



“We have been really impressed at the quality of the teaching, interaction and support that our son has received, despite the fact that everyone is working under incredibly challenging circumstances. We're full of admiration for the speed at which the school has adapted to this new way of working, and the encouraging and patient attitudes demonstrated by the teaching staff.

Year 7 parent

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This half term pupils have been focused on their internal exams and I am incredibly proud of the warrior learner behaviours pupils have demonstrated as they cope in these

challenging circumstances. We aim to help each pupil to continue to improve by providing feedback on their work.

This evening, we will be hosting the last of our virtual music concerts, with a performance from the Upper School which I hope many of you will join me in watching. Next week, our Year 10 and 12 pupils will be returning to school for some re-connection time with their tutors and peers. With school having been closed for such a prolonged period, I am very much looking forward to welcoming them back.

Although many of the usual end-of-term activities cannot take place this year, I am delighted that we will still be able to host our cross-curricular activities in the final week of term, albeit remotely. Pupils will also be able to compete in their Houses in our virtual Sports Day, Dunottar2Dunnottar, creatively arranged by the PE Department on the penultimate day of term. Staff have been working incredibly hard to put together this fun and engaging programme for the pupils. I hope that they benefit from and enjoy the experience and I look forward to seeing the results.

Enjoy the weekend and take care,

Mark Tottman
Headmaster

Winners of “Funny Faces” Art Competition Announced

During an unprecedented period of school closure, we launched our “Funny Faces” art competition to all Year 5 pupils in the local area. Pupils were asked to create a face based on the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, an Italian painter, best known for creating imaginative portrait heads made entirely of objects such as fruits, vegetables, flowers, fish and books.

The competition received a tremendous response, with entries from over 40 pupils, attending 10 different primary and independent preparatory schools in the region. The children’s creativity and flair impressed the judges, using a range of

Sophie



Sophia

The Lady with Big Earrings



Lucy

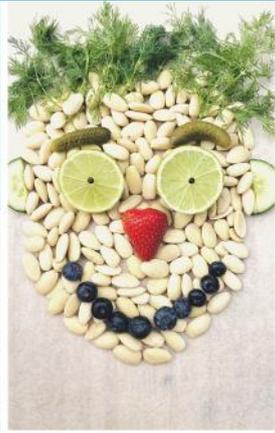


Alice

Pollution Pirate



Holly



Chloe



materials from leaves to rhubarb, crayons and pencil shavings, pasta and sweets, clothes, crisps and coins.

Belinda Horn, Head of Visual Arts, who ran the competition commented:

"This was one of the hardest art competitions I have ever had to judge. The standard of the entries was exceptional. I was amazed by how inventive the pupils were when choosing materials to use for their 'Funny Faces'. There were flowers and sweets, books and tools as well as clothes and garden equipment. Every single one of them made me smile."

The imaginative winning entry was created by James Liddiard using coins, pencils and even toy soldiers.

Second and third places were awarded to pupils at Reigate Parish, St John's Primary, Micklefield and Reigate Priory School.

The activity provided a fun and interesting challenge for pupils whilst they were unable to attend school.

Milla



Fifeh



Jasmine



1st

Prizes were also awarded to:

Holly, Maria, Sophia, Alice, Jasmine and Fifeh.

Thank you to all the children who entered the competition—we really loved seeing all of your imaginative entries! Well done!



Competitions and Activities

Great Dunottar Fake-Away Challenge

This week's challenge is to create a Pizza Express inspired family banquet. You must include a starter, main and dessert.



Email your entries to a.french@dunottarschool.com by 28th June.

Further details on the weekly challenges can be viewed [here](#).

Pelican Magazine Winner

Congratulations to Nina in Year 9 whose design has been chosen for the next issue of the student magazine, The Pelican. Nina, you've won a £10 Amazon e-voucher!



Scholars' Competition

Dunottar Scholars would like Year 5 pupils to choose an inspirational person to research and then create a presentation about them.

- They can choose any inspirational figure. Research some details about their chosen person and then present their findings.
- The presentation can be in any of the following formats: a newspaper article, an 'imagined' interview, a film, a mini play (maybe family members can help with acting the parts), a poster, an essay, or other form of writing.
- Please email entries to Mrs Wintle: n.wintle@dunottarschool.com and Mrs Tottman: r.tottman@dunottarschool.com including your name, age and current school by **30th June**.

Book tokens to be won, plus an invitation to a Dunottar Scholars' workshop.

Lockdown Poetry Competition Winner

Congratulations to Thomas Reid, whose poem was selected as the winner of our Lockdown Poetry Competition. Head of English, Mrs Lewis, who judged the competition, commented, "It was fresh, original and delightful to read. I love Thomas's positive attitude to life!"

*I quite like lockdown,
I certainly wouldn't frown,
I practise doing paragraphs,
My sister does lots of arts and crafts,
I talk to my friends in different places,
But usually we don't see each other's faces,
After school I explore Reigate Hill,
I climb big trees which is a thrill,
I learnt to convert fractions to decimals,
Through the TV I study different animals,
We made a tree stump into noughts and crosses,
Our parents are on work calls to their bosses,
In the garden we throw a 'times-tables' ball,
We tried to make sure it didn't fall,
I am doing really well on my guitar,
In lockdown I have come very far.*

By Thomas Reid



Competitions and Activities

PTA COVID-19 Mug Design Competition

The closing date for entries of the Mug Design Competition has been extended to **Monday 22nd June**. Details on how to enter are below. The PTA look forward to receiving your entries!

COVID-19 MUG DESIGN COMPETITION

CALLING ALL CREATIVE, ARTISTIC TALENT FROM DUNOTTAR SCHOOL.



To thank our local community COVID-19 **KEYWORKERS** we are giving them 'thank you mugs' which we'd like you to design!

2 x winning designs from Lower School
2 x winning designs from Upper School
on over 150 mugs...

Winning entry will be chosen by Dunottar PTA committee and winners will have their image displayed on the mug, plus receive a souvenir mug.

Mugs will be delivered to East Surrey Hospital Key Staff; Redhill Ambulance Staff and local Care Home Staff (from donations collected from Dunottar parents)



Entry Conditions:

- 1 entry per student
- Entries can contain words and/or graphic, logo or image.
- Your image will appear on the front of the mug.
- Artwork must be on white paper no bigger than A5
- Image needs to reflect our thanks and appreciation to **Key Workers**.
- Entries emailed to Dunottar PTA by Monday 15th June at 5pm.
- info@dunottarschoolpta.co.uk

Cooking Club

The latest mouth-watering delights from Mrs French's Cooking Club—Malteser Slice—yum!



Sports Day—Thursday 2nd July...



...Watch This Space

Inside Dunottar—Teachers' Blog

This week Mr Kokott, Head of Psychology at Dunottar, considers the impact that COVID-19 has had on our use of social media.

COVID-19 has given us all an opportunity to stop and reflect on what is important in our lives. It has provided a unique experience where we have been forced to look at life from a different angle. The psychology of social media, and the fabricated world it recreates, has always been an interest of mine. Tracking the changes in how people interact via social media over the past eleven weeks or so has been particularly interesting.



[Read more](#)



Be Outstanding...

Well done to all our pupils who have been awarded Academic Distinctions this half term.

We would like to give a special mention to Sebastian who has been awarded four academic distinctions this term—keep up the great work Sebastian!

Pupil	Year	Award	Subject	Teacher's Comment
Manny, J	8	Academic Distinction	PE	Manny has been so proactive with his learning and skill development within Physical Education this term. He produced a phenomenal piece of work related to his Cricket based on what he achieved throughout the Games afternoon. Manny does his fitness sessions before school and then completed just shy of 5 hours of different skills based on the clips received from Mr Myers. Each session was recorded and added to his portfolio. He has gone above and beyond since lockdown to develop his skill level and thoroughly deserves an academic distinction from the Physical Education department.
Lewis, B	9	Academic Distinction	Co-curricular	Lewis has deserved his Academic Distinction for his contributions to the Pelican eMagazine. In planning meetings, he contributes a range of thoughtful and imaginative ideas that inspire his peers. As a result of his imaginative input and collaborative skills, the magazine has moved from strength to strength.
Sebastian, W	9	Academic Distinction	Co-curricular	Seb has deserved his Academic Distinction for his excellent leadership skills in running the magazine and enlisting contributions from his peers. He has spent a considerable amount of his free time on the magazine; as a result, in his capacity of Chief Editor, he has collaborated to produce a magazine that is of a very high quality.
Olivia, C	10	Academic Distinction	MFL	Liv has produced some amazing writing where she achieved 100% in both a 90 word and 150 word task using a range of tenses, brilliant complex language and opinions.
Rosie, K	10	Academic Distinction	MFL	Rosie has produced an exceptional piece of writing in French. She has used sophisticated language and key vocabulary thus demonstrating an enormous amount of work. I am so impressed.
Rosie, K	10	Academic Distinction	MFL	Rosie has submitted two exceptional pieces of work which demonstrated a huge amount of work. She has manipulated extremely complex structures beautifully and has been awarded an Academic Distinction.
Jessica, C	10	Academic Distinction	MFL	I am awarding Jess an Academic Distinction for the exceptional quality of her last piece of work. She extended in writing and in speaking. She used complex structure and demonstrated a superb grasp of the language covered so far. I am so very impressed.

Lower School Concert

I would like to express my sincerest thanks and a huge 'well done' to all the pupils in Years 7 and 8 who performed in our first ever 'virtual' school concert recently. There was such an exciting range of musical styles and exceptional talent on display. Recording a performance for a virtual audience is very different to performing 'live' and brings different challenges. All those involved have shown excellent 'Warrior' characteristics and should be very proud of what they have achieved!

Ms Pettet



The Final of the Great Dunottar Bake-Off

Week 8 of the Great Dunottar Bake-Off saw our bakers creating a superb selection of Afternoon Teas. Jack, in Year 8 was awarded Star Baker for his fruit scones with blackcurrant jam and clotted cream, mini lemon meringue pies, and savoury ham and asparagus pinwheel sandwiches.



Mrs French's comments:

"Well done Jack! Beautiful baking. So many different skills on display and your afternoon tea fits the brief perfectly."

Mrs French would like to say big congratulations and a huge thank you to everyone who took part in her Bake-Off challenge. It has been a delight to see your bakes each week!

And so, to the results.....

The most creative baker goes to ...

Bella, Year 6



Star baker most times goes to...

Maela, Year 6



The overall STAR BAKER of the Great Dunottar Bake-Off is.....

Martha, Year 7

CONGRATULATIONS!



Building Update



Assembly Hall Progress Update

Building work on the new Assembly Hall continues to make really good progress despite the current situation. Work on both the roof and the guttering has been finished completely; window frames and glass have been installed in the rooms on the first floor, at the top of main hall and in the Drama room. On the exterior, the stone arches at the front entrance and the decorative brickwork are nearly complete. All internal block work is now complete with all rooms fully formed. Work has now begun on the inside with plaster boarding underway.



Year 7 Local History Work

Earlier this term, our Year 7 Historians began studying local history as part of Local History Month. A few examples of their work can be seen here.

The castle was used to save the memory of William earl warren who in old days dwell there. Richard Barnes at his own expense erected this gateway in the year 1777.



Reigate Castle

It is located- 2 High St, Reigate RH2 9PU

Today, nothing remains of the castle itself other than the mound on which it once stood, the mock medieval gate was built using remains from the original castle in 1777. The castle grounds are now a public garden.

- In 1216 the castle was one of many captured by the French in southern England, including Chichester Castle. The castle became property of Fitzalan, earl of Arundel, in 1347, and from 1397 was owned by a variety of Lords of the Manor of Reigate. It was occupied until the 16th century but began to fall into disrepair thereafter. The Castle was a C12 construction of motte and bailey type with a shell keep, but none of the masonry survived.

William de Warren of Surrey order the caste to be built. He was governor of Rouen in 1135. Around 1150 the Warrens ordered a town to be constructed below the castle.

It was demolished in 1648 after occupation as a garrison during the Civil War by followers of a Royalist uprising.

The significant people involved in this site in history?

King William, William de Warenne, Earl of Surrey, Earl of Arundel.

Reigate Castle

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Where is Reigate Castle?

Has it's use changed over time? The castle has changed over time because most of it was gotten down and and only what's left of is the gateway and it is now a public place by a variety of people.

What was Reigate Castle's purpose in the past? The purpose of Reigate castle in the past was to save the memory of William Earl of Warenne. Richard Barnes at his own expense erected the gateway in the year 1777. It was named a public place by a variety of people.

Any other interesting facts? Around 1150 the de Warrens ordered that a town be constructed below the castle. In 1216 the castle was won one of the many captured by the French in Southern England, including Chichester castle. It was demolished in 1648 after occupation as a garrison during the medieval war by followers of a uprising.

REIGATE CAVES

THE BARONS' CAVE IS PART OF THE DEMOLISHED NORMAN CASTLE AND IS ONE OF THE OLDEST SHOW CAVES IN BRITAIN. THE MAIN ORIGINAL USE OF THE CAVES WAS FOR STORAGE. THE SOUTHERN SECTION WAS BUILT BY BLACKISTON AND SON AS A STORE FOR WINES, BEERS AND SPIRITS. IN THE 20TH CENTURY, THIS STORE WAS TAKEN OVER BY ADAMS'S STORES, WHO HAD A SHOP IN WHAT IS NOW THE CAFÉ ROUGE. THE NORTHERN PARTS OF THE CAVES WERE USED AS A BEER CELLAR BY REIGATE'S ONE TIME LOCAL BREWER, MELLERSH AND NEALE. THEIR BREWERY WAS WHERE THE MORTON'S CAR PARK NOW IS. IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR, SOME OF THE TUNNELS BECAME A RESERVE LOCAL CONTROL CENTRE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND THE SECTION AT THE NORTHERN END BECAME A PUBLIC AIR RAID SHELTER, RUN TOGETHER WITH THE SHELTER IN THE WEST SIDE CAVES.

MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS REIGATE CAVES THE BARONS' CAVE IS ONE OF BRITAIN'S OLDEST SHOW CAVES. IT IS PART OF THE OLD NORMAN CASTLE, WHICH WAS DEMOLISHED MANY YEARS AGO, AND IS ONE OF REIGATE'S OLDEST SURVIVING MEDIEVAL FEATURES. THE CASTLE WAS PROBABLY BUILT BY THE SECOND EARL OF SURREY, WILLIAM DE WARRENNE, SOON AFTER 1088. NOBODY KNOWS HOW EXACTLY OLD THE BARONS' CAVE IS. THE OLDEST REFERENCE TO IT DATES FROM 1586 WHEN CAMPDEN DESCRIBES "AN EXTRAORDINARY PASSAGE WITH A VALLED ROOF HEWN WITH GREAT LABOUR OUT OF THE SOFT STONE: DOORS AND WINDOWS WITH A SIMILAR PROFILE TO THE CAVE PASSAGES WERE BEING BUILT FROM ABOUT 1200 ONWARDS, BUT WE MUST BE CAREFUL BEFORE DRAWING ANY CONCLUSIONS FROM THIS."

CURRENT USE: IT'S NOW THE HOST FOR A SHOOTING CLUB

MAP OF THE TUNNELS

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