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"I would just like to thank the whole of the PE Department for everything that you have done to keep our children (and parents) going, engaged and energised, in such difficult circumstances. I have thoroughly enjoyed following you on Twitter, FB & Strava etc., and seeing what amazing challenges you can come up with every day, as well as all your Friday Night Sports Quizzes, which have been fabulous – you have been truly inspirational – thank you."

Mrs Jarman

# Dunottar News

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It has certainly not been the Summer Term that any of us envisaged at the start of the year, but I am incredibly proud of how the whole school

community has rallied together in such tough and challenging circumstances. I have been delighted with the level of continuity in our learning this term and with the ongoing attention to pastoral care and support for pupils.

This week, I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the pupils engage with our cross-curricular activities. Staff delivered an exciting range of options, from musical collaboration to code breaking, outdoor art to engineering challenges. It was a joy to share some of the creative and inspiring results in our end-of-term assembly.

On Thursday, I was delighted to see the whole school community get involved with our Dunottar2Dunnottar Sport and Physical Activity Day—parents, pupils and teachers took part in a series of distance-based challenges, completing the distance between Dunottar School and Dunnottar Castle in Scotland 4.6 times. A very impressive result!

I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break and I look forward to the return to a new normal in September.

**Mark Tottman**  
Headmaster

## Creativity and Fun in Cross-Curricular Week

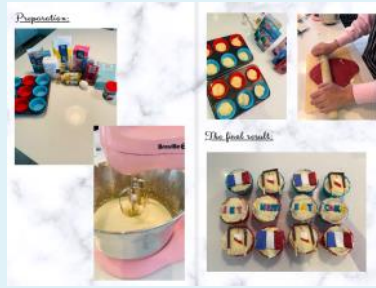
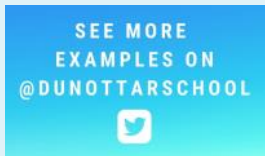
Pupils enjoyed time off curriculum this week with an exciting range of options designed to inspire, develop their interests and provide some well-deserved fun at the end of term! Despite pupils not being in school together, we have been really impressed with their creativity and engagement with this week's cross-curricular activities.

Pupils could choose two activities each day, from a range which combined both STEM and Arts projects:

- *Music video* - create a whole school video montage of "Can't Stop the Feeling".
- *Dessert island survival* - investigate the science, technology, engineering and maths involved in surviving on a desert island – from making rope, to building a shelter, to telling the time without a watch.
- *Mapping your emotional journey* – get out and about and think more about your surroundings, produce a bio-map of a walk along with photos to track your responses to what you saw.
- *DT puzzle: make a date* - solve 3D DT puzzles by making models and testing possible solutions.
- *Art outside* – produce chalk art or make sculptures from materials found in your gardens.



- *Codebreaking* - following a murder in the Maths department, pupils must crack the code to find out who done it!
- Art – recreate your favourite work of art.
- *Back in time with cooking* - choose a period, event or artefact to research and then create a dish that represents that period.
- *The Prince of Egypt* – activities combining Drama and RS
- *Engineering tasks* – design and build your own kite or paper bridge that can support the most weight.
- *Virtually escape lockdown* – create a video or presentation about a chosen destination in a foreign language
- *Portrait snapshots of lockdown* – create images portraying the time spent in lockdown.



Back in time with cooking

The winning bridge  
Isla, Year 10



Lockdown portrait



Art outside



Two Cherubs  
by Raffaello  
Sanzio  
Raphael





## Dunottar2Dunnottar Challenge

On Thursday 2nd July, the Dunottar School Community came together to take on the challenge of completing the distance between Dunottar School and Dunnottar Castle in Scotland, as many times as possible. Students, parents, siblings and staff all devoted time in the afternoon to complete their own distance-based challenges, whether it be walking, running, cycling, open water swimming or even skateboarding, to name a few. As well as completing the #Dunottar2Dunnottar challenge as an entire school community, pupils also competed to see which of the four houses could amass the greatest distance.

The winning house was St Patrick's with 967.25 kilometres, pipping St George's who finished on 966.22 kilometres. Perhaps that will make Mrs French's recovery from her backyard marathon that little easier, knowing that it was not in vain!

It was so pleasing to see all of the respective challenges undertaken, highlights being:

- A parent out for 50km bike ride at 5.30am
- Two Year 7 girls and their mums tackling Box Hill on their bikes
- 100km completed by a pupil on an indoor exercise bike
- Miss Grant and Mrs French completing marathon runs (42.2km)
- Four staff members completing the 100km Basingstoke Canal Loop on their mountain bikes.

But genuinely, most of all, the coming together of families; fathers, mothers, daughters, sons and siblings to complete these challenges is what it was all about. As an entire school community we collectively covered 4007.62km km,

in doing so covering the distance between Dunottar School and Dunnottar Castle an incredible 4.6 times!

Additionally, pupils spent the morning taking part in their own Indoor Athletics Octathlon. Unable to attend K2 in Crawley for our annual inclusive Athletics based Sports Day, all pupils were encouraged to complete eight adapted athletics events at home, scoring themselves and tallying their totals. The respective year group winners of the Indoor Athletics Octathlon were:

Year 7 - Tiggy 580 and Khyan 500

Year 8 - Ben 603 and Sofia 430

Year 9 - Harvey 396 and Lydia 385

Year 10 - Isaac 472 and Rebecca 452

Year 11 - Josh 247

Staff - Mrs Van D, Mrs Horn & Mrs Bartlett-Rawlings

And the house with the most entrants in the Indoor Athletics Octathlon was St George's with 51, St Andrew's (47), St David's & St Patrick's (both 46)

Well done to all members of the Dunottar School Community for making this year's Sport & Physical Activity Day so special and not losing the collaborative nature that makes this annual event a wonderful end to the school year.



## Dunottar FA Referees

Mr Everett and the PE department would like to say a huge thank you to Chris and Conor who very kindly volunteered their time on Saturday mornings to referee some of our school football fixtures. Both boys completed the FA referees course last year and did a superb job at refereeing some of our games this year. If any current Year 10 students, or any students that will be with us in Years 12 and 13 next year would like to do this, then please get in touch with Mr Everett.

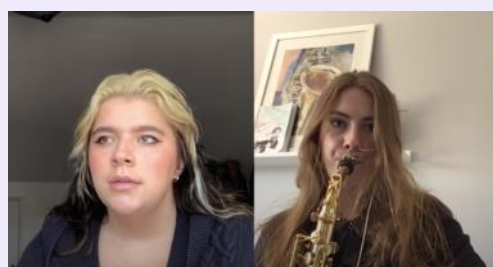


# Upper School Virtual Concerts

On 19th June, we were delighted to share the Upper School edition of Dunottar's Summer Concert 2020 on YouTube. It has been truly inspiring to work with the pupils on preparing their concert pieces and they have shown great resilience by continuing with their music lessons since March.

In addition, we thoroughly enjoyed listening to Lauren and Natasha's Year 12 recital on Thursday 25th June. We are fortunate to have pupils who can demonstrate such musical talent and set a positive example to others.

Thank you to all the pupils who have taken part in this term's concerts; you are a credit to the school and have played an important and vital role in bringing the school community together during such uncertainty.



## Inside Dunottar—Teachers' Blog

The end of term sees the last of our teacher blogs posted on our website. Mrs van Duijvenvoorde, one of our Drama Teachers, reflects on the opportunities for exploring your local area that lockdown has provided.

*"Travel has always been one of my favourite things to do; to me, there is no better way to learn about something than to see it and experience it. Travel also allows us to bring rich variety into our lives as we try new things and meet new people. As Paulo Coelo says: "IF YOU THINK ADVENTURE IS DANGEROUS, TRY ROUTINE, IT'S LETHAL". For me, this has been one of the biggest challenges of lockdown: finding the adventure in the routine. "*

[Read more](#)

Mrs Boden, Teacher of History, looks at the importance of history and its relevance to the present.

*"As I write this, we are certainly living in unprecedented times – the COVID-19 pandemic, the Black Lives Matter campaign and the technological revolution that is enabling us to teach virtually. As a history teacher, these events have reinforced for me the importance of teaching History and the impact our lessons can and should be having on the young people of today. If you think History is an irrelevant subject, it's boring and is all about 'dead people', then think again. Never has it been truer that the 'past informs the present'."*

[Read more](#)





# The Final of the Great Dunottar Fakeaway Challenge

The theme for the final week of the Great Dunottar Fakeaway was Pizza Express. This week's star faker was Ciara, in Year 7, who cooked up a very impressive 3-course meal of dough balls with garlic butter, two pizzas, ham, pepper and red onion and pizza Soho (prosciutto, rocket and parmesan) and strawberry ice cream for dessert.



Mrs French's comments:

*"This meal demonstrates a good range of technical skills, including dough making, shaping, and ice cream making. The presentation of each dish is restaurant standard. Just like a Pizza Express meal!"*

## The Final Results

We have a tie!

Our two star fakers are Ciara (year 7) and Maela (year 6)

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Star  
Bakers**



## Key Worker Mug Competition

We had some fantastic entries for our Mug Competition - thank you to those of you who entered. We are pleased to confirm the winners are:

- Lower School – Keira P (year 8), Jasper S (year 8), Eva P (year 8)
- Upper School – Estelle R (year 10) and Lauren K (year 10) , Jazmine G (year 11)



These entries will now be sent off to be printed on over 100 mugs which over the summer holidays will be distributed to key workers in our community. We will send mug thank you packages to East Surrey Hospital, the Ambulance Service and over 20 local care homes for the elderly. Whilst we won't have enough mugs for everyone, we hope the mugs will be shared amongst key staff and seen as a small token of our appreciation.

If you haven't donated to this fundraiser you can still do so:

a/c name: Love Dunottar  
Sort code: 309438  
a/c number: 01626669  
Reference: COVID-19

## 2019/20 Review

Quiz Night, Christmas Fair, Cake Sales, Nearly New Uniform Sales, Comedy Night - thank you all for supporting these events and helping us raise funds for both our school and community. We have been able to fund resourcing requests for a number of departments this year including:

### Art—Heat press, Paper Stix machine and Princess Pleater

*"Thank you very much for your support. The items will really help develop creative opportunities for the students' attending Dunottar" - Mr Kopiel*



## DT—CAD Software and 3D printer

*"Purchase of Solidworks software has been completed and the software installed. Some pupils have had a couple of lessons using it so far, and they are very excited"* - Mr Nelson

## Sport

*"On behalf of myself and the school, we are incredibly grateful to the PTA for their continued support with sport and in this case furthering Cricket at Dunottar. The equipment will make a huge difference to the cricket programme moving forward. I will make sure we get lots of pictures of all the pupils using the kit so you guys can all see the benefit it is having."* - Mr Myers (written before the cricket season took an unexpected break!)

And then the curve ball called COVID-19 arrived, school closed and The PTA Summer Party was cancelled!

## PTA Farewells

The end of the academic year invariably sees some PTA faces moving on and we are very sad to be saying farewell to two key people. Our Treasurer Scott who has quietly and diligently been keeping the accounts in order for us. Thank you Scott so very much. We are also saying farewell to Jenni Cole. Jenni arrived full guns blazing in 2015 and literally set the PTA on fire with her enthusiasm and hard work. She leaves an absolutely gaping hole and is going to be dearly missed by the PTA and school. She has been the rock that we have all leant on over the past five years.



*Thank you Jenni!*

What a strange term it has been for us all. We sincerely hope that your children have coped with the monumental changes to routines. We hope that in September our school gates will be open and our children will be laughing and smiling surrounded by their friends, and the virtual classroom a memory.

In the meantime, we mean it when we say stay safe, stay well, stay happy and appreciate the smaller things in life. We will see you in September – our first event back is always our lively October Quiz Night (even if it has to be virtual).

## Keep Up-To-Date

<https://www.facebook.com/DunottarschoolPTA/>

<https://twitter.com/DunottarPTA>

Sign up to Classlist <https://classlist.page.link/7FiDPRyZuNsxWm6s8>

Easy Fundraising - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dunottarpta>





# Celebrating Success

## A Promising Future in F1 Racing

Last week, Year 11 pupil, Alfie, took his first steps into the racing car arena, conducting tests at Brands Hatch in a Formula 4 car. Widely acknowledged as the first step to Formula 1, Alfie successfully accomplished all of the targets set for him by the racing team. We are delighted to say that Richardson Racing have recognised his potential and invited him to test further before entering the British Championship in 2021.

Alfie's Dad commented, "Dunottar recognised Alfie's potential with the Headteachers' Award when he joined in Year 7 and the school has been a contributor to his success, not least through the mentoring and coaching from the PE department."

We wish Alfie every success with his future in racing car driving!



## Academic Distinctions

Pupil	Year	Award	Subject	Teacher's Comment
Abigail, G	10	Academic Distinction	Drama	Abigail wrote and performed an excellent piece of solo theatre during lockdown. It was sensitive, thoughtful, compelling and well structured. I was completely absorbed as an audience member by her story telling. It really showed that she is both a talented writer and performer. Well done.
Olivia, C	10	Academic Distinction	MFL	I am awarding an Academic Distinction to Olivia for her AMAZING virtual escape movie produced for this morning languages session. What a star!





# Celebrating Success

## Recognition for Year 7 Remote Learning

Mr Everett would like to congratulate some of the Year 7 pupils who have particularly impressed across a range of subjects in the way that they have adapted to remote learning. These pupils were nominated by their teachers and should be proud of their achievements and the way that they have excelled, despite working from home this term.

The pupils who received this award are:

- Holly
- Paige
- Olivia
- Olivia
- Martha
- Lucy
- Ruaraidh
- James
- Samuel



Mr Everett also presented certificates to the 3 pupils who achieved the most warriors and credits overall:

- 1st - Maayuri
- 2nd - Gabriel
- 3rd - Holly



# Building Update



## Assembly Hall Progress Update

Construction of the new Assembly Hall continues to make excellent progress. The internal structure is taking shaping with plastering work having been completed in the entrance lobby reception, lobby rooms and drama room.

Work will continue over the summer and we can't wait to see how things have progressed when we return to school in September.



## InvestIN Young Innovators Challenge

InvestIN is calling upon all students aged 12-18 to enter The Young Innovators Challenge. InvestIN want you to propose one big idea to transform virtual learning in any school activity. For each entry, they will make a donation to The Childhood Trust's 'Champions for Children' charity, which supports vulnerable children affected by the Covid-19 outbreak.

Submit your boldest innovation, whatever form it takes. Do you have a creative product design that allows students to carry out practical lab work at home? Can you deliver virtually the crucial life skills students get from extra-curricular activities like sport and drama? Can you match the fun of face-to-face contact with friends?

Deadline for entries is 31st July.

For more information, click [here](#).

