



"Your delivery of school work is so outstanding, the teachers engage with the children so much and the children are taught so well, I listened in earlier and it was like they were in a classroom but so comfortable and happy. Thank you!"

Year 8 parent



Dunottar News



As we draw to the end of our first full week of remote learning, I can say that I am very proud of our school community and how well we have adapted to the challenge of another lockdown. I

am confident that the combination of live teaching and online support that our pupils are receiving, across the curriculum in its broadest sense, is at the highest end of what any young person in any school in the country is currently able to access. Pupils are working hard, learning is happening and teachers are finding creative ways to bring the curriculum to life. We are teaching every lesson, to every pupil, every day.

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in such positive comments and messages of support; these really are appreciated and I share them with staff regularly.

I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing our virtual co-curricular programme up and running again this week, providing additional opportunities for pupils to be creative, to be involved and to have fun. This Saturday we have our second virtual sporting fixture for pupils, staff, parents and the whole Dunottar community. Please get involved by cycling, running or walking and help Dunottar to defend our champion's title!

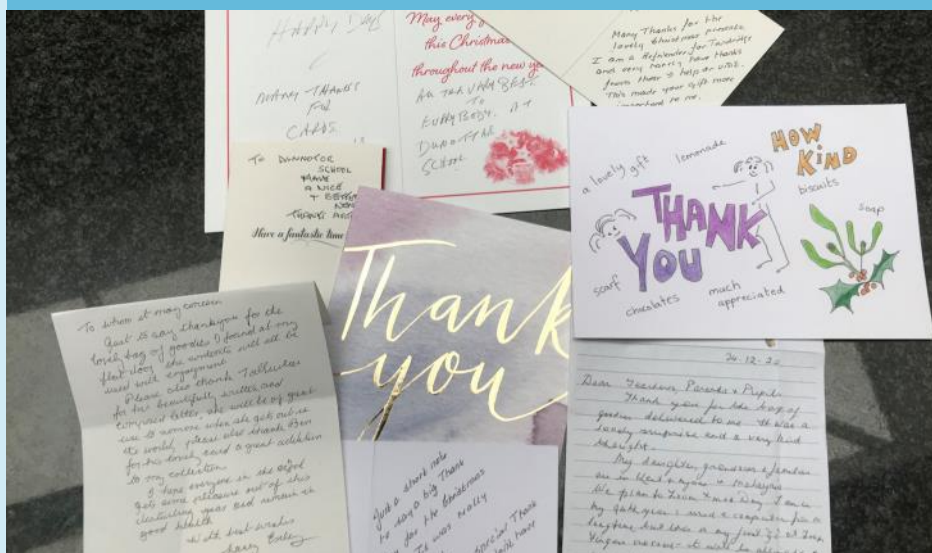
Stay safe and enjoy the weekend!

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"Thank You From the Bottom of My Heart"

As you will all be aware, due to coronavirus, we had to cancel our annual Caring at Christmas event. This is an ever-popular, heart-warming day for the local elderly community and an opportunity for the school's staff and pupils to come together, volunteering to transport guests, serve food and drink, lead singing and compere a brilliant game of bingo.

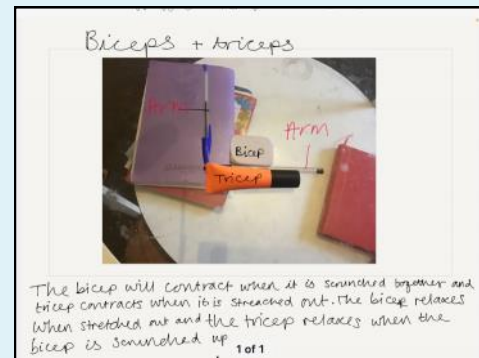
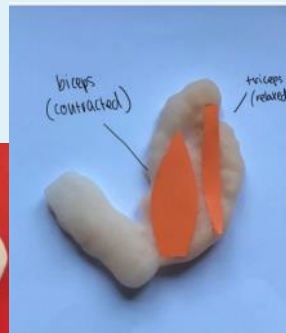
However, thanks to our generous parent and the Dunottar School PTA supporters, we were able to deliver festive gift bags and Christmas cards handwritten by pupils to our elderly community. It has been lovely to receive such wonderful thank you messages from those who received the gifts bags.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Dunottar at our next Caring at Christmas event.

Remote Learning Snapshot

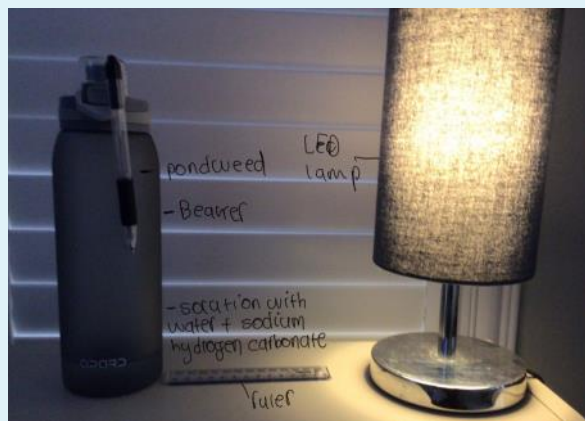
Here are just a few examples of some of the excellent learning that has taken place during our first week of online teaching.

Year 8 Science: Modelling Antagonistic Muscle Pairs



Year 10 Biology: Modelling Photosynthesis

Pupils have been demonstrating creativity in their remote learning this week, with these practical science modelling activities.



Year 7 French: Designing New Year cards in Book Creator app



Year 7 History: The Silk Roads

In History this half term, Year 7 pupils are undertaking a new historical enquiry titled 'What travelled along the Silk Roads'? The Silk Roads were the trade routes stretching from China in the east, to Europe in the west, which developed from Roman times onwards. Pupils will be learning not only about the products being traded, such as silk and spice, but also the ideas, religious beliefs and knowledge that was being shared, alongside the pandemic of the Middle Ages - the Black Death. The inspiration for this enquiry was the book by historian Peter Frankopan entitled 'The Silk Roads - a new history of the world'.

The History Department at Dunottar has been working hard to develop a broader curriculum to expand pupils' horizons beyond a predominantly Eurocentric curriculum.



Remote Co-Curricular Programme Launched

During this period of national lockdown, it more important than ever to us that pupils continue to collaborate outside of lessons, be creative, stay active and remain cerebrally challenged. From a pastoral perspective, participating in these activities will have a positive impact on pupils' wellbeing and help to counter the feeling of being isolated whilst away from school. With this in mind, on Tuesday 12th January we launched our Spring co-curricular programme which is packed full of activities to keep pupils engaged and busy, whilst also allowing them to get together with friends and, most importantly, have fun!

Included in the timetable are some of our popular clubs, such as Beekeeping Club, Art Club, Podcast Club and Cooking Club, which have been adapted for remote learning, alongside some new additions, such as FIFA Club, Comedy Club and Geoguessr Club. Full details of all the clubs can be found by clicking [here](#).



Co-Curricular Timetable Spring 2021	
Monday	
DUNOTTAR CHESS TOURNAMENTS, 12.45-1.15PM Dunottar is launching chess online! Each week, virtual matches will take place between pupils and staff. All levels welcome. Mr McClure (m.mcclure@dunottarschool.com)	ART CLUB, 12.45-1.15PM In Art Club, we will be looking at using materials and media that are readily available to everyone. Each week we will be trying out a new technique and creating our own pieces of artwork. It would be helpful to have any magazines and different papers as well as cereal packets to help us get started! Mrs Horn (b.horn@dunottarschool.com)
PTA PENPAL SCHEME FOR YEAR 9 DUKE OF EDINBURGH VOLUNTEERS, 1.15-1.45PM The PenPal scheme is organised by the Parents' and Teachers' Association at Dunottar and is an opportunity to reach out to members of the community and make connections. You will provide virtual weekly friendship support to elderly care home residents in a variety of different and caring ways such as writing letters, poems and short stories. With COVID-19, residents are unable to see visitors so more than ever will benefit from support in ways such as this. Mrs Gilman (h.gilman@dunottarschool.com)	SISTER ACT MUSICAL REHEARSALS (SONG REHEARSALS), 1.15-1.45PM This will be with selected cast members each week to prepare songs for our school musical, which we aim to put on when we return to school. Get your singing voices ready! Ms Pettit (e.pettit@dunottarschool.com)
Tuesday	
PODCAST CLUB - LOCKDOWN EDITION!, 12.45-1.15PM Through the medium of podcast, we will bring you the latest news, interviews, and interesting stories, recorded by our Sixth Form Podcasters. If you are interested in participating and would like to record your own podcast, please contact us at podcast@dunottarschool.com	BEEKEEPING CLUB, 12.45-1.15PM In a slight change to our normal beekeeping offering, Beekeeping Club will give you the opportunity to learn about the subject through creative and practical activities remotely. The aim of this club will be for you to build a bee sanctuary for a garden using commonly found materials. You will be given and directed to a range of online resources in order to plan, design and build your bee house at your own pace with peer and teacher support. Mr Kopej (j.kopej@dunottarschool.com)

Look out for our first Friday Music Session at 5pm today!

Charity

Deen Braves the Shave for Macmillan

Huge congratulations go to Deen B, who braved the shave in December to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Bravely entrusting two of his classmates with electric clippers, Deen raised an incredible **£2,000** for the charity. A fantastic effort—well done Deen!

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Wellbeing Resources

Wellbeing at Dunottar remains of high importance as we return to remote learning. The wellbeing team has been busy this week checking in with each year group and individual pupils, helping with any worries or concerns. During these challenging times, it is vital that we all look after ourselves and each other. For useful tips and advice on how you can support your child and each other at home, please visit the [wellbeing page](#) of our website.



We have also reinstated **The Forum**, a dedicated online space, for pupils to let us know how they are finding learning at home and give feedback on their lessons and the work they are doing. **The Forum** will remain open whilst pupils are learning at home. They can add feedback at anytime and send us ideas whenever they get that light-bulb moment.

Access to The Forum is via an icon on the pupils' iPads. We look forward to hearing their thoughts and ideas!

Tip of the Week

In our first assembly of the term, Mrs Hislop, Deputy Head (Academic), encouraged pupils to focus on what they can control during this period of lockdown and to try to let go of things that are out of their control. Good advice for all of us!



Form Time Fun!

Form time is a great way for pupils to connect with their peers and their form tutor, be together, have some fun and get ready for the school day. This week pupils have enjoyed dress up challenges, meet the pets sessions and laundry art challenges amongst other activities!



The Wellness Collection

This January, 380 ebooks and audiobooks have been added to our ePlatform forming "The Wellness Collection". The Wellness Collection has been created to investigate, inform and support pupils on a variety of issues that they may face in day-to-day life. It comprises a selection of fiction as well as research-based, award-winning non-fiction titles. All pupils automatically have access to the ePlatform on their iPads.



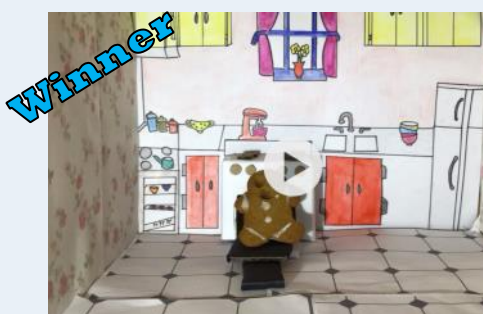
Year 5 Competitions

Gingerbread Man Baking Competition Results

We are delighted to announce the winners of our Year 5 Baking Competition, based on the Gingerbread Man poem. Mrs French was delighted to receive so many creative and beautifully baked entries which made judging the competition particularly tough.

In the Baking and Presentation category, the winner was Edward Stock, with Lilah Twohy awarded the runner up prize. In the Creativity category, the winner was Charlotte Mellington, who created a wonderful stop motion animation clip telling the story of her gingerbread man, with Daniel Potts awarded the runner up prize.

Well done to everyone who entered the competition, we so enjoyed seeing all your wonderful creations!



Funny Faces Art Competition for Year 5 Pupils

We are excited to launch our Year 5 "Funny Faces" Art Competition based on the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Giuseppe was an Italian painter best known for creating imaginative portrait heads made entirely from objects such as fruit, vegetables, fish and books. We are inviting all Year 5 pupils from Prep and Primary Schools in the local area to create their own funny face from any objects they choose. Further details can be found by clicking [here](#). The closing date for the competition is **8th February 2021**.

We look forward to seeing your "Funny Faces"!



Meeting the Cricket Pros

This term, we are holding a number of “meet the pro” sessions for our cricketers. On Wednesday 13th January, some of our pupils met virtually with Dan Douthwaite, who plays for Glamorgan. Pupils were able to discuss with Dan his route into professional cricket and what it is like to be a professional athlete. They also took part in a lively question-and-answer session with him. It was fascinating to hear his story of a career full of resilience, tenacity and true warrior spirit!

On Wednesday 20th January, we will be holding a similar “meet the pro” session with Bryony Smith, (England + South East Stars) and Aylish Cranstone, (South East Stars).



Cricket Skills Masterclass

Mr Myers, Director of Cricket, has once again been very busy creating a series of Cricket Masterclasses for pupils to access during lockdown. The videos aim to improve the technical and tactical skills of our pupils, covering batting, bowling, captaincy, psychology and strength & conditioning. All pupils have access to this fantastic resource, which can also be accessed by clicking [here](#).



Dunottar's Pistol Shooting Champion

We are delighted to congratulate one of our Year 7 pupils, Libby, who found out this week that she had won the South East Schools Pistol Shooting Championships representing Dunottar. She took part in a shoot with her coach back in October at Bookham Rifle Club and the results came in earlier this week. Libby is coached by Jeanette Lievers who also runs the Target Shooting School club at Dunottar.

Libby, who won a silver medal last year, is delighted to be receiving a gold medal this year. She competes in the British Shooting National final on the 27th April. We wish her the very best of luck!



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I must admit from speaking to parents locally with children in other schools, due to the impact of the pandemic, we are now more reassured than ever that our children go to Dunottar!

Year 11 parent



Remote Sporting Provision

Within the PE and Sports department, we will miss the face-to-face and practical themed interactions with our pupils greatly over the coming weeks. However, we are also excited to continually evolve and develop our remote learning provision.

In Years 7, 8 and 9 PE lessons are focusing on developing and deepening understanding of components of fitness, namely, balance, muscular endurance and coordination. Year 9 are starting off the term looking at a self analysis and evaluative piece of work in relation to a chosen sport. This ties in nicely to GCSE PE coursework and will prove a valuable project for all pupils, especially those with a view to study GCSE PE next year.

Our Games provision will continue on the theme of netball/lacrosse and football in Years 7, 8 and 9. However, Year 10 and above have been given the freedom and independence to choose their physical activity focus for the term. Pupils will then be grouped by PE staff and given specific guidance and feedback on what they have done and could do in the future in relation to their personal area for development.

In the absence of competitive Saturday morning fixtures, we will be continuing to offer a variety of different initiatives on the weekends, to keep pupils, staff and parents active, involved and together, starting with our Virtual Fixture this weekend.






UNITED LEARNING VIRTUAL FIXTURE







Saturday 16 January

Which School can walk, run or cycle the furthest?

Open to the entire Dunottar community.



16th Jan - #VirtualFixture

23rd Jan - Household 4x1000m (or 2x2000m) Run

30th Jan - #WarriorWeekendWorkout

6th Feb - 4x5km (or 2x 10km) Cycle

14th Feb - Surrey Schools' Cross Country Virtual Event

More information will be sent out ahead of these events.

Balancing

SINGLE LEG :12

Your ability to move efficiently requires control of the body's postural alignment. To be able to balance you need to be strong and concentrate on what you are doing.

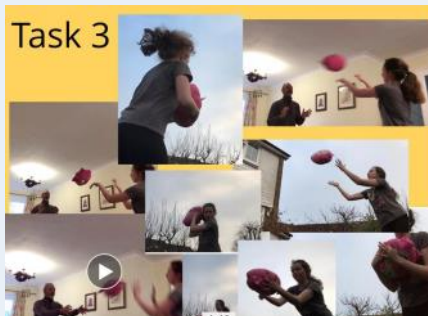
Today in PE I tried doing these balancing exercises and I got 1min and 4sec on both Legs.

Here are the top four sports that have a lot of balancing involved.

Sport	Rank	Time
Netball	1st	00:01:12
Football	2nd	00:01:05
Basketball	3rd	00:01:00
Baseball	4th	00:00:55

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Task 3



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In netball, to score a point for your team, you have to shoot. To be able to shoot you have to be inside the red half circle at either end also known as a D. Only the goal shooter, the goal attack, the goal defence and the goal keeper is aloud in the D, the goal shooter and the goal attack can shoot into the net and the other two defend. It is wise to be close to the goal post when shooting as it is easier to shoot then far away. As shown in this picture it is advised to start in a squat position and raise to a standing position to get momentum also go on the balls of your feet so you are an inch higher. There are two different ways of shooting although the one shown in the picture is more practical. You can either shoot with one hand or with two hands. One hand requires the hand you are shooting with to be slightly bent and to extend when letting go of the ball. If you are using this method it is recommended to use your other hand to aim at the hoop and follow through not just drop your hand when you let go of the ball.



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Lesson 1: Balance

The definition of balance for sport is the ability to stay upright or in control of body movement.

The difference between dynamic and static balance is that dynamics balance is when you are moving and static is when you are still

Some examples of static balance are:

- 1) squats
- 2) 2-leg stance
- 3) 1-leg stance

Some examples of dynamic balance are:

- 1) jogging end-to-end
- 2) running with crossovers
- 3) running in a zig-zag line

I feel like I have good balance. I have said this because when I play football I'm not shovod of the ball very easily.

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Work Experience and Guidance

Gain work experience with top employers with free and live programmes in a wide variety of industries with Springpod.

If you are interested in medicine, nursing, or allied health professions, Surrey Heartlands CCG's work experience programmes are available on Springpod at www.springpod.co.uk. Don't miss out – the closing date is **22nd January 2021**.

www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk is an interactive platform that enables students to highlight their own individual requirements in a university and compare institutions and courses on a range of criteria.

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

Not Going To Uni showcases alternatives to the standard university route.



International Art Competition



International Art Competition

Win a trip to Tokyo to represent the UK at the International High School Arts Festival

If you will be aged between 15 and 18 on 1st April 2021, you are eligible to enter the United Learning International Art Competition.

The winner will receive a round trip to Tokyo to see their work exhibited at the International High School Arts Festival. The 3 runners-up will also have their work exhibited in Tokyo.

How to enter

Ask your art teacher to upload a high-quality digital photograph and a brief description of your piece onto the Hub. Your artwork has to be flat with maximum dimensions of 100cm x 100cm. The submission deadline is **Tuesday 16th February 2021**.

The winner will be decided by social media voting, United Learning's art network and executive team as well as professional artists.



Good luck - get creative!

The International High School Arts Festival in Japan is an event for secondary school aged pupils between 15-18 years of age, to show the world their artistic talent.

In each participating country an art competition is held, to establish a national representative. The representative wins an all-expenses paid trip to Japan with a guardian to see his or her artwork displayed in the National Art Centre, Tokyo, one of Tokyo's most highly regarded exhibition sites. Three runners-up will have their work exhibited alongside the winner's and receive an art kit.

To find out how you can enter, click [here](#).

Do you have an old laptop you could donate?



We are supporting Level Up Redhill Reigate Banstead - a project that provides refurbished laptops for children and young people who need them for home study



Laptop drop off point:
Dunottar School Staff Car Park
Thursday 28th January
10am-3pm

