



Ebulletin - April and May 2021

A message from Dr Joe Spence, Master of Dulwich College



It's my pleasure to write to you at the start of this new term, to which we welcomed back our teachers on Monday and our pupils on Tuesday. Although Covid restrictions remain in place, I'm delighted to be able to report that we had no new coronavirus cases recorded at the College during the Easter break – a testament to the diligence of pupils, their families, and our staff.

Like all of you, we are hoping that we are at the start of a return to relative normality in terms of the life of the school: we are planning our first inter-school fixtures and making tentative plans for musical and dramatic performances.

I wrote to you just before Easter with news about the College's response to the Open Letter I received from a young OA carrying testimonies of sexual and social media abuse, and I take this opportunity to offer more detail of the actions we will be taking in response to the disclosures. [This letter](#) provides an update on what I am calling the Equality and Respect agenda.

The Governors and senior leadership of the College share with me a deep determination that Dulwich will play its part in addressing societal issues of sexism, misogyny, racism, homophobia and other forms of discrimination. I am grateful to all those OAs who have written offering their support and assistance.

We are all looking forward to the moment when we'll be able to safely welcome OAs back to the campus – and until then I hope you'll keep in touch and take part in the virtual events that are coming up through Summer 2021.

A message from Simon Dyson OA, President of the Alleyn Club



Maybe it's the lockdown, but it seems to me that there are more things than ever competing to get on the front and back pages of my newspaper. When I wrote a few words in January for our ebulletin, it was only the storming of the Capitol we had to worry about, but this week football trumped almost everything else with the collapse of the so-called Super League.

Given the momentous verdict in Minneapolis, further revelations about inappropriate conflicts of interest in Government and the Civil Service, the English Cricket Board's decision to abandon independent selectors after 100 years, the Rugby Football Union's decision to keep Eddie Jones, it ought to be a very good time to be in journalism. But the tectonic shifts in the media industry brought about by

the ubiquity of the internet are affecting the financial viability of many traditional news businesses.

This was the subject of our virtual Spring Reception which was postponed as it coincided with coverage in the press which Joe refers to above. I am pleased to say that we have a new date, Tuesday 1 June, and given this week's news that the Daily Mail is suing Google for "unfair online advertising practices", there will be much for OAs Lionel Barber and Stewart Purvis CBE to discuss. I look forward to seeing many of you on Zoom for what I am sure will be a fascinating evening.

I hope that some of you will be partially or fully vaccinated by then; I have finally discovered a benefit of being over 70!

alleynclub@dulwich.org.uk

Dates for your diary

Alleynian Sailing Society Arrow Trophy J80 Regatta



Tomorrow - Saturday 24 April
10.00am-5.00pm
Open to all

The Alleynian Sailing Society is competing in the Arrow Trophy J80 Regatta at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, Queen Mary Reservoir, Twickenham, on Saturday 24 April between 10am and 5pm. If you are local, please come along and support the team. Covid restrictions apply, no facilities or catering available for spectators. For more information email [Anthony Frankford OA](mailto:Anthony.Frankford@alleynian.org.uk), Hon Secretary.

Shackleton's Old Alleynian Network



Monday 26 April
7.00pm
Free to attend, register to receive joining instructions for Zoom

This webinar will focus on the relationship between Old Alleynians and **Sir Ernest Shackleton OA** from the heroic age of Polar exploration to the present day. The College has commissioned a film about the *James Caird*, from an exceptional young film maker, **Hal Howe OA**, as a resource for primary schools. The film will receive its premiere at the webinar.

[Register For Shackleton's Old Alleynian Network Webinar](#)

OAs in Europe Meetup



Thursday 6 May
6.30pm-7.30pm
Free to attend, register to receive joining instructions for Zoom

Drop in and join OAs from across Europe, (although all OAs are more than welcome), for an informal drink and chat.

Please register to receive joining information for Zoom.

[Register For OAs in Europe Meetup](#)

Healthcare Webinar



Tuesday 18 May
7.00pm
Free to attend, register to receive joining instructions for Zoom

Join us for an exciting programme of short lectures from inspirational individuals in the field of Healthcare, looking at how we emerge from COVID-19. The evening will be chaired by [Sameer Mallick OA](#) (1994-01), ENT Registrar with the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust.

Joining Sameer we are delighted to welcome back [Dr Matt Rowland OA](#) (1992-97), Matt is a clinical lecturer in anaesthetics and intensive care medicine and works in the Kadoorie Centre for Critical Care Research at the University of Oxford.

We are also delighted to welcome [Dr Matthew Bultitude OA](#), Consultant Urologist with Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

[Register For Healthcare Webinar](#)

Alley Club Spring Reception - What is the future for modern journalism?



Tuesday 1 June - New Date
7.00pm
Free to attend, register to receive joining instructions for Zoom

Join us for our rescheduled Alley Club Spring Reception where we invite you to be part of a virtual discussion with OAs **Lionel Barber**, former Editor of the Financial Times, and **Stewart Purvis CBE**, former Chief Executive of ITN. Lionel and Stewart will be talking about the future of journalism in a world where the pressure to create online content is threatening to make the print medium obsolete, and where social media is giving everyone the opportunity to create their own news.

[Register For Alley Club Spring Reception](#)

Canon Carver Society



On Saturday 15 May, we are delighted to welcome our [Canon Carver Society](#) members to a virtual lecture led by Dr Joe Spence, Master, and Dr Nick Black, Director of Admissions, Libraries and Archives, on the life and times of Master Canon Alfred James Carver, (1858-1883), who set the College on a new course following the Dulwich College Act of 1857.

The Canon Carver Society recognises those who have generously remembered Dulwich College in their wills. Membership is open to all sections of the College community and the Society is always delighted to welcome new members. If you would like to learn more about our upcoming gathering or the Canon Carver Society, email [Kara McMahon](#), Donor Engagement Manager, or phone 020 8299 8446.

Remembering HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

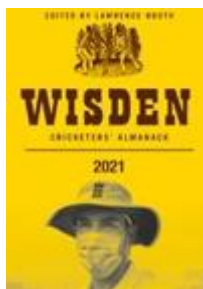


On the sad news on his passing, the Alleyn Club is reflecting on the life of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and in particular his visit to the College, where he opened the Christison Hall to celebrate our 350th anniversary in 1969. Many of our OAs remember his visit.

Countless Old Alleynians have also benefitted from taking part in The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, which has been running at the College for many years.



The Wisden Cricketers' Almanack



The Wisden Cricketers' Almanack was published this week. Given that there was little school cricket last year, Wisden have selected a schoolboy player for each of the last 120 years from 1900-2019. Dulwich College features an impressive four times, with Trevor Bailey winning the award twice.

To subscribe to or purchase Wisden follow this [link](#).

OA Stories

We're delighted to share the two newest editions of our series *OA Stories*.



David Mason OA tells us his story of manufacturing HRH Prince Charles' Coronet used at his investiture as the Prince of Wales, held at Caernarfon Castle in Wales on 1 July 1969. Read David's full story [here](#).



Alec Bannister OA and **Cam Henderson OA** are working to combat 'holiday hunger' in Southwark. The pandemic has had a devastating impact on children's access to food, and in London 400,000 children face food insecurity. Listen [here](#) to how Dulwich College is working alongside Alec and Cam to help our local communities.



Keep up to date with all the OA news and events by visiting the [website](#) and [OA Connect](#).

Be sure to add our email address to your address book or safe senders list so our emails get to your inbox. You are receiving this email as you have opted-in when you registered online, booked tickets for an event or made a donation. To update your communication preferences at any time or for any other enquiries email: dulwich@dulwich.org.uk
