing PTA members leaving the PTA as their children move on to new pastures. It is important to all of us that our PTA continues to thrive and grow as our school does.

If you fancy a new challenge, whether a current parent or joining the school in September, please can you get in touch with us, sooner rather than later, at [info@dunottarschoolpta.co.uk](mailto:info@dunottarschoolpta.co.uk) for a chat. We can tell you more about how we operate and give details of the positions we urgently need to fill.

Keep safe, stay well and we look forward to seeing you on the other side of this surreal life!

Carol & Jenni on behalf of the PTA



## Be Outstanding...

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

Pupil	Year	Award	Subject	
Paige S	7	Academic Distinction	MFL	Paige produced an amazing section on Phonics in her French book in BookCreator.
Amélie Y	8	Academic Distinction	MFL	Amélie produced an excellent film about her house using key language and demonstrating a sound understanding of agreements.

## Network Manager and NHS Hero

We are immensely proud of our Network Manager, Tom Stevens, who selflessly worked on the NHS frontline in the Accident & Emergency Department at Lewisham Hospital over the Easter holidays. Tom spent two weeks assisting with patient care and taking observations. He underwent training to use 12 lead ECGs, and helped transfer patients onto hospital beds, reducing the burden on the frontline staff.

Covering 4 day shifts and 4 night shifts, Tom worked across a number of areas including the Green Resus, Streaming Desk, Green Majors and Red Majors areas within the Emergency Department.

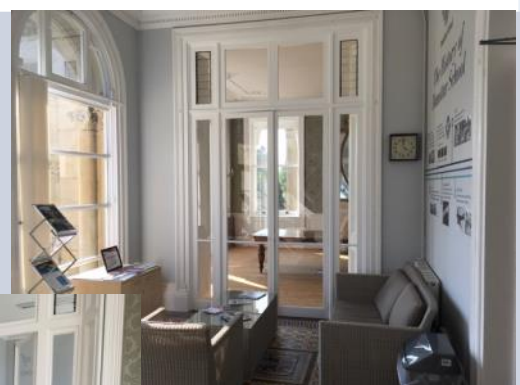
At the streaming desk, Tom took patient observations, whilst they spoke to a Doctor or Nurse before they were triaged. The observations helped determine whether the patient was suspected of having Covid-19.

Thank you Tom, we are all incredibly proud of you!!!



## Estates Update—Restoration Works

Whilst work has been continuing on the new Assembly Hall, our Estates Team have also been busy inside the Mansion House carrying out restoration and improvement works. Glass partition doors have been reinstated between the Conservatory and the Drawing Room in the Mansion House, creating a much brighter and airier meeting room space. Thanks to Mr Cotton and his team for all their hard work restoring this beautiful building!





# Great Dunottar Bake Off Star Bakers

## Week 1—Pizza



### Star Baker

Ed W (Yr 8)

## Week 2—Spring Biscuits



Mrs French's comments:  
"Perfect for the theme and beautiful neat decoration."

### Star Bakers

Bella (Yr 6) &  
Hannah H  
(Yr 10)



We have been very impressed with the fantastic entries we've received for the Great Dunottar Bake Off. We were especially pleased to receive entries from so many pupils in Year 6 who will be joining Dunottar in September!

Well done to everyone who has baked so far!

Mrs French's comments:  
"Gorgeous use of biscuits!  
The tree looks so bright and colourful."

## Week 3 Part A—Pies



### Star Baker

Maela (Yr 6)

Mrs French's comments: "Beautiful shaping of pastry, lovely glazing and crispy pastry."

## Week 3 Part B—Cake



### Star Baker

Martha C  
(Yr 7)

Mrs French's comments: "A stunning red velvet cake, beautiful, careful decoration."



## Lacrosse Awards for Dunottar Pupils

Congratulations to Dunottar pupils Tabby, Lottie and Kate, and Dunottar alumna Emma, for some great recognition at the RPLC Dragonflies end of season awards. The girls received the following awards:

- Tabby M: Most Improved Player of the season
- Lottie B: Coaches Player of the season
- Emma M: Most Valuable Player in Attack of the season
- Kate S: Most Valuable Player in Defense of the season



## Pupils Selected for Oxford Computing Challenge

In November 2019, alongside thousands of other students across the country, our Year 9 pupils take part in the University of Oxford BEBRAS Computational thinking challenge where they are presented with various logical thinking puzzles. Pupils who score highly enough are invited to compete in The Oxford Computing Challenge. We are delighted that two Dunottar pupils, Alexa B and Harry T were selected to participate and were given a variety of complex programming challenges to solve on the day.

Well done Alexa and Harry!



## Sports Pub Quiz

For some light-hearted entertainment, don't forget the Dunottar Sports Pub Quiz, Friday at 7pm. Follow [@DunottarSport](https://twitter.com/DunottarSport) to join in.



## Remote Learning Resources

For a wealth of additional resources and activities for pupils and their families from sporting activities to well-being advice, book recommendations to recipe suggestions, take a look at our [Remote Learning Resources](#) page on our website.

Don't forget to check out the [#DunottarDailyChallenge](#) too!

## Wellbeing During Covid-19

For information and advice on how to look after your family's mental health and wellbeing during the pandemic, visit our [Wellbeing page](#) on the school website.

