

ebulletin - May 2020





Trevor Llewelyn, Secretary of the Alleyn Club



I am writing this foreword just before joining many in my street and millions of others around the country to clap for our carers. We do so in order to show our appreciation for the doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and the many other professions who are working both on the front line and behind the scenes to keep us safe and reduce the impact of this terrible disease. Tonight, in particular I will spare a thought for the many OAs who are also making a difference in our fight against coronavirus.

This bulletin also gives me the opportunity to launch a new initiative that we have been working on behind the scenes. Podcasting globally is becoming a popular medium of engaging with audiences and with the launch of <u>'OA Stories'</u> we hope eventually to offer a range of listening and viewing experiences that cover everything from the long form interview through to a more magazine like approach. You will see (and hear) that we have started by interviewing OAs who, during lockdown, have explored ways to help through the voluntary sector or by raising money for charity.

A little over month ago few of us would have heard of, let alone used, Zoom, a video conferencing service that millions are signing up to in order to stay in touch with family and friends. The Alleyn Club has also taken advantage of the all that Zoom has to offer and organised virtual reunions with OAs in France, Switzerland and the Netherlands with more planned in North America and beyond. If you are interested setting up a Zoom get together please get in touch.

Thank you to those who have shared their experiences of their time at the College. I would particularly like to hear from those OAs who were at Dulwich immediately after World War II and to find out how Dulwich emerged from that global conflict. I am sure it will be fascinating to set those experiences against accounts of how the College deals with the challenges of a social distancing policy that could potentially be with us for some considerable time.

Finally may I wish you and your families the very best. Stay inside and stay safe.

Message from Dr Joe Spence, Master



As we start our new term "virtually", absent friends are much on our minds. I hope all OAs and their families remain safe and well, and that you might enjoy this <u>video</u> <u>message</u>.

Do keep in touch with the College, and we'll all look forward to seeing you again in easier times.

OA Stories

A collection of stories and interviews from OAs, the Dulwich College Alumni Community. To contribute please contact us on <u>alleynclub@dulwich.org.uk</u>



Charles Akbar



Oliver Hackett and Robert Masterson



Nick Rusling



Cornelius Wilson



Oliver Bailey and William Townsend



See the full OA Stories Series

#StaySocial - In case you missed it

In this Stay At Home period, we 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 <u>number of resources</u> available for you to explore if you have young family members at home.



The CCF salute the NHS and take on the Contingent Commanders Challenge



Our CCF continues to remain active during these challenging times. We held our first virtual parade on Tuesday and Thursday evening at 20:00hrs, our officers and cadets turned out in force to show their appreciation for the NHS. Cadets put on their uniforms, stood at the front of their homes and proudly saluted (pictured above). This is something that we hope to do every Thursday. <u>Read more.</u>

Learning Re-Imagined



We hope you enjoy this <u>short film</u> made with our pupils in Junior and Senior school whose parents are key workers and work in the NHS.

Music Department - Streamed Concert, every Wednesday



The Music Department will be posting a streamed concert **every Wednesday lunchtime**. The first of these was made available on Wednesday 29 April from 1.30pm and can be <u>viewed on Youtube</u>.

This weeks concert was a performance of George Gershwin's popular Rhapsody in Blue, from the College's Winter Concert in Cadogan Hall in 2018.

The solo pianist was Wenda Yao OA, the Symphonic Wind Band accompany, and the conductor was David Eno, Deputy Director of Music.

Sports News



OA sporting heroes including **David Flatman**, **Tommy O'Flaherty, Josh Ibuanokpe** and others, gathered for a special exercise class led by **Sam Howard**, former Head of Rugby, to support the 2.6 Challenge. <u>Full story</u>.



In April **Tommy O'Flaherty**, signed a long term contract with Exeter Chiefs. Tommy started his rugby with the <u>Old Alleynian</u> minis before being part of the team that won the Daily Mail trophy twice. <u>Read more.</u>



In a year unlikely to see much cricket in England due to the Coronavirus, **Sam Fanning** is currently building a big reputation for himself as a top order, left-handed batsman. <u>Full story</u>.



James Styles tells us about how he started sailing at the College with the Alleynian Sailing Society. Most recently he took part in the Microtransit Challenge, a competition to promote the development of robotic boats. <u>Read more.</u>

Events

Virtual Meetup



Every Friday 7-8pm BST Via Zoom Join OAs from across Europ

Join OAs from across Europe for an informal drink, a chat and maybe even a few quiz questions! Drop in whenever you can using this link to the <u>Zoom</u> <u>Meeting</u>

Meeting ID: 886 3360 1692 Password: 5RhxA8

Vancouver Virtual Meetup



Thursday 14 May, 12 noon (8pm BST) Via Zoom

On the 14 May Oas in Vancouver were due to meet for their annual lunch at the Sylvia Hotel. Due to the pandemic this is no longer possible, so, we have moved online, if you would like to join us via Zoom please email the office and we will send you the details. <u>alleynclub@dulwich.org.uk</u>

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 wellestablished 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 (tentative) 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.

Keep up to date with all the OA news and events by visiting the <u>website</u> and <u>OA Connect.</u>

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.

Join OA Connect Here



Picture taken on Thursday 30 April

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