



# DULWICH COLLEGE

## ALLEYN CLUB



### From the Master



We are approaching the Easter holiday weekend – if one can call this time of social isolation and physical distancing a holiday – having completed our first week of remote teaching and learning before the break. You'll be pleased to hear that the College seems to have transitioned into a Virtual School remarkably swiftly, with a keynote being the delivery of pastoral support and suggestions for co-curricular activity as well as academic study. Finding the right balance between on-line learning and other forms of home learning will be the challenge

for the Summer term and every senior leader and Head of School and Head of Subject is engaged in working on that as I write and will be so through the next two weeks.

Our own direct action response to Covid-19 has been the distribution of personal protective equipment (full-face masks, visors and goggles) to surgeries, pharmacies and hospitals across London. We distributed over 500 pre-existing pairs of goggles and visors (from Chemistry, Biology and DT) to more than a dozen medical centres initially and members of our DT department are now making around [150 full face masks](#) a day on our 3D printers, supplemented by five printers from JAGS. We have begun to extend our reach to providing PPE for care homes too, starting with Atholl House, on

College Rd, with which, as many of you will know from your Community Service days, we have had a close and long-standing relationship. We are also encouraging other schools to join in this cottage industry in any way they can.

I have received a great many messages from OAs offering their support during this most challenging time, for which I am grateful. If you would like to learn more about our response to the Coronavirus pandemic and ways you can support this work, [please click here](#).

As I am sure you are now aware, we have postponed all OA events until further notice. We are looking at alternative ways of engaging with our OA community and the team are keen to hear from any OA who would be interested in being interviewed for a series we are planning, initially focusing on OA stories but latterly looking at professional networking. Please email [alleynclub@dulwich.org.uk](mailto:alleynclub@dulwich.org.uk) for more information and to offer your support.

Please stay safe and well through these fraught and challenging times.

As ever



**Dr Joe Spence**  
**Master**

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### **The President - John Lovering CBE**



Greetings to you all from your rather becalmed president. This period of lockdown is extremely testing. The events calendar of the Club is swept clean until the end of June at least. A large amount of hard work by your committee and myriad members is in abeyance. This is a sadness. Reunions around the world are on ice. I had looked to using a few air miles to meet our overseas Alleynians. The only consolation is the anticipated seven-pound weight gain from attending a full line up of events has been avoided. Also, my threadbare stock of dull anecdotes has not been inflicted on diners around the world.

We must in any event keep perspective, I was looking at a picture I have in my study of Shackleton. He and his crew were literally in lock down between ice floes for 14 months over a hundred years ago. No Netflix or Spotify for the poor souls who sheltered under and sailed in *James Caird*. Maybe our slight discomfort and dislocation can be borne more stoically against that suffering.

I hope you and those who are close to you stay safe and well. Despite our social hiatus your club is in good shape and poised for a major bounce back when Corona is history.

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**#StaySocial - In case you missed it**

In this Stay At Home period, we are doing our best to stay social and have moved lots of our work onto our social media platforms. We know not everybody subscribes to social media so we take the opportunity to share some of the best bits below. The College has a [plethora of resources](#) available for you to explore if you have young family members at home.

### Music from Dulwich



We hope you enjoy this uplifting version of Can't Take My Eyes Off of You performed by Sidney House at Dulwich College and recorded at the beginning of March before social distancing began. [Watch here.](#)

### Dulwich help with PPE provision



You may have heard that we are pleased to have been able to answer the call for help in [providing the NHS with personal protective equipment](#) (PPE). The first request came from the anaesthetists of Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich. We provided them with a range of visors from the Science faculty and DT department and since then have donated over 500 pairs of goggles and visors to NHS Trusts and medical centres.

Alongside this, teachers Sion Roberts OA, Simon Inchley and their Head of Department, James Humphrey, have been producing new full face visors on our 3D printers in the DT department every day for the last fortnight.

Initially we were providing 40 a day, but we are now producing around 150 a day. Dr Rosemary Leonard MBE (pictured), the College Medical Officer and local GP, has been an enthusiastic [advocate of this work.](#)

You can follow this story on our Social Media channels and hear an interview with [Simon Inchley here.](#)

### Dulwich College Global Message of Hope



We are truly delighted to share this truly inspirational [short video](#) created by the attendees of this year's Student Leadership Conference. A student-led initiative, this thoughtful message was co-created by Mink L., Head Boy of [Dulwich College Beijing](#), and Hyacinthus Z., Head Girl of [Dulwich College Suzhou](#). It features the 32 Student Leaders from the 8 Dulwich schools who took part in the Student Leadership Conference earlier this year. They have virtually come together and created a message for the global Dulwich community encouraging everyone to stay positive and connected even in hard times like now. Very inspiring. [View here.](#)

## Light Listening



Dulwich College Music Department have put together a DC Playlist to help us get through these turbulent times. All very light-hearted but some great songs on there. [Click here to listen.](#)

## From the Archive



In 1593 Edward Alleyn, founder of Dulwich College, travelled with Lord Strange's Men, because plague had closed the London theatres. He sends instructions (pictured) to his wife about keeping their house and family safe, with a combination of good hygiene, use of herbs and the power of prayer.

Lord Strange was Ferdinando Stanley, later 5th Earl of Derby. His men were: Edward Alleyn, William Kemp, Thomas Pope, John Heminges, Augustus Phillipps & George Brain. Read more in [Lord Strange's Men & Their Plays.](#)

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## Dulwich College Adapts



The College is now completely closed, for perhaps only the second time in its four hundred year history. The only other occasion in living memory that we have shut our doors was when the school was evacuated to Tonbridge in September 1939. Then, as now, there was very little notice. There was no distance learning on offer and the 47 masters and around 600 Dulwich boys had to share classrooms, laboratories and sports facilities (there was morning rugby) as best they could with their Tonbridge counterparts. In the evenings the boys made risky journeys to their lodgings through the blackout.

The evacuation proved to be a short lived affair, a single term and deemed later a 'heroic fiasco'. The College returned back to SE21 and the doors of the Barry Buildings opened again in January 1940, making Dulwich the only public school in London to remain open; Alleyn's had a more successful evacuation and did not return from Rossall, Lancashire until 1944. [Continue reading.](#)



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## Events

In response to the impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and in order to protect the health and wellbeing of our staff and community, we have cancelled or postponed all physical OA events over the next few months. Although none of us knows how long the current situation will last, we have decided to be bold and let you know of a few dates we have planned for the back end of the year. Booking will not open until closer to the event but we hope that by releasing these dates we give you something to look forward to.

### New York Dinner



**Friday 30 October 2020 (tentative)**

**The Raines Law Room at the William, 24 East 39th Street, New York**

Reunion for all OAs living in or passing through New York. This is a well-established and popular reunion, and will be held albeit at a later date than normal, in The Raines Law Room at the William.

### Alleyn Club Dinner



**Friday 13 November 2020**

**6.30pm-11.30pm, Dulwich College**

Join our 138th Alleyn Club AGM and Annual Dinner. The President John Lovering CBE welcomes all Old Alleynians and Honorary Members of the Alleyn Club to join him for the Club's annual dinner.

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

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### What's happening on OA Connect?

Have you joined the new OA networking platform yet? Please sign up to search for former classmates, seek mentoring opportunities and find out more from our clubs and societies.

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